

# Waikato District Council

## Electing the Mayor

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### **Aksel BECH**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waikato District Council area.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Deputy Mayor, and during an earlier term as Councillor.

With a proven record of governance and delivering positive outcomes in both my

professional and business careers, I'm well prepared for the role of Mayor.

Council serves a diverse range of communities with different needs, challenges and opportunities. Charting the best way forward through the complex, demanding period ahead requires progressive leadership and a collaborative approach with our communities, Community Boards and Committees.

Government reforms in 3 Waters, RMA legislation, the role of local government, the need for climate change policies and a comprehensive waste management review demand experience and continuity in Council.

We must go further and faster, working with Government where aligned - and advocating strongly for Waikato and standing firm where we are not.

I ask for your vote.

Aksel Bech for Mayor is a vote for progressive leadership.

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### **Jacqui CHURCH**

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Waikato District Council area. I am also standing for Tuakau-Pōkeno General Ward.

Waikato is the heart of New Zealand. My family and I love this District and its rural values. I'm committed to maximising its opportunities whilst enriching our lifestyles, farms and businesses.

You deserve fair and sustainable rates, and high-quality, cost-effective and fit-for-purpose infrastructure and services. I will ensure Council delivers these efficiently and transparently, on time and on budget.

A Councillor since 2013, I'm approachable, genuine and reliable. I deliver positive outcomes through fair, commonsense and proactive leadership.

Effective communication is paramount - as Mayor, this will continue.

I'm known for standing up for what matters. I will focus on prudent financial management and equitable, high-quality infrastructure for everyone. My passionate approach is underpinned by my family business ownership, rural background and commercial acumen.

We are facing complex times. My astute, progressive and visionary leadership is needed. Together, let's create a more prosperous, inclusive and robust Waikato.

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### **Korikori HAWKINS**

My principal place of residence is in the Waikato District Council area. I am also standing for Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward.

Korikori is ready to champion her councils vision to build liveable, thriving, connected communities. She plans to invest in jobs, housing, business growth and community wellbeing. She has a strong background in advocacy, community projects, land trusts and business. She knows her district sits on the cusp of major change and is prepared for the challenges ahead. She will listen to her council and her community as their representative to make decisions on their behalf. Korikori is local born and bred, Ngaruawahia proud. She is third generation Turangawaewae marae and lives by the mantra "Mahia te mahi hei painga mo te iw" "Do the work for the betterment and wellbeing of the people".

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### **Ra PURIRI**

My principal place of residence is in the Waikato District Council area. I am also standing for Whāingaroa General Ward.

Kia ora my name is Ra Puriri. I live in Raglan. I am standing for Mayor and Raglan Ward Councillor. I am running because it's time for change, time for real improvements, and time for sustainable solutions. I don't make promises because promises always turn into political word salad. I am committed to the values and principles that lead to better outcomes for all. I am committed to improving community engagement, accountability, productivity, and transparency within council systems. I am committed to real power sharing with community boards and solidarity with every community house, to nurture the seeds to what I call trickle up economics or lifting where you stand. I am committed to finding local solutions to affordable housing, jobs, the environment and the rising cost of food.