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Submitter details:

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Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
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This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.

Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.

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 residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the 7.9% increase. On current figures this equates to about $320 more per average household on top of a rate burden that has grown 85% since 2010 far outstripping both inflation and population growth. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs with 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Given the Council's documented cost pressures it is essential to prioritise efficiency and core services over rate-driven expansions.I agree the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom

office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. The current level of consultants ($126 million per year) and the average $200k for external advisers is unsustainable when basic services require stable funding.I agree the Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and currently emits more carbon than it saves. Redirecting funds to essential services will deliver better value for households.I agree to freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. This aligns with the goal of protecting essential services while tightening discretionary payroll growth.I agree to cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department where this function is not a core local-government responsibility.Additional points: focus on delivering good basic services and stop vanity projects. The Council should implement the Ratepayer Alliance's proposed plan to reduce new spending by $150 million (2% reduction) bringing the average rate rise down to about 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultancy and vendor costs and prioritising statutory services.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

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)

N/A

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

Rank	Area
	Economic development and events – growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
	Local parks, community and recreation services – local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.
	Planning and infrastructure to manage growth – planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.
	Regional parks and environment – looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects
	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces

work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

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Tell us why

I submit in a constructive solutionâ€'focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for restoring value for ratepayers by curbing wasteful Council spending.Key positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The current average bill is $4069; a 7.9% rise would add about $320 per household adding financial pressure for households already stretched by inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps

Programme which costs $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 would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.Additional context:- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a prudent Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rates increase to about 3%. This can be achieved through a combination of - $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Across 2010â€“2025 staff and other expenses have risen faster than inflation while operating expenditure and consultants have grown substantially; a reset is warranted to protect essential services and households.In closing I request the opportunity to present at hearings to elaborate on these points. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8420,337777,,Franklin,Do not support most,I am submitting to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending so that ratepayers are not asked to bear inflation-busting rises.The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive when considered against real inflation and population growth. The current average residential bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). A large portion of the rise is tied to CRL operating costs (4.4%) and ongoing asset maintenance/new assets (3.5%). I believe there must be a tighter cap on discretionary and backroom spending before asking households to pay more.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise at about 3% and relieve households. Specifically I urge:- Reducing personnel costs by freezing non-essential vacant roles and pursuing organisational change to save $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants by $20 million.In addition I oppose funding for programmes I consider non-essential or inefficient:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staff growth and payroll costs; current claims suggest that not hiring for non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curtail Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department cited at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local-government responsibility.These changes would directly reduce wasteful spending and prevent ratepayers from shouldering unnecessary increases. I supported Wayne Brown in the belief he would cut waste and bureaucracy and I look forward to seeing tangible progress.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8423,337774,,Franklin,Do not support most,The impact on households is significant with the average rate increase contributing approximately $320 extra per year for the typical home. This

level of increase is not aligned with household inflation or with the needs of efficient local government.I urge the Council to pursue meaningful cost reductions before raising rates further. Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing there are clear areas where savings can and should be made without compromising essential services:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to expand these items.- 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 hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I support the Council's focus on ensuring essential services are protected while eliminating wasteful expenditure. To keep rates as low as possible I endorse the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) and capping the average rate increase at about 3 percent. This would be achieved through targeted personnel cost reductions capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points I emphasise:- Prioritise core municipal services and efficiency ensuring equal treatment regardless of ancestry with emphasis on the English language as the common medium for communication.- Pursue efficiency as if the Council were a competitive organisation not a monopoly.Closing: 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8424,337773,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current trajectory of rate rises far exceeds inflation and population growth since the 2010 Super City amalgamation with rates up 85% while real household costs and services are not delivering commensurate value.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and insist on holding increases to no more than 3% through targeted savings.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs which inflates operating costs without proportional service gains.3) Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services and stop the steady rise in external advisory fees that burden ratepayers.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs around $36 million per year and according to analysis emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.I also note supporting data from ratepayer sources: ongoing overheads and personnel costs have grown faster than inflation with significant use of consultants and a high payroll bill that can be trimmed without compromising statutory duties and essential services. A prudent reallocation-focused budget would prioritise statutory obligations and essential services over discretionary grant programs or back-office expansion.In light of these points I urge the Council to adopt a responsible alternative budget framework that reduces new spending by at least $150 million (2%) enabling an average residential rate rise capped at around 3% as outlined by ratepayer analyses.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8460,337737,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key points1) Rates outcome and affordability- The proposed average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent equates to about $320 for the average household on current average bills of $4069. This is a real increase well above inflation and places a growing burden on households already stretched since the Super City amalgamation.- Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far exceeding cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (about 22%).2) Spending reforms needed to restore value- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reducing the spend on consultancy and professional services is essential; reportable spending on consultants is about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k.3) Specific programme reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which local government should not fund.4) Policy alternative and budget discipline- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at roughly 3 percent through: personnel cost reductions capped consultancy spend contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI respectfully request the Council consider these reductions as a means to deliver fairer more sustainable funding for core services without imposing a disproportionate burden on Auckland 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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8461,337736,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed increase would cost the average household about $320 and represents a real terms rise well above inflation.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates path: I oppose the 7.9% average increase and support capping rates to inflation. My last rate increase was over 18% and continued above-inflation rises are unsustainable for households and small businesses.2) Waste and backroom costs: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backoffice functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have risen well ahead of inflation and spending on consultants remains excessive. A targeted efficiency drive is essential.3) Consultancy and professional services: The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. A freeze or cap on external advisory costs is necessary to protect ratepayers.4) Discretionary programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year) which as proposed emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect funds to essential services with demonstrable value.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori outcomes funding: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department (approximately $10 million/year) as this is not a core local government function.7) Overall spending discipline: The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and negotiate better contracts vendor consolidation

and internal efficiencies to align with ratepayer interests.Additional point:- Rates must be capped to inflation; markets and households cannot absorb repeated large increases.I request to be heard at hearings only 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8486,337710,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The current average rates bill sits at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30 percent far exceeding inflation. The proposed split shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This burden is unacceptable if it is not matched by demonstrable efficiency gains.I agree that the Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The Council's consulting spend totals about $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant earning around $200k. There is clear room for reform without compromising core services.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (reported to cost $36 million per year) if it emits more carbon than it saves. Waste reduction should be pursued through prioritised evidence-based initiatives rather than programmes with questionable impact.I welcome freezing staffing levels and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. Combined with capping consultancy spending and renegotiating contracts there is potential to reduce annual costs significantly.I oppose allocating further funds to Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) when this is not a core local government responsibility. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants would better serve ratepayers.Additionally I question the value of new pedestrian crossings in Browns Bay which appear wasteful and unproductive of public funds.Closing: 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8492,337704,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge urgent restraint on wasteful Council spending. The collective burden falls hardest on households with the current average residential bill at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of around 30%. It is not sustainable to inflate rates well above both inflation and population growth.I agree with the need to scrutinise and reduce wasteful expenditure. Specifically:- Oppose the 7.9% increase and demand prudent spending reductions to a target that aligns with inflation or below.- The Council must cut spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise further; the Alliance notes $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant earning around $200k.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department which is not a core local government function.In the alternative budget proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance reducing new Council spending by $150

million (a 2% saving) would cap the rate rise at around 3%:- $50 million via personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze- $50 million by capping consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsThese steps are essential to restore fiscal discipline and protect households from escalating bills while continuing to provide essential services.I request to be heard and to present at hearings to further explain these positions.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8495,337701,,Franklin,Do not support most,1) Opposition to the rate increaseI oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The current average bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent far outpacing inflation. The plan allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs 2% to maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This combination will drive bills higher than households can reasonably bear. A rate rise of this magnitude is not justified by the level of service or growth needs experienced by ratepayers.2) Mandated spending reform to control backroom costsThe Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants runs at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation while 18 corporate and business support functions cost nearly $868 million in direct expenditure. A freeze or urgent reduction in payroll and back-office costs is essential.3) Cut the spend on consultancy and professional servicesReduce consultancy and professional services spend rather than continuing to increase these items. The Council's reliance on external expertise appears excessive relative to essential service delivery.4) Terminate non-essential programmes and reallocate fundsCancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a core local government function.5) Targeted budget adjustmentThe Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a 2% reduction in new Council spending to cap rates at around 3%. This is achieved by: reducing personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8507,337689,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current impact on households is already severe with the average residential rates bill now about $4069 and real increases since 2022 running at 30 percent (vs. 12 percent general inflation). The proposed rise would add approximately $320 for the average household well above prudent growth.Key points in opposition and alternatives1) Rates increase: Oppose the 7.9% increase. I support capping average residential rates increases to around 3 percent aligned with a broader effort to control costs and restore affordability for Aucklanders.2) Wasteful core spending: The council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services costs which

together drive unsustainable bills.3) Consultants and procurement: The 126 million per year spent on consultants council-wide with high consultant pay averages is unsustainable. I urge a freeze on non-essential hires and a cap on external advisory spend accompanied by contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to secure savings.4) Discretionary and non-core programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million annually and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Payroll and staffing: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori outcomes spending: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department (Maori outcomes) estimated at $10 million per year focusing resources on statutory and essential services.7) Alternative budget emphasis: The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to keep rates growth near 3% through: $50 million via personnel costs $50 million via consultants $30 million via contracts/vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.8) Broader context: Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. A disciplined cost curve is essential to restore public trust and financial stability.I request that the council consider these savings and set a more affordable rate path with transparent reporting on progress.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8541,337655,,Franklin,Do not support most,I request that my submission be considered in the public consultation process.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 and rates growth far outstripping population growth and inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets due to growth. This level of increase is unsustainable for households and unnecessary if wasteful spending is reduced.I support decisive reductions in non-core or wasteful expenditure. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these expenses. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and the payroll and contractor costs remain disproportionately high. A reduction in personnel costsâ€"through a hiring freeze and not filling vacant non-essential rolesâ€"could save at least $17 million immediately. The Council should also renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save at least $30 million and cap overall consultancy spending at $50 million.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates at around 3 percent. This includes prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and shifting away from costly programmes. I also believe the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves should be cancelled. In addition I oppose further Māori-specific expenditure such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a local government function.Additional points: Stop the waste stop the 'nice to haves' stop the third-party outsourcing and focus on core services: waste parks roading water sports facilities and low-cost public transport. Cease funding for ethnic festival handouts to local boards and require the boards to fund their own events.In closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8565,337631,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in personal and sincere terms to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a disciplined review of Council spending.1) Rate rise and spending priorities- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with real increases since 2022 of around 30% far exceeding general inflation. A rate freeze or adjustment to align with inflation is reasonable and responsible.2) Wasteful and discretionary spending- 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 allowing these items to rise further.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is reported to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.3) Totals and context- A more limited targeted reduction in new Council spending by about $150 million (a 2% reduction) would cap the rate increase at roughly 3% in line with essential services and statutory obligations. This should be achieved through organisational changes hiring freezes vendor negotiations and prioritisation of essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional point- Regarding asset use I believe consideration should be given to the future of the Takapuna golf course; destroying part of it is misguided and a constructive approach is needed.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8605,337591,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and in favour of reducing wasteful Council spending. The proposed average rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long pattern of rate increases since 2010 that have far outpaced inflation and population growth.Key concerns- The breakdown of the 7.9% increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs on top of 2% for existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This level of growth is unsustainable for household budgets.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well beyond inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This pattern must end with a tighter more accountable expenditure plan.Agreed measures and preferred approach- The Council should 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 these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $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 would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase at about 3 percent. This requires targeted savings from personnel costs caps on consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context- The current high spend on consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group) and payroll ($1.3 billion) should be a focus for savings with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and

significant increases since 2022.ClosingI 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8630,337566,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9% increase and urge the Council to reduce expenditure rather than raise bills on households. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance outlines a credible pathway to cap rate rises at around 3% by cutting wasteful and duplicative costs. Specifically I support the following positions:1) Reduce wasteful Council spending and backroom functions- Cut expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.2) Reconsider discretionary programmes and non-core spend- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to available analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' programme amounting to around $10 million per year as this is not a core local-government function.3) Targeted budget reallocation within core services- Focus on core objectives: Water supply and effluent Local roading Parks reserves and sports facilities Rubbish disposal and Local environment needs.- Implement a transparent evidence-based review of all non-essential grants and discretionary allocations to preserve essential services.4) Achieve a responsible overall rate outcome- The proposed 7.9% rise if retained moves away from inflation-beating affordability and undermines confidence in Council stewardship.- An alternative budget path that reduces new spending by about $150 million (2%) can deliver a 3% rate rise while maintaining essential services.I request to speak at hearings and present these concerns in person.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8634,337562,,Franklin,Do not support most,I urge Council to pursue a more sustainable path by reducing wasteful spend and capping rate rises to align with inflation and essential services.1) Oppose a 7.9% average rates increase. The proposed rise amounts to about $320 for the average household but maintains a spending trajectory that has seen rates rise 85% since 2010 outpacing inflation and population growth. A more modest increase is warranted if it is paired with significant savings in non-essential expenditure.2) Reducing expenditure on corporate backroom functions and consultants. Auckland Council and its CCOs collectively spent about $126 million on consultants annually with $60 million by the Council parent and many consultants earning around $200k. The Council should cap consultant spend and pursue internal efficiencies complemented by targeted renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve real savings.3) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies. I support freezing hiring for non-essential roles and freezing or reducing payroll where possible which could deliver savings of at least $17 million immediately.4) Prioritise statutory and essential services; reduce discretionary programmes. The current spend on Māori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) and related programmes should be reassessed and discretionary grants prioritised to statutory duties and essential services. The Alliance's proposed plan suggests reducing new spending by $150 million which would cap the rate rise to about 3% if implemented via: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30

million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from essential services prioritisation.Additional point: Stop spending money that none of us have. The council should pursue aggressive budget discipline across all areas to protect households from unaffordable rate increases.Please consider these measures to achieve a fairer more sustainable rate outcome while preserving 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8645,337551,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and a 85% increase in total rates since the Super City amalgamation. In today's environment rates increases above inflation are unacceptable without demonstrable substantial efficiency gains and clear service prioritisation.The Council should reduce wasteful expenditure before asking households to pay more. Key areas for immediate relief include:- Corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs need a reduction. The Alliance tallies $868.4 million in direct expenditure for 18 corporate and business support functions with payroll and external spending dominating the budget.- Spending on consultants and contractors must be capped and reduced. Current data show consultants cost about $126 million per year across the group.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million right away.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' programme about $10 million per year noting this is not a core local government remit.Alternative Budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which can cap the average rate rise to around 3% by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Specifically deliver savings through organisational change a hiring freeze vendor renegotiations and consolidation while protecting essential services.I request that the Council publish a transparent line-by-line plan showing how these savings would be achieved and how essential services will be protected. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8652,337544,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a reallocation of Council spending toward essential services and more efficient operations.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates affordability and related costs. The proposed 7.9% increase (about $320 for the average household) is well above inflation and represents a real burden on households already paying high rates. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The Council should align increases with inflation and growth not exceed them.2) Spending discipline and efficiency. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultants and professional services. Current figures show $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000.3) Specific cost-cutting measures. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves) and freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which

could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Reprioritise statutory and essential services. I urge cutting Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this role is not a function of local government.5) Alternative budget framing. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rates rise at around 3%. This would be achieved by: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Conclusion. Live within our means and curb wasteful spending to avoid price rises beyond inflation. I respectfully request consideration of these measures in the final plan.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8653,337543,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit this formal respectfully worded submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending.1) Against the proposed rates increase. The proposed 7.9% average residential increase translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a long run of rising costs since amalgamation. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far above inflation. A more prudent approach is required that respects households facing tight budgets and acknowledges that rates increases should better align with actual service needs.2) Targeted cost reductions at the core. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. In addition spending on consultancy and professional services should be capped or reduced rather than continued growth to lower overall operating costs and improve efficiency.3) Specific programme and staffing reductions. The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. A broader review of personnel costs is warranted given the rise in staff salaries and other expenses.4) Sector-specific spending priorities. I urge cutting Māori-specific spending such as the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) estimated at around $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core function of local government. Funds should be redirected to essential statutory services and core community needs.5) Alternative budget framework. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap rates at approximately 3%. This would be achieved through: (a) $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; (b) $50 million from consultants; (c) $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8695,337501,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in reference to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the advertised average residential rates increase of 7.9%.1. The rates increase is too high. I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and I urge a pathway to cap increases closer to or below inflation. The current rate burden on households is already substantial with the

average residential bill at $4069 and a real rate increase since 2022 of 30 percent (vs. 12 percent inflation).2. Targeted reductions in operating and backroom costs. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and sharply cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year in consultant spend across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent.3. Wasteful programmes and payroll discipline. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves) and freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. There is also a need to review personnel costs and other expenses that rose faster than inflation between 2022 and 2025.4. Redirection of spending away from discretionary areas. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that these are not core local-government responsibilities. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.5. Alternative budget approach. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the rate rise to around 3 percent through personnel cost rationalisation consultant cap contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.I also wish to address the broken promise with AT seeking clarity and accountability on commitments affecting Auckland ratepayers.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8696,337500,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a formal respectful manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for meaningful savings in Council spending.I understand the proposed 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase driven by rising backroom costs and expanding programmes is not acceptable when real rate increases since 2022 have surpassed general inflation by a large margin. The current average residential rates bill stands at about $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 reflecting a 30% real increase in rates since 2022.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a alternative budget that would cap rate rises at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). Key actions include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors for $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.In addition to these framework savings I urge consideration of specific reductions to wasteful spending:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut spend on consultants and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs where $126 million per year is spent across the group with the average consultant earning about $200000.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-focused spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) budget of around $10 million per year noting that this is a local government function.I respectfully request the Council to adopt these efficiencies and oppose any rate increase above inflation. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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8721,337475,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a rigorous review of current expenditure to protect households from unaffordable bills.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household and adds to a real rate rise of 30% since 2022 in the face of only 12% inflation. I oppose a rate rise that exceeds inflation and ignores household financial pressures.2) Spending reform to fund essential services- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be cut rather than allowed to escalate. The 126 million annual total across the Council group with high consultant pay is unsustainable.- Freeze staffing growth and/or cut payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least 17 million immediately.3) Specific programmes and allocations to review- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs 36 million per year and based on available assessments emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-focused spending including the about 10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) acknowledging that this is not a core local government responsibility.4) Alternative budget and rate impact- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new spending by 150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates at around 3%. This involves targeted savings from personnel consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.5) Additional notes- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. A disciplined review of non-core costs is essential to restore affordability and protect essential local services.ClosingI 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8729,337467,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the advertised average residential rates increase of 7.9% and I urge a program of cuts to wasteful spending to bring rates back in line with inflation and core services.Key concerns and asks1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% average rise amounts to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run trend where rates have risen 85% since 2010 well ahead of inflation and population growth. I support reducing rate increases to stay closer to inflation while preserving essential services.2) Reduce backroom and corporate costs: The Council and CCOs should cut spend on corporate and backroom functions. Direct operating expenditure has grown well above inflation and personnel costs have risen disproportionately. A targeted reduction will help keep rates sustainable.3) Cap consultants and professional services: Spending on consultants and contractors is high with multiple reports showing substantial annual costs. Freeze or cap these costs and pursue renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise savings.4) Stop the Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and payroll: Freeze non-essential vacancies and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles. An immediate halt to new hiring would save at least $17 million.6) Reassess Māori-specific spending: I oppose ongoing spending on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at around $10 million per year arguing this is not a core local government duty. Reallocate to essential statutory services.7) Overall approach: Stop wasteful spending and redirect

funds to essential services. The Council should pursue a leaner budget that prioritises statutory duties and core activities over discretionary programs.I would prefer a practical evidence-based budget that keeps rates affordable for households while still delivering essential municipal functions. Stop wasting our money; start cutting back on outlandish spending.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8751,337440,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current trajectory with a 30% real increase since 2022 and 85% since the Super City amalgamation is not affordable for households while inflation remains elevated.My positions are as follows:- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase; seek a cap closer to 3% through targeted expenditure reductions.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs; this is a core area where savings can be made without harming essential services.- Curb spending on consultancy and professional services; the Council should halt these increases and renegotiate or consolidate contracts where possible.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to our review emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut all Māori-specific spending including the $10 million annually on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core remit of local government.Additional measures I support include broader affordability-focused budgeting:- Limit new debt to government-funded 0% interest borrowing where appropriate; live within means and move toward pre-COVID rate levels.- Prioritise statutory and essential services and remove all discretionary grants to ensure core functions are adequately funded without inflating rates.Context and rationale: the scale of the proposed increase largely driven by CRL operating costs and rising asset maintenance is unsustainable for households while there are clear opportunities to streamline operations and contract management. The alternate budget proposed by the Ratepayers' Alliance shows an avenue to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%). Remove all co-governance and other racist doctrine. I request to present at hearings to outline these points in more detail if possible.Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8753,337435,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% general inflation). This is unsustainable for households facing higher living costs.- The Council should implement significant efficiency gains before asking ratepayers to fund further growth. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase at around 3% through targeted savings: - Reduce personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles: $50 million - Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million - Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million - Prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionSpecific areas for reduction- Expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs should be reduced.- Spending on consultancy and professional services must

be curtailed rather than expanded.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) as it emits more carbon than it saves delivering a net reduction in both cost and emissions.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this falls outside core local government responsibilities.Context- Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. The current expenditure trajectoryâ€"rising payroll and consultant costsâ€"drives higher rates without clear headline gains in essential services.- A leaner operating model will protect essential services while keeping ratepayer costs in check.ClosingI request that the Council consider these reductions and provide a revised plan that limits residential rate increases to around 3% in 2026/27.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8757,337429,,Franklin,Do not support most,Based on the Alliance briefing this would equate to roughly $320 extra per average household on top of a long trend of rate rises that outpace inflation and population growth. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% well above CPI and population growth. The proposed increase should be restrained to protect households amid high living costs and ongoing inflation.I support reducing Council expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I urge a halt to further growth in consultancy and professional services. The Alliance notes total consultant spend of about $126 million per year and a payroll burden of salaries and contractors that has ballooned. Freezing non-essential roles and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacancies would deliver immediate savings with the Alliance estimating at least $17 million savings right away from staffing holds.The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. At a cost of $36 million per year it reportedly emits more carbon than it saves diverting funds from essential services and other statutory obligations.I also urge cutting spending on Maori-specific programmes including the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) allocation of about $10 million per year. In the current local-government framework this is not a core local government duty and funds could be redirected to essential services.An ALTERNATIVE BUDGET approach would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3% by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionI request the opportunity to present my submission at hearings but I do not wish to speak at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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its current form emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department Ngā Mātārae on the basis that this is not a core function of local government.- The Council should prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants and consider reallocation of funds to core community needs such as education and medical services rather than investing further in rail projects.Budget alternative- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capped consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsAdditional point- Focus funding on education and medical needs rather than expanding train or subway projects aligning Council spending with essential community health and learning outcomes.I respectfully request that the Council consider these reductions before approving higher rates and adopt a more prudent efficiency-focused approach to budgeting.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8774,337406,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge significant restraint on wasteful Council spending. For many households rising costs are already hard to manage and a 7.9% increase exceeds inflation and population growth since 2010.I agree with the need to curb spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services. The current levels of outsourcing and specialist contracts add to ratepayer burdens. In addition I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.I also agree that staffing costs should be controlled. Freezing recruitment for non-essential roles and reducing payroll costs would deliver immediate relief; the submitter believes halting new hires in non-critical areas could save at least $17 million right away. I further support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not in my view a core local government role.The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average rate increases at around 3%. This is a more affordable path for residents who face rising living costs while still protecting essential services. It is essential that the Council prioritise statutory and core services over discretionary grants and to renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors where possible.Additional points: in the current economy many service workers may be forced to leave Auckland if rates rise further. Sustained high rates threaten local employment and amenity undermining the very communities we seek to support.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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8783,337387,,Franklin,Do not support most,I am submitting my views during the public consultation on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a focused reduction in wasteful council spending to keep bills affordable for households.Key

concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to roughly $320 more per average household on top of a rate bill that has risen by 85% since 2010. This is well above inflation and population growth and it is unreasonable to fund ongoing asset maintenance growth-related assets and CRL costs without restraint.- The Council has substantial spending on corporate and backroom functions consultants and professional services. I support reducing these ongoing costs and adopting greater efficiency across the Council and CCOs.- I oppose continuing to expand consultant and contractor expenditure. A curtailment would free resources for essential services without placing an unbearable burden on ratepayers.- I call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose Maori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department at about $10 million per year arguing that this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approach- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%): - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes - $50 million from capping consultant spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI respectfully urge the Council to prioritise inflation-aligned rates growth and substantial spending restraint to protect households while maintaining 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8813,337329,,Franklin,Do not support most,To Auckland CouncilI am submitting on behalf of {name redacted} ({address redacted} {email redacted}) to express strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to demand a clear reduction in wasteful council spending. The ratepayer perspective must be heard before any further burden is placed on households already feeling the squeeze.1) Rates and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would amount to about $320 more for the average household while real rate increases since 2022 have already reached 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation (12 percent). A cap aligned with inflation is reasonable and necessary.2) Spending reductions and efficiency- Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs is essential.- Spend on consultancy and professional services must be cut not expanded.- A freeze on staffing and non-essential payroll is needed; stopping vacancies from being filled would save at least $17 million immediately.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; trim non-core activities.3) Reprioritisation of budgets- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.- Cancel or pause non-essential projects and consult homeowners before major spendingâ€”homeowners do not have unlimited funds and public consultation should be meaningful and protective of ratepayer interests.4) Alternative funding approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) can cap the average rate rise to around 3 percent by: - $50 million from personnel costs (organisational change and hiring freeze) - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor

consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential servicesClosingI request that Auckland Council consider these savings and adopt a more affordable outcome-focused plan. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

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)

N/A

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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	Economic development and events – growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
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	Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around
	Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8826

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.

In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.

Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the plan's average residential rates increase. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows that since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation and population growth lag far behind; this pattern cannot continue. To deliver essential services without overburdening households I urge a program of disciplined cost-cutting and reallocation.I support the following positions:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Streamlining these functions is essential to limit rate increases while preserving core services.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional

services rather than permitting continued growth in these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone would save at least $17 million promptly.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local-government core function and should be prioritised elsewhere if needed.In addition to these concrete savings I urge the Council to deliver the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget framework: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This could be achieved through:- $50 million by reforming personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze- $50 million by capping spending on consultants- $30 million by renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsThese steps would protect essential services while restoring public trust that ratepayer funds are used efficiently and transparently.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?

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Franklin

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 strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge the Council to align any rise with inflation and a substantial reduction in wasteful expenditure.Position and rationale1) Oppose the average 7.9% rates rise. The plan slices the burden across maintaining existing assets (2%) new assets for growth (1.5%) and CRL operating costs (4.4%) yet it still translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. This is unsustainable for households already facing inflationary pressure.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions. The Council group spends heavily on six-figure

salaries consultants and contractor services. A substantial reallocation is required to protect essential services rather than fund bloated backroom functions.3) Cut consultancy and professional services spending. The current level of external advisory costs is excessive and should be redirected toward frontline services and core statutory duties.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year and with emissions outcomes not clearly offset by savings this programme should be reviewed and halted pending a full impact assessment.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles as a start would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million. A broader freeze and restraint on non-critical hires is warranted.6) Cut Māori-specific spending (Ngā Mātārae). The $10 million per year allocated to Māori outcomes is unnecessary for local government and funds should be redirected to core services and statutory obligations.Alternative budget alignmentAdopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council expenditure by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases to around 3% by: limiting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI urge the Council to prioritise essential services improve efficiency and avoid a disproportionate rate rise. 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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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 this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key concerns and positions:- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase (approximately $320 for the average household) and urge a rate rise aligned with inflation not well above it.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to expand these costs.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs around $36 million per year and

appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Context and justification:- The proposed increase is broken down into 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has grown about 34% and population by ~22%.- The ratepayer-led Alternative Budget shows that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap average residential rate rises at around 3%. This includes a hiring freeze limiting consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.Requests:- Reconsider the proposed 7.9% increase in favour of an inflation-aligned rise backed by concrete reductions in non-essential spending.- Implement the specified efficiency measures to protect essential services and reduce wasteful expenditure.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 in 2022 dollars far exceeding cumulative inflation of 12%. This is not acceptable while there is clear scope to cut non-essential costs and reallocate funds to essential services.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance positions to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing growth in these areas. In particular:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than

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Tell us why

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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

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Alliance's briefing shows that the real cost burden since 2022 has risen by 30 percent in real terms far exceeding inflation. I urge the Council to align the rates path with households' ability to pay and to deliver value-for-money through targeted efficiency rather than blanket increases.I agree with the need to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance highlights substantial spend on consultants ($126 million annually) and high payroll costs including hundreds of six-figure salaries and a growing headcount. Reducing personnel costs freezing non-essential vacancies and cutting consultancy/contractor spend should be

foundational to any budget plan rather than increasing rates to cover them.I agree with reducing spending on consultancy and professional services and prioritising essential services over discretionary items. The current trajectory of direct operating expenditure and staff costs has outpaced inflation suggesting significant efficiency gains are possible without compromising core services.I agree with cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which the briefing notes costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to statutory and essential services that support all ratepayers.I agree with freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. If implemented this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately and contribute to a more financially sustainable plan.I agRee with cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) where this is not a core local government function. Savings should be reinvested into services delivering broad community outcomes.I also note that during the 2010s the amalgamation era has delivered substantial rate rises; the Council must prioritise statutory and essential services and exercise tighter controls on discretionary grants.Closing: 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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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 favour of reducing wasteful Council spending.Key points:- I oppose the average 7.9% increase. The current average rates bill is $4069 and real increases since 2022 are 30% well above inflation. The proposed split shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for existing asset maintenance and 1.5% for growth which together drive a rate rise beyond what households can sustain.- The Council must cut wasteful expenditure especially in corporate and backroom functions and reduce consultancy and professional services. The Alliance notes $126 million per year in consultant spending across the

Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves to reallocate funds to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which should be a function of central government not local government.- In line with a responsible budget I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% through: cutting personnel costs via hiring freezes and organisational change capping consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Supporting these changes would preserve core services improve efficiency and restore public trust in ratepayer dollars. I request that the Council consider these concrete savings and pursue a prudent budget path.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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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

The current plan would raise the average residential bill by about $320 on top of a longer-term pattern of rising costs that outpace inflation and population growth.Key concerns and requested actions- Rates and affordability: The 7.9 percent increase compounds a real rise in rates of about 30 percent since 2022 well above cumulative inflation. I support capping the rate rise to around 3 percent by implementing the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.- Expenditure reductions: The Council must cut wasteful and non-essential spending. This includes reducing personnel costs through hiring freezes and organisational changes and reducing consultant and professional

services spend to align with reality on core service delivery.- Specific programme cuts: Cancel the $36 million/year Food Scraps Programme which currently costs more in emissions than it saves.- Payroll discipline: Freeze staffing for vacant non-essential roles to deliver immediate savings (est. at least $17 million).- Māori outcomes spending: Reconsider the allocation of $10 million/year to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes area arguing that this is not a function for local government and should be redirected to essential city services.- Back-office efficiencies: Reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and renegotiate contracts to consolidate vendors and lower costs.Supportive data and rationale- The breakdown of the proposed increase includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs which highlights a significant ongoing cost driver beyond core services.- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen by 85% exceeding inflation and population growth trends underscoring the need for a tighter more disciplined approach to budgeting.- The Ratepayers' Alliance plan proposes $150 million in annual savings (2%) prioritising essential services and reducing non-essential spend.Additional pointStop all non-essentials get back to basics to deliver value for ratepayers.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

I submit this formal response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would be about $320 for the average household. As a pensioner who worked to be mortgage-free I still pay about $200 a week in rates which feels like renting our own home rather than owning it.1. Rate increases and spending priorities- I strongly oppose raising rates by 7.9% and urge the Council to adopt a more affordable path aligned with inflation and essential service delivery.- Real-world context shows rates have risen 85% since the 2010 amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth. This trajectory is unsustainable

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The proposed split shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets tied to growth. Since 2010 rates have risen 85 percent far exceeding inflation and population growth. A more prudent approach is needed that recognises residents face rising living costs while council services must be affordable and essential.The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Current figures show consultants costing about $126 million

per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation and direct operating expenditure has grown well above price level increases. A focus on reducing backroom costs would directly lower rates pressures.The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. There is clear potential to optimise staffing renegotiate roles and avoid unnecessary hires while maintaining essential services. Additionally the Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I contend is not a core local government function and should be redirected toward statutory and essential services.I oppose continuing to inflate the budget through discretionary and non-core projects. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget presents a credible path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates at around 3 percent prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursuing vendor consolidation where possible.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The current average residential bill is $4069 and a 7.9% rise would add roughly $320 for the average household. I note that since 2010 rates have risen by about 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth and that the real increase since 2022 has been about 30% in 2022 dollars.I support the following positions:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. 2) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items. 3) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. 4) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function. 5) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and non-core programmes. 6) The Council should implement a prudent reduction in new spending to help cap rates increases to a more affordable level.Given the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) could cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved through a combination of personnel cost controls capping consultancy spending contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation allowing more funds to be directed to essential services.I urge the Council to consider these reductions as a matter of urgency to avoid further increases that place an unnecessary burden on households. Parking in suburban areas is also a concern I raise though it is not a formal part of this submission and I hope it can be considered separately.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?

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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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8969

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Local Board: Franklin

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 to express clear opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial restraint on Council spending. The proposed rise implies around $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in an environment of ongoing inflation. I request that rates rises be kept within inflation and prioritise core statutory services.To achieve this I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the growth in consultancy and professional services rather than allow these costs to rise. The Council's

current pattern of payroll and contractor spend is unsustainable for ratepayers with personnel costs and other expenses growing at more than twice the rate of inflation from 2022 to 2025.I also call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves. This aligns with a prudent prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.A prudent approach would include freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I further urge reductions in Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) department which I view as outside the direct remit of local government.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3% through: 1) organisational changes and recruitment freezes; 2) capping consultancy spending; 3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; 4) prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request that my submission be considered in the hearings process and that the Council adopt measures to constrain rate increases and reform spending in line with the points above.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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8972

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The council must not push ratepayers into further funding of wasteful backroom and non-core activities while affordability remains stretched. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The breakdown of the 7.9% riseâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”illustrates how targets are being stacked on households rather than delivering essential services efficiently.I support cutting wasteful Council expenditure and reducing reliance on consultants and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance shows about $126 million per year spent on

consultants across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council itself with many individuals earning six-figure sums. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown well above inflation while the payroll sits at $1.3 billion and consultants/contractors at $590 million. A rebalanced budget must prioritise core statutory services over discretionary grants and corporate overheads.I support adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates at about 3%.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at a similar saving level.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Additionally I urge scaling back specific allocations that do not align with core local government obligations:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which reportedly costs more in emissions than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government mandate.On the governance and delivery side I note concerns about road maintenance efficiency and request better performance in essential infrastructure delivery as delays waste scarce funds.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?

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

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#8975

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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 my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a reduction in wasteful Council spending. A constructive path is possible through targeted savings and prioritising essential services.1) Rates and affordability- Oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would equate to about $320 for the average household. This is well above inflation and place burden on ordinary households attempting to get ahead.2) Spending reform to protect ratepayers- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Curb consultancy and professional services; spending on

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9008

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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costs.3. I urge removal of non-core programmes and strict budget discipline. For example cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year and potentially emits more carbon than it saves) and focus on statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. The current spending on Māori outcomes should be re-evaluated. The $10 million/year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) office is not a core local government function in my view and should be reviewed to protect core services.5. I support the Council's plan to reduce spending on consultants and corporate/backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. A more efficient structure will help keep rates increases in check and ensure funds are directed to essential services.6. I request advance warning on areas affected by significant rate increases. The rural ratepayers in particular were caught by surprise last year with a 20-30% increase (I personally was hit with a70% increase!); future notifications must be timely and clear to enable proper budgeting.Alternative Budget in brief: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation of 12%. A return to responsible budgeting is required with increases aligned to inflation and essential service delivery not perpetual growth in operating costs.2. Expenditure priorities and waste reduction- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spend on consultancy and professional services should be cut rather than continually increasing

these items.- A more focused lean organisational structure is essential including freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.3. Specific programme review and statutory duties- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4. Additional context- My personal experience as a ratepayer reflects substantial increases in recent years with perceived stagnation in service delivery such as lawn mowing in Conifer Grove. The cumulative effect of year-on-year rate rises far exceeds the real costs faced by households particularly pensioners.Conclusion- I support reducing the rate rise towards or below 3% by delivering the outlined efficiency measures and program cuts. I urge the Council to prioritise essential services and demonstrate value-for-money to ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#9044

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The rate rise equating to about $320 for the average household is not affordable while inflation remains high and living costs rise. The current average residential rates bill is already $4069 and real increases since 2022 are running well ahead of inflation.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending and cap the rate increase at 3% by making targeted savings in four areas:1) Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.2) Cap spending on consultants and professional services reducing the notable $126 million per year across

the Council group and the $60 million within the Auckland Council parent.3) Undertake contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to realise substantial savings including aiming for at least $30 million in efficiency gains.4) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to protect core responsibilities.Specific cost-saving measures I support include:- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department on the basis that this is not a role of local government.These measures would collectively contribute to reducing the escalation of rates and preserving essential services for households. The alternative budget proposed by ratepayers' groups is a prudent path to restore affordability and improve value for money.Thank you for considering these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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expertise to deliver essential outcomes.3) Cancel non-essential schemes with questionable return. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million per year) due to its limited net carbon savings. Redirect funds to essential services with clearer public benefit.4) Freeze staffing and cap payroll costs. Do not fill non-essential vacancies; freezing staffing and delaying hires can deliver immediate savings and help constrain rate rises. I estimate savings of at least $17 million if vacancies remain unfilled.5) Reduce Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered as this is not a core local government function. Reallocate to statutory responsibilities and essential services that benefit all ratepayers.Additional point: Wayne Brown should follow through on voters' expectations to curb runaway spending. A comprehensive value-for-money approach is long overdue.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping the average residential rates increase at 3% through targeted reductions in personnel costs consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outpacing the 12% cumulative inflation. I am concerned that the proposed increase is not sustainable for households while there is substantial wasteful expenditure within the Council and its CCOs.I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance recommended limit of a 3% average rate increase by cutting new spending and improving efficiency. Specifically I support:1) Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Reducing spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these

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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 residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and in support of reducing wasteful Council spending. My positions are guided by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing and our shared goal of preserving essential services while keeping rates affordable for households.1) Rates and budgeting- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rate rise which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge Council to cap the increase at a much lower level by pursuing cost reductions.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while population growth was 22% and inflation 34%. This is unsustainable for households and hurts living

standards.2) Wasteful spending and reform- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year) due to its questionable carbon savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reconsider Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a core local government function.3) Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%): this would cap the rate rise at approximately 3% while protecting essential services.- Specific savings include: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional remarks- The leadership and spending choices under current governance have contributed to rising hardship for families. While I respect the process I believe reductions in wasteful expenditure and a prudent disciplined budget are essential to avoid further rate increases that outpace inflation.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

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Question 4: Other feedback

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9180

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my views in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% (in my case as a resident of Rodney an increase of 18%) for 2026/27 and I call for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending in line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.Position statements1) I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The cost to the average household (~$320) is excessive (in the $thousands for my rates) when real increases since 2022 are already around 30% (vs. 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs while the rest reflects maintaining and expanding assets. Note that in Rodney we wwill get no

benefit at all for the CRL so why should we pay for it? A rate rise of this level is unaffordable for many ratepayers including seniors (like me) on fixed incomes.2) Expenditure reductions are essential. The Council must reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance estimates $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with significant contractor and staff costs; freezing or trimming non-essential roles and renegotiating vendor contracts is prudent.3) Prioritise core services over discretionary spend. I support cancelling non-essential programmes such as the Food Scraps programme ($36 million/year) which I understand emits more carbon than it saves and freezing staff hiring in non-critical areas to save at least $17 million immediately.4) Reconsider Māori-specific spending. Reducing the Māori outcomes budget of around $10 million per year is reasonable if it is not a core local government function. Core statutory services must come first.As an 82-year-old pensioner I note that Rodney rate rises are disproportionately burdensome while public transport access remains limited with no CRL benefits. I urge the Council to focus on essential services (public safety road maintenance waste collection) and sensible asset management within a restrained fiscal framework.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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9211

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent against a cumulative inflation of 12 percent. A 7.9 percent increase represents a disproportionate burden on households already strained by inflation and shows a lack of prioritisation of essential services within the Council.I outline a responsible path to maintain essential services while reducing wasteful expenditure:1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and support capping average residential rates increases at 3 percent by cutting discretionary and non-essential spend.2) Reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. High

ongoing payroll six-figure compensation for thousands of staff and consultants are unsustainable. The Alliance's figures show $126 million per year in consultant spend and $1.3 billion in payroll; cutting these areas would directly ease ratepayer pressure.3) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.4) Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in these areas.5) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which in the Alliance assessment emits more carbon than it saves.6) Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reduce Māori-specific spending (e.g. the $10 million/year on the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes function) which is not a core local government responsibility.Additional guiding principles: stick to needs over wants; ensure essential services work efficiently now; prioritise value for money over gloss and glamour; work within the boundaries of necessary and important service.In lieu of higher rates I urge the Council to implement the above reductions to bring the average rate increase closer to 3 percent ensuring services are delivered effectively while safeguarding households from excessive increases.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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Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9230

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Local Board: Franklin

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 proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would be about $320 for the average household and I urge the Council to pursue substantial reductions in spending rather than further rate rises.1) Rate proposal and fairness. The 7.9% increase is driven by 2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This compounds a real increase in rates since 2022 of 30% (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation. Rates rises accumulate year after year even if the nominal rise is reduced because past increases remain embedded in bills. I seek a plan that recognises this reality and prioritises

restraint.2) Wasteful expenditure and how to cut it. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance argues that Council spending on consultantsâ€”$126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant around $200000â€”should be reduced. The Council should also curb corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and renegotiate vendor contracts to unlock savings.3) Reducing payroll and non-essential staffing. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. There is a strong case to cap payroll growth and rethink staff structures to focus on essential services.4) Specific programme and Māori spending. The Alliance urges cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year) and questioning the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing many of these roles fall outside core local government responsibilities. I support reviewing these areas for efficiency and aligning spending with statutory duties.5) Alternative budgeting. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) yielding a cap of around 3% in the average rates rise. This would be achieved by the package of personnel consultancy contract renegotiation and prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.In closing I request that the Council consider these reductions. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9232

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Council must live within its means and stop rubber-stamping annual increases that far outpace inflation and population growth.Key concerns and positions:1) Oppose the average 7.9% increase. The rate rise is driven by 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This amounts to a cost burden well above households' ability to pay especially given a real rates rise of about 30% since 2022 while inflation has been about 12%.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current payroll and related overheads are excessive with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries and 72 paid more

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the 7.9% increase. The proposed rise translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real increase in rates of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) far outpacing cumulative inflation. It is essential to manage ratepayer funds more prudently and keep increases aligned with inflation and essential services.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut spending on consultancy and professional services. Current data shows substantial costs in these areas including $126 million per year across the Council group for consultants and contractors with the average consultant recipient around

$200000. Reducing these costs is within the Council's control and would help cap rate increases.I support the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services and infrastructure maintenance.I endorse freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. A tighter approach to personnel costs is a practical first step to constrain rate increases.I support cutting spending on Māori outcomes such as the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae arguing that this is not a core local government function. Reassessing non-core spending will help protect essential services and maintain fiscal discipline.I propose the Council follow the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) resulting in a 3% average rates increase achieved through targeted reductions in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The current trajectory shows a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) against 12% cumulative inflation which is unsustainable for households.Key concerns and positions:1) Rate increase and model integrity: The proposed 7.9% increase should be reassessed in light of evidence that a large portion funds operating costs for projects with questionable value. Align the rate rise with inflation and real community needs.2) Wasteful corporate and backroom spending: The Council and CCOs collectively spend about $126 million per year on consultants with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for around $60 million; the average consultant receives roughly $200k. I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom functions and prioritising frontline and statutory services.3) Consultancy and professional services: The current trend shows increasing spend on external advisers. I urge the Council to cap consultancy spend and pursue in-house capability where appropriate.4) Staffing and payroll: Freeze non-essential vacancies and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-critical roles. A halt or slowdown in hiring could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Maori outcomes spending: The $10 million/year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) portfolio is not a core local government function. I support reducing Maori-specific spending within statutory means.6) Other proposed savings: The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) if it does not deliver net emissions or cost savings as claimed. Also review contract terms renegotiate supplier agreements and consolidate vendors where possible to deliver more value with lower costs.Alternative budget approach: The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate rise to about 3% by focusing on personnel reductions consultant caps renegotiations and prioritising essential 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

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending. The impacts of a 7.9% rise alongside ongoing cost pressures will be felt by households already facing a real increases in rates well above inflation.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a long-run pattern of rising rates since the 2010 Super City amalgamation (an 85% increase) exceeding both inflation (34% in the same period) and population growth (22%). Given that the real increase in rates since 2022 is about 30% in 2022 dollars the

current plan demands scrutiny.- A large share of the uplift is directed to CRL operating costs (4.4%) while maintenance and growth-related asset costs total 3.5% combined. This structure should be revisited to prioritise essential services and statutory duties.- The Council's spending on consultants remains substantial (roughly $126 million per year across the group) with the average consultant around $200k. Personnel costs have grown sharply and payroll alone is about $1.3 billion. There is clear room to streamline backroom functions and reduce external advisory spend.Agreed positions and proposals- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to increase these items.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (that alone would save at least $17 million right away).- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Alternative Budget emphasis- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases at 3% by cutting personnel consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed increase and endorse the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that average rate rises should be capped closer to 3 percent aligning with the ratepayer burden and inflation reality. The current proposal implies an average household increase of about $320 which is disproportionate to wage and pension growth and continues a long-term trajectory of rates growth far beyond population or inflation progress.Agreed positions- Oppose the 7.9 percent average residential rates increase; seek a substantial reduction.- Redesign Council spending toward a leaner core: reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current rate burden is already heavy with the average residential bill now around $4069 and real increases since 2022 of about 30%. A further rise of 7.9% is not affordable for households and does not align with inflation or reasonable efficiency gains.1) Oppose the 7.9% rates increase and support a targeted reduction plan- The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends capping the average residential rate increase to 3% by saving $150 million through: reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50m) capping spending on consultants ($50m) contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation ($30m) and prioritising statutory/essential services over

discretionary grants ($20m). This approach makes rate increases manageable for households while preserving core services.2) Cut back office and consultancy spending- Council and CCOs spend on consultants averages $126 million per year with the Auckland Council parent contributing $60m and an average consultant salary around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation and direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023. I urge tightening backroom functions and reducing reliance on external advisers.3) Review and reduce specific programmes and Māori-facing spend- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year on the grounds it emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a step that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.4) Reallocate funding away from cultural and discretionary spending- Stop funding cultural and religious events through Council channels. If communities wish to fund such events they should do so privately or through voluntary community funding.ClosingI request that the Council reconsider the proposed rate rise in light of these savings and adopt the alternative budget outline above to protect households and ensure essential services are preserved. 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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Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The proposed increase would push the typical residential bill higher at a time when rates have already risen 30 percent in real terms since 2022 and cumulatively far beyond inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent already earmarked for CRL operating costs with 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets to support growth. A more prudent path is to rein in spending rather than pass costs to households.The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services. Current

figures indicate substantial spending on consultants and six-figure salaries with a significant driver of rising costs. In particular direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation and the payroll plus consultancy bill remains a major pressure on ratepayers.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs approximately $36 million per year and in the view of ratepayers may emit more carbon than it saves. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I also urge cuts to Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government body Auckland Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Ratepayers' alternative budget provides a feasible path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at about 3 percent including targeted reductions in personnel costs cap on consultants renegotiate contracts and prioritise essential services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request careful consideration of a plan that delivers essential services through responsible governance and improved efficiency not another large rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

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)

N/A

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.

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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?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

Rank	Area
	Economic development and events – growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.
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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#9393

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The average household would face about $320 more in rates on top of a long run of rising costs. The current average rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms well above general inflation. This increase is not affordable for many households including pensioners like me who are on fixed incomes.I note the proposed 7.9% rise is allocated as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. While asset maintenance is needed the scale of the increase is excessive given past spending patterns. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance outlines an alternative: reduce new and ongoing Council spending

by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the rate rise to around 3% and better reflect a prudent budgeting approach.I strongly urge the Council to:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Scale back consultancy and professional services; do not continually escalate these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to analyses emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.Additional context: the ratepayers' financial position matters. As a pensioner I cannot afford yearly rate increases of this magnitude so a disciplined plan to reduce wasteful spending is essential. The proposed reductions should prioritise essential statutory services and curb discretionary grants while maintaining core Auckland functions.Closing: 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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and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Why this is necessary- The rate rise is disproportionately driven by CRL operating costs (4.4%) while the checks-and-balances on asset maintenance (2%) and new assets for growth (1.5%) do not justify a near-8 percent hike.- Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far outpacing both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%) showing a pattern of unsustainable spending growth rather than prudent budgeting.- The Council's payroll and external contracting costs have ballooned: personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation; consultants cost $126 million annually across the group; direct operating expenditure rose 78% 2013â€“2023. These are areas ripe for reform through structural change and vendor consolidation.Alternative budget guidance- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average rates increase to about 3 percent: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and freezes - $50 million from consultants - $30 million via renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI request careful consideration of these reductions before approving further rate increases.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9407,336643,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for reduction in wasteful Council spending. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 against 12% inflation. A 7.9% uplift compounds this pressure on households already stretched by high living costs.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. I urge the Council to cap the increase at a much lower level consistent with inflation and household affordability.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs as current spending is excessive relative to essential service delivery.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these items; the Alliance reports $126 million annual spend across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council itself.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costing about $36 million per year) as it appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional points:- Seek greater transparency and prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Put a stop to the growth of consultant-led projects and pursue vendor consolidation and renegotiations to achieve efficiency gains.I understand that personnel costs and other expenses have increased well beyond inflation in recent years while direct operating expenditure rose substantially. A targeted responsible approach to budget reduction is essential to preserve core services and protect ratepayers.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9412,336638,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed 7.9% rise is excessive when the current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real rate increase since 2022 is already 30% (vs. 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A rates increase of this magnitude will disproportionately burden households without delivering commensurate improvements in essential services.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget which caps the rate increase at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). Specific savings should be pursued as follows:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.The council must address entrenched overhead and backroom costs. Council and CCO payrolls consultants and six-figure salaries have risen sharply in recent years while operating expenditure growth has outpaced inflation. Direct operating expenditure grew 78% between 2013 and 2023 far above inflation and corporate/functional categories consume hundreds of millions annually. Reducing these costs is necessary to prevent further rate increases that burden ratepayers.I also oppose funding for programmes that do not align with core local government responsibilities. Specifically I urge the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year) due to questionable carbon savings. I support freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also oppose ongoing Māori-focused spending such as the $10 million/year on the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) function arguing it is not a core municipal responsibility.Given the above costs must be reduced so that the required increase is below 5% and staff/consultancy numbers should be decreased to levels comparable with pre-amalgamation benchmarks reflecting promised efficiencies from amalgamation.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9421,336629,,Franklin,Do not support most,While I recognise the Council has essential functions the current trajectory imposes a disproportionate burden on households.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real rate increase since 2022 (compared with 12% inflation). I cannot support rate rises that far outpace inflation.- The breakdown of the increase is concerning: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. The latter should be scrutinised given the ongoing project costs and the availability of more cost-effective delivery options.- The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3%. This requires prioritising statutory and essential services and tightening discretionary spending.Agreed positions- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year; claims of carbon savings are uncertain).- 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.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting that this is not a direct local government responsibility.Additional points- Focus on core Council functions and hire competent staff for essential work. Reduce reliance on consultants by

renegotiating contracts and pursuing cost-effective delivery options.- Emphasise transparency governance and value-for-money in all spending reviews.ClosingI request the Council to consider prioritising essential services achieving significant efficiency savings and adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative approach to cap rate increases.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9438,336612,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key points and rationale1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and out of step with inflation and wage growth.2) Spending restraint and prioritisation: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation while personnel costs and 'other expenses' rose faster than inflation from 2022 to 2025. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance model framework shows potential savings from cancelling unnecessary spend.3) Consultancy and professional services: There is a need to reduce spend on consultants and contractors. The Council group spends about $126 million annually on consultants including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultant pay around $200000. This is an area where a freeze or reduction should occur.4) Wasteful or discretionary programmes: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated to cost $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.5) Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.6) Māori-specific spend: Reconsider funding for Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) such as the roughly $10 million per year currently allocated questioning the role of such spend within local government responsibilities.Alternative budget approachIf the Council is serious about affordability align the budget with a 3% rate rise by reducing new spending by around $150 million (2% of the proposed increase). Achieve this through: $50 million in personnel costs; $50 million in consultant spend; $30 million in contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Closing and hearing preferenceI do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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9462,336588,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose Auckland Council's proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful council spending.1) Opposition to the rates increaseI oppose the average 7.9% residential rates rise. With current average bills around $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30% (above inflation) further increases should be restrained. The proposed 7.9% split of costsâ€”2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”demonstrates the need to re-prioritise rather than expand expenditure.2) Wasteful spending and cost-saving measuresI support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not

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9480,336569,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose this increase as excessive and unaffordable for households particularly given the sustained rise in rates since 2022. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase of around 30% since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). I request that the council consider a tighter cap on rate increases aligned with practical efficiency gains.I support and urge the following actions to reduce the burden on ratepayers:1) Reduce Council and CCO spending on corporate and backroom functions.2) Curb consultancy and professional services expenditures rather than allowing them to rise further.3) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that such functions are not core local government responsibilities.In addition I note that the Council's and CCOs' personnel costs have risen sharply with payroll and related expenses growing faster than inflation. There should be a thorough staffing review to prioritise essential services and contracts and to deliver core functions more efficiently. The Council's expenditure on consultants totals around $126 million per year across the group and direct operating expenditure has risen significantly since 2013 underscoring the potential for substantial efficiency gains without compromising essential services.I acknowledge the public works that are intended for growth and services but the proposed rate path should reflect prudent financial stewardship and the principle that rate increases must stay within reasonable bounds relative to inflation and household impact.Additionally on street safety I have previously raised concerns about street trees in Russell Road that have died and pose a risk. This matter remains unresolved and highlights the need for timely responses to community infrastructure issues.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9496,336550,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed increase represents a real-terms tax rise well above inflation and well above the rate of population growth. The current average residential rates bill is $4069; an increase of approximately $320 would be unaffordable for many households.Key concerns and proposed actions:1) Agree with capping the rate rise. The council should aim to hold the average residential rates increase to no more than 3% consistent with an efficiency-focused approach to budgeting.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spend. The Council

and CCOs must cut spending on corporate and backroom functions and reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services which currently distorts priority setting and inflates costs.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The $36 million per year allocated to this initiative should be halted as it emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.4) Freeze staffing and payroll savings. Freeze vacancies or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut targeted Māori spend. Reconsider the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes portfolio given that this is not a core local government function; reallocate to statutory and essential services.6) Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget. Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) including $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Specific efficiency measures should be pursued without compromising essential services. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs must be aligned with population growth and inflation realities not inflated by discretionary projects and external consultancy.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9523,336523,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for a lower level of Council spending consistent with the Council's responsibilities to ratepayers.1) Opposition to the 7.9% increase- The proposed average residential increase of 7.9% represents a real burden on households especially given the 30% real increase in rates since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has run at about 12%.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. This paints a picture of growing costs that are not aligned with acceptable value-for-money outcomes for ratepayers.2) Wasteful and excessive spending must be trimmed- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these expenditure items (approximately $126 million per year across the Council group with high consultant pay).- Spending on staff and contractors in aggregate has risen sharply; cutting payroll growth and freezing non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings.3) Specific programme and spending reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would yield at least $17 million right away.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local government function.Additional context- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. A responsible response is to adjust cost structures to align with inflation and a sustainable rate of service delivery.- Mr Brown's administration has increased staff costs and outsourcing; I believe a 180-degree shift toward leaner operations is overdue.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9556,336490,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms well above cumulative inflation of around 12%.- The breakdown shows 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as the city grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is excessive when core services and value-for-money are in question.- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to cap average residential rate increases at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) prioritising essential services and implementing concrete savings.Specific demands- 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 $36 million per year and in this view emits more carbon than it saves.- 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 approximately $10 million per year on the 'Māori Outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) given the view that this is not a core local government function.- Support a broader governance review to simplify procurement renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to reduce duplication.Additional contextOur Mayor promised to reduce spending. I request clear accountability for tax and spending outcomes and a prioritisation of statutory essential services over discretionary programmes.ClosingI 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9577,336469,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key positions1) I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and real rate increases since 2022 have reached 30 percent far outperforming cumulative inflation. A rates rise tied to 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and growth-related 1.5 percent does not justify the overall burden on households when expenditure is skewed by high backroom and consultancy costs.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals $126 million per year across the Council group with the parent alone accounting for about $60 million and typical consultants earning around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well above inflation while eighteen corporate functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. This is inconsistent with returning value to ratepayers.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. The Council's reliance on external expertise should be curtailed with a clear shift toward core in-house capability and procurement discipline.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year this programme is costly and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. In tough budget times such programmes must be re-evaluated.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a core local government function and should be prioritised elsewhere.Alternative budget frameworkAdopt a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) achieving a 3 percent rate increase cap through: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from consulting caps $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request to speak at hearings to present these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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9585,336461,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the increase and urge a rigorous review of wasteful expenditure before any rate rise is approved.Key points for consideration1) Rates burden and affordability. The proposed 7.9% increase represents about $320 for the average household on top of a real rate rise of 30% since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). This is unsustainable for many households and risks accelerating displacement from our city.2) Expenditure priorities. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The current pattern of high personnel costs and external advisors is not aligned with affordable essential services for ratepayers.3) Specific cost reductions. I support cancelling the $36 million/year Food Scraps Programme which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves and freezing staffing or reducing payroll by avoiding hires for vacant non-essential rolesâ€”an immediate saving of at least $17 million.4) Māori-specific spend. I disagree with increasing funding to the Māori outcomes area (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government body the focus should be statutory and essential services with discretionary grants prioritised accordingly.5) Fiscal framework. The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate rise to around 3%. This plan highlights concrete savings: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional context. How does an innocent homeowner stop this rates freight train? The million-dollar question must be addressed so residents can remain in the city without being priced out.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?

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 a rate rise of this magnitude and urge Council to prioritise affordability for households already facing higher costs.1) Fiscal priorities and spending reform- Immediate action is needed to reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Annual consultant and professional services spend is excessive with $126 million per year across the group and an average consultant salary around $200k. A targeted reduction is essential.- I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million right away.- I urge renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation to achieve meaningful

savings and to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.2) Specific spending reforms aligned with a leaner budget- Eliminate the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at a prudent level avoiding continual growth in these expenditures.- Reprioritise funding away from non-core activities toward essential council services that directly benefit ratepayers.3) Alternative budgeting approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposed an alternative budget that reduces new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This is achievable through personnel changes vendor reform and prioritising essential services.4) Principles and accountability- Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation and population growth outpace those gains. A more disciplined budgeting approach is required to restore affordability and value for money.ClosingI would welcome the opportunity to present these points in person but I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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N/A

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed annual plan and the intended 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. I write to oppose this increase and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful spending so rates remain affordable for households.1. Rates and affordability- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent is well above household incomes and far exceeds inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent against 12 percent inflation. I urge Council to constrain increases to align with inflation or lower not escalate living costs for families and ratepayers.2. Wasteful and

discretionary spending- Substantial savings are achievable by reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and by cutting consultancy and professional services expenditure. The Alliance cites $126 million per year in consultancy across the Council group and $590 million on consultants and contractors overall; restraining these costs is essential.- The Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year and claimed to emit more carbon than it saves should be cancelled.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; estimated immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government responsibility.3. Alternative budget approach- The Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This would be achieved by: (a) $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes; (b) $50 million capping consultancy spend; (c) $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.In summary I urge Council to adopt a prudent restraint-based budget that prioritises essential services reduces labour and consultant costs cancels non-essential programmes and caps rate rises to at most inflation plus a modest margin. This approach will protect households and address genuine efficiency concerns.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive and a fair cap is needed. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of approximately 30% against a 12% inflation backdrop. Auckland ratepayers cannot be asked to fund ongoing asset maintenance new assets and CRL operating costs at rates well above inflation.- Wasteful spending must be reduced. Council spending on consultants and backroom functions is unsustainably high (around $126 million per year across the Council group; $60 million for the Auckland Council parent; average consultant pay around $200k). Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen far faster than inflation

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N/A

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consultant paid around $200000. This is excessive and should be capped.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services.- Freeze staffing and/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. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.- Additional point: residents should not pay for services we do not receive for example the food scraps initiative in its current form.Budget realism and alternativeThe Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a more modest cap on rate increases by reducing new spending by about $150 million (2%) achieved through personnel cost controls capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services. This would allow a much tighter rate increaseâ€”around 3 percentâ€”while protecting core services.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in non-core spend and backroom costs. The current financial position and spending patterns demand a radical makeover not another growth in levies on households.Key points in support of amending the plan:1) Rates affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 per household on the average bill while the 2022â€“2025 period shows a real rate rise of 30% in the face of only 12% inflation. A 7.9% uplift is excessive when compared with citizens' cost pressures and working-age household budgets.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs:

Council spending on consultants runs at $126 million per year across the group with the Auckland Council parent absorbing $60 million and a typical consultant earning about $200k. There is clear room to cut the spend on consultants and professional services.3) Core services first: Freeze non-essential hiring and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. A payroll reduction is achievable and would meaningfully lower rate increases.4) Specific programme cuts: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (>$36 million/year) which emits more carbon than it saves. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reallocate funds toward core public services.5) Targeted savings: Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) including $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants and $30 million from contract renegotiations plus $20 million for essential services only. This approach keeps rates closer to inflation and protects essential services.Additional observations:- Focus on core services; stop budgets being spent for the sake of spending.- The Council including CCOs should consolidate vendors and renegotiate terms to realise savings without compromising outcome delivery.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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9616,336428,,Franklin,Do not support most,I write in a personal and sincere manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a fundamental reset of how Auckland Council spends ratepayer funds.1. I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise is unsustainable for households already facing real cost pressures especially when rates have risen 30 percent in real terms since 2022 while inflation has run higher than most people can tolerate.2. The council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. The current pattern of high payroll and outsized external contracting is not delivering commensurate value for ratepayers.3. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costs about $36 million/year) on the basis it emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.4. I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.5. I oppose continued or expanded spending on Māori-specific initiatives like the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department given that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.6. The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate increase to about 3% through targeted savingsâ€”chiefly by cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services.7. Additional concerns: there appears to be excessive corporate car use and staffing decisions that do not reflect prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds. I urge greater transparency around vehicle fleets and hiring decisions.In summary please reduce wasteful spending and keep rates growth aligned to inflation and 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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Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

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

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Local Board: Franklin

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am writing to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to advocate for restraint in wasteful Council spending.I oppose the 7.9% increase and request that the Council adopt your own plan to limit rate rises to inflation plus a small defendable margin. The proposed rise would amount to approximately $320 for the average household on a current average residential bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while population growth has grown by 22% and inflation by around 34%; this is unsustainable for households. The breakdown of the increaseâ€”2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland

grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”shows where savings must be found.Agrees: 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 grow these items. The large payroll and consultant costs are not aligning with the needs of ratepayers. The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which in my view would save at least $17 million right away. The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Disagrees: I do not support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme as a means to balance the budget. It is not addressed in my submission and I base my position on reducing wasteful spend elsewhere.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase at 3% through targeted savings in personnel costs consultant spending contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I request formal consideration of these points in the consultation process.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:

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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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N/A

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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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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(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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million per year across the Council group including substantial sums paid to external consultants we should prioritise in-house capability and renegotiate terms to achieve better value.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This programme should be reassessed in favour of more effective waste reduction and recycling initiatives.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A pause on non-essential recruitment could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year for the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. Resources should be redirected to statutory and essential services.In addition I note the Council's own Budget alternativeâ€"reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at around 3%. This aligns with the principle that rates increases should be closely tied to inflation and essential service delivery not broad expansion of discretionary programmes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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9735,336307,,Franklin,Do not support most,My position is constructive and solution-focused: oppose the rate rise and support immediate reductions in backroom and consultancy costs with a clear focus on essential services and value for ratepayers.Key concerns and requests- Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 yet real increases since 2022 total 30 percent in 2022 dollars far outpacing inflation (12 percent). A rates cap aligned to inflation and population growth is more appropriate.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current payroll and corporate costs are unsustainably high for ratepayers.- Curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance notes $126 million per year across the Council group with an average external advisor cost around $200k. This cannot continue while essential services are under pressure.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A staffing freeze would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) prioritising statutory and essential local-government functions.Alternative approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a rate rise closer to 3%. This would be achieved through: - $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million savings from capping consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council seriously consider these reductions to deliver better value for Aucklanders and to keep rates increases affordable while maintaining core services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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9737,336305,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current trajectory of rate increases far outpaces both inflation and population growth hitting households hard and constraining the ability of families to meet essential living costs.Key points for consideration:- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to

about $320 more per average household on top of an unaffordable 30% real rise since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) while inflation has run higher. This is not acceptable growth for ratepayers.- The Council must curb spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services expenditure rather than continuing to grow these items.- The Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year should be cancelled as it costs more in emissions than it saves delivering little net benefit for our community.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I contend is not a core local government function.Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget shows a viable path: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increases at around 3% through targeted savings. Specifically implement organisational changes and a hiring freeze to cut $50 million in personnel costs; cap consulting and contract spend at $50 million; negotiate better vendor arrangements to save $30 million; prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for a further $20 million.I urge the Council to adopt these savings and deliver rates relief for households while preserving core municipal responsibilities. A prudent targeted approach to expenditure is essential to restore public confidence and ensure affordable responsible local governance.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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9813,336216,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit this formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates rise for 2026/27 and to urge a clear focus on reducing wasteful Council spending.Position1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed rise represents roughly $320 for the average household while real increases since 2022 have already reached about 30 percent in 2022 dollars far exceeding 12 percent cumulative inflation. The current ratepayer burden cannot justify further annual increases above inflation.2) Reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows substantial outlays in six-figure salaries payroll growth and extensive corporate costs that do not directly serve ratepayers. A focus on frontline and statutory services is essential.3) Curb consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants and contractors amounts to hundreds of millions; this must be cut to protect households from higher bills and to lower non-core expenditure.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year and given its emissions profile relative to savings this programme should be halted and funds redirected to essential services.5) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles can save at least $17 million immediately and reduce ongoing wage growth that drives rate increases.6) Reduce Māori-specific spending. The $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a local government core function and should be scaled back.Alternative Budget frameworkIf spending is restrained by at least $150 million (2%) the average rates rise could be capped at around 3 percent achieved by: (i) personnel cost reductions; (ii) capping consultancy spend; (iii) renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (iv) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional pointsI oppose many discretionary items such as signage street amenities and other 'nice to haves.' I want responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.ClosingI 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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9843,336184,,Franklin,Do not support most,This submission reflects the concerns of local ratepayers about the burden of rising rates on households and the need for prudent budgeting.1. Rate increase and spending restraint- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which amounts to about $320 for the average household.- The Council should cap rate increases by reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and by cutting consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- A targeted reduction of new spending is warranted; the Council must prioritise essential services and statutory obligations over discretionary items.2. Wasteful and headline spending to cut now- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling 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) on the basis that this is not a core local government role.3. Alternative budgeting approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average rate increase at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spending - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants4. Local impact and ongoing concerns- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while population growth and inflation have lagged. In Rodney rate increases have not translated into commensurate service improvements underscoring the need for tighter controls.I would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.I actually voted for Mayor Brown as I believed he had a genuine concern for the rights of seniors trying to meet the everyday increasing cost of living-boy did I ever get that wrong!
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9879,336146,,Franklin,Do not support most,The ratepayer perspective must be grounded in evidence about efficiency value for money and the real burden on households.1. Openness and spending efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and rein in consultancy and professional services which are expanding faster than inflation. A credible path is to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: cap the rate rise at 3 percent by saving $150 million through cuts to personnel costs limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services over discretionary spending.2. Specific cost-cutting measures- Freeze vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce personnel costs and payroll by minimising non-essential hires.- Cap spending on consultants by at least $50 million.- Focus on statutory and essential services; roll back discretionary grants that do not deliver core outcomes.3. Wasteful schemes and misaligned priorities- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and on balance

emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not listed as a core local government function.4. Broader governance considerations- A leaner Council structure is essential to restore public trust and ensure funding is directed to essential services. Put He Puapua out of action we are one people. We need to work together to reduce these costs not create two separate bodies.ClosingI respectfully request that the Council re-examine its proposed 7.9 percent increase in light of these efficiency measures and align the budget with a 3 percent cap as outlined. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9960,336061,,Franklin,Do not support most,Based on the Alliance briefing this would amount to about $320 more per household taking the current average bill toward $4400 while real rate rises since 2022 have already reached 30%. A rate rise above inflation is unwarranted given the current cost pressures and the Council's own spending patterns.I urge the Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance shows that personnel costs and 'other expenses' have risen well beyond inflation with payroll representing a large share of expenditure and substantial salary growth for senior staff. Reducing these overheads will help stabilise rates.I also urge a substantial reduction in the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to rise these items. The current level of external advice is a key driver of operating costs and should be capped.I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Given cost pressures on households this programme should be halted.I support freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. The Alliance estimates that simply halting non-essential new hires would save at least $17 million right away.I support cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government has a responsibility to core statutory and essential services not to fund broader initiatives that fall outside traditional local government roles.To stay within a responsible budget and protect essential services I propose the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) cap the growth in rates to about 3% and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9962,336059,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed jump translates to about $320 more per average household on top of an already growing bill (current average residential rates about $4069). Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far outstripping general inflation.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase and work toward a cap of around 3% by reducing discretionary expenditure.2) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs to restore budgetary focus on essential services.3) The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines of expenditure.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll

costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Rationale and context:- A 7.9% increase is not sustainable when the rate of growth in operating costs outpaces population growth and inflation. A sustainable path requires prioritising statutory and essential services and eliminating non-core spend.- The Council's reliance on consultants large contractual services and back-office functions has risen well beyond inflation producing a structural overhang on ratepayer bills.- The suggested reallocation and cost-cutting measures mirror the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget notably a $150 million reduction in new spending enabling a 3% cap.I request that the Council consider these measures and provide a clear plan to deliver a lower rates outcome while maintaining core obligations to residents.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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9970,336051,,Franklin,Do not support most,For the average household this represents about $320 more per year increasing the typical rates bill from $4069 to well over $4300. Since amalgamation in 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation has grown about 34% and population about 22%. A rate rise at or near inflation is reasonable; a rise well above it is not. My own personal rate increase this year was 13.1% which was not what I expected when I voted for Wayne Brown to fix Auckland.To hold rates increases to a fair level I support reducing wasteful Council and CCO spending and slowing or stopping unnecessary growth in personnel consultancy and backroom functions. In particular:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce expenditure on consultants and professional services rather than allowing this category to continue expanding.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government.- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes; $50 million from limiting consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context from the Alliance briefing shows that current operating costs have risen much faster than inflation with significant spend on six-figure salaries consultants and back-office functions. A tighter more targeted budget focused on essential services and prudent procurement can protect ratepayers without compromising core City functions.I would welcome the opportunity to present at hearings to discuss these points further. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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9971,336050,,Franklin,Do not support most,The proposed increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run trend of rising costs that far outstrips inflation.Key points1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive in the current environment. Since

2010 rates have risen by approximately 85% in real terms far outpacing population growth and inflation. A more prudent approach is required to protect households from unsustainable bill shocks.2) Wasteful expenditure and backroom costs: The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services. Current data show consultancy expenditure around $126 million annually across the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200000 plus a payroll and support structure that has grown substantially. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation.3) Specific programme eliminations and payroll controls: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Spending on Māori outcomes: I oppose significant spend in the Māori Outcomes area (Ngā Mātārae) including the approximately $10 million per year allocated as this is not a role of local government in the current structure.5) Alternative budget approach: I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2%) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% achieved through personnel cost reductions caps on consultancy contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ConclusionA prudent financial plan is requiredâ€”prioritising essential services simplifying governance and curbing high-cost backroom and consultancy spend will yield meaningful rate relief for households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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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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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

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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 my opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in wasteful council spending. I speak as a ratepayer who wants responsible budgeting and a focus on essential services.I oppose the 7.9 percent increase. The proposed rise translates to roughly $320 per average household while the real increase since 2022 remains well above inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent far outpacing both inflation (34 percent) and population growth (22 percent). It is essential to curb spending before asking households to shoulder higher bills.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council

spending and to cap rate increases at around 3 percent. This requires concrete actions:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze saving about $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services saving about $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors saving about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.These steps would help deliver a more affordable rate option while preserving core services.I also support removing or scaling back non-core items that do not directly serve ratepayers including:- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing and reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reducing Māori-specific expenditure such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) budget of around $10 million per year arguing that these functions are not a mandated local-government responsibility.Additionally I am concerned about overall governance and accountability under current leadership. The promised savings from waste reduction have not materialised and ratepayers cannot afford further debt to support unsustainable overheads.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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N/A

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work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.

