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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Key grounds for opposition and evidence:1) The proposed 7.9% rise translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and 85% since the Super City amalgamation far exceeding population growth and inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs alone with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows.2) Spending patterns are unsustainable. Council payroll costs consultants and contractors and other expenses have grown well beyond inflation with direct operating expenditure up 78% from 2013â€“2023 and consultant spending at $126 million annually across the Council

group.3) The Council should prioritise core statutory/essential services and curb discretionary or non-essential spend. In particular there is a strong case to cap consulting expenditure freeze non-essential staffing and renegotiate vendor contracts to realise savings.Agreed actions and proposed savings:- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) to keep the residential rate rise to about 3%. This includes: (a) $50 million by reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles; (b) $50 million by capping spend on consultants; (c) $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; (d) $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year citing its higher emissions and limited net carbon savings. Be aware of the low percentage uptake; in this area 25% if that.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae budget of about $10 million per year arguing this is not a local-government core function.Additional point:The proposed Budget should reflect current global events including the Middle East conflict and align expenditure with CPI+ modest limits to avoid disproportionate rate hikes.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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6898,339316,,Franklin,Do not support most,1) Against the rate rise and its justification- The proposed 7.9 percent increase is not acceptable. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real increase since 2022 is 30 percent well above cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent to fund CRL operating costs while only a portion aligns with essential service needs. A rate increase must align with measurable outcomes and affordability for households not reflexive cost growth.2) Expenditure reductions required- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Data indicate $126 million per year in consultant spending across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation; direct operating expenditure rose 78 percent from 2013 to 2023. A department-by-department cost review is essential.3) Specific savings and allocations- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. Cap spending on consultants at $50 million renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save a further $30â€“50 million. Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; redirect reductions to keep rates increases within sustainable limits.4) Redress Māori outcomes and other spend- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function. I also urge a department-by-department cost reduction approach with explicit spending limits and a reorientation away from climate-wonky 'nice to haves' without measurable outcomes.5) Supporting context- The overall project cost pressures are unsustainable given the scale of existing rate increases and population growth. A responsible budget should constrain new spending and target core services.ClosingI 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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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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	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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reductions I support include: freezing non-essential staffing and vacancies to save at least $17 million immediately; capping consultancy spend at $50 million; pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million; and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants to save $20 million.- I oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and purportedly emits more carbon than it saves; I request a full cost-benefit reassessment and immediate suspension of this programme if evidence confirms net negative impact.- I oppose continued growth in payroll and consultant costs. With payroll at about $1.3 billion and consultants at $590 million along with an expanding six-figure-salary cohort urgent efficiency overhauls are essential.- I also oppose allocating funds to Māori-specific programmes such as the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes budget of about $10 million per year arguing that such functions fall outside core local government responsibilities.In sum a responsible path to financial restraint is to prioritise essential services reduce wasteful back office and consultancy spend and implement a leaner staffing model. A lower rate increase aligns with ratepayers' interests and fosters sustainable council governance.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a substantial reduction in wasteful Council spending before any levy is approved.Key context and concerns- The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with the proposed 7.9% increase equating to roughly $320 for the average household. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€”well above both inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). This is unsustainable for households already facing cost pressures.- The 7.9% increase is not evenly focused on essential needs. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This

