

OIR: 2223/387

18 October 2022



**Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)**

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2022 requesting the following information:

***This request relates to both of (1) 2019 Local Government Elections AND (2) 2022 Local Government Elections***

***We would like copies of all reports, memorandums, agendas, minutes, emails that detail any mistakes made by Council officers (managing the elections on behalf of Council) in checking candidate applications in the processing of candidates standing for the Local Body Election, which has led to the disqualification by the independent Electoral Officer after the closing date (on the Friday at 12 noon).***

***We are aware of this occurring in at least four times over the 2019 and 2022, however there are likely to be many more.***

***We have become aware that many good candidates have been lost due to these mistakes.***

There have been no instances in 2019 or 2022 where Council officers made mistakes in checking candidates applications leading to the disqualification by the independent Electoral Officer after the closing date. There are therefore no additional documents held by Council in this regard.

Ngā mihi



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Te Kaihautū, ngā Rangapū, Tāngata hoki