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Puketāpapa Local Board

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Better emphasis on key things for the next year. I'm concerned about intensification and not enough investment to make the city livable (not just water and transport)

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7.9% is very high

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same comment as above.

Where are the new parks and community facilities to cope with growth

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community facilities, sports fields and parks

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inflation is strong not too sure higher rates would help for most of the house holds

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community led initiatives that promote the community and an active and healthy lifestyle

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I don't feel too positive about the fees increase. With the economy a lot of people are already struggling so this may affect them even more and financially strain them.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Try to decrease the rates a lot

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

Tell us why

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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?

I don't know

Tell us why

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Albert-Eden

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I don't know

Tell us why

2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services, fees and charges?

A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.

B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.

C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.

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Tell us why

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I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise that has already driven the average bill from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 today.Key concerns and preferred approach1) Rate increase restraint. The proposed 7.9% increase is not affordable for households and is not aligned with inflation or household budgets. I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap the rate rise at 3% by cutting wasteful spend rather than adding to ratepayer burden.2) Wasteful backroom and corporate costs. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

Council and CCOs. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen well above inflation with payroll and consultant salaries contributing disproportionately to rising operating costs.3) Safer needs-based staffing and procurement. Freeze non-essential hires and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure the Alliance estimates would save at least $17 million immediately.4) Reduced reliance on consultants. The Council should cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allow these items to grow. A cap on consultant expenditure would contribute meaningfully to limiting rate increases.5) Māori outcomes funding review. I support reducing Māori-specific spend including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department if this funding is not essential to core local-government functions.6) Alternative budget alignment. I support pursuing the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to keep rates to the 3% level through targeted savings in staffing consultancy procurement and prioritisation of statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that my submission be considered in full and reflected in the planning discussion. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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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

#6933

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Local Board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to urge reductions in wasteful Council spending while prioritising essential services for Aucklanders.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms far above cumulative inflation (12%). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This cannot be sustained given the financial pressures on households.- Spending on consultants totals about $126

million per year across the Council group with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for $60 million and an average consultant remuneration around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while direct operating expenditure grew 78% between 2013 and 2023.- Substantial discretionary expenditure exists alongside calls for surcharge to ratepayers. I urge a rigorous review of the corporate and backroom functions as well as a cap on consultancy and professional services to avoid unnecessary rate increases.Proposed alternative and specific reductions- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. Implement the following: - Freeze or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles projecting at least $17 million in immediate savings. - Cap spending on consultants and professional services at a lower level achieving $50 million in savings. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save $30 million. - Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.- Direct spending reductions to: - Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. - Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spend such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department approximately $10 million per year acknowledging that this is not a statutory local-government role.Additional pointsI urge accountability from leadership and expect promises to be honoured with spending aligned to Aucklanders' priorities and defined outcomes.ClosingI 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?

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#6967

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Local Board: Puketāpapa

Your feedback:

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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 constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to propose concrete savings aligned with responsible stewardship of public funds.1) Oppose the average 7.9% rates increaseThe proposed increase would lift the average residential rates bill to about $4069 a real increase well above inflation with cumulative rate rises since 2022 of around 30% against 12% inflation. I support limiting rate increases to no more than 3% by prioritising savings in operating costs and reforming spending rather than imposing higher charges on households.2) Reduce backroom and corporate spendingSignificant waste is evident in

consultant usage and backroom functions. The Alliance data indicate about $126 million per year in consultant expenditure across the Council group with the average consultant earning roughly $200000. I advocate reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles and capping consultant spend to reflect core statutory duties.3) Cut consultancy and professional servicesContinue to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing it to rise. A leaner structure can sustain essential services while lowering operating costs.4) Cancel the Food Scraps ProgrammeThe Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and has a carbon profile that does not achieve net emissions reductions. It should be cancelled to redirect funds to essential services that better support communities and the environment.5) Freeze staffing and payroll savingsFreeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles to achieve immediate payroll savingsthis aligns with the claim that freezing vacancies could save at least $17 million right away.6) Cut Māori-specific spendingI oppose ongoing expenditure on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) quoted as about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function. Resources should prioritise statutory and essential services.7) Other efficiency measuresReduce the number of management staff transferred from Auckland Transport and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve further savings.I request to speak at hearings if opportunity arises. 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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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7049

