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Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

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Support most

Tell us why

Mostly Good things I agree that

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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Support most

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Question 4: Other feedback

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Opposition to rate increase

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Manurewa

Manurewa Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

Tell us why

Rate 상승은 반대합니다.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Allocate up to $1.5 million of funding to support delivery of the Manurewa War Memorial Park multi-sports pavilion.

Do not support

B. Deliver a new multi-cultural initiative that responds to demands for increased ethnic engagement.

Support

C. Develop a civics education initiative that helps people understand the role of local boards and how they can get involved.

Do not support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Road expansion must be prioritized so that citizens can work actively and efficiently.

Roads should be expanded rather than merely repaired, and I believe too many personnel are mobilized for road fixes.

For example, it is a waste of manpower to have people stand and operate stop and go signs when electric ones could suffice.

Question 6: City centre

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Support most

Tell us why

I agree because it is a necessary and convenient part.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I agree.

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Economic Development - I believe we need to focus on this first, especially during this difficult time for the Auckland and New Zealand economies.

Transportation - I believe we need to address the increasingly severe traffic congestion.

Flooding - Since flooding is expected to occur more frequently over time...

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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The trash can you are currently using is sufficient.

You don't need to change it.

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Support most

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Support most

Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed local board specific key areas of spend?

A. Explore ways to get the best value from our play spaces so they continue to meet the needs of children and families.

B. Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process.

C. Identify what type of indoor/sheltered courts are necessary to support sports play in Flat Bush.

D. Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki estuary on water quality and coastal erosion.

E. Continue to advocate to crime prevention organisations on behalf of the community for ongoing safety initiatives.

F. Continue to support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

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Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?

A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.

Support

B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.

I don’t know

C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.

Support

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Do not support

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Support

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No pool changes

- No reduce library working hours

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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Tell us why

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- new infrastructure (playground, community pool etc..)

- community programs

- cultural value(Maori)

- Building new connections

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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#5370

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Support most

Tell us why

It will be helpful to public who residing next to Papatoetoe local board.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As a local resident I would recommend not to impose any charges, other rates and fees for the swimming pool. Also don't reduce working hours in Otara and Papatoetoe library

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

I have enclosed a photograph of the Local Board (Spotlight), capturing their fresh vibrancy from the Unlock Old Papatoetoe initiative—a celebration of our shared community legacy and ongoing transformation.

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Don't reduce library hours

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Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Creating new jobs for local community peoples. Development on other sections to manage better growth.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Long term and short term must align before prioritising CRL, its significant funder

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

No pool changes

- No reduce library working hours

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

It sounds great

Refer to attachment. Summary of attachment:

Attachment showed image of the vibrancy of the "Unlock Old Papatoetoe initiative' OPEN PARK adjacent to Allan Brewster Leisure Centre and relevant information - Benefits thousands in growing Papatoetoe (Auckland's largest suburb) via play for children, games / walking / basketball for all ages, fostering community health and connections.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

By continuing to invest where finances are needed, however the annual increase of 7.9% rates for an aug-value residential property may be a bit too high for most property owners

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Question 4: Other feedback

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There would be more focus to the prices are household water and electricity usage rules, as the annual increase could be lowered to a more reasonable rate.

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6101

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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Question 4: Other feedback

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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#6103

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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#6105

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6106

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

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#6132

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Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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#6139

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

For starters I do not agree with the 7.9 per cent rates increase for the average residential property. The country is struggling already with the cost of living.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

I don't know

Tell us why

2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing and other pressures, we must address an increase in the cost of delivering existing services within its current funding. To balance the budget, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $1.1 million capital value based rate charged to all properties (this would be around $27 based on average value urban residential property in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this option?

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#6172

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Support most

Tell us why

because if the rates increases, it will be harder for students to pay for their goods + services. Although it includes prioritising invests which helps communities.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think positively about these prompted changes as it increases improvement in communities which makes it easier to live their daily lives.

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Howick

Howick Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

It will help community.

2. What do you think about the proposed local board specific key areas of spend?

A. Explore ways to get the best value from our play spaces so they continue to meet the needs of children and families.

B. Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process.

C. Identify what type of indoor/sheltered courts are necessary to support sports play in Flat Bush.

D. Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki estuary on water quality and coastal erosion.

