

Dear NAG Supporters,

## **Local Body Election time is here!**

**We have asked and listened, and tell you who we think you can vote for to help get better local governance!**

We (NAG) sent the following query to all **Mayoral** and **Rodney Local Board** candidates (those who have published email addresses) to assist your voting choices.

*If you are elected would you:*

- 1. Support North Rodney de-amalgamating from Auckland Council?*
- 2. Support calls for a binding referendum of North Rodney ratepayers to decide if they want to remain part of Auckland Council or form a new Unitary Authority?*
- 3. Support more devolution of authority to Local Boards within AC, including over local rates and charges and expenditures and authority to employ staff and contractors to carry out local services. [NAG recognises this would need to be within a regional AC framework which would impose some constraints, but inter-Local Board subsidization would need to be fully transparent and recognize fairness (proportionality)]?*

Below we summarise the answers from those who responded and include our view of the candidates, with our recommendations.

**We do not include candidates who did not bother to reply: (apart from their lack of courtesy we, reasonably, presume that they do not support localism).**

Please give this the publicity it deserves and pass on to all your friends.

## Results and voting Guide

The NAG choice for **Mayor** is Craig **LORD**.

Mayoral Candidate	Support for Localism?	NAG Comments (how we see them)	NAG says vote for: 
Tricia CHEEL Stop Trashing our Planet	Yes, but not for a referendum or separation from AC	Too idealistic, anti-chemical, 5G, non-science based.	
Genevieve FORDE	Not for separation and uncertain about a referendum or devolution	Unrealistic green, environment focus. Anti-car, public transport advocate.	
Ted JOHNSTON	Qualified support for separation or a referendum. Supports more devolution	Good focus on Infrastructure, housing and waste (wants Council revamp).	Next best alternative if you don't like Craig LORD.
Susanna KRUGER Justice for Families	Fully supportive of all NAGs options.	Poverty and homelessness focus. Weak in other areas.	
Craig LORD Independent	Fully supportive of all NAGs options.	Media skills. Council culture change advocate. Focus on necessities. Localism supporter.	
Glen SNELGAR Old Skool	Fully supportive of all NAGs options.	Anti-waste and pro-accountability. Policies need work but some good ideas. Freeze rates candidate.	Best alternative if you don't like Craig LORD.
Tadhg Tim STOPFORD The Hemp Foundation	Fully supportive of all NAGs options.	Interesting ideas but not substantive.	
Peter VAUGHAN	Supports a binding referendum but that is all.	Some good ideas but not all realistic. Pro-electric, stop 1080, 5G.	

For the **Rodney Local Board** voting there is only a choice in the Kumeū and Warkworth Subdivisions.

**None of the Rodney first candidates replied to our email.**

Rodney First candidates do not have a policy of supporting localism, or devolution, they supported the targeted rate, and generally prioritise public transport over road sealing for improving local transport. Also we do not support block ticket candidacy for Local Board positions. Candidates should stand as individuals for election by their community.

For **Kumeū** our choices are independents Steven **LAW** and Geoff **UPSON**.

If you want to vote for a third candidate we would suggest Brent **BAILEY** just because he has come out in support of alternatives to the proposed Dome Valley landfill.

We cannot recommend a fourth candidate.

For **Warkworth** our choices are independents Steven **GARNER** and Tim **HOLDGATE**.

If you want to vote for a third candidate we suggest Beth **HOULBROOKE** for her openness and hard work and commitment to date, albeit within the current AC system.

<b>Rodney Local Board Candidate</b>	<b>Support for Localism?</b>	<b>NAG Comments (how we see them)</b>	<b>NAG says vote for:</b>
Steven LAW Independent (Kumeū Subdivision)	Supports a referendum and devolution. Uncertain about separation.	Will listen to and reflect community, reduce waste. Remove targeted rates.	✓
Geoff UPSON Independent (Kumeū Subdivision)	Fully supportive of NAG and Localism	New but has a local focus and looks realistic	✓
Steven GARNER (Warkworth Subdivision)	Supports a referendum and more devolution.	Local person. Supports localism.	✓
Tim HOLDGATE Independent (Warkworth Subdivision)	Fully Supportive.	Local supporter. Wants transparency and accountability. No targeted rates. Back to basics.	✓

Kind Regards  
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