

24 January 2008

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: All Zone 1 Community Board Chairs

FROM: Eugene Bowen

SUBJECT: Election: Zone 1 New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee Deputy Representative

As more than one nomination was received for the position of Zone 1 Deputy Representative on the New Zealand Community Boards' Executive Committee by the time nominations closed on 19 December 2007, an election is required.

The election will be conducted by postal ballot and the voting paper is *enclosed*. Should any matter arise with the election that is not specifically provided for in the Rules, as Returning Officer, I will use my discretion to determine the matter. If there is an equality of votes, as Returning Officer, I will decide which of the candidates is elected by the drawing of lots.

There are two candidates for the election:

Christine Shepherd, Waitakere Community Board
David Thornton, Glenfield Community Board

Community Boards in the following Zone 1 authorities are entitled to vote for the Deputy Representative:

Auckland City Council
Auckland Regional Council
Far North District Council
Franklin District Council
Kaipara District Council
Manukau City Council
Northland Regional Council
North Shore City Council
Papakura District Council
Rodney District Council
Waitakere City Council
Whangarei District Council

The elections are carried out using a preferential voting system provided for in the Rules of *Local Government New Zealand* for the election of the President and Vice President

(Rules F4 - F13). A copy of the Rules is available on the *Local Government New Zealand* website (www.lgnz.co.nz/About Us/Constitution). Since there are only two candidates I will be adopting a more flexible approach to the marking of voting papers and the determination of what would normally constitute an invalid voting paper.

Directions for completing the voting papers are as follows:

To vote, the Chair or notified alternative, from each Community Board must:

- Mark on the voting paper the number "1" in the box next to the name of the candidate who is the Community Board's first preference
- Mark on the voting paper further consecutive numbers in descending order of preference in any or all of the remaining boxes next to the names of the remaining candidates (for example, "2" for the Community Board's second preference).

In the calculation process, the number of first preferences recorded for each candidate will be counted and any informal/invalid voting papers rejected.

Enclosed with this memo and personal to your Community Board, is a single consecutively numbered voting paper and an envelope addressed to the Returning Officer. Before voting please read this memo and the instructions on your voting paper carefully. Also *enclosed* are brief Curricula Vitae as provided by the candidates.

Please do not include anything but the voting paper in the envelope. Please only mark the voting paper as directed.

If your voting paper is spoilt and you wish to have a fresh one, please return the spoilt paper and the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer to the Returning Officer immediately. A new voting paper will be issued and must be returned before polling closes.

Completed voting papers must be with the Returning Officer no later than 5pm on **Wednesday 25 February 2008**. Facsimile transmission of voting papers is acceptable as long as it is immediately followed by the original.

The outcome will be notified as soon as possible after the election. The appointments will take effect at the Community Boards' Executive Committee meeting on 28 March 2008, and will be effective until their successor assumes office.

Please contact me if you have any queries.



Eugene Bowen
Chief Executive
Local Government New Zealand

David Thornton Curriculum Vitae

David Thornton is Deputy Chairman of Glenfield Community Board on which he has served two previous terms.

He is a fervent believer in and champion of community boards generally. In 1996/7, as a North Shore City Councillor, he led the ultimately successful battle to retain all six community boards in the city after the Local Government Commission had questioned their relevance and continued existence.

David was the keynote speaker at the first regional gathering of community boards which eventually led to the formation of the regional community boards association.

For much of the last four years David has lead the regional and national battle against council rate increases and the call for a reform of funding system for local government.

David Thornton is currently preparing submissions to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance which will occupy much of 2008.



CHRISTINE ANNE SHEPHERD JP

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON
WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD
WAITAKERE CITY

Waitakere Ward Regional Representative
Nominated for 'Deputy' Representative Position
Zone 1 Community Boards Executive Committee

ABOUT ME: Just A Sample

- Chairperson of the Waitakere Community Board (2001 – 2006)
- Currently Deputy Chair Waitakere Community Board
- Club Development Advisor – Sport Waitakere (*This one pays the mortgage*)
- Graduate Diploma in 'Not for Profit Management' - UNITEC

Some of my achievements since being on the Community Board

- Advocated for EQUAL remuneration for all Community Board Chairs and Board Members rather than population based which was unfair.
- Advocated for EQUAL budget allocation of Footpath budgets across the 4 wards instead of population based which was impractical.
- Submitted (with the support of Council) and spoke to the Higher Salaries Commission on the new Local Government Remuneration Authority's disproportionate Pool allocation for the Community Boards in general.
- I worked as a member on the sub-committee formed by the Regional Executive to assist Auckland City Community Boards to put together their Remuneration submission in a short time as they had no support from their Council (2003).
- I advocated strongly in the recent Representation and Boundary Review to firstly 'retain' a 4 Ward structure for Waitakere, the plan was to reduce to 3, and secondly to retain appropriate representation for the geographic rather than the population base of the ward.
- I was a Waitakere City representative on the Planning Committee for the 2007 Manukau City hosted Community Board Conference.

Some of risks I see us facing over the next three years

- Royal Commission on Regional Governance – Where do Community Boards 'fit'
- Threats to maintaining or achieving more equitable Remuneration of Community Boards
- The impacts and effects all this is going to have on our communities and the very existence of Community Board's

Through the diverse range of interests I have mentioned above, I am constantly in touch with and have many solid links within my communities. With 14 Resident & Ratepayer groups within our ward, as well as my connections too many other community based groups, I represent and consult widely and mediate if and when required, this gives me a firm background to take their, and the wider regional issues, to a broader level, Zone 1.

I believe there is real advantage to Community Boards across the zone in us working together in a constructive form to achieve meaningful delegations from our councils.

As the Zone 1 Deputy I have attended several Wellington based National Executive meetings either in Mike Cohen's absence or at the invitation of Yvonne Palmer and would welcome the opportunity to continue as the Deputy Representative of Zone 1. Primarily to have a fair representation of the Zone 1 region and secondly for consistency and the experience I bring to the Deputy role.

**DIRECTIONS TO VOTING COMMUNITY BOARD
(Read Carefully Before Voting)**

1. Mark the number "1" in the box next to the name of the candidate who is the Community Board's first preference.
2. Mark further consecutive numbers in descending order of preference in any or all of the remaining boxes next to the names of the remaining candidates.
3. Voting papers marked with a tick or a cross will be deemed invalid.
4. This Voting Paper must be signed by the Community Board Chair or Alternative as notified to the Returning Officer.
5. Completed Voting Papers must be **received** by the Returning Officer no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 25 February 2008.
6. If you spoil this Voting Paper, you may return it to the Returning Officer to receive a replacement Voting Paper.

CODE NUMBER

VOTING PAPER

030

**ELECTION OF NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ZONE 1 DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE 2008**

David Thornton

Christine Shepherd

Signed _____ Signatory's Name