E. Continue to advocate to crime prevention organisations on behalf of the community for ongoing safety initiatives.

F. Continue to support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding.

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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I think these Annual plans will make a significant impact in New Zealand, Auckland, for communities

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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

I feel / think that unsafe parks need to be looked at as it is important in communities to feel safe. By prioritising this, it will increase use in council activities. Economic development helps the economy growth in New Zealand, causing an increase in events which many people / tourists will be able to engage in

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Tell us why

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support all

Tell us why

We need to focus on giving support to those who can actively support the community connecting and building relationships with mana wheua, community facility, libraries and community business increases the development and growth of the people, community and council.

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?

A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.

Support

B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.

Support

C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.

Support

D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.

Support

E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.

Support

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

I support the enhancement of programmes focus on senior and creative/cultural activities. The elderly community is growing in the community of panmure and there is not enough activation's focused on them. We see a decline in cultural participation due to the lack of resources and funds to provide these activities. however the library staff is also needed to deliver these specific roles to provide these services.

3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc's proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?

Other

Tell us why

more information needs to be provided to understand. however i support the majority. Onehunga is not my community or a m I familitie with it and therefor I can't answer

Question 4: Other feedback

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Tell us why

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Events and city life | Māori identity and culture | Safety | Streets and public spaces |

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Do not support most

Tell us why

A rates rise of this level is not acceptable when inflation and living costs are rising and when there are clear avenues to reduce wasteful expenditure.Key points I support and include in my submission:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% estimated to add about $320 to the average household bill. This is well above what households can reasonably absorb while maintaining essential services.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisation will improve value for ratepayers without compromising core services.3) Cut spending on consultancy and professional services. The current

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this submission in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for cutting wasteful Council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of roughly 30 percent far outpacing cumulative inflation. The proposed breakdown2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsdoes not justify a rate rise that compresses households while sustaining high administrative costs.I support reducing wasteful Council spending and backroom operating costs.

Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze where possible to freeze non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue more efficient delivery models.I support the Council implementing the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates increases at about 3%. This includes $50 million saving from personnel $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising essential services.Additional practical steps I urge:- Freeze or reduce hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Reassess spending on Māori outcomes such as the Ngā Mātārae department and ensure funding aligns with the statutory role of local government.I would also like all council workers to use Auckland Transport and public transport rather than private cars or Council vehicles to reduce avoidable transport costs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. With the current average residential rates bill around $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent rates growth far outpaces both inflation and population growth. I support adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap rate increases by reducing operating costs rather than raising bills on households.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and also reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advisory fees and back-office costs is excessive and undermines ratepayers'

confidence in prudent budgeting. The proposed 7.9 percent uplift should be offset by targeted savings in these areas.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which the Alliance flags at about $36 million per year and claims to emit more carbon than it saves. Redirecting funds to essential services would better reflect statutory responsibilities of local government and benefit ratepayers.I agree that staffing should be frozen or payroll costs reduced by not filling vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance suggests could save at least $17 million immediately. A pause on non-critical recruitment can rebalance the budget toward core public services.I oppose ongoing and expanding Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes budget (Ngā Mātārae). While this work may be well-intentioned a local government's core remit is to provide services to all residents and should not create spending categories that are not central to statutory duties.Overall I commend the proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which could cap the rate rise to around 3 percent if implemented through: (1) personnel cost reductions (2) capping consultants (3) vendor renegotiations and (4) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current trajectory has seen rates rise by 85% since 2010 far outpacing inflation and population growth. The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs in addition to ongoing asset maintenance and growthdriven costs. This is not affordable for households.I agree with the following positions and request they be reflected in the submission:- Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9% and press for a cap closer to 3% by reducing expenditure.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather

than continue to increase these expenditure items (estimated at $126 million per year across the Council group).- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.In addition I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance 'Alternative Budget' plan to cap rate increases by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). This includes:- $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze.- $50 million by capping spending on consultants.- $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council prioritise essential services and statutory responsibilities while presenting a credible plan to balance the budget without imposing unaffordable costs on households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (vs. 12 percent overall inflation). The proposed 7.9 percent rise equating to roughly $320 for the average household is excessive and not aligned with the community's capacity to pay.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the average 7.9 percent rate increase and seek a cap around 3 percent funded by sensible reductions in discretionary spending and reform of operating costs.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise further.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million per year) due to its carbon impact and limited net savings.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given that this is not a core local government function.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a practical alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates increases at about 3 percent. This would be achieved through: a) a $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze; b) $50 million cap on consultants; c) $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).Council personnel costs and 'other expenses' have grown well beyond inflation in recent years while direct operating expenditure rose 78 percent from 2013 to 2023. It is reasonable to fix the rate path at a sustainable level and reallocate funds toward essential services that benefit ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