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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 submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. The case is clear: rates have risen well above inflation and population growth since 2010 and a tighter more focused spend is required.Key figures from the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing show the proposed 7.9 percent increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. The breakdown2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsreveals the bulk pressure comes from operating costs rather than essential growth. Since 2022 rates have effectively

risen 30% in real terms far outstripping 12% headline inflation. This is unsustainable for households while spending grows far faster than inflation in staff and consultant costs.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which would cap average residential rate increases to around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) and I propose concrete steps:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce expenditure on consultants and professional services by $50 million.- Cap contract spending and renegotiate vendor arrangements to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Additionally cuts should extend to known wasteful programmes. I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I further oppose expanding Maori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.Enough is enough. Reducing non-essential expenditure will better align rates with inflation and service delivery needs while preserving essential infrastructure and core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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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?

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7073

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

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Tell us why

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essential statutory services and reduce discretionary expenditure.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at 3%. This would be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI also urge concrete measures to cut wasteful spend and align expenditure with statutory duties:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling 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.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this falls outside local government responsibilities.These steps would help deliver targeted prudent budgeting while safeguarding essential services. I request that the Council consider these reductions in the final plan and prioritise core statutory functions over discretionary programmes.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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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7106

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to yield a further $30 million in savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.I also urge stopping wasteful or non-core programmes. In particular:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and by Council claims emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a role of local government.Additionally I support stopping valuations-based rating calculations and returning to a fairer fixed fee structure to reduce volatility and fairness concerns for households.The Council must demonstrate better value for ratepayers and curb expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs as well as reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I appreciate the need to fund essential city services but I am concerned that a 7.9 percent average residential rates increase greatly exceeds inflation and burdens households. The Alliance's alternative budget shows a path to keep rate rises modest by cutting wasteful spending not just broad rate hikes. I support the following commitments to achieve reasonable value-for-money outcomes:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual increases. These costs should be scrutinised and reduced where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme

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I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner opposing the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urging practical reductions in wasteful council spending.Key concerns and positions1) Rate increase: The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise is not affordable for households and would amount to about $320 more per year for the average home. A rate increase of this magnitude outpaces inflation and does not recognise the needs of ratepayers facing cost pressures.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure

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Tell us why

I oppose the rate rise on the basis of fiscal responsibility transparency and the need to prioritise essential services.Agreeing positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is already $4069 and since 2012 rates have risen well ahead of inflation and population growth. A 7.9 percent hike represents a continuation of this unsustainable trajectory.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. There is substantial spend on corporate functions that does not directly translate into essential services for ratepayers.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional

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Do not support most

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The proposed rise would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 and well above inflation. The ratepayer burden should not continue to escalate while essential services are crowded out by bloated backroom costs.Key points- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. A more responsible path is to align increases with inflation and real spending reforms.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. The current levels are excessive and invite simple reductions that do not compromise statutory services.- Curb consultancy and professional services expenditure. cutting external

advice and contracting will deliver meaningful savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles. A hiring freeze would save at least $17 million promptly.- Trim Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a direct remit of local government.- The Council's real spending trajectory shows escalating personnel costs and other expenses outpacing inflation. A disciplined tightly-prioritised budget is essential to protect core services.If the Council proceeds with a reduced expenditure plan I support the broader principle of capping rate increases to roughly 3 percent (as outlined in the targeted alternative budget) by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze- Capping consultancy spend- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional pointRatepayers should not be treated as an inexhaustible funding source for prior mistakes or unchecked expenditure.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

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

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

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7529

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Local Board: Puketāpapa

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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 and direct terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to demand clear steps to reduce wasteful and non-essential Council spending while protecting essential services.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive and out of step with inflation. The impact on the average household about $320 is unacceptable when ratepayers face persistent cost pressures.- A substantial portion of the rise is driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%). This is a spending pressure that must be examined for value-for-money efficiency and long-term affordability for households.- The ratepayer-aligned alternative budget is

a prudent model: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to around 3% by cutting personnel costs reducing consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Wasteful and non-essential spend to address- Council and CCO spending on consultants and contractors is excessive. The Alliance reports $126 million per year across the Council group with large contractor costs and high pay for external expertise. A hard cap and efficiency drive are essential.- Corporate and backroom functions including six-figure salaries and bloated payroll costs must be rationalised. The Alliance highlights 6123 Council/CCO staff on six-figure salaries and 72 staff earning more than the mayor's pay with payroll at about $1.3 billion.- The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves. Failing climate efficiency should trigger its cancellation.- Targeted reductions in Māori-specific spending: the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government function and should be reallocated to essential services.ClosingI urge Auckland Council to adopt the Alliance's approach: stop subsidy-like growth in backroom costs cap consultants renegotiate vendor arrangements and prioritise essential statutory functions over discretionary programs. Implementing these steps would enable a more affordable rates outcome for residents.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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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7541