signals ongoing spending pressures beyond core services.- Spending on consultants and backroom functions is excessive. The Council group spends about $126 million per year on consultants with the average consultant earning around $200000. Payroll and related costs remain high while there are calls to prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Agreed positions to include- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should curb spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government remit.Additional point- Reference to Wayne Brown's stated promise to halt rate rises if elected which I view as a broken commitment and a reason to reassess the credibility of rate rises.ClosingI urge careful scrutiny of all discretionary spend and demand a plan to align rates with inflation not with escalating overheads. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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7000,339209,,Franklin,Do not support most,Position and rationale1) I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. With current average bills around $4069 and a 2022-2025 real increase of 30 percent rates are already above inflation and well beyond household affordability. The proposed 7.9 percent would push many households further from financial stability.2) Expenditure controls are essential. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing highlights substantial spend that could be redirected to protect essential services. In particular there is a strong case to reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to curb consultant and professional service spending which remains high despite prior promises to curb costs.3) Policy changes to align with ratepayer interests. I support reducing non-core spending such as the Food Scraps Programme (which costs about $36 million/year) and opposing Māori-specific spending within Ngā Mātārae and other race-based spending given concerns about the role of local government in these areas and the current cost base.Financial targets and proposed alternative budget4) I support the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget approach: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates growth at around 3 percent. This would be achieved by:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Capping consultants: $50 million- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors: $30 million- Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAdditional points5) The Council must live within its means and tighten the belt to limit rate increases to inflation. If the Council were a business it could not justify an 8 percent price rise without corresponding value. It is essential to curb wasteful spending and restore trust that ratepayer funds are used prudently.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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7022,339187,,Franklin,Do not support most,This level is unsustainable for households already facing a real rates increase of 30% since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and well above both inflation and population growth. The proposed mixâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”exacerbates inequities and ignores the need for leaner government at the local level.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases). Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services: $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.These measures would cap the average rate rise to around 3% and address systemic over-spending in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. In particular spending on consultants and six-figure staff combined with rising payroll and other expenses has outpaced inflation and driven unaffordable bills to ratepayers. The Council must also cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves and suspend non-essential Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department (Māori Outcomes) amounting to about $10 million per year since these are not central local government functions.I also request that the Council recognise the impact of leasehold land increases in the CBD; with rising land rents rate increases must not price people out of living in the city.In closing 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7039,339170,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a rigorous review of current expenditure to avoid rate rises above inflation.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 for the average household while the real increase since 2022 is already 30% in Auckland dollars with inflation around 12%. This level of increase is disproportionate to core service needs.- A significant driver of the proposed rise is CRL operating costs (4.4%) alongside ongoing asset maintenance (2%) and growth-related asset funding (1.5%). I ask Council to demonstrate the value delivered by CRL spend and identify efficiency gains elsewhere.- I support reducing wasteful Council spending and backroom costs. In particular the Council should reduce personnel costs by not hiring for non-essential vacant roles and implement a freeze where appropriate which could deliver substantial savings immediately.- I also support reducing consultancy and professional services spend which the Alliance highlights as a major ongoing cost. A more aggressive renegotiation of contracts and vendor consolidation should form a priority.- The Food Scraps Programme (estimated at $36 million/year) should be cancelled if the programme does not demonstrably offset emissions or provide clear local benefits.- I oppose further increases in discretionary or non-core spend including Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) budget cited at roughly $10 million/year arguing that such functions are not a core local government responsibility.Alternative budget proposal- Cap average residential rate increases to around 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) focusing on: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring freezes - $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 publicly provide a full review of efficiency opportunities and present a revised plan aligned with the 3% cap prior to the final decision.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7081,339128,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge Council to instead adopt substantial belt-tightening and a focus on core statutory services. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms far outstripping inflation and population growth. The current plan relies too heavily on new assets and CRL operating costs rather than prudent spend control.2. Expenditure reform must precede any rate rise. I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and I oppose continued growth in consultancy and professional services. In particular freeze or reduce staffing by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately and curb overall payroll growth.3. The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. At $36 million per year it costs more in emissions than it saves and is not a priority for essential local government functions. Council should reallocate those funds to fundamental services that residents rely on.4. The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). This is not a function of local government; resources should be prioritised towards statutory duties and essential services.5. A practical path to affordability is to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increase at 3%. This entails: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultancy spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.6. Households in Auckland are under cost-of-living pressure. We must tighten public sector non-essential spend and halt unnecessary projects to protect households from further rate shocks.ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a
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7092,339117,,Franklin,Do not support most,The impact on households is significant: the average residential bill is already $4069 and real increases since 2022 are running at about 30 percent in real terms far outpacing inflation. A 7.9 percent increase which amounts to roughly $320 for the average household is unacceptable without meaningful savings elsewhere.I agree with the need to reduce wasteful council spending and to curb growth in personnel and backroom functions. The Council should:- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- Reduce expenditure on consultants and professional services and cap overall spending on consultants across the Council and CCOs.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year which 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) which is not a core local government function.In

addition I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at 3 percent. This should be achieved by:- $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze.- $50 million savings by capping spending on consultants.- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation.- $20 million from prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.These measures would more fairly align rate increases with actual service demands and inflation rather than permitting entrenched spending growth that outstrips households' ability to pay.I request the opportunity to present these points in person at hearings to explain why tighter controls on non-essential spending are essential to maintain essential services while protecting ratepayers from excessive increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7101,339108,,Franklin,Do not support most,The case for restraint is strong: this is a real-terms burden that far outstrips inflation and the needs of households. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a 30 percent real increase since 2022 (compared with 12 percent cumulative inflation). The proposed 7.9 percent rise compounds this impact.Iagrees with the need to oppose the rate rise and to reduce wasteful Council expenditure. Specifically the Council must cut spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual increases in these items. The proposed allocationâ€”2 percent for maintaining assets 1.5 percent for new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costsâ€”does not address core affordability concerns and masks structural inefficiencies.Iagrees that discretionary and non-essential programmes should be trimmed. Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this would provide immediate savings potentially at least $17 million. Iagrees that Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reviewed as this is not a core local government function.To demonstrate a path to relief Iadvocate the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap rates rise at about 3 percent. This entails: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants. Stick to the basics we cannot afford the nice to haves.Closing: I request to be heard at the hearings to present these points in person.{name redacted}{address redacted}{email redacted}I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7108,339101,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I note the real increase since 2022 is already 30% in 2022 dollars far exceeding inflation.Structure and key concerns1) Expenditure and efficiency: The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Current

patterns show unusually high use of external advisers and contractor staff to the detriment of ratepayers seeking value for money.2) Wasteful programmes and payroll: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs around $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves). Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacant roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million. There is a need to rebalance priorities toward statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.3) Māori outcomes funding: I oppose ongoing high Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that local government should prioritise core statutory duties unless there is a clear demonstrable public benefit that cannot be delivered more efficiently elsewhere.4) Overall rate trajectory: The Council should address excessive cost growth that has outpaced both inflation and population growth. The proposed 7.9% increase is not sustainable for households especially given the broad pattern of rising payroll and consultancy costs over the past decade.Additional contextExceeding inflation is a concern for households already grappling with cost pressures. A disciplined budget that prioritises essential services and delivers demonstrable value to residents is required rather than broad rate increases.Closing requestI request that the Council revise the plan to cap rate increases closer to inflation with clear cuts to wasteful spending and a transparent plan to 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7111,339098,,Franklin,Do not support most,The impact on households is significant with the average bill already at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of 30% in the context of only 12% inflation. I urge the Council to pursue meaningful reductions in expenditure to keep rates increases aligned with inflation and essential services.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. To maintain affordability the Council should target a much lower increase.- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Current payroll and high-cost support functions contribute disproportionately to rate rises.- The Council needs to reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue expanding these items. Consultants currently cost the Council hundreds of millions with substantial ongoing fees.- The Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- The Council should freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that would immediately save at least $17 million.- The Council should cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government responsibility.Additional context:- The proposed mix of funding increases includes 2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs; a reallocation toward essential services and efficiency would help restrain overall rate pressure.- The 'Ratepayers' Alliance' alternative budget demonstrates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap increases at around 3% preserving essential services and improving affordability.In summary I urge the Council to adopt a tighter control on operating costs eliminate non-essential programmes and pursue efficiency gains before approving any rate increase. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,

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7125,339084,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase is excessive especially given the known cost drivers: 4.4% for CRL operating costs 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. Real household pressure requires restraint in rates rather than continued growth in spending.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far above inflation (34%) and population growth (22%). Households cannot absorb further above-inflation increases when budgeting for essential living costs.Cost-reduction priorities (agreed positions)- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut spending on consultants and professional services; cap and reduce consultancy expenditure rather than perpetually growing these items.- Improve financial efficiency by reducing corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs including renegotiations and vendor consolidation where possible.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department currently cited at around $10 million per year arguing it is not a core Local Government function.Additional points- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to avoid unnecessary ratepayer burden.- A 2% reduction in new spending within the budget would cap the average residential rate increase to around 3% aligning with household budget realities and the need for prudent stewardship.ClosingRatepayers are bearing a heavy load; overspending and wasteful spending must be tackled decisively. Please consider these reductions seriously and adjust the plan accordingly.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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7157,339052,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This is significantly above inflation and undermines households already facing cost pressures. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% (vs. 12% cumulative inflation). A 7.9% uplift roughly $320 for the average household is unacceptable without demonstrable efficiency and measurable benefits.I urge the Council to cut wasteful expenditure and pursue prudent fiscal reform including:1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and hiring freezes where non-essential roles exist rather than perpetuating escalating payrolls.2) Reducing spend on consultants and outsourced professional services; the current $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million at the Auckland Council parent is excessive given outputs.3) Reforming contract negotiations and consolidating vendors to achieve better value for money and reduce duplication.I also seek the immediate cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme at a cost of $36 million per year which purportedly saves carbon but on balance emits more than it saves. The programme should be halted until a transparent independently verified lifecycle assessment shows net positive outcomes.Additionally I oppose continuing Māori-specific expenditure at the scale proposed. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) represents a function of local government that I believe should be reassessed or scaled back focusing on essential statutory responsibilities.An alternative Budget proposal from Ratepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the rate rise at about 3%. This would

come from: $50 million through personnel and hiring discipline $50 million via cap on consultants $30 million through renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.I request that the Council consider these measures before finalising the 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7175,339034,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and urge a comprehensive reduction in wasteful Council spending before any rate rise is considered.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and since 2022 real increases have reached about 30% (well above cumulative inflation). Aimed-at affordability is essential; a smaller tightly controlled increase is warranted.2) Wasteful spend and backroom costs- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- There must be a clear reduction in consultancy and professional services rather than ongoing growth in these items.3) Specific programme reductions- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Payroll and staffing controls- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Māori-specific spending- Cut Māori-focused expenditure such as the about $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local-government function.6) Additional funding principle- User pays for all transport to reflect that this is a public service with direct personal benefit.Alternative budget approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance propose reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rates increase at around 3% prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiating contracts to achieve savings.ClosingI request the Council adopt a leaner budget focused on essential services and I oppose any increase in residential rates beyond inflation. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7182,339027,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to pursue significant cost reductions before approving any higher rates for ratepayers.Key reasons and requests:1) Rates level and fairness. The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by around 30% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation. This is unsustainable for households and businesses alike.2) Targeted cost reductions to fund a lower increase. The Council should implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% cut). This would cap the average rate rise at around 3% and achieve the following:- Freeze or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles saving at least $17 million.- Curb expenditure on consultants and professional services by around $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors for a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants with a $20 million adjustment.3) Reducing backroom and discretionary spend. The Council must cut spending on

corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and limit the growth of consultants and specialised services that inflate rates without clear deliverables.4) Specific programs to discontinue or reform. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending at the level of the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department set at around $10 million per year arguing this is not a core local government responsibility.5) Internal reforms. A broader organisational change and continued hiring restraint across the organisation will help align costs with community services and outcomes expected from Aucklanders.Closing: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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7199,339010,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a detailed and evidence-based manner opposing the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and calling for immediate reductions in wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household given the 30 percent real increase since 2022 against 12 percent inflation. The proposed breakdown (2% for existing assets 1.5% for growth 4.4% for CRL operating costs) highlights spending priorities that should be rebalanced toward essential services.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services rather than allow further growth in these areas. Current figures show $126 million annually on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant paid around $200k.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme (costing $36 million/year) on the basis it emits more carbon than it saves and diverts funds from core services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this would deliver meaningful savings (the submission notes this could save at least $17 million immediately).- I advocate cutting Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government and reallocate to statutory and essential services.- The Council should implement cost-saving measures through organisational change capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and vendor consolidation; prioritise statutory services over discretionary grants to cap rate rises.Additional points- The Council needs to appoint a qualified person to challenge and deliver cost savings and rationalise the structure to core activities only. The current staffing structure appears top-heavy and Auckland's efficiency should match that of comparable cities.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7222,338987,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase for 2026/27 and urge a fundamental reprioritisation of Council spending to protect households.1) Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 more per household on top of a current average bill of $4069. This is unsustainable for many ratepayers and ignores the cumulative impact since 2010 when rates rose 85% while inflation ran about 12% and population grew 22%. I oppose any rise above inflation and request that the Council cap rate increases to reflect a prudent proportionate cost of living

adjustment.2) Reducing wasteful spend in corporate and backroom functions- A substantial opportunity exists within the Council group to trim overheads. The focus should be on reducing personnel costs cutting consultants and professional services and consolidating vendors to lower non-core expenditure.3) Freeze on staffing and payroll savings- Freeze hiring for non-essential roles and pursue vacancies in a way that reduces payroll costs. I support measures that freeze or reduce payroll growth to deliver immediate savings aligning spending with essential services.4) Spending reductions on consultants and Māori outcomes- The Council should curb spend on consultants and professional services as this area has grown aggressively. I also disagree with continuing or expanding Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' budget which I believe is not the proper remit of local government. Reducing these discretionary allocations will help keep rates increases modest.5) Programmes to reconsider- I oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. Funds redirected from such programmes should support essential council services and genuine ratepayer priority.Additional note- Stick to your word Mr Brown. This is the basis on which I voted.ClosingI request that the Council implement a lower rate increase by prioritising reductions in spending on corporate/backroom functions and consultants while cancelling non-essential 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7227,338982,,Franklin,Do not support most,I am writing to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a plan that reduces wasteful spending while protecting essential local services. The current rate burden is already significant: the average residential bill has grown from $2781 in 2022 to $4069 now a 30% real increase since 2022 with inflation running higher over the period. A 7.9% increase on top of this trajectory would push households and small businesses further into financial strain.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce overall Council spending and cap rate increases. Specifically:- Oppose the average 7.9% increase and seek to limit the raise to around 3% by reducing new and existing expenditure.- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for vacant non-essential roles which can save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce spending on consultants and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce payroll costs while preserving core services and avoid further growth in back-office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reassess Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe is not a core local government function.The Alliance's proposed Budget suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) allocated as: $50 million from personnel $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants. I urge the Council to consider these reforms seriously to deliver more accountable value-for-money local government.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7237,338972,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit my opposition to the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and advocate for meaningful reductions in wasteful Council spending with a constructive path to limit rate rises.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% (about $320 for the average household). The current average is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 and the real rate increase since 2022 is around 30% versus 12% consumer inflation. The proposed breakdownâ€”2% to maintain assets 1.5% for growth assets 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€"needs scrutiny to ensure every dollar is delivering essential wellâ€‘targeted outcomes.The Council must substantially reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs as well as cut consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continuing growth in these areas. Spending on consultants amounts to about $126 million per year for the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k; payroll and related costsâ€"$1.3 billion for the Councilâ€"have grown rapidly while 'other expenses' have outpaced inflation. A cap on discretionary salaries and expensive external contracts is essential.I support the following concrete measures to reduce rate pressure:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million per year which also emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant nonâ€‘essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing this is not a core local government function.- Implement a forensic accounting review to identify waste and inefficiency ensuring every dollar serves ratepayers' essential needs.I support the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate increases at about 3% achieved through personnel reductions capping consultants renegotiations 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7242,338967,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit this formal objection to the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase for 2026/27 and to the overall pattern of council spending that drives ratepayer costs beyond reasonable inflation.- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. This would amount to about $320 for the typical household on top of a real rate rise already far outpacing inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen by about 85 percent while inflation has grown roughly 34 percent and population modestly 22 percent. The current trajectory is unsustainable for households.- I call for substantial restraint on council spending particularly in corporate and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs and for a reduction in consultancy and professional services. The current spending on consultants (about $126 million per year) and the broader payroll ($1.3 billion) is excessive in light of the core services residents rely on.- I support the planned reduction of non-essential spending through an alternative budget proposal: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% overall) to cap rates increases at around 3%. This includes freezing non-essential hiring capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory and essential services.- I oppose expanding discretionary programmes that do not demonstrably improve core local government outcomes. In particular the ongoing expenditure on Māori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) and related initiatives should be carefully aligned with statutory responsibilities of local government and essential services.- I request transparent reporting on payroll and consultant costs and I urge the council to publish quarterly updates on targeted savings and progress against the alternative budget.- I urge a pause on new non-essential projects and a

focus on maintaining and renewing existing assets efficiently with a clear efficiently-delivered plan to avoid cost overruns.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7250,338959,,Franklin,Do not support most,We submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge a clear reduction in wasteful Council spending. Based on the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing the proposed rise represents roughly $320 for the average household which is unsustainable when set against 2022 levels and inflation.Key points1) Rate rise and spending priorities: The 7.9% increase is composed of 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far above inflation and population growth. We request a cap of 3.5% to better align with inflation and household affordability supported by a responsible reduction in non-essential expenditure.2) Expenditure reductions: The Alliance shows consultant spend at $126 million per year and payroll growth with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries including 72 staff paid more than the mayor. We urge freezing non-essential hiring and achieving payroll reductions as well as capping consultants and renegotiating contracts to lower overall operating costs.3) Specific spending reductions: We oppose the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose the Maori Outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) budget of about $10 million/year for a function we believe is not a core local government remit. Directing these funds to essential statutory services would better serve ratepayers.4) Reallocation plan: The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) balancing the rate rise to 3% and for my preference a cap at 3.5% if feasible. This would be achieved through: $50 million savings from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.ClosingWe request that our submission be considered in formulating a fiscally responsible plan that keeps rates increases within 3.5% and prioritises essential services over discretionary spending.We do not wish to speak to our submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7260,338949,,Franklin,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge the Council to pursue substantial restraint on wasteful spending. The rate rise would cost the average household about $320 yet the Council's spending patterns show repeated overhangs on non-core activities that should be trimmed.I support the following positions:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.Additional points I urge the Council to consider:-

Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap average rates increases at around 3% through targeted savings in personnel consultancy and vendor costs.- Stop wage increases and stop hiring until core services are safeguarded and funded.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to households and businesses.Rationale:Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have been far lower. The current plan relies heavily on operating costs for the CRL and on expanding backroom functions. By focusing on a freeze in non-essential hires capping consultancy renegotiating contracts and eliminating non-core programmes the Council can protect essential services improve efficiency and keep rates closer to inflation.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7266,338943,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%.I note that the current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the proposed increase represents roughly $320 for the average household. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen 85%â€”far outpacing inflation and population growth. It is imperative that the Council curb wasteful spend before asking ratepayers to carry higher costs.Positions I insist on including:- Oppose the 7.9% average rates increase. I call for a responsible reset of spending not further rate rises above inflation.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current model relies heavily on administrative overhead that does not deliver commensurate public value.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council's heavy reliance on external advisers should be trimmed in favour of in-house capability and critical core projects.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to essential services with demonstrable environmental and social benefits.- 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 including the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department which is not a core function of local government.Additional context:- The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to ensure foundations are protected while delivering tangible community benefits within a sustainable budget.- A targeted reduction in new spending and a more prudent procurement approach would align expenditure with ratepayer expectations and inflation realities.I request that this submission be considered in the hearings process and that the Council provide concrete measurable reductions aligned with the above points.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

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

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7270

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Submitter details:

Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a program of spending restraint that protects essential services while reducing waste.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase translates to about $320 for the average household. This is well above the rate of inflation and exceeds what many ratepayers can sustainably absorb.- A substantial portion of the increase funds CRL operating costs (4.4%) asset maintenance (2%) and new assets for growth (1.5%). Given the scale of ongoing personnel and consultant costs there is room to reallocate to essential services without sacrificing core outcomes.- Council and CCO spending on consultants and backroom

functions is excessive. Current data show $126 million per year across the group with average consultant pay around $200k. A cap and targeted efficiency are warranted.Agreed positions and proposed actions- Oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase and pursue a reduction in discretionary spending particularly in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allow continued growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and is argued to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing levels or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that local government should prioritise statutory and essential services.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) capping average rates to around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from cap on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI ask the Council to consider these efficiencies and reallocate funds to core services that residents rely on rather than approving a near-double-inflation rate rise.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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N/A

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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#7285

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Key concerns and constructive recommendations:1) Rates affordability and value for money. The proposed 7.9% increase represents about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 in the face of 12% cumulative inflation. I urge the Council to cap average residential rate rises at 3% by reducing expenditure growth and delivering better value for money.2) Targeted spending reductions. The Ratepayers' Alliance propose saving $150 million through a 2% reduction in new Council spending enabling a far more affordable rates path:- Freeze or carefully limit staffing and avoid hiring for non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million

immediately.- Curb consultants and professional services spend which is excessive and rising.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to extract better value.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.3) Focus on eliminating wasteful programmes. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Redirect those funds to core services that communities rely on.4) Reassess targeted Māori-specific spending. I do not support expanding spending in the Māori Outcomes area beyond what is necessary for core local government functions; I favour reprioritising funds toward essential services.Additional context:- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% while population growth and inflation outpace this underscoring the need for reform rather than further rate increases.- A leaner payroll reduced contractor use and renegotiated contracts will help align costs with services delivered.I request that the Council consider these measures and deliver a more affordable rates outcome without compromising essential Auckland services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

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to expand these items. The documented levels of consultant spend ($126 million per year across the group with $60 million by the Council parent alone and average consultants earning about $200k) are unsustainable at a time when ratepayers are asked to bear higher bills.I also agree that the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year should be cancelled given concerns about its carbon emissions relative to savings. In addition freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles could save at least $17 million immediately.I agree the Council should reduce Māori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government in my view.To balance the budget without placing disproportionate burden on households I support the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%): prioritising statutory and essential services and cutting personnel costs consultancy and vendor expenses as outlined.Additional point: please consider the needs of senior citizens in Auckland when evaluating these proposals.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Tell us why

Based on public information this would add about $320 to the average household bill taking the current average of $4069 higher than 2022 levels. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85 percent well above inflation and population growth. The proposed 7.9 percent increase with 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and only modest offsets from asset maintenance and growth is not acceptable.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current level of payroll and internal support costs alongside high consulting and professional services spend is a major driver of rate rises. I agree the Council should

reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to grow these items. The documented level of consultants and six-figure salaries and the overall direct operating expenditure growth are unsustainable for ratepayers.I also support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves. This is a discretionary programme that does not align with prudent essential-service prioritisation.In addition I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. The ongoing personnel costs and other expenses should be brought back to align with inflation and population realities.I further oppose continuing or expanding explicit Maori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year for the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and programmes.An alternative approach is the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to cap average residential rates increases at 3 percent by reducing new Council spending by about $150 million: cutting personnel costs capping consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and urge the Council to reduce wasteful expenditure and reorganise spending to protect households from unaffordable bills.Key points- The proposed 7.9% rate rise is too high for urban families already hit by inflation. The current average residential bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 a real increase of about 30% since 2022 well above general inflation. A targeted cap is essential.- The Council should curb corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. A smaller simpler organisation will reduce overheads and free funds for essential services.- Spending on consultancy and professional services

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support most

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Tell us why

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Do not support most

Tell us why

1. I oppose the proposed increase as excessive beyond inflation. The 7.9 percent rise translates to around $320 more per average household on top of a real rates increase since 2022 of about 30 percent well above inflation. This is unaffordable for families and small businesses alike.2. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating costs have risen far faster than inflation with payroll and 'other expenses' up sharply since 2022. Reducing these functions is essential to restrain rate rises.3. Stop and reverse the growth in consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing shows consultant

spend at about $126 million per year across the Council group averaging $200k per consultant. Capping and renegotiating these arrangements is necessary to stabilise rates.4. Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. The submitter's position is that freezing vacant non-essential hires could save at least $17 million immediately easing the need for higher rates.5. Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). I contend that this is not a core function of local government and should be redirected to essential services.6. Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget approach. By reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) average residential rates could be capped at around 3 percent. This should be achieved through personnel cost reductions consultancy caps contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.7. Stop wasteful spending and stop rate increases. The current trajectory is unsustainable for ratepayers; a disciplined budget focused on essential services will better serve Aucklanders.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7366

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average rise is excessive relative to inflation and to the Council's own spending trajectories. The average rates bill would rise by about $320 for the typical household while real increases since 2022 amount to roughly 30 percent in 2022-dollar terms far outstripping inflation.- Spending on consultants and professional services is unsustainable. The Alliance reports annual consultant expenditure of $126 million across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with many consultants earning about $200k.- Payroll and back-office costs have ballooned. Council payroll sits at about $1.3 billion with six-figure salaries increasing

significantly under recent leadership; many staff earn more than the mayor and overall personnel costs and other expenses have risen faster than inflation.- Wasteful and discretionary spend must be pruned. The Food Scraps Programme costs $36 million per year and is said to emit more carbon than it saves; there is also excess funding for arts plazas and non-essential projects that are not fiscally warranted.- A leaner budget is achievable. The Ratepayers' Alliance model suggests a $150 million reduction in new spending (2%) which would cap the rates rise to around 3%. This includes freezing staff hiring for non-essential roles capping consultancy spend renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Specific recommendations- Freeze vacant non-essential roles to save at least $17 million immediately.- Cap and reduce consultancy and back-office functions by at least $50 million.- Cancel or scale back the Food Scraps Programme and redirect funds to essential services.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae department (approximately $10 million per year) unless directly mandated by statute.Additional pointsStop spending on art parks and other non-essential projects. Householders should not be burdened to fund wasteful expenditure.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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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

#7410

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Local Board: Franklin

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and to urge substantial restraint and reform in Council spending.1) Opposition to the rates rise and direction for spending- The proposed 7.9 percent average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30 percent real increase since 2022. Rates have risen far faster than inflation and population growth since the Super City amalgamation while infrastructure outcomes have stalled. It is reasonable to demand value for money before accepting further increases.2) Spending reform to fund essential services- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7421

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current path would impose an average $320 extra per household on top of a long-term pattern of rate rises well above inflation.Agreed positions and supporting context1) Oppose the 7.9% increase and seek cap at around 3%. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has been about 34% and population growth around 22%. The proposed 7.9% is not sustainable or affordable for households.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The Alliance highlights substantial spending on six-figure salaries consultants and non-core functions; a focus on trimming these areas is necessary.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and

