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## SECURE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

### MY PLEDGE AS A CANDIDATE FOR AUCKLAND COUNCIL – TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

I recognise that secure, accessible housing is essential for older people to live healthy, connected, and independent lives. I believe that local councils play a vital role in making this happen.

If elected, I pledge to take action in my city to protect, expand, and improve housing for older people.

#### WHY THIS MATTERS:

- By 2030, over 310,000 Aucklanders will be aged 65 and over. This rises to 450,000 by 2050, nearly one in five residents.
- As the older population grows, so too does hardship, with more people forced to endure unsuitable, unaffordable rentals or, in some cases, life without shelter.
- Median rent in Auckland is \$650 per week, far exceeding NZ Super for a single person at \$490 per week.
- Older applicants on the Housing Register rose 215% between 2015–2024; with Auckland wait times often exceeding a year.
- Only 5% of private rentals are accessible to people with mobility needs. Much of Auckland's rental housing, whether privately or publicly owned, remains physically inaccessible for older people, despite the availability of funding for essential modifications.
- Councils have the land, the partnerships, and the influence to make changes.

#### AS A CANDIDATE FOR AUCKLAND COUNCIL, I PLEDGE TO WORK TO SUPPORT:

- The growth of the affordable housing units for seniors, new developments and partnerships.
- Protection of existing stock and ensure no loss of senior housing through redevelopment.
- The unlocking of Council land for age-friendly housing near transport and services.
- Partnering with iwi and community housing providers to deliver kaumātua housing.
- Embedding universal design in all Council-supported senior housing.
- Advocating to Central Government for more affordable and accessible housing for seniors in Auckland.

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### MY PLEDGE AS A CANDIDATE FOR WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL - TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

I recognise that secure, accessible housing is essential for older people to live healthy, connected, and independent lives. I believe that local councils play a vital role in making this happen.

If elected, I pledge to take action in my city to protect, expand, and improve housing for older people.

#### WHY THIS MATTERS:

- By 2050, the population aged 65 and over will have almost doubled. By 2048, up to 40% of Wellington's over 65s will be renters.
- As the older population grows, so too does hardship, with more people forced to endure unsuitable, unaffordable rentals or, in some cases, life without shelter.
- Median rent in Wellington is \$625 per week, far exceeding NZ Super for a single person at \$490 per week.
- Older applicants on the Housing Register rose 215% between 2015–2024, with wait times high.
- Only 5% of private rentals are accessible to people with mobility needs. Much of Wellington's rental housing, whether privately or publicly owned, remains physically inaccessible for older people, despite the availability of funding for essential modifications.
- Councils have the land, the partnerships, and the influence to make changes.

#### AS A CANDIDATE FOR WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL, I PLEDGE TO WORK TO SUPPORT:

- Sustaining and growing funding for Te Toi Mahana Trust, beyond its initial boost.
- Setting public growth targets for new senior housing by 2030.
- Prioritising council land for age-friendly housing through leases or partnerships.
- Partnering with iwi and community housing providers to deliver kaumātua housing.
- Advocating to Central Government for more affordable and accessible housing for seniors in Wellington.

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### MY PLEDGE AS A CANDIDATE FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL – ŌTAUTAHĪ

I recognise that secure, accessible housing is essential for older people to live healthy, connected, and independent lives. I believe that local councils play a vital role in making this happen.

If elected, I pledge to take action in my city to protect, expand, and improve housing for older people.

#### WHY THIS MATTERS:

- Christchurch's senior population is expected to grow from 56,600 in 2018 to 100,000 by 2050, one in four residents.
- As the older population grows, so too does hardship, with more people forced to endure unsuitable, unaffordable rentals or, in some cases, life without shelter.
- Median rent in Christchurch is \$575 per week, far exceeding NZ Super for a single person at \$490 per week.
- Older applicants on the Housing Register rose 215% between 2015–2024, with wait times high.
- Only 5% of private rentals are accessible to people with mobility needs. Much of Christchurch's rental housing, whether privately or publicly owned, remains physically inaccessible for older people, despite the availability of funding for essential modifications.
- Councils have the land, the partnerships, and the influence to make changes.

#### AS A CANDIDATE FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, I PLEDGE TO WORK TO SUPPORT:

- Sustaining and growing funding for the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust to provide more social housing for older people.
- Prioritising council land for age-friendly housing through leases or partnerships.
- Partnering with iwi and community housing providers to deliver kaumātua housing.
- Advocating to Central Government for more affordable and accessible housing for seniors in Christchurch.

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