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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 advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending to align rates with inflation and households' ability to pay.Key points1) The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive. The average residential bill would rise by about $320 while real increases since 2022 have reached 30% in real terms outpacing cumulative inflation (12%). A more affordable path is required.2) Spending reductions are essential before rate rises. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance provides a credible framework for cutting costs without harming essential services. In particular the Council should:- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not

filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services and pursue renegotiations and vendor consolidation to reduce the $126 million annual consultancy expenditure.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and curtail discretionary elements not required by law.3) Specific program eliminations and cost controls. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose expanding or maintaining high Māori-specific spending in Ngā Mātārae given concerns about the appropriate role of local government and the need for value-for-money in all spend.4) Broad spending discipline. The Council's payroll currently exceeds $1.3 billion with substantial six-figure salaries and consultants driving costs. Reducing back-office functions and consolidating corporate costs would improve efficiency and support a lower rates trajectory.Additional pointsIn our area rates are among the highest due to land costs yet service delivery is limited. Rates are already equivalent to a week's rent per month for many households. The CRL does not serve the majority of Aucklanders in practice and the current approach suggests a need for a far more accountable businesslike management of public funds.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7556

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in support of redirecting wasteful Council spend to protect essential services and households.Key concerns and positions- I oppose the average 7.9% increase which equates to about $320 for the average household given that the current average residential rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 have reached 30% while inflation has run about 12%. A rate rise well above inflation is not affordable for many ratepayers.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and shrink spend on consultancy and

professional services. The briefing notes $126 million per year in consultancy across the group with the average consultant paid about $200000 and $590 million in total spend on consultants and contractors.- I call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (quoted at $36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves and freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Reduce spending on Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department noted as around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.Proposed course of action- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultant spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Ensure transparent reporting on savings from any structural changes and verify that all proposed cuts do not compromise essential public services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

N/A

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

Based on current and historic data this uplift far exceeds inflation and undermines households' ability to manage living costs. The proposed increase would imply about $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069 while real rate changes since 2022 sit around 30 percent in real terms against 12 percent cumulative inflation.I urge the Council to adopt a more prudent restraint-based approach to spending. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates at around 3 percent. This would require: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisational change

and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million; (2) capping consultant and professional services expenditure at $50 million; (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million; (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.Specific spending concerns include: consultants and contractors total about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant around $200k; payroll and related costs are over $1.3 billion with six-figure salary earners numbering in the thousands. Spending on Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) totals about $171 million over ten years and the six-figure salary cohort continues to grow. Direct operating expenditure has risen well beyond inflation; corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs amount to hundreds of millions. I oppose allocations that treat ratepayer funds as an open-ended entitlement to bureaucratic expansion.Additionally the Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled costing $36 million per year and emitting more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing costs in staff and other discretionary areas and support freezing vacant roles to achieve substantial immediate savings.In summary I urge Council to reject the 7.9% increase and instead implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce discretionary spending and backroom costs protecting essential services and delivering lower rate rises for households.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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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27. The impact on households is severe with the average rate bill up to about $320 more while overall living costs rise. Rates increases since 2022 have effectively run well ahead of inflation contributing to a real 30% increase (in 2022 dollars) versus 12% cumulative inflation. The current rate burden cannot be justified by a parallel rise in operating and capital pressures.2. Structural spending reform is essential. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultants and professional services. Data show

consultant spending at around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 far outpacing inflation. A substantial portion of personnel and 'other expenses' has risen faster than inflation yet savings opportunity remains unrealised.3. I propose an Alternative Budget approach focused on substantial savings:- Freeze non-essential staffing and cut payroll by not filling vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and reduce consultancy and professional services spending by $50 million plus further savings from renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30 million).- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and review all non-core programmes including proposed projects like the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Cut targeted spend on Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) of approximately $10 million/year on the basis that this function is not a core local government role.4. Additional point: unnecessary road works should be reviewed for cost-effectiveness and alignment with core council obligations.5. On the proposed CRL operating costs and ongoing asset maintenance I urge restraint and a focus on essential services avoiding further rate rises that outpace household budgets.Closing: 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?

