

# Going to a local body candidates meeting?

If you're keen to ask your local candidates some questions but you're not sure what, here are some ideas to get you started:

## Vision

Why are you standing for election?

What is your vision for our city /region?

Where do you think the city should be in 3, 10, 50 years?

What are your guiding values?

## Experience

What leadership attributes do you bring to the table?

What skills have you got to enable you to work with a diverse range of people?

Can you give an example of a time you were empathetic to someone's different view and ultimately changed your mind?

## Democracy

How will you listen to a wide range of voices whilst you are an elected representative?

What are you planning to do to promote democratic participation, especially at a grass roots level?

Can you give an example of when you've had to work with people you disagree with to achieve an objective?

## Inclusion

Who do you think is currently missing out on having their say in local government decisions?

How will you support mana whenua involvement in decision-making?

What are your ideas for enabling people who don't have good internet access to be involved and have their say?

Which parts of the community does the Council need to work more closely with?

## Transport

Do you support investing in people getting around safely, i.e. walking, cycling, public transport?

How do you feel about 30km zones, Limited Speed Zones or variable speeds for different time periods?

What do you think of cycleways?

When was the last time you took a public bus?

## Finances

Do you support the public ownership of Christchurch's strategic assets? E.g. Lyttelton Port, Christchurch Airport, Orion, Enable, Citycare, etc.

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## Thank you

This guide was created by Christchurch Envirohub using questions that were adapted from those suggested by attendees of a discussion evening on community boards, hosted by Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch. Thank you, SOC!



## Wellbeing

How would you ensure there are enough green spaces in your ward to underpin the wellbeing of the community?

Christchurch has some pretty poor tree cover compared to other NZ cities. Do you think having more canopy trees is important and why?

Do you have a library card or otherwise make use of our city's libraries?

What do you think of such services as libraries, public swimming pools and recreation centres?

## IMPORTANT

### Who's running?

#### **Environment Canterbury Regional Council:**

[Click here to see who's standing in your constituency.](#)

#### **Christchurch City Council:**

[Click here to see who's standing for mayor or council positions in your constituency.](#)

### Your vote matters!

Voting opens from 9th September and closes at noon, Saturday 11th October 2025. Make your vote count!