**Ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe 2025** - Local body elections 2025

Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward

**Nureddin Abdurahman**
**Standing for:** Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward **Affiliation:** Labour
My principal place of residence is not in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward area.
It has been a great honour to serve as your Councillor over the last three years. I’ve worked hard to make sure the community’s voice is heard at council and to keep our city affordable.
I led the campaign to keep Wellington’s public stake in the airport, opposed corporate handouts like the Reading Cinemas bailout, and voted against the Town Hall budget blowout. I stood up against cuts to libraries and swimming pools, and backed more affordable and social housing.
I’ve pushed for practical wins like public toilets in Newtown, stopping the Ōwhiro Bay tip shop relocation, and protecting car parks at Wakefield Park alongside the cycleway, so parents can still drop off their kids for sport.
I’m also a small business owner and a proud soccer dad with three kids who play for Island Bay United. Vote 1 for Nureddin Abdurahman so I can continue to serve our community.

**Laurie Foon**
**Standing for:** Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward **Affiliation:** Green Party
My principal place of residence is in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward area.
Kia ora, I’m Laurie Foon. I’m asking for your #1 vote in Paekawakawa Southern Ward. I want to continue my mahi for you on Council.
I’m an experienced councillor, proud to have served as Wellington’s Deputy Mayor. My solid track record of getting things done includes: safer, more people-friendly streets in Paekawakawa; transforming our waste strategy to reduce reliance on landfills; prioritising water investment; backing rule changes for more housing; and helping launch a disaster resilience fund.
I believe in the power of community to build a thriving, creative, and sustainable city.
Together, let’s keep putting people first with inner-city regeneration projects and transport options; growing our economy through tech and innovation; and strengthening our community and environmental programs for current and future generations.
I’m a team player with proven ability to turn a vision into action. With your support and #1 vote, we can keep making good things happen.

**Donald McDonald**
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**Paula Muollo**
**Standing for:** Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward **Affiliation:** INDEPENDENT TOGETHER - Vote For IT
My principal place of residence is not in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward area.
Born and raised in Island Bay, I’m proud of my Italian heritage and lifelong ties to Wellington’s Southern Ward. My family, the Muollo and Basile families, have contributed to the city’s seafood industry for generations. I bring strong business experience and negotiation skills, having managed Hotel Raffaele for 15 Years and currently work as a successful real estate agent with Harcourts
I care deeply about our city and its people. It’s time for a commonsense and community-led decision-making. I’m determined, committed and bring a pragmatic, energetic voice, along with values of integrity, honesty, transparency and hard work. We need genuine public consultation and your voice to be heard!
I’m not party affiliated. I’m here to represent everyone, whatever your views. I’m standing to achieve zero rate increases; better infrastructure; back to basics; safer and cleaner streets; and support all modes of transport. Let’s bring back the Wellington we love. [www.voteforit.nz](http://www.voteforit.nz)

**Mike Petrie**
**Standing for:** Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward **Affiliation:** From the Fringe to the Frontline
My principal place of residence is in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward area.
A proud Wellingtonian, born and raised, and now based in Newtown, I’ve spent over 30 years in the hairdressing industry, running my own businesses and mentoring apprentices. A professional musician, I am passionate about the role the arts, events, and hospitality play in bringing life to our city.
I’m standing for Council to support the small businesses and creative communities that make Wellington special. I’ll advocate for practical solutions, better access to Council resources, and less red tape, so good ideas can thrive.
I believe in listening first and acting with purpose. Wellington needs a Council that reflects its people, bold, diverse, and focused on what matters.
I bring energy, real-world experience, and a commitment to serving our Paekawakawa/Southern Ward with integrity and action.
[www.mikepetrie.nz](http://www.mikepetrie.nz)

**Kevin Zeng**
**Standing for:** Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward **Affiliation:** Independent - for business environment
My principal place of residence is not in the Paekawakawa/Southern General Ward area.
Why I’m Standing
I’ve lived in Wellington for over 30 years and care deeply for this city. Over 20 years ago, Interlock, a factory in Miramar where I worked for 8 years, relocated due to the business environment. I’ve seen how recent worsening business environment has affected people’s lives. I’m standing to help build a supportive environment where businesses can grow and ensure local voices are heard.
About Me
As owner of the Newtown variety shop Rainbow Bridge and publisher of the Wellington Chinese community newspaper Home Voice for over 20 years, I’ve heard directly from locals about their concerns and hopes, giving me a deep understanding of what our community needs.
As a leader of Chinese community groups, I’m passionate about building relationships and supporting diversity.  I bring experience, and strong leadership.
Priorities: Police office presence in community centres; More public parking around businesses centres.