N/A

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 constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a trend where rates have risen 85% since 2010 far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). A tighter cap is warranted given Auckland's long-run cost drivers.- I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services which have risen sharply. Current

annual consultancy spending is about $126 million across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be cancelled as it is not proven to reduce emissions at scale and diverts funds from essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this move alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific expenditure such as the around $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not see as a proper local government function.Alternative budget and focus-The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) aiming to cap the average residential rates increase at 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- In applying these reforms the Council should prioritise statutory duties and essential services ensuring ratepayer funds are directed toward core city needs rather than discretionary programmes or back-office expansion.ClosingI urge the Council to seriously consider these efficiency measures to deliver fairer more affordable rates while sustaining essential services. 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

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

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

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

N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the {address redacted} Ratepayers' Alliance briefing the projected increase is excessive in real terms and outpaces inflation and population growth. The current average rates bill is $4069 with a real increases since 2022 of about 30 percent far above the 12 percent headline inflation. I urge Council to prioritise affordability for ratepayers and to rethink discretionary spending.Key concerns and positions1) Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase. A more affordable outcome is essential ideally capping the increase to 3 percent through targeted savings.2) Reduce corporate and backroom expenditure. The Alliance highlights wasteful spending within corporate and back-

office functions across the Council and CCOs. I support a program of savings in these areas to protect essential services.3) Reduce consultancy and professional services spend. Council's reliance on external consultants appears excessive; reducing this cost is necessary before raising rates further.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year with emissions reportedly not outweighed by savings this programme should be cancelled.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department is not a function of local government and should be redirected to essential services.Alternative budget frameworkThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increases at 3%:- $50 million: personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million: cap on consultants- $30 million: contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million: prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that Council consider these savings as a priority before approving any rate increases. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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The 4.4% portion of the increase for CRL operating costs warrants scrutiny to determine whether savings can be found elsewhere.- Several areas of discretionary spend are ripe for review including six-figure salaries and the overall efficiency of corporate and backoffice functions across Council and CCOs. The Alliance highlights approximately $868.4 million in annual direct expenditure for corporate and business support functionsan area where savings can be redirected to essential services.- Specific reductions aligned to the Ratepayers' Alliance plan should be considered to cap rate increases at or near 3%: - Reduce staffing and freeze non-essential vacancies to save at least $17 million. - Curb spending on consultants and professional services by about $50 million. - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors for a further $30 million. - Prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million. - Freeze or roll back non-core Maori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae portfolio to reallocate funds to core services.Purpose:- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by reducing new spending by about $150 million to cap rates at 3% while maintaining essential services and core infrastructure.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 percent rise for households. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent well above inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is not affordable for ratepayers and I remind you of your election promise of a maximum 3.5 percent rate rise. At minimum the council must curb wasteful expenditure to bring rates closer to or below inflation.The Council should implement substantial spending reductions focused on backroom and vendor costs. I support reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also support

capping spending on consultants and professional services and pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30“50 million.I oppose continuing to expand discretionary non-core spending. Specifically:- Eliminate or substantially reduce the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or wind back Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' programme which I believe is not an appropriate or essential local-government function.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants that are not required to meet core public needs.Additional context for consideration:- The council spends heavily on consultants and corporate backroom functions with $126 million per year across the Council group and a significant payroll tilt toward six-figure salaries. A substantial reduction in consultancy spending and backroom costs is achievable without compromising essential services.- The Labour-style expansion of new assets and operating costs (CRL) needs tighter oversight and cost controls to protect ratepayers.In closing I request that the council adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget framework to cap the average rate rise to around 3 percent Achieved by the proposed $150 million in reductions across personnel consultants contracts and essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7974,338223,,Puketāpapa,Do not support most,1) Rate rise opposition and rationaleThe proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and with rates now at $4069 on average. This rise is well above inflation and growth in workforce and assets and it continues a trend where rates have surged far beyond population growth since the Super City merger.2) Spending priorities and reductionsI agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing shows around $126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200k plus 464 staff paid more than $200k. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have risen well beyond inflation including $1.3 billion in payroll and $590 million on consultants and contractors.3) Specific reductions proposed- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing about $36 million per year) which according to the briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function and reallocate to statutory and essential services.- Cap overall spending on consultants by reallocating and renegotiating vendor contracts and pursuing greater efficiency.4) Budget alternativeAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap to approximately 3% for residential rates by prioritising essential services and reforming organisational costs.ClosingI request to have the opportunity to speak at hearings to reinforce these points and provide further detail if required.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7998,338199,,Puketāpapa,Do not support most,I submit this public response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge you to cut wasteful spending before any further rate rise is considered.Key points1) Rates affordability and fairness. The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen far faster than inflation or population growth and the real burden on households has grown substantially. Any increase should be aligned with inflation and essential service needs not ongoing growth in operating costs.2) Wasteful and excessive spend. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continue increasing these items. The current pattern of high payroll and contractor costs is unsustainable and does not reflect value for ratepayers.3) Targeted reductions and project choices. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) on carbon-saving grounds and prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings (at least $17 million).4) Māori-focused spending. I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spending such as the alleged $10 million per year for the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I view as not a core local government function. Resources should be redirected to essential services.5) Savings plan. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at around 3% through: reducing personnel costs capping consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.Additional pointAny increase should apply equally to all ratepayers; averages mask inequity and I oppose any structure that continues to single out some households for higher relative increases.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) against a cumulative inflation of about 12 percent. The 7.9% rise is itself broken down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of uplift is excessive given the scale of expenditure growth across the organisation.I urge the Council to implement substantial reductions in wasteful and non-core spending. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services and cap contractor expenditure.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve further savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additionally I request that you cancel non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose continuing Māori-specific spending at current levels including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as I believe this is not a role of local government.The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3 percent. This would be achieved through the measures above and by prioritising core services over discretionary activities.Additional point: the average increase should be applied equally. If any rise is unavoidable it should not be applied in a way that disproportionately burdens particular areas or households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8008,338189,,Puketāpapa,Do not support most,The planned rise is well above inflation and places a heavier burden on households already paying more for public services than in 2010. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069; since 2022 this represents a real increase of around 30% in rates far outpacing CPI growth.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council should reduce wasteful expenditure and restrain spending on backroom functions and consultants. The proposed 7.9% funding mix includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs in addition to ongoing asset maintenance and new asset costs. This framework coupled with substantial consultancy and contractor spend (roughly $590 million on consultants and contractors across the Council group and 126 million per year on consultants across the group) drives up rates without clear delivering value to ratepayers. I urge a responsible restraint-based approach to spending.I call for faster action on reducing payroll costs and freezing non-essential roles. The Alliance's alternative budget suggests cutting 2% in new Council spending including a pause on vacant non-essential positions which would save at least $17 million immediately. I also support capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save tens of millions more.Specific measures I support include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves).- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department treating non-core services as priorities for local government.- Stop AT and Council waste on non-essential works and events until a sensible budget is achieved; many kerb channel and driveway works are not essential and health and safety can be

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I note that the proposed increase is roughly $320 for the average household on an overall average rate bill now standing at $4069. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% well ahead of cumulative inflation and population growth. The 7.9% package includes 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of growth in costs is not justified by corresponding improvements in essential services and risks eroding household living standards.In line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget by reducing new

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Based on the Alliance briefing this rise would add about $320 to the average household bill at a time when real rate increases since 2022 are 30 percent while inflation is about 12 percent. I oppose this increase and urge a program of spending restraint coupled with targeted service protection.Key concerns and positions:- The majority of the proposed increase funds maintaining existing assets (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%). I advocate reducing wasteful spending to cap rates increases at or near 3 percent as outlined in the Alliance alternative budget.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and curb

consultancy and professional services. The Alliance reports $126 million per year in consulting across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k. I support capping this spend by $50 million and pursuing vendor consolidation.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million annually and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a function of local government. I ask the Council to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context:- Since 2010 rates have risen 85%outpacing inflation and growth. Direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above cumulative inflation. Payroll and related expenses total around $1.3 billion with substantial six‘figure remuneration. In light of these patterns it is reasonable to reallocate funds toward core services and avoid further rate shock.I request that this submission be considered in hearings and policy deliberations. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

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N/A

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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