My submission focuses on constructive solution‘oriented ways to curb costs while maintaining essential services.1) Oppose the rate increase and propose a prudent path to affordability- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge Council to cap the rise at 3% by reducing new and existing spending. A targeted reduction of $150 million (2%) in total Council expenditure would achieve this prioritising essential statutory services over discretionary grants.2) Specific cost‘reduction measures aligned with Montioring and efficiency- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Limit spend on consultants and

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Opposition to the 7.9 percent average residential rates increase- I oppose increasing rates by 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already around 30 percent well above inflation. A 7.9 percent rise split as 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs is excessive when combined with persistent cost growth elsewhere in the council portfolio.2. Reducing wasteful council expenditure- The Council must cut back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs as well as consultancy and professional services. The Alliance highlights about $126 million per year spent on

consultants across the group and $590 million on consultants and contractors in total; this level is unsustainable and should be reined in.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-focused spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function in my view.3. Additional concerns and priorities- A cleaner city should be a priority. Auckland has degenerated into a dump with litter on streets public areas and motorways. Money should go to street cleaning and maintaining tidier public spaces rather than expensive vanity projects. I want municipal services prioritised to keep streets gutters and public areas clean and well maintained.4. Alternative budget focus- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) which caps the rate rise at around 3 percent through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultancy spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge aprogramme of substantial cost reductions across the Council and CCOs before any uplift is approved.Key concerns and positions1) Rates affordability and fiscal discipline. The proposed 7.9% average rise would translate to about $320 more per year for the average household on top of a real rates increase that has risen 30% since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). I support capping rate increases to align with inflation and the Council's own capacity to prioritise essential services.2) Expenditure reduction across the organisation. The Council should reduce expenditure on

corporate and backroom office functions and cut the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. The current annual consultant spend is around $126 million across the Council group with one average consultant earning about $200k; this is unsustainable if we are to deliver essential services at modest rate increases.3) Discontinue non-essential or environmentally questionable programmes. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.4) Staffing and payroll discipline. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Prioritisation and targeted reductions. I advocate cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a role of local government.6) Financial strategy and alternative budgeting. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rate increase of about 3% and preserving core services. This would be achieved through: $50 million saving from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request consideration of these measures and urge the Council to move toward a responsible fiscally prudent budget that prioritises essential services and affordability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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spending. The Council must cut expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which total around $126 million per year across the group (with the Auckland Council parent accounting for a substantial share). The average consultant earns roughly $200000 indicating significant value capture by external providers.3) Freeze or reduce payroll where non-essential roles remain vacant. The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies saving at least $17 million promptly.4) Cap and reallocate budgets away from discretionary spend. Target reductions in contract management and vendor consolidation to free up resources for essential services.5) Reassess Māori-specific spending. The $171 million allocated over ten years to the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) area is not a core local-government function and should be prioritised differently to focus on statutory and essential services.Alternative Budget aspiration: I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate increase at 3 percent through targeted savings in personnel costs consultants renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request that the Council consider these efficiency measures as a condition for any rate increase recommendation and pursue transparent reporting of savings achieved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong and direct terms to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.1) Rates increase and cost drivers. The proposed 7.9 percent rise equates to about an extra $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85 percent well above inflation and population growth. The 7.9 percent split includes 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs which shows a disproportionate burden on ratepayers for ongoing projects.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs. The Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year on consultants across the

Council group with an average consultant pay of about $200000 plus 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff paid more than the mayor. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation indicating a need to curb non-essential payroll and consultancy budgets.3) Reducing non-essential and discretionary spending. The Council should reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than allow ongoing increases.4) Specific program reductions. The Food Scraps Programme costs around $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled. In addition freezing staffing or not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Targeted spending reforms. The Council should freeze or reduce payroll costs cap consultant spend renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants is essential for ratepayer value.6) Māori outcomes funding. The submission notes opposition to Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a local government concern and should be reviewed.In closing I request a consideration of these reductions to bring the rate rise closer to inflation while preserving essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a personal sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a program of spending restraint across the Council and CCOs.My positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household). The current average bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% in 2022 dollars well above inflation. Rates should not outpace inflation by such a margin.2) The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase

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Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase: I oppose the average 7.9% rise. This is a real-terms burden for households when growth in Council spending and operating costs outpace inflation.2) Spending reductions: To keep rates affordable the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well above inflation in recent years.3) Consultants and professional services: The Council should halt the continued rise in consultancy spend and where possible reduce external contracting. Cumulative outsourcing costs are a significant driver of rate increases.4) Food Scraps

Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and based on available data emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant positions. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori outcomes funding: Reconsider the allocation to Māori-specific programmes including Ngā Mātārae and focus resources on statutory and essential local government functions where appropriate.Rationale and alternative approach- The proposed 7.9% increase aligns with a spending trajectory that has seen rates rise 85% since 2010 far outpacing inflation. An immediate 2% reduction in new Council spending coupled with a cap of the average rates increase at around 3% can be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: about $50 million - Capping consultancy spend: about $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: about $30 million - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: about $20 millionClosingI urge the Council to adopt a restrained budget that preserves core services reduces wasteful backroom costs and aligns rates with inflation and long-term affordability.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The following points reflect my position based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%. This is unsustainable for households and inconsistent with a council focused on prudent stewardship.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs- Council spending on consultants runs at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Payroll and staff costs

including six-figure salaries have grown markedly and direct operating expenditure has risen well ahead of inflation. I call for reductions in personnel costs through hiring freezes and organisational change and a cap on consultant and vendor spend.3) Specific spending reductions I support- Cut council and CCO spending on corporate and backroom functions.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel non-core programmes including the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or substantially reduce discretionary spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a core local government function.4) Budgeting approach- I support zero-base budgeting and a comprehensive review of all line items to achieve a cap on rate increases. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows that reducing new spending by $150 million (a 2% cut) could keep average residential rates to about 3%.5) Additional points- Wayne Brown campaigned on 'Fixing Auckland' not merely increasing rates. I'm willing to assist with a critique of outcomes on a pro bono basis if it will help make the adjustments that are clearly needed.Thanks for not ignoring this submission and just being dismissive of the rate payers. We are trying to get some clear action happening to address these issues and have been respectful in the approach and trust you will respond in the same manner.

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Tell us why

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8391

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Local Board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending and backroom costs.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent which translates to about $320 for the average household given the current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent far exceeding inflation and population growth.- The breakdown of the increase2 percent to maintain assets 1.5 percent for new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costshighlights a heavy load on ratepayers while aggressive cost control appears insufficient.- I support reducing expenditure on

corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these lines.- I oppose ongoing spending on discretionary programmes with questionable value. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (£36 million/year) due to its cost and carbon outcomes.- I urge freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year for the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the grounds that this is not a core local government role; priorities should be statutory or essential services first.- Importantly reduce outsourcing and contract work: cap and renegotiate vendor arrangements to prioritise essential services and avoid cost escalations.Alternative Budget alignment- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates increases to around 3 percent focusing on personnel cost reductions capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional note- Stop AT spending money on wasteful projects and disband those activities. Maintain essential public transport services (buses and trains) but do not prioritise road spending that may worsen congestion and emissions.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. In real terms this amounts to about $320 more per household at a time when rates have risen 85 percent since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. The current average bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30 percent while overall inflation sits much lower. I urge Auckland Council to align rates with inflation and focus on fundamental essential services.I support targeted cost reductions to curb wasteful spending. Specifically:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and

professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which I understand could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I also support the Council's broader aim of prudent financial management by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiating contracts to achieve savings supported by vendor consolidation where appropriate.In short I favour limiting rate increases to a level closer to inflation and redirecting discretionary spending toward essential council services. A responsible alternative budget that reduces new spending by about $150 million could cap the rate increase to around 3 percent funded by:- $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze;- $50 million from cap'd consultant spend;- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and- $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8633

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Local Board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback:

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Rates and affordability- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household. Since 2022 the real increase in rates has been 30% in constant dollars far outstripping cumulative inflation (12%). The current average bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022. At minimum the council must limit rate increases to a level aligned with inflation and essential service needs.2) Spending reforms and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items

