

SPECIAL VOTES

Special Votes are available for electors:

- ✓ Whose names are not on the roll but who enrolled as electors after the preparation of the rolls.
- ✓ Whose voting papers were not posted to them.
- ✓ Who have spoiled or damaged voting papers sent to them.

Special votes can be cast in the Manukau Room, Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson. If you are unable to come to the council complex, please contact our Elections Office on (09) 836-8000, ext 8263 to arrange an alternate process.



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Waitakere City Council**



2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



Your "Choice"



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At 12 noon on Saturday 13 October 2007 postal elections close for

- ✓ Mayor
 - ✓ Councillors
 - ✓ Community Board Members
 - ✓ Licensing Trust Members
 - ✓ Regional Council Councillors
- 1,2,3,4... Waitemata District Health Board Members (STV)

WHAT IS FPP? (First Past the Post)

Under the First Past the Post system, the candidates with the most votes are declared elected, until all vacancies are filled. You simply tick the boxes next to your preferred candidates, up to the number of vacancies per issue. This system is being used for all issues in the Waitakere City Council 2007 Local Authority Elections, *except* for the Waitemata District Health Board.



WHAT IS STV? (Single Transferable Vote)

You simply use numbers instead of ticks, and rank candidates in order of preference – 1,2,3,4 and so on. By giving the number 1 to a candidate you are saying that this is the person you most want to be elected. You can rank all the candidates on the voting document, or as many candidates as you wish.

WHO CAN ENROL TO VOTE?

- Anyone 17 years of age or over who will be aged 18 years or over by 13 October 2007
- New Zealand Citizens
- Permanent Residents

If you are a permanent resident and have lived continuously in New Zealand for one year, you are eligible to enrol.

ENROLLING TO VOTE - WHY ENROL?

- ✓ Enrol so you can post your vote for Mayor, City Council, Community Board, Regional Council, District Health Board and Licensing Trusts.
- ✓ By law, you must enrol as a voter if you are eligible to do so.



- 🕒 Enrolling to vote only takes a few minutes.
- 🕒 Voting papers will be delivered 21-26 September. Post them to the Electoral Officer or drop them off at designated libraries.
- 🕒 Votes must be received by noon on Saturday, 13 October.

WHY VOTE?

- ✓ It's your precious democratic right and responsibility
- ✓ It gives you some influence over policies and processes that affect your quality of life in Waitakere.
- ✓ You help decide who will govern our City and other democratically elected bodies.



JOIN US IN DECIDING WHO REPRESENTS YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS