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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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I don't know

Tell us why

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Tell us why

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

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As long as it does not negatively affecting failies

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Exercise for families in parks

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

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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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 participate in the 2026/27 annual plan process and share my concerns about proposed expenditure and rate increases.I acknowledge the need to maintain essential infrastructure and services; however the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent alongside rapid growth in personnel and consulting costs is excessive for households already under financial pressure. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance has shown that real rate increases since 2022 far outpace inflation and that much of the current spend is on backroom functions and discretionary items that do not deliver clear public value.Position 1: Expenditure must

be reduced in non-core areas. I support reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I urge a thorough review of personnel costs including a hiring freeze for non-essential roles and a pause on filling vacant positions. This alone could save at least $17 million immediately.Position 2: Limit consultants and professional services. I support capping spending on consultants and pursuing better contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve substantial savings in the order of tens of millions of dollars.Position 3: Reprioritise funding away from discretionary programmes. I request cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose continued expenditure on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at about $10 million per year arguing that such functions are not core local government responsibilities.Position 4: Deliver a more affordable rates path. I support the Council adopting a prudent prioritised budget that limits rate rises for households and aligns with essential services avoiding large increases funded by debt or ongoing one-off measures.Additional points: Many households are struggling and benefits from large-scale transport infrastructure in Rodney or South Auckland are not equally shared. The overall sustainability and effectiveness of spending decisions should be demonstrably tied to clear community value.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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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. For the average household this equates to about $320 more per year on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85 percent in real terms far outstripping inflation and population growth. The breakdown of the increaseâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”demonstrates a continued growth in spending that is not matched by commensurate outcomes for residents.I urge the Council to reduce wasteful expenditure. Specifically the Council should:- Cut corporate and backroom functions across the Council and

CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise.- 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 Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposal to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). This would be achieved through a combination of staff cost controls capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I value transparent prudent budgeting that prioritises essential services for residents. I respectfully request that the Council consider these savings measures in formulating the final plan and that the final outcome adequately reflects the economic realities faced by households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Rate increase and cost drivers- The proposed 7.9% increase is to be borne by households with an average bill rise of about $320. This is a real risk to household affordability when rates have already risen 30% in real terms since 2022 outpacing cumulative inflation.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets arising from growth. These allocations warrant scrutiny to ensure priority is given to essential services and efficient delivery.2. Expenditure reform aligned with ratepayers' interests- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- I support

cutting spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to continue rising.- 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 promptly.- I advocate reducing Māori-specific spendingâ€”such as the about $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae)â€”if this is not aligned with core local government duties.3. Alternative budget approach- I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap average residential rates increases at 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction). This would be achieved through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change/hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.4. Final remarks- These measures would deliver meaningful rate relief while ensuring statutory obligations and essential services remain funded. The Council should prioritise efficiency accountability and value-for-money across all departments and CCOs.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

I submit a formal objection to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 which equates to roughly $320 for the average household on the basis of wasteful expenditure and insufficient value from current spending.1) oppose the 7.9% increase. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has been 34% and population growth 22%. A continued rise above inflation is unsustainable for households especially given the real increase in rates since 2022 is 30% in 2022 dollars against 12% inflation.2) reduce corporate and backroom spending. Expenditure on consultants totals about $126 million per year with the Auckland Council parent alone around $60

million and an average consultant paid about $200k. I urge significant reductions in corporate and back-office costs across the Council and CCOs.3) cut consultancy and professional services. The ongoing rise in personnel costs and 'other expenses' has outpaced inflation. Freeze non-essential hiring and cap consultancy spend to protect ratepayers from ballooning costs.4) cancel the Food Scraps Programme. At $36 million per year this programme emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from essential services that residents rely on.5) freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would save at least $17 million immediately aligning payroll with core council functions rather than expansion of headcount.6) cut Māori-specific spend. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government responsibility and should be redirected to essential services.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed budget shows how reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) can cap the rate rise to about 3% by focusing on personnel consultants and procurement reforms plus essential service priorities over discretionary grants.I request that the Council consider these savings and revert to a more affordable rates path for ratepayers.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

Position- I support reducing the average residential rates increase to a maximum around 3% by cutting Council and CCO spend on corporate and backroom functions and on consulting and professional services.- I oppose continuing expenditure growth in discretionary areas including the Food Scraps Programme and Māori-specific spend and I call for reprioritisation to protect core statutory services.Rationale and supporting evidence- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation (12%). The breakdown

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Tell us why

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amalgamation rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The council should prioritise affordability and fiscal restraint.Agreed positions I want included:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must 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; this alone 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 is not a local government core role.Additional points:- Demand more honesty and openness from council leadership; hold councillors accountable for decisions.- Consider an alternative budget that reduces new spending by at least $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of ~3% rate growth by targeting personnel costs consultants contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing:I request to be heard at hearings; however per my preference I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I do not support increasing average residential rates by 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household in the face of continued growth in Council costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€”well above inflation and population growthâ€”while many frontline services remain under pressure. The proposed breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% to maintain assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. I urge the Council to prioritise core statutory services and essential infrastructure not escalating operating costs and discretionary spend.I agree the Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and

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Tell us why

I am keen for Councils nationwide to cut the cloth to suit their context because the economy is stressed. Continual massive annual rates hikes are no longer sustainable. It is causing inadequate eating heating and hardship choices for many on fixed to low incomes.Council need to focus on core services and also stop subsidising big business indirectly and central govt needs to as well. I give an example below.I write supporting constructive reform of council spending while opposing the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase.1. I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and urge the Council to target a much lower increase. The current rates burden is rising faster

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Tell us why

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	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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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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**
- **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

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 far outpacing cumulative inflation of 12%. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets tied to growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This level of increase is unwarranted when there is clear scope to curb discretionary spend and improve efficiency.From the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing I urge the Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise at around

3%. This requires: a) freezing recruitment and reducing payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles saving at least $17 million immediately; b) cutting spending on consultants and professional services by $50 million; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save a further $30 million; and d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with $20 million saved.Additional specific measures I support include: reducing personnel costs and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs; cutting the $126 million per year spent on consultants (average consultant around $200k) and reassessing the overall reliance on consultancy; cancelling the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million per year) because it costs more carbon than it saves; and freezing or reducing staff where vacancies exist. I also oppose the ongoing $10 million per year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as I believe this is not a local government core function.In summary I urge the Council to prioritise essential services cut wasteful expenditure and limit rate increases to reflect inflation and household affordability. 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.
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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 support a program of spending restraint across the Council and CCOs plus a reassessment of priorities to protect essential services and households.1) Overall rate increase and priorities- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive in the current context. The real 2022â€“2025 impact on rates far outstrips inflation while average bills have risen from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 now.- The rate rise should be limited to around 3% through reductions in new spend and efficiencies rather than broad rate hikes that burden households particularly those on middle to lower incomes.2) Spending reductions and efficiency-

The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut spending on consultants and professional services; the current allocation is unsustainable and repeats a trend of rising external advice costs.- Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and pause vacant positions to avoid payroll growth; the Alliance notes this could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Specific program and Māori outcomes spending- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to the Alliance briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae); this is deemed not to be a core local government function.- Reallocate funds toward statutory and essential services rather than discretionary grants.4) Budget alternative and headline figures- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposed budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping average residential rates increase at 3%.- Implement concrete savings via personnel changes consultant caps contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation as outlined in the Alliance plan.ClosingI request that the Council consider these savings and policy changes seriously and prioritise ratepayer affordability and essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7346,338862,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit my comments on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the intended average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent.I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent rate rise. The real burden on households is growing faster than inflation with the average residential rates bill now around $4069 and a cumulative increase since 2022 of about 30 percent in real terms. Given that population growth and inflation outpace many households' ability to pay a more moderate increase is warranted.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance sets out a clear alternative: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates at about 3 percent. I support this approach and specifically endorse:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation for $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.I also support the following concrete measures to rein in waste and align with responsible budgeting:- Reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cutting spend on consultancy and professional services; do not allow continued increases in these expenditures.- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting 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 and diverts funds from essential services.I urge Council to prioritise statutory services and essential duties improve efficiency and restore greater transparency and accountability over spending. The proposed spend is excessive; a tighter approach will protect ratepayers and maintain core public 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7355,338852,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,1) Overall rate outcome and affordability- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to approximately $320 for the average household. This rise far exceeds current inflation and places a disproportionate burden on ratepayers including those on fixed incomes such as retirees and pensioners.2) Wasteful and excessive spending to be restrained- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spend on consultancy and professional services must be reduced rather than allowed to continue increasing.- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well beyond inflation; frozen staffing or a hold on non-essential vacancies would save at least $17 million immediately.- The Council should not pursue the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3) Financial framework and alternative budgeting- The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate increase at around 3%. This includes: $50 million via personnel cost controls $50 million through limiting consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.4) Additional considerations- Ratepayers on fixed incomes require protection from higher bills; any sustainable path must consider affordability and fairness for those households.ClosingI respectfully request that Auckland Council consider these reductions and adopt a more affordable fiscally responsible path for the 2026/27 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7363,338843,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,Key points1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase is well above inflation and places a greater burden on households. The expected average increase of about $320 per household on a current average bill of $4069 is unsustainable for many residents.2) Spending reform needed: The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing shows significant opportunities to curb expenditure including reducing corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting consultancy and professional services rather than letting costs continue to rise.3) Agenda for savings: Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates at about 3%:- Freeze or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultant and contractor spend by $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors for $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.4) Specific program savings and priorities: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Re-evaluate kaupapa that are not core local government functions including reducing Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department (Maori Outcomes) currently cited at about $10 million per year which is outside the core remit of local government.5) Operational efficiencies and safety: Stop or re-prioritise costly project approaches that do not deliver proportional benefits such as extensive footpath and infrastructure works funded through heavy contractor usage. Hold ground contractors liable for damage caused by driving heavy machinery over footpaths and focus on repairing only dangerous or damaged sections rather than cosmetic or minor repairs.Additional points- Stop the raised foot crossing as it delays emergency vehicles.- Reduce cost on foot path

repairs by prioritising safety and necessity.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7468,338733,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,Key position1) I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) despite only 12% cumulative inflation. A rate rise of this magnitude compounds financial pressure on households.2) The Council must reduce non-core backroom spending. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights that consultants cost around $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving about $200k and payroll and other expenses rising well beyond inflation. I urge prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and corporate functions.3) Freeze or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies. The submission supports freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Curb consultants and professional services. Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to rise further aligning with a tighter efficiency-focused budget.5) Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget to cap rates at around 3% by saving about $150 million in new Council spending. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultancy spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Additional context- Since 2010 rates have increased by 85% far outpacing both inflation and population growth. It is prudent to focus on efficiency and core responsibilities rather than expanding operating costs.I respectfully request that the Council consider these efficiency measures and the alternative budget framework to constrain the proposed increase and restore value for 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7494,338707,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would represent approximately $320 for the average household on a current average rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen 30 percent in real terms while overall inflation has been about 12 percent. The breakdown shows 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Given this history a rate rise at or near inflation is already challenging for households; a larger increase exacerbates cost-of-living pressures.I urge the Council to substantially reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these areas. The Alliance's alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. This would involve: freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles (potential immediate saving of at least $17 million); capping consultancy spend at $50 million; pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million; and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million

per year and in assessment emits more carbon than it saves. I request careful scrutiny of all discretionary programmes and a shift toward core municipal services.Additionally I oppose Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I believe this is not a core local government function and should be redirected to essential services where appropriate.I request the opportunity to contribute at hearings and provide further detail if invited. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7513,338688,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a thorough reallocation of Council spending toward essential services rather than backroom and discretionary programs.Key concern and context- The plan would lift the average residential rates by about 7.9 percent (roughly $320 for the average household) on top of a long-running rise in rates that has seen households face a real increase of 30 percent since 2022 well above inflation. This places an additional burden on households already stretched by rising living costs.- The proposed increase is driven in part by costs associated with CRL operations asset maintenance and new assets for growth. While growth and infrastructure are important the aggressive rate rise is not matched by demonstrable value for everyday ratepayers.Spending priorities and efficiency measures- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The ratepayer burden will be alleviated if management layers and non-essential administration are trimmed.- I also support reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to continue to rise.- I oppose ongoing funding for discretionary programmes that do not clearly demonstrate broad community benefit or cost savings to residents.- In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which is claimed to cost $36 million per year and per ratepayer briefing emits more carbon than it saves.- I advocate freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes function (Ngā Mātārae) as this role falls outside plain local-government responsibilities.Additional pointsPeople are already struggling financially; changes must prioritise affordable core services. Wages have not kept pace with inflationary pressures and restraint on payroll is warranted.ClosingI request that you consider a revised budget that caps the rate increase toward 3 percent by cutting non-essential and high-cost spend as outlined above and that you provide clear accountability on results for 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7535,338664,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a decisive reduction in wasteful Council spending. The rate rise translates to roughly $320 for the average household on top of a current average residential bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30 percent in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation.I support the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional

services rather than continuing to grow these costs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly 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 allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I note the proposed 7.9 percent breakdown: 2 percent for maintaining existing assets 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. Given the Council's expenditure trendsâ€”consultants at $126 million per year across the group staff costs rising faster than inflation and 18 corporate support functions costing $868.4 million in direct expenditureâ€”there is ample scope to reallocate funds toward essential services.As an alternative I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2 percent saving) to cap rates increases at about 3 percent:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze- $50 million from capped consultant spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million for prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosing: 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7540,338659,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The proposed rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household on top of a real increase since 2022 of about 30% in rates (versus 12% inflation). This burden falls most heavily on ratepayers already stretched by inflation.Key spending concerns and requested actions:- Wasteful backroom spending: Council and CCOs should reduce corporate and backroom office functions. Current data indicate consultant spend amounts to $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k. I support capping this expenditure and pursuing organisational efficiency.- Consultants and professional services: Freeze or materially reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting further increases. This is essential to keep rates within reasonable bounds.- Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing and payroll: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies. Reducing recruitment for non-essential roles would yield at least $17 million immediately.- Māori outcomes spending: Consider limiting Māori-specific spending such as Ngā Mātārae's roughly $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.In aggregate the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a path to cap the rate rise at about 3% by reducing new spending by $150 million (2%) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points: Focus council expenditure on essential services only and stop wasting ratepayers' money. These steps are necessary to restore affordability and transparency in how public funds are used.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7562,338636,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,1) Objection to the rates increase- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent is inappropriate given that the real increase in rates since 2022 has already reached 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) with inflation at 12

percent over the same period. The rate rise should be aligned with inflation and targeted cuts to discretionary spend.- The Council should pursue a responsible Budget that caps average residential rates at 3 percent as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.2) Spending restraint and efficiency priorities- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in the submitting member's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; doing so would deliver substantial savings (at least $17 million right away).- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori Outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which the submitter views as not a core local government role.3) Proposed alternative budget and outcomes- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsClosingI request that the Council consider these efficiency measures as a basis for approving a more modest rates increase and a leaner operating profile.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7607,338591,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,1. Overall rate rise and affordability- I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average increase which equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30 percent since 2022 in real terms. Rates must be kept in line with inflation and household budgets.2. Spending priorities and backroom costs- The council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- I urge capping spending on consultants and professional services which have grown far faster than inflation and population.- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have risen well ahead of inflation; Ð¶Ð¸Ð»ÑŒ the payroll and contractor costs are significant and reform is needed to return focus to essential services.3. Specific cost-cutting measures aligned with the submitter's positions- 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 filling non-essential vacancies; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not believe falls within core local government duties.4. Additional context and requests- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rate increases at about 3 percent. I support exploring similar reductions as a path to more affordable rates and better value for ratepayers.ConclusionI respectfully request that the Council seriously reconsider the proposed rate increase and adopt a robust programme to curtail wasteful spending prioritise statutory and essential services and implement concrete spending reductions across personnel consultants and 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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7714,338484,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The proposed increase would translate to about $320 extra per average household on top of a history of rising rates that far outpace inflation and population growth.Key concerns and positions1) Rates increase: I oppose the average 7.9 percent rise. The current rate burden is already substantial with a 30 percent real increase since 2022 when adjusted to 2022 dollars. A more modest approach is needed that protects households from further cost-of-living pressure.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council should urgently reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Directors and staff costs together with high consultant and contractor spend are disproportionately driving rate rises.3) Consultants and professional services: There should be a material reduction in consultancy spend and a focus on efficiencies through internal capability and contract renegotiations.4) Specific programme eliminations and payroll controls: I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (estimated cost of $36 million/year) on grounds that it offers questionable savings and emissions benefits. I also support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.5) Statutory and essential services: I advocate prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and seeking efficiency gains rather than expanding non-core programmes.I note that the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million to cap rates at about 3 percent. While I recognise statutory constraints I urge the Council to pursue aggressive efficiency reforms before accepting a 7.9 percent increase.ClosingI would like the opportunity to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,
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7753,338445,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The proposed increase which equates to about $320 for the average household is not affordable and does not reflect value for ratepayers.Key context and positions:- The 7.9% increase comprises 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Ratepayers face a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent compared with 12 percent cumulative inflation and the Council has increased rates by 85% since the 2010 amalgamation.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I oppose further growth in consultancy and professional services. The current annual consultancy spend of about $126 million across the Council group with a typical consultant earning around $200k is unsustainable.- I agree that personnel costs should be restrained. 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.- I also support reducing spending on Māori Outcomes including the $171 million allocated over 10 years to Ngā Mātārae arguing this is beyond the primary remit of local government and should be prioritised differently.Ratepayer-focused alternative budget:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates at approximately 3%. This is achievable through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In summary the proposed rate rise is not aligned with the fiscal reality facing households. I urge you to adopt the Ratepayers'

Alliance approach to rein in wasteful expenditure focus on essential services and materially restrain the rate increase.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7800,338398,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to cut wasteful spending and refocus funds on core statutory services.1) Rate increase and budgeting priorities- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022. This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and far outpaces inflation and population growth.- The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget shows a credible path to cap rate rises at around 3% by reducing new spending and improving efficiency.2) Targeted expenditure reductions- Reduce personnel costs: freeze non-essential vacancies and halt hiring to save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb consultancy and professional services: cut spending on consultants and external advisors instead of permitting further growth.- Cut back corporate and backroom functions: reduce spending across the Council and CCOs to lower operating costs.3) Specific program and equity considerations- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme: estimated at $36 million per year and according to analyses emits more carbon than it saves.- Limit Māori-specific spending: reduce the Ngā Mātārae/Māori Outcomes department's $10 million per year allocation as this is not a core local government responsibility.- Reallocate funds toward essential statutory services and hardship relief for ratepayers struggling with rising bills.4) Overall governance and accountability- A more prudent value-for-money approach is required. The current trajectory of personnel costs consultants and discretionary programs is misaligned with ratepayer interests and long-term financial sustainability.ClosingI request that Auckland Council seriously consider these reductions and price a realistic affordable plan for residents including a 3% cap on rate increases via the outlined savings. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7838,338360,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9 percent. The reality is a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) with rates rising far beyond inflation while population growth only accounts for about 22 percent. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. This level of increase is unacceptable for households already stretched by high living costs.To deliver meaningful relief the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Auckland Council currently spends about $126 million per year on consultants across the group including around $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning substantial sums. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and payroll costs remain a major driver. A prudent approach is to freeze hiring for non-essential roles and reduce payroll costs which should immediately save tens of millions.I also urge stopping the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiate contracts to cut costs through vendor consolidation and

smarter procurement.I support cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae); this is not a core local government role. Reprioritising funds to essential services will better serve all ratepayers.Additional point: Signs should be replaced only when necessary due to dilapidation not to push bilingual signage.In closing I request that my submission be considered in forming a more affordable rates plan and waste reduction strategy. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7865,338333,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and in support of reducing wasteful council spending. The current proposal implies an average rate rise of about $320 for the typical household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of around 30 percent far outpacing total inflation. In my view this is not affordable or responsible for ratepayers.Agreed positions and supporting rationale:- Oppose the 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and seek restraint in total expenditure. A more prudent path is required given that ratepayers have already borne substantial increases over the past decade.- Reduce corporate and backroom function spending across the Council and CCOs. The scale of centralised non-service delivery costs erodes value for money for households.- Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services. With about $126 million per year across the Council group and an average consultant around $200k there is clear potential for substantial savings.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; a direct saving of at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where some argue it is not a core local government function.Additional context and alternative budget approach:- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increase at about 3 percent. This would be accomplished through personnel cost reductions a cap on consultants contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I request the Council to consider these savings as a first priority and to publish a transparent plan showing how rates growth can align with inflation and essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7868,338330,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a prudent re-prioritisation of Council spending to protect households from unaffordable rate increases.Points for consideration1) Rates affordability and fairness. The proposed 7.9% average increase amounts to about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. This represents a real increase well above inflation and place extra pressure on households across Auckland. I support capping rate increases closer to inflation and below 4% where possible.2) Expenditure prioritisation. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. I support reducing the spend on consultancy and professional services

rather than continuing to increase these items. A leaner organisational structure will help lower the overall rate burden on residents.3) Payroll and vacancies. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This alone would save at least $17 million immediately and demonstrates responsible financial stewardship.4) Maori outcomes spending. Cut Maori-specific spending (such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core function of local government. Reallocating to statutory and essential services would better align with ratepayer expectations.5) Alternative budget framework. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3%. This includes: $50 million saving from personnel costs $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million towards prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional points- Direct operating expenditure and staff cost growth have outpaced inflation in recent years; a disciplined budgeting approach is required to restore affordability and trust.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7892,338306,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in a strong and direct tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and to call for a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending.The proposed 7.9 percent increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by roughly 30 percent in real terms far outstripping cumulative inflation of about 12 percent. The breakdown shows 2 percent to maintain existing assets 1.5 percent for growth in new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This pattern reflects a substantial overhead in staff consultants and non-essential programmes that do not align with the financial pressures facing households.To curb this escalation I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's prudent alternative budget which identifies a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent. Specifically I urge:- A freeze on non-essential staffing and payroll reductions including no hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- A cap on spending on consultants and professional services with a targeted reduction of $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver $30 million in savings.- Prioritisation of statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with a $20 million focus on core obligations.Additional savings are warranted in the broader cost structure. The Council and CCOs collectively spend heavily on corporate and backroom functions consultants and six-figure salaries including personnel costs and other expenses rising well ahead of inflation between 2022 and 2025. Specific programmes such as the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be cancelled due to limited carbon savings and questionable value. I also oppose continued spend on Māori outcomes programmes such as the $10 million per year allocated to Ngā Mātārae which I believe fall outside the essential responsibilities of local government.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to expand 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7986,338211,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is approved.Key context and positions:- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive especially given the 30% real rate increase since 2022 (and 85% since the 2010 amalgamation) outpacing both inflation and population growth. A more modest outcome is required.- The Council should urgently cut back on corporate and backroom costs across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to lift these expense items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to calculations emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or cut payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut political or discretionary Maori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I view as not a core local-government function.Rationale and alternative affordable path:- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% spending restraint) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3%. This would be achieved by: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze ($50 million); (2) capping consultant spend ($50 million); (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million); (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).- Given cost-of-living pressures ratepayers can ill afford an additional pressure on budgets that does not directly improve essential services. The Council should lead by example in reducing wasteful expenditure before asking households to pay more.Please consider these points and align the 2026/27 plan with prudent essential service delivery and genuine savings.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8009,338188,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The current trajectory is unsustainable for households already facing cost pressures with the average residential bill rising to about $4069 and a real increase of 30% since 2022.Agreed positions1) Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. The ratepayers cannot absorb increases well above inflation when real living costs are rising.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating and staff costs have grown well ahead of inflation while essential services are competing for scarce funds.3) Cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance shows consultant spend is high with many roles funded at six figures.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. A targeted freeze could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not an explicit local-government core function.7) Align spending with statutory and essential services first and curb discretionary grants that do not meet core community needs.Additional points- Do not add further cost burdens; streamline roles consolidate where possible and halt unnecessary recruitment.- The Council should implement the proposed savings in the Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) focusing on personnel consultants renegotiations and vendor consolidation to cap rate increases at around 3%.ClosingI request that the Council adopt a disciplined budget approach that prioritises

essential services reduces wasteful spending and lowers the ratepayer burden.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8025,338172,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The current rate rise is not justified by outcome or value to ratepayers.Key positions1) Rate increase: Oppose the 7.9% average rise. This equates to roughly $320 more per average household on top of already-high bills. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation and population growth. The Council must curb non-essential expenditure before asking ratepayers to shoulder further costs.2) Expenditure reductions: The Council must reduce spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services. The current level of consultants costs ($126 million per year across the group $60 million by the Auckland Council itself) plus high salaries is not sustainable.3) Specific programmes to review/discontinue: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Reallocate funds to essential services that deliver tangible benefits to residents.4) Staffing controls: Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately. Make all staff accountable to ratepayers and ensure roles are necessary funded and delivering value.5) Māori outcomes funding: Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori outcomes) department with around $10 million per year as this is not a core local government function.6) Accountability and efficiency: Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Cap overall spending by renegotiating contracts consolidating vendors and eliminating duplicative functions. The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a capping of new spending to keep rates increases to around 3% by saving $150 million through personnel consultants and contract reforms.ClosingI request the Council recognise the urgency of waste reduction and value-for-money 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8110,338087,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a disciplined restraint on non-core Council spending. An average bill rise of approximately $320 would outpace inflation and demand better value for ratepayers.Key context: rates have risen 85% since the 2010 Super City reforms far above inflation and population growth. The proposed 7.9% increase allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets tied to growth. This pattern suggests ongoing privilege for capital projects while day-to-day efficiency remains in question. Ratepayers deserve a plan that prioritises essential services and cost control.I agree with the following positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%; seek reductions to align with needs not wants.- 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 expenditure items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should 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.- The Council should 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 function.Additional point: I am completely over the waste of money on non-essential things. Stick with needs not wants. A targeted lean budget is essential to protect ratepayers and maintain core services.I request that the Council present a robust plan to cap rate increases prioritise statutory and essential services and pursue careful savings in personnel consultants and discretionary programmes. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8116,338081,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and urge a focus on reducing wasteful Council spending to keep rate rises affordable for households.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase amounts to about $320 more per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This represents a real affordability challenge for many residents.- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cutting the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual increases.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and based on much public discussion emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department given my view that this is not a core local government role with a clear statutory mandate.Alternative budget approach- I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise around 3%. Key areas for savings include: $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational change and hiring freezes; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have not kept pace. The current trajectory is unsustainable for households and undermines public trust.- Targeted efficiency measures not blanket rate increases will deliver better value while preserving essential 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8198,337999,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a substantial reduction in overall Council spending to prevent further rate hikes.- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. The current average residential bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% against 12% inflation. This burden falls hardest on households already stretched by recent cost pressures. An alternative budget that reduces new and ongoing costs can cap rates growth far more effectively.- Reduce wasteful corporate and backroom spending. Council and CCOs together spend heavily on personnel six-figure salaries and outsourcing. Direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and the payroll plus consultants cost billions. A more focused organisational design is needed.- Cut consultancy and professional services. Consultants currently total about $126 million per year

across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200000. Reducing reliance on external advisers will lower operating costs and help contain rates.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. It costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect such funds to essential infrastructure maintenance and core services.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles. This change alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-focused expenditure. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core function of local government. Reprioritising these funds to statutory and essential services will better support ratepayers.- Embrace a leaner essential-services approach. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposal outlines reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap average residential rates at around 3% and prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants.In summary I urge Auckland Council to recalibrate expenditure prioritise essential services and adopt the Alliance's below-inflation approach to rates. This is the responsible path for Auckland households.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8213,337984,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,1) Opposition to the rate increase- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase which equates to around $320 for the average household and is well above inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% while inflation has risen about 34% and population only 22% far outstripping any reasonable justification for higher charges.2) Spending reductions and efficiencies- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these expenditures.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on Māori-focused programmes; I disagree with continuing $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.3) Specific programme scrutiny- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which is claimed to cost $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Alternative budget approach- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap the rate rise by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) allocated as: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes; - $50 million from capping consultants; - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; - $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.5) Addendum- With living costs rising and public funds being borrowed it is essential to tighten controls on both current and future expenditures to protect current and future ratepayers.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8241,337956,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase of 30% since 2022 far outstripping cumulative inflation. The proposed 7.9% split includes 4.4% for CRL operating costs and 2% for maintaining existing assets plus 1.5% for new assets; this is not acceptable without significant savings elsewhere.I support the following positions and ask the Council to adopt them to limit rate increases and curb wasteful

spending:1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase; aim for no higher than 3% by reducing new and ongoing spending.2) Reduce corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme budgeted at $36 million per year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year for the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a local government responsibility.A practical path to achieve these objectives is the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) targeting:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze;- $50 million from capped consultancy spending;- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation;- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.The Council has expanded payroll and external contracts well beyond inflation with direct operating expenditure rising 78% from 2013â€“2023 and consultants costing hundreds of millions across the group. It is time to align budgets with essential services and ratepayer affordability.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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Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8304

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit my response to the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and associated rate increases.I agree with and urge action on the following positions:1) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Wasteful overheads drive up costs without delivering corresponding public benefit.2) The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing a pattern of escalating external advice.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-

essential roles; doing so would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.Additional context and rationale:- The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent is not justified by corresponding service gains. The current rate of spend growth far exceeds general inflation and population growth and a measured approach is required.- A prudent alternative budget would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) aiming to cap the average residential rates rise at around 3 percent. This would be achieved through: a) reducing personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes (about $50 million) b) capping consultancy spend ($50 million) c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million) and d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).There has to be tough decisions which I expect from Wayne Brown's leadership previously but which have not yet been applied in the current role.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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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

#8385

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Tell us why

Key concerns and supporting context:- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (from $2781 to $4069 before this year's proposal) while inflation has risen around 12%. This is unwelcome and unsustainable for households.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and restrain spending on consultancy and professional services which has grown significantly in recent years.- The Food Scraps Programme is costly (about $36 million per year) and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves; cancelling this programme would lower

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Tell us why

Key concerns- The 7.9% rise is excessive in the current environment. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for growth of assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This compounds a total increase that far outpaces inflation and household income growth.- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates that a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2% cut) can cap the rate rise to around 3% by prioritising essential services and reforming backroom overhead.Wasteful spending that must be halted or reduced- Expenditure on consultants and professional services remains high: $126 million per year across the Council

group with the average consultant payment around $200000. This is not compatible with a Government-level efficiency focus.- Corporate and business support functions carry outsized costs: $868.4 million in direct expenditure across 18 functions. Much of this represents non-essential corporate overhead that should be trimmed.- The Food Scraps Programme is a questionable use of ratepayer funds at $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled.- Staff costs and payroll have risen sharply; freezing vacancies and not filling non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending including the Ngā Mātārae programme amounts to about $10 million per year. I question this allocation as a local government priority and urge a pause and review of alignment with statutory responsibilities.Request- Implement the Alliance's proposed reductions to cap the rate rise at approximately 3% including: freezing non-essential hires reducing consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential 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 oppose increases above inflation and urge a program of savings focused on wasteful and non-essential spend.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates increase: The proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise representing about $320 more per household is excessive given the Council's track record of generating rising costs and limited demonstrable value. A responsible approach is to cap the rate rise at around 3% by cutting non-essential expenditure.2) Wasteful spending and backroom costs: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Currently direct operating expenditure consultants and bureaucratic

overheads have grown far faster than inflation undermining affordability.3) consultancy and professional services: Freeze or substantially reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance suggests capping this category to protect ratepayers from recurring cost increases.4) Food Scraps Programme: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the Alliance view emits more carbon than it saves.5) Payroll and staffing: Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Māori outcomes and Ngā Mātārae: Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department arguing this is not an essential function of local government.Alternative budget approach:- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (roughly 2%) to achieve a 3% cap on rate rises through: $50 million in personnel cost reductions $50 million from cap on consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million for prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I request that the Council consider these reductions and prioritisation measures in its final plan and undertake a transparent public review of areas where savings are feasible.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

Key position: oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent. The proposed rise would deliver an average bill of about $320 more per household while real rate increases since 2022 run at 30 percent in constant 2022 dollars far outpacing total inflation. The breakdown shows 2 percent for asset maintenance 1.5 percent for growth-driven assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. This magnitude is unacceptable when there is clear evidence of escalating corporate and backroom costs.I call for immediate expenditure restraint across the Council and CCOs:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing vacant non-essential roles and pursuing targeted

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current plan would push the average household bill toward approximately $4369 (based on the proposed 7.9% rise from $4069) and represents a real increase well above inflation since 2022. I support a target of freezing or limiting rate rises to around 3 percent aligning with a prudent reallocation of existing funds.I agree that the Council should pursue major efficiency improvements before increasing rates. Specifically:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Halt or sharply reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food

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Based on current figures this equates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 far outpacing inflation.Key points1) Oppose the 7.9% average increase. The rate rise should be capped to reflect inflation and essential services not broad growth in corporate and discretionary spending.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The current cost structure includes substantial payroll and overheads that are not delivering clear public value.3) Lower spending on consultancy and professional services. Annual consultancy spend is already high and growing; a substantial

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Tell us why

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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?

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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 oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge a comprehensive review of Council spending to align with inflation and population growth.Key points:1) Rates increase vs. inflation and growth. The proposed 7.9% average rise equates to approximately $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%â€”well above inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). The burden on households has grown far faster than any measured household income or local service demand.2) Spending reductions to enable a lower rate rise. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and

backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which together add to the already bloated cost base.3) Specific programmes and staffing costs. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. There is a need to pause or re-prioritise discretionary costs focusing on statutory and essential services.4) Redress spending on targeted programmes. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function and should be re-scoped.5) Budget rebalancing. The Ratepayers' Alliance recommends reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increase at about 3% achieved through: a) $50 million savings from personnel changes and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles; b) $50 million from capping consultants; c) $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; d) $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary spending. Sincerely{name redacted}{address redacted}Email: {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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8780,337397,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a re-prioritisation of Council spending.1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The current rate path is unsustainable for households already paying about $4069 on average with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent. A rate rise above inflation compounds hardship for families and small businesses.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spend on consultants and corporate services is excessive and reform is needed to channel resources toward essential services.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Curbing external expertise and renegotiating contracts will help contain cost growth and deliver value.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect these funds to essential Council services with proven public benefit.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. A targeted workforce freeze prioritises core functions and avoids unnecessary payroll growth.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should focus on statutory and essential services with discretionary expenditure adjusted accordingly.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent through: a) reducing personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes; b) capping spending on consultants; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request the opportunity to present at hearings to outline these measures in more detail. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8814,337322,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,To Auckland CouncilI {name redacted} of {address redacted} submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and advocate for substantial cuts to wasteful Council expenditure. The funding request is not affordable for many households and significantly outpaces inflation.1) Rates increase and affordability- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 more per average household on top of the current average bill of $4069. This is a real-terms rise well above inflation and places Council spending above everyday Aucklander ability to pay.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far exceeding population growth and inflation. A sustainable plan must constrain expenditure first not rely on further rate hikes.2) Spending that should be trimmed- Reduce spending on consultants and backroom functions. The Council group spends about $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant earning around $200k.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Focus on core statutory and essential services before discretionary grants rather than expanding outside agencies and non-essential programmes.3) Specific programmes and targets for savings- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated to cost $36 million per year and operating with questionable carbon savings.- 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.- Pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve further savings complementing employee-related cost cuts.4) Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) thereby capping the average residential rates increase to roughly 3%. This includes: - $50 million via personnel cost reductions and a hiring freeze - $50 million by capping consultant spend - $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to revise the proposal in light of these savings and to reject any further rate increases beyond inflation until structural efficiencies are achieved. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1. Opposition to the rates rise- The proposed 7.9% average increase equating to about $320 for the average household is excessive given the real rate of increase since 2022 (30%) versus inflation (12%). The ratepayer burden should be linked to real needs not a continuing trend of headlong spending growth.2. Spending reform and expenditure reductions- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- It must cut spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in these areas.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it 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 a measure that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' programme at approximately $10 million per year aligning with the view that many local government roles should address statutory needs rather than specialist cultural mandates.3. Overall fiscal approach- The Council must pursue an alternative budget: reduce new spending by about $150 million to cap the average rate rise at around 3% achieved by: a) organisational change and hiring freezes; b) capping consultancy spend; c) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors; d) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- This approach better reflects taxpayers' willingness to fund core services while avoiding wasteful and duplicative programmes.Additional point- If Council staff cannot perform required work I support removing consultants and hiring qualified personnel to deliver essential services efficiently.ClosingI respectfully urge the Council to adopt substantial spending restraint and a more modest rates

increase aligned with real costs and essential services. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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8822,337312,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise would add approximately $320 to the average household bill on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of about 30 percent while inflation has grown by around 12 percent. Rates increases should not outpace inflation or population growth and they must be matched by tangible efficiency gains.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 rein in consultancy and professional services. The current spending levels for consultants ($126 million per year across the Council group; $60 million by the Auckland Council itself) are excessive and unsustainable. A more prudent approach is needed to protect essential services for ratepayers.Key cost-saving measures I urge include:1) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.2) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a step that could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a role of local government.Additionally I endorse the alternative budget framework that would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the rates rise at about 3%. This includes: organizational change to lower personnel costs capping consultancy spending renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council provide clear transparent justification for the proposed CRL operating cost share and explain how these costs translate into measurable service improvements for residents. In summary I oppose a 7.9% rate rise and urge concrete expenditure reductions to restore affordability and align with essential local government duties.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8923,337191,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I am making this submission in a personal capacity to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for a reduction in wasteful Council spending and backroom costs.I understand the current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% in 2022 dollars far outpacing cumulative inflation. The proposed 7.9% increase including 4.4% for CRL operating costs is not affordable for many households. I support the Rates Alliance's position to cap the rate rise at about 3% by cutting operating costs and reducing non-essential expenditure.Key points I want considered:- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultants and professional services. The current level of consultant spend is unsustainably high and inflates rates without delivering proportional value.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million per year) which in my view 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.- Slow or halt Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae)

if it is not a core local government function.- Bring back practical street maintenance: prune trees increase rubbish bins spray weeds clean gutters and drains remove dumped rubbish and improve street lighting. These are observable municipal services that impact daily life and safety.I propose the Council's Alternative Budget save about $150 million (2%) enabling a 3% cap on residential rates while protecting essential services. This would stem from reducing personnel costs through hiring freezes capping consultant spending renegotiating contracts 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0 ,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8962,337142,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,1. I oppose the 7.9% average increase. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of about 30% against 12% headline inflation. A rate rise of 7.9% would further compound financial pressure on households.2. Spending and efficiency improvements are overdue. The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which now form a significant and growing cost.3. Specific programme cuts and staffing controls. The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which emits more carbon than it saves. It should 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.4. Prioritisation and governance. The Council should 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 function and reallocate to statutory and essential services.5. Alternative budgeting approach. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap the rate rise at around 3%. This comprises: $50 million savings from personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.6. Additional point. AI-enabled productivity gains in business show overhead reductions of about 20%; similar efficiency should be pursued by Council to avoid unnecessary rate increases.In 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9006,337080,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent for 2026/27 and in support of urgent demonstrable reductions in Council waste and spending.Key points- The 7.9 percent rise represents an average increase of approximately $320 for the typical household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and 85 percent since the Super City amalgamation far outpacing both inflation (about 12 percent) and population growth (22 percent). This is unacceptable if it does not deliver commensurate value.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than perpetually increasing these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and based on available information emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not

filling 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 allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which in my view falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.Reasoned alternativeThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average rate increase to around 3 percent. This would be achieved by: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and hiring freezes ($50 million); (2) capping consultancy spend ($50 million); (3) renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million); and (4) prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million).ConclusionI urge the Council to align the proposed budget with core municipal responsibilities deliver tangible efficiency gains and avoid burdensome increases on 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9117,336948,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive given the real rate of inflation and the Council's own spending growth. The 7.9% comprises 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs yet the overall cost burden for ratepayers continues to rise well above inflation.- We support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reducing spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to continue increasing.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and in our view emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; doing so would 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) as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budgeting approachThe Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3%. This would be achieved 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 and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionClosingWe expect Council to prioritise affordability and essential services while curbing wasteful spending. We urge a transparent rigorous review of non-core programmes and a commitment to restraint on payroll and consultancy costs before any rate rise is approved.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9228,336829,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge the Council to prioritise cutting wasteful expenditure over rate rises.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent (approximately $320 for the average household). Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent well above inflation and population growth and this proposed rise would continue that unsustainable trajectory. The proposed breakdownâ€”2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”adds to a burden that far

outpaces real growth in household incomes.The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spend on consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance shows consultant costs at about $126 million per year across the Council group with the average consultant receiving around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and payroll have risen far faster than inflation over recent years indicating significant room to trim non-essential costs without compromising essential services.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Freezing staffing and/or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles would deliver immediate savings (at least $17 million). I advocate cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additionally I believe we must protect facilities that all residents useâ€”reserves and regional parksâ€”which are currently neglected. Aucklanders are fed up with paying more and getting less; reductions to discretionary back-office and consultancy spend are essential to stabilise rates.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9279,336777,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to call for substantial restraint in council spending consistent with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.I understand the need to fund essential services but the proposed 7.9% rise represents a real-terms burden on households already facing a cost-of-living crisis. The 7.9% increase is about $320 more per average household on top of a long trend of rising rates that has left the average residential bill at $4069 and a 30% real increase since 2022 (far above cumulative inflation). I urge the Council to cap the rate rise at or near 3% by pursuing targeted savings instead of blanket increases.I agree that the Council must reduce wasteful expenditure. In particular:- Reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- 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 could save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or substantially reduce 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 function.Additional points from my experience: the current rate increases are compounded by rising utility costs placing an intolerable burden on households. The present mayor's approach appears inconsistent with promises made to ratepayers which I find insulting to those of us who expected better governance.I support the Council's alternative budget aim to reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) bringing the average residential rate rise closer to 3% through targeted cuts:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes- $50 million from consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9349,336704,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill stands at $4069 and real increases since 2022 have already reached about 30%. A rates rise of this magnitude without clear evidence of offsetting efficiency gains is unacceptable for ratepayers.Key positions- Oppose the 7.9% increase. The proposed rise should be restrained to reflect inflation and the need to prioritise core council services.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. A more streamlined organisation will lower operating costs and lessen the need for higher rates.- Cut spend on consultancy and professional services. The Alliance data shows consultant costs are substantial; reducing these can lower the rate burden on households.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (about $36 million per year) which in our view emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from essential services.- 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 per year on the Maori Outcomes department Ngā Mātārae. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Alternative budget pathway- Implement a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) capping average residential rates increases to around 3%.- Prioritise: (1) personnel cost reductions through hiring freezes and organisational change; (2) cap spending on consultants; (3) renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors; (4) focus funds on statutory and essential services rather than discretionary grants.These measures align with the need to control costs deliver value for money and protect households from excessive rate rises while maintaining core 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9381,336671,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a plan to trim wasteful Council spending before asking households to shoulder higher bills.Key concerns and positions:- The 7.9% rise is excessive representing about $320 extra per average household on top of a real 30% rates increase since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). This must be restrained to reflect lower inflation and tighter household budgets.- Wasteful and outsized administrative costs drive the majority of rate increases. Spending on consultants averages $126 million per year across the Council group with the Auckland Council parent alone around $60 million and typical consultants earning about $200k. Corporate and backroom functions and the 6123 Council/CCO staff on six-figure salaries have grown far faster than inflation.- The proposed plan relies heavily on CRL operating costs and new asset funding rather than trimming non-essential expenditure. Direct operating expenditure rose 78% from 2013 to 2023 against 29% inflation underscoring the need for restraint.- We advocate for the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) cap rate increases at 3% by cutting payroll costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts consolidating suppliers and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- Specific reductions I support include freezing staffing for vacant non-essential roles (savings of at least $17 million) reducing consultancy spend by $50 million and renegotiating vendor contracts to save $30 million. In addition I oppose the $10 million/year Māori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) as not a core local government function and the stated $36 million/year Food Scraps Programme due to its questionable net carbon impact.In closing I request that the Council revise the plan to cap increases around 3% through concrete cost controls and to prioritise essential services over discretionary programmes. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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9641,336403,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for reductions in wasteful Council spending.1. Opposition to the proposed increase- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household given the current bill of $4069. This rise is well above inflation and out of step with recent performance and service delivery.2. Wasteful spending and backroom costs- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including personnel costs and six-figure salaries and to halt unnecessary growth in payroll and contractor spend.3. Reduce consultants and professional services- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items. This aligns with the Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap overall expenditure and redirect funds to essential services.4. Specific programme savings- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect resources to programs with demonstrable environmental and community benefit.5. Staffing and payroll controls- 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 and would help keep rates increases aligned with inflation or lower.6. Targeted programme spend- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) delivering a cap of approximately a 3% residential rates increase through targeted efficiency measures including personnel costs consultants renegotiations and prioritising statutory services.I request that you consider these reforms as a pathway to fairer more affordable rates and prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9667,336376,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit my observations on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan.I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This rise equivalent to about $320 for the average household far outstrips both inflation and the real growth in population. Since 2012 rates have risen by 85 percent in real terms while inflation has run about 34 percent and population growth about 22 percent. The current rates bill stands at $4069 up from $2781 in 2022; the cumulative impact on households is unsustainable.I support measures to reduce Council expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing notes $126 million per year spent on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant paid about $200000. Reducing these costs is a practical step toward stabilising rates.I also support canceling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is claimed to emit more carbon than it saves. Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes is prudent governance.I back freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately. Similarly capping overall payroll growth

and reviewing the spend on Māori-focused programmes aligns with the view that local government should prioritise core services.I agree with reducing Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting this is not a function of local government. A focus on essential services can better protect ratepayers' interests.Additional concerns: I urge tightening expenditure on traffic infrastructure that does not clearly reflect community benefit including speeding up cost controls on AT-related projects such as speed bumps.I respectfully request to present at hearings to outline these points in more detail.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9676,336367,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,Key positions- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. The proposed rise with an average bill of about $4069 now and a real increase far above inflation since 2022 is not acceptable.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year with the average consultant receiving around $200000. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation.- Cut consultancy and professional services costs rather than continuing to grow them. A reduction in external contracting and professional services is essential to stabilise rate pressures.- 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. This would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Additional points- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve savings.- Rates increases should align with inflation and population growth not outpace them by a wide margin.ContextSince the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population grew 22% and inflation hovered around 34% over the same period. A more restrained efficiency-focused approach is required to restore value for ratepayers and maintain essential 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9785,336246,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I submit in a personal and sincere voice to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for a reduction in wasteful Council spending.1. Rates increase and budget priorities- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This represents a significant real burden on households already stretched by inflation.- The current average rates bill sits at $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30 percent far outpacing inflation. A more restrained approach is needed that prioritises essential services and affordable sustainable growth.2. Spending reforms to lower rates- The Council should reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council must curb consultancy and professional services rather than perpetually increasing these costs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- A targeted reduction of

discretionary expenditure including renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors is necessary.3. Specific programme and equity considerations- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and according to available data emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reassess Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' department including the $10 million per year allocated as this is not a defined local government mandate.Additional context- The Brown administration promised cost control; this hasn't materialised. The Council must 'cut their cloth' like households and businesses do aligning expenditure with real community needs.Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2 percent) to cap rates increases at around 3 percent focusing on essential services and reforming non-essential expenditure.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9863,336162,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,I am submitting in a personal and sincere tone to oppose Auckland Council's proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27. I understand this translates to about $320 extra for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in current dollar terms. This is unaffordable for many ratepayers including pensioners like myself who are already tightening budgets.I urge the Council to implement meaningful expenditure reductions before seeking further rate increases. Specifically I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% rise and instead cap or reduce rates growth by addressing wasteful expenditure. The current costs are rising well beyond inflation while essential costs for households are stretched.2) Reduce spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these lines. The Alliance's figures show substantial spend in these areas which should be redirected to essential services.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear example of a programme with questionable value relative to its price tag.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 Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). If this is not a core local government function it should be scaled back.6) Support the Council's focus on statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and prioritise core responsibilities.As supporting materials I note that consultant and contractor spending payroll and other operating costs have risen disproportionately compared with inflation in recent years. A more prudent budget that prioritises core services will ease the burden on families.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

9868,336157,,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Do not support most,Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%â€"far outstripping cumulative inflation (about 34%) and population growth (22%). The proposed increase is not affordable for households that are already enduring real increases in living costs.The rate rise breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This structure compounds cost

without delivering proportional direct public benefit. The Council should instead prioritise efficiency and restraint and cap the rate increase closer to inflation.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce wasteful expenditure. Specific measures include:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze on non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cutting spending on consultants and professional services; the Alliance estimates a substantial ongoing saving in this area.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to achieve better value for money.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In addition I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This is a clear example of spending misalignment with core council responsibilities and climate priorities.I also oppose continuing high Māori-specific spending through Ngā Mātārae (the Māori outcomes department). The Alliance notes around $10 million per year in this area; I contend that such expenditures should be compatible with local government roles and not set a precedent for ongoing expenditure beyond statutory requirements.With the proposed rate path already outstripping inflation and population demand I urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget framework reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates to around 3% via targeted savings in personnel consultants contracts and essential services.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.

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.
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	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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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

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**
- **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

On current knowledge this increase translates to around $320 for the average household while the real cost to households is far higher when set against persistent inflation and population growth. Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% well above inflation and growth and households already face a heavy financial burden.I call for immediate reductions in wasteful and non-essential spending to keep rates affordable. Specifically:- Cut expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce spend on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these to grow.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per

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Do not support most

Tell us why

This submission reflects a personal and sincere concern for the affordability of Council services and the efficient use of ratepayers' money.1) Oppose the 7.9% average rate increase- The proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in a period of ongoing inflation. I believe rates increases should track inflation and community needs not outpace them.2) Reducing wasteful Council and CCO spending- The Alliance data show high costs in corporate and backroom functions and substantial consultant expenditure. I support reducing these areas across the Council and CCOs and refocusing on core services.- Freeze staffing

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#10125

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Tell us why

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#10202

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Tell us why

1) Spending reductions must come first. The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs to stop ratepayer-funded waste. Directing funds to essential services not bloated administration is a prerequisite for any fair rates outcome.2) Cut consultancy and professional services. The ongoing growth in spending on consultants is unsustainable. I support capping and reducing outsourcing and advisory services to ensure ratepayer dollars deliver core services rather than external expertise.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. This project costs about $36 million per year and based on the Alliance briefing emits

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows that the current plan embeds a real cost to households well above inflation with the average residential bill already at $4069 and rates since 2022 up 30 percent in real terms. A 7.9 percent rise would perpetuate this drift while not addressing underlying inefficiencies.My positions are as follows:1) The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A leaner fitter organisation will better protect essential services without the need for further rate hikes.2) Restrict consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is a major driver of escalating costs; a cap is

essential to bring rates increases under control.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This alone would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.6) Consider alternative budgeting to cap rate increases at 3 percent. The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) through personnel changes consultant reductions contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Additional points I wish to raise include a proposed surcharge on those who would use the new rail projects because households that will not benefit should not fund an expensive project. In times of hardship there should be urgency to cut staff freeze salaries and limit discretionary spend to protect essential services.I would like the opportunity 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

I acknowledge the Council's need to maintain essential services but the current proposal disproportionately burdens households. The 7.9 percent lift equates to around $320 for the average household while the real rate increases since 2022 have run 30 percent in real terms against 12 percent inflation. This is unsustainable for many ratepayers and diverts attention from prudent budget discipline.In line with prudent governance I urge the Council to implement substantial cost reductions before considering new or increased charges:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and

professional services instead of 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 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 for the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local-government function.In addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of around 3 percent on residential rates. This includes organisational change a hiring freeze where appropriate capping consultant spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants. Open books are essential: run the city like a successful business show what is spent prove that operations can run within the P&L and present a credible plan to lift efficiency and hold each department accountable.I seek careful consideration of these measures and a published plan detailing cost reductions before any further rate increases.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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Tell us why

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