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

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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 practical steps to reduce wasteful spend while maintaining essential local services.Key points- The proposed 7.9% rate rise is excessive given sustained public costs and inflation. The Council should aim to cap increases closer to or below 3% as outlined by the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budgeting approach.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisational footprint is essential to protect ratepayers from unnecessary cost burden.- Spending on consultancy and professional services should be curtailed not expanded. Reducing

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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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 urge cuts to wasteful Council spending.Key positions:- Oppose the 7.9% average increase. This level is well above inflation and affordable for households already facing rising costs.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spending in these areas is excessive and unsustainable.- Curb consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants should be reduced rather than continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at a cost of $36 million per year which also emits more

carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the MāorI outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Context and justification:- The proposed package comprises: 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€”well above inflation and population growthâ€”undermining affordability.- The Council's payroll and external spend are disproportionately high. Direct operating expenditure has grown much faster than inflation while consultant and contractor costs total hundreds of millions across the Council group.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a credible path to capping rates at around 3% by reducing new spend by $150 million: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million from prioritising essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points:Stop robbing ratepayers with these steep increases. People are struggling with rising costs and high rates payments are unsustainable for many households.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending to achieve a more affordable better-aligned budget for ratepayers.1) Opposition to the rates increase and fairness to households- I oppose the average 7.9% increase (about $320 for the average household) and urge a reduction to align with inflation and practical service needs.- Real increases since 2022 have reached about 30% while cumulative inflation sits around 12%. This is unsustainable for households especially given stagnant wage growth and rising living costs.- The current ratepayer burden must be managed by prioritising

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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Tell us why

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example consultants currently cost about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. The Council should prioritise core services and cut discretionary spend.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves. The focus must shift to essential services: roads rubbish collection and rate management.In line with practical cost controls I support freezing staffing levels or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. I also advocate cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a local government function.The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) to cap residential rate increases at about 3%. This would be achieved through: $50 million savings from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Get back to looking after the core basicsâ€”roads rubbish and managing ratesâ€”stop the bloated bureaucracy and wasteful spending on consultants and other non-core activities.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Key points:- The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069. This level of increase is not affordable for many ratepayers and ignores the broader context of rising living costs.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows that costs are skewed towards growing operating expenses rather than delivering essential services efficiently. In particular there is excessive spend on consultants and backroom functions across the Council group with around $126 million per year overall and $60 million by the Auckland Council parent alone.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions

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Tell us why

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10156,335859,,Franklin,Do not support most,I thank the Council for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. The current average rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already 30 percent well above consumer price inflation. A more prudent approach is needed to prioritise essential services and curb wasteful spending.Key points I wish to emphasise:- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner organisational structure will lower costs without compromising core services.- Spending on consultants and professional services should be reduced. Limiting external advisory costs will provide savings that can be reinvested into essential services and rate affordability.- Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reconsidered. In my view this is not a core local government function and should be redirected to statutory and essential services.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed alternative budget which suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved through:- A $50 million reduction in personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles.- A $50 million cap on consultants and external professional services.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- A $20 million prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.This approach aligns with the principle of keeping rates affordable while ensuring that money is directed to essential services rather than non-core or excessive administrative costs.I respectfully request the Council consider these positions and the alternative budget as part of deliberations on the annual plan.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

10164,335851,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen 85% well above inflation and

population growth with a real increase far outpacing any corresponding gains in services. The proposed split of the increaseâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”reflects a growing cost base that should be trimmed before asking ratepayers to absorb further growth.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. The current level of spending on consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Council) and the average consultant pay raise concerns me particularly when direct operating expenditure has risen well above inflation. I also support freezing staffing and not filling non-essential vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.I urge cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which purportedly costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. I also propose re-prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reviewing all corporate and functional outsourcing for value-for-money.Furthermore I call for reducing Maori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) programme given that such functions are more properly addressed at other levels of government. A more careful review of these allocations is warranted to align with core local-government obligations and to avoid misallocating scarce ratepayer funds.In summary please consider reverting to a responsible rate path by limiting the rate rise to align with prudent savings and implementing the outlined cost-reduction measures.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

10179,335835,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council and CCO spending. This submission reflects my positions and concerns as a ratepayer.1) Rate increase and impact- Oppose the 7.9% average increase; this equates to roughly $320 for the average household and adds to a real rates rise that has already far outpaced inflation since 2022.- The risk to households is real: higher rates push families to the edge reduce housing stability and tarnish Auckland's livability and appeal for residents and visitors alike.2) Spending reductions and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Freeze staffing or cut payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and according to critique emits more carbon than it saves.- Limit or reallocate Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) whose role is not a core local government responsibility.3) Budgetary alternatives- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping rates increases at about 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.4) Additional considerations- A sustained 7.9% rise will strain homeowners and renters alike risk increasing homelessness and undermine Auckland's social fabric and housing market.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

10191,335823,,Franklin,Do not support most,I have objected to the long-term budget proposal that outlined these rate hikes in the past. The rate bill has already increased by 30% since 2022 in inflation-adjusted terms which is more than our household can spare or willing to pay for the value it gets back. The proposed breakdownâ€"2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for growth-related new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€"needs prioritisation toward core services and affordability for ratepayers.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes a targeted alternative budget to cap rate increases at around 3 percent by reducing wasteful expenditure. I support:- Reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function traditionally undertaken by local government.Additional points I wish to emphasise: I oppose any rate rise above inflation particularly when I do not see commensurate value delivered. The City Rail Link project is cited as justification for higher rates yet many ratepayers view it as a project with questionable benefits for everyday Aucklanders.I urge a comprehensive review of operating costs a freeze on non-essential hires renegotiation of vendor contracts and prioritisation of statutory services over discretionary grants. The aim must be affordability transparency and focus on the core basics.I would like the opportunity 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

10206,335808,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key concerns and positions- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive compared with inflation and the Council's own spending trends. The average residential rates bill is already about $4069 and residents have faced a real increase of around 30 percent since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) far outpacing cumulative inflation.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) asset maintenance (2%) and new asset development (1.5). The ratepayers' burden should reflect essential services first with prudent restraint on non-essential growth.- Wasteful backroom spending must be addressed. Council and CCOs rely heavily on consultants and external contractors (roughly $126 million per year across the group; the Auckland Council parent alone around $60 million with many consultants earning approximately $200k). Direct operating expenditure has risen well beyond inflation (78% 2013â€"2023 vs 29% inflation).- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions capping consultancy spend and renegotiating contracts to achieve real savings.- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs must be restrained. Freezing vacancies and not hiring for non-essential roles would save at least $17 million now.- Maori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae/'Maori Outcomes' department at around $10 million per year should be reviewed as this is not a core local government function.Ratepayer-aligned budget approachI support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionIn summary please reject the 7.9% rise and adopt the proposed efficiency measures to cap the

increase closer to 3% ensuring essential services are protected and wasteful spending is restrained.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?

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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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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N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10210

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The expected rise equates to about $320 for the average household on an existing average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation and since the 2010 Super City reform rates have increased by 85%. A further burden is unwarranted given the current level of Council expenditure.I outline positions aligned with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance and why I believe spending must be reined in while services prioritised.1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and advocate for expenditure restraint- The proposed split shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. I urge

consideration of a more restrained approach that caps the rate increase and addresses inefficiencies across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce wasteful corporate and backroom spend- Spending on consultants is $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent. I support reductions in corporate and backroom functions and a tighter organisational cost base.3) Cut consultancy and professional services- If consultant costs are reduced total operating pressures ease and rates are less likely to rise further.4) Cancel discretionary programmes with questionable value- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and critics argue emits more carbon than it saves).5) Freeze staffing and cut payroll where non-essential- Freeze hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Reduce Maori-specific spending- Reconsider the $10 million/year allocation to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as a local government role; prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary spend.Additional point- Wayne I voted for you because you promised to control spending and I expect action consistent with that commitment.I propose the Council implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new spending by around $150 million (2%) enabling a maximum rate rise near 3% through targeted reductions in personnel consultants and procurement and prioritising core statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

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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N/A

Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10226

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

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This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.

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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% and urge a prudent restraint on expenditure with a clear focus on delivering core statutory services first.Key points- The proposed 7.9% increase represents about $320 for the average household on top of a long-run rise in rates since 2012. I support keeping rate rises aligned with inflation and population needs not as a default growth target.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued increases.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about

$36 million per year and per analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this would deliver immediate savings with a target of at least $17 million.- I oppose continued funding of Māori-specific programmes at the expense of essential local government duties. The proposal to spend about $10 million per year on the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) function should be reconsidered as a local-government responsibility and redirected where appropriate to core services.Alternative budget approachRatepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3%. This would be achieved through:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping spending on consultants: $50 million- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionThese measures would preserve essential services while restoring ratepayer confidence and public trust. I urge the Council to publish a transparent itemised plan showing how savings will be implemented and how the community will be kept informed.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?

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10252

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Local Board: Franklin

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 my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the suggested average residential rates increase.1) I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase. This uplift would add approximately $320 for the average household but is not affordable in the current climate. Rates increases should align with inflation and the delivery of essential services not perpetuate a strain on households.2) The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance data show high and rising costs in these areas and cutting them is a practical

immediate lever to keeping rates increases lower.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear candidate for reprioritisation toward essential services.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million right away and would directly reduce ongoing operating costs.5) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is a matter that should be prioritised by central government or localities where appropriate but not treated as a core local government function.6) The proposed budget should reflect the Alliance's alternative approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) including $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. This framework would cap the average rates rise at about 3 percent.Times are hard; we are all cutting costs and we expect the same from the council. We are a rural community and really get few services; please budget better as this was the promise you ran on.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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10257

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I appreciate the need to fund essential city services but the proposed rise is excessive relative to inflation and population growth. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and the 7.9% uplift represents about $320 more per household. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. A sustainable path requires real restraint and reform in discretionary spending.Agreed positions (solutions-focused):1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Efficiency gains in governance and support functions must precede rate increases.2) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional

services rather than continuing to grow these items. A cap on external advisory costs is sensible budgeting.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year which also emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a statutory local-government duty.Additional context and compromise pathway:- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a feasible path to a 3% average rate rise by broad-based efficiency measures including $50 million saved from personnel costs $50 million from consultant caps and $30 million from contract renegotiations with $20 million redirected to statutory and essential services.I urge the Council to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and to implement a plan that delivers the necessary services at a reasonable cost to ratepayers.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?

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10263

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. Based on the Alliance briefing this rise is large in historical context and does not align with the level of return in essential services. I support measures to reduce wasteful and unnecessary expenditure across the Council and its CCOs to keep rates affordable.Key concerns and positions:1) Expenditure reduction across corporate and backroom functions. The council and CCOs should streamline corporate services and reduce non-essential overheads. A leaner backroom supports frontline services without a corresponding rate rise.2) Cut spend on consultancy and

professional services. Spending on consultants has been excessive; cutting these costs should be prioritised before increasing rates.3) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This would save at least $17 million immediately and contribute to a more sustainable rate path.4) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' function. The proposed $10 million per year in this area is not a core local government responsibility and should be reprioritised to essential statutory services.5) Rate increases should be zero or at minimum kept to well below inflation. The current 7.9% proposal exceeds reasonable expectations given the expenditure reductions outlined above.6) Prioritise essential statutory services over discretionary grants. Align spending with Council and community needs while avoiding waste.Additional context:- The Alliance notes substantial spending in payroll and external contracts with personnel costs and other expenses increasing well above inflation in recent years. A more prudent approach would stabilise costs while preserving service levels.- A targeted $150 million reduction plan (2% cap on new spending) would cap the average residential increase to around 3% if implemented via the measures above.I request the opportunity to be heard if possible but I understand the submission stands on its own merits. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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