(approx. $126 million per year across the group).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reconsider the scale of spending in non-core areas.3) Targeted reductions in specific sectors- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.- Seek contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save substantial ongoing costs.- Cap spending on consultants around $50 million and redirect funds to essential services.4) Long-term budget stance- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) can cap the average rate rise to about 3%. I urge the council to pursue this approach focusing on organisational change hiring freezes for non-essential roles and a tighter governance of vendor costs.Additional point- Stop building speed humps and other expensive traffic hazards where they are not clearly warranted to avoid unnecessary capital and maintenance costs.I request that I not be heard at hearings but I am available to provide further detail in writing if required.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8790

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Local Board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (approximately $320 for the average household) and urge the Council to bring rates growth in line with or below inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% in 2022 dollars far surpassing cumulative inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9% increase2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsreflects spending pressures that should be managed more carefully.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which reduces new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) and caps

the average residential rates increase at about 3% by reallocating funds from non-essential areas to essential services. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: save $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants: save $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: save $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: save $20 million.Key areas of wasteful expenditure identified for reduction consistent with my positions:- Cut spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which consumes carbon emissions without net savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.I look to a leaner more transparent budget that protects essential services while limiting rate increases to reflect true need and inflation.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8913

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which amounts to about $320 for the average household. The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 stands at 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% inflation. This level of increase is unsustainable for households and not aligned 7with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and substantially curb expenditure on consultancy and professional services. The current spend on consultants is excessive: $126 million

per year across the group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure has risen well above inflation and personnel costs have grown disproportionately. These patterns are not acceptable as justification for imposing higher rates on residents.I also agree that the Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. In addition freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings (at least $17 million) and help cap rate increases.Furthermore I oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government body we should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.In short a disciplined budget with a smaller growth path is required. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budgetreducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction)points to a 3% cap on average residential rates. This should be a starting point with further savings identified by trimming personnel costs capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current plan imposes a real burden on ratepayers while wasting resources on backroom functions consultants and non-essential programmes.The proposed 7.9 percent uplift is not acceptable. Agreed: oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%. With an average bill now around $4069 and a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 (well above inflation) ratepayers cannot sustain further above-inflation rises. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs plus 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets. There must be greater efficiency not indiscriminate rate hikes.Agreed: reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom

office functions across the Council and CCOs;/agreed: cut consultancy and professional services spend rather than continuing to grow these items. Auckland Council and its CCOs spend about $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well beyond inflation; we need an organisational reset.Agreed: cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves). Agreed: freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately. Also: cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year in the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional points: return to core council functions; limit rate impacts from population growth by prioritising essential services and renegotiating vendor contracts. The public deserves transparency on how rate increases are allocated and better value from every dollar spent.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% uplift and urge Council to align rates with inflation or lower. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 we have seen a real rates increase of around 30% far outpacing cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This composition erodes affordability for households while funding growing governance and backroom functions.I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing identifies consultant

spending at about $126 million annually across the Council group (with the average consultant around $200k) and payroll/related costs rising sharply. A more targeted leaner administration will help control rate increases without cutting essential services.I also support reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year cited for the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core local government function and re-prioritising such expenditure would contribute to stabilising rates for households.To achieve a more affordable rates path I endorse the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) capping the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This includes:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping consultant spending: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionLet's bring spending under control and avoid non-core services funded by ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9626

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Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a program of sensible savings across the Council and CCOs.1) Rate rise and affordable funding: The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more for the average household on top of a historically high rates burden. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have not kept pace. A rate rise this high is inappropriate when many cost pressures are avoidable through better cost control.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spend: I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of spending on

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9757

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and a call for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. My aim is fairer more accountable budgeting that protects essential services for households.1) Rates and affordability- I oppose the average 7.9% residential rates increase which equates to about $320 for the typical household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in current dollars. Rates growth must be kept below inflation and population growth.2) Spending reductions to fund a smaller rate rise- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the rate rise on the basis that it far outpaces inflation and population growth and that significant wasteful expenditure could be reduced to protect essential services.Key concerns and positions:1) Rate increase: I oppose the 7.9% average increase. The burden on households should not exceed inflation and the current trajectory shows rates rising far faster than earnings and general price levels.2) Waste and backroom costs: The council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Streamlining administration can help keep rates affordable.3) Consultants and professional services: A sustained reduction in

spend on consultancy and professional services is essential. The current path relies heavily on external advisers instead of delivering value-for-money outcomes for residents.4) Food Scraps Programme: I urge cancelation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze non-essential vacancies and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles. If vacancies are left unfilled this could save at least $17 million promptly.6) Maori-specific spending: I oppose allocating $10 million per year to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a routine local-government function. Resources should prioritise statutory and essential services.7) Wasteful projects: Stop the spread of 'Judd's bars' across the city. This appears to be wasteful spending with poor outcomes for essential services like ambulance and fire response.I propose the following alternative budget approach aligned with the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap rate increases at around 3% by saving approximately $150 million through personnel changes cap on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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spend is allocated to consultants and corporate backroom functions. The Alliance highlights $126 million per year across the Council group on consultants with average consultant pay around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while payroll remains a major expenditure driver.- The Council's payroll and related costs are high with thousands of staff and many on six-figure salaries and a notable increase in overall personnel costs from 2022 to 2025. At present this supports the case for rigorous expenditure review and efficiency measures.Proposed alternative: Rate cap and savings- I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which can cap the average residential rate increase at around 3%. This should be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential vacancies. - Capping spending on consultants and professional services. - Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors where feasible. - Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- I also support reducing Māori-specific spending including the alleged $10 million/year on Ngā Mātārae given concerns about the appropriate role of local government.ClosingI request that the Council consider these measures to limit rate increases and improve efficiency in line with responsible stewardship of ratepayers' funds. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10093

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Local Board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 and after inflation over the last decade rate increases have far outpaced growth in real household income. A 7.9 percent rise represents a disproportionate burden on households and I urge Council to instead align rate setting with inflation and essential service delivery.I support the following measures to reduce expenditure and protect household budgets:1) Cut corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs reducing duplication and overheads.2) Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting ongoing increases in these expense items.3) Cancel the Food Scraps

Programme which costs around $36 million per year and delivers greater carbon emissions than savings.4) Freeze non-essential recruitment and cap payroll costs by not filling vacant roles with the expectation this would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Limit or phase out Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department approximately $10 million per year on the basis that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.The Council's proposed 7.9 percent increase with 2 percent for maintaining assets 1.5 percent for growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs is not sustainable when set against 12 percent overall inflation since 2022 and a 30 percent real increase in rates. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance model shows a feasible path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rate increases at around 3 percent achieved through personnel cost controls capped consulting spend contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I submit that these changes better reflect responsible stewardship of public funds while protecting essential services and households from excessive rate rises.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Question 3: Local board priorities

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Rates and fiscal responsibility- The proposed average increase of 7.9% would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. I support capping rate increases to align with inflation and local priorities rather than permitting continued growth in operating costs.2. Reduction of backroom and consultancy spend- Council spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the group with the parent council bearing a large share; individual consultants often receive around $200k. I support reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles which could save at least $17

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average increase. This equates to about $320 more per year for the average household (current average bill $4069). The real increase since 2022 is 30% far above inflation (12%) placing an undue burden on households.- If the Council is to proceed it must fund only essential statutory services and curb discretionary expenditure. I support reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- I urge cutting consultancy and professional services spending rather than continuing to grow

these costs. The Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Maori-specific spending should be reviewed particularly the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over these discretionary programmes.Alternative approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through: (a) targeted personnel cost reductions and a hiring freeze; (b) capping consultancy spend; (c) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ConclusionAuckland Council must control non-essential expenditure and reallocate funds to core services. Maintaining a double-digit growth in rates is unacceptable given the ongoing cost pressures on households and the historical context of rapid rate rises.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10177

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

I submit this brief in strong and direct terms to highlight urgent efficiency measures that should guide any future funding decisions within the 2026/27 plan.1) Corporate and backroom reform. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across both the Council and CCOs. The current spending level is excessive for a city of Auckland's size and scope and reform here would deliver tangible ratepayer relief without compromising essential services.2) Cutting consultants and professional services. Total consultant and professional services spend has grown markedly. I urge a reduction in these costs rather than further annual increases with a focus

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10302

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I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The Council should instead pursue meaningful savings to protect households and to align rate rises with inflation and population needs. The following points reflect my positions based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.1) Expenditure reduction across corporate and back‘office functionsThe Alliance highlights that a substantial portion of spending is directed to corporate and backroom operations. I urge the Council to implement a broad review to reduce these costs across the Council and CCOs directing savings towards essential services and keeping rates affordable.2) Reduce consultancy

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