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N/A

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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 rates rise and urge the Council to fund essential services while cutting wasteful spending. The current trajectory shows a real-terms rate increase well above inflation: since 2012 rates have surged by about 85% far exceeding price level growth. The proposed breakdownâ€”2% for asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”shows insufficient restraint on overall expenditure and suggests scope to reduce spending in non-essential areas.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce Council spending on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and to cut

consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continued growth in these costs. In particular the Alliance' figures indicate $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with an average consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen faster than inflation with payroll and related expenses dominating the budget. I therefore urge a firm freeze on non-essential hiring and the reduction of payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which the Alliance argues could save at least $17 million immediately.I also call for cancelling the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year and reportedly delivering limited net carbon savings. I support prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and administrative overhead. I further support reducing Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Māori outcomes' expenditure as these are not core local government responsibilities.The submitted alternative budget's cap of a 3% rate increase achieved through a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (including $50 million saved from personnel costs and $50 million from consultants) should be seriously considered. Additionally I request that a proportionate share of rate spending be allocated to the Rodney area which I believe has been underserved.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a prioritisation of reduced wasteful spending over rate hikes.The proposed 7.9% increase is not affordable for households. It equates to about $320 more per year for the average family on top of a current average residential rates bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by about 30% in real terms while overall inflation has been around 12%. The breakdown indicates 4.4% of the request is for CRL operating costs with only 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets. This allocation warrants scrutiny given the scale of the burden on ratepayers.Agreed positions:1) Oppose

the 7.9% average increase and support capping rates rises to around 3% leveraging savings identified in a ratepayer-led alternative budget.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these costs to continue climbing.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and according to assessment emits more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the ~$10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local government function.Additional context: The Council's payroll and external contracting costs have grown substantially with staff salaries and six-figure packages rising markedly. Direct operating expenditure has grown well ahead of inflation while consultants and contractors total approximately $590 million for the Council group. A reallocation toward essential statutory services and a stringent review of discretionary grants would better reflect the duties of local government and protect ratepayers.Closing: I request that the Council seriously consider reducing non-essential spending and implementing the outlined savings to limit rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7453

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9% and urge Council to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. The current spending trajectory shows payroll costs and external professional services growing much faster than inflation and staff numbers in six-figure roles have increased markedly since 2010. With a population growing steadily ratepayers cannot sustain such escalations.I support freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately. I also support reducing the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing

to increase these expenditure items. A cap on consultant costs and reform of vendor contracts is essential.I oppose continuing to fund the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) at the current level. I propose cutting Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated as this is not a core local government function. The Council should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and other non-core activities.In line with the Ratepayers' Alliance's Alternative Budget I advocate reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at around 3%. This would be achieved by: (1) reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze; (2) capping spending on consultants; (3) pursuing contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and (4) prioritising statutory services.Additional points: the council should deliver very basic services efficiently reduce wasteful spending and address concerns about the number of elected representatives and overall governance. The council like ratepayers must live within its means.Closing: I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7463

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in personal sincere terms to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to urge a thorough reduction in wasteful Council spending before any further rate rises.1) The rates increase is excessive. I oppose an average 7.9% increase for residents which would be roughly $320 for the typical household. This exceeds inflation and outpaces the necessary maintenance of existing services.2) Urgent expenditure controls are needed. The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The current levels are unsustainable and do not reflect

prudent financial management.3) Reassess discretionary programmes. I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves.4) Payroll restraint and staffing freezes. Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. The Council should prioritise essential services and avoid expanding payroll in non-critical areas.5) Focus on statutory and essential services. I oppose continued or expanded Māori-specific spending as a driver of rates including the Ngā Mātārae/'Māori outcomes' allocation of about $10 million per year. Local government should prioritise statutory responsibilities over discretionary programmes.6) Transform and tighten the budget. Restructure activities to fit within current funds seek more efficient processes and cut wasteful expenditure. No further rate increases should occur until internal housekeeping is completed and credible savings are realised.In addition I request that the Council consider the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget framework to cap rate increases at around 3% by saving $150 million through personnel reductions capex discipline contract renegotiations and prioritising essential services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7471

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a constructive and solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average 7.9 percent residential rates increase and to advocate for tighter control of Council expenditure and waste reduction.Key points- I oppose the average 7.9% rates increase. With current average residential rates at $4069 and a real increase since 2022 of around 30% further increases beyond inflation are not justified. The proposed 7.9% increase compounds pressures on households already stretched by higher living costs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and cut consultancy and professional services. Total spending on consultants across the

Council group is about $126 million per year with the average consultant earning around $200k; this is unsustainable given current ratepayer burdens.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves. This wasteful spend does not align with responsible stewardship of ratepayer funds.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which I estimate could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes (Ngā Mātārae) department. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.- The Council should reduce overall corporate and back-office functions across the Council and CCOs and cap spending on consultants to align with ratepayer realities.- If savings are achieved through disciplined budgeting the average residential rate increase can be capped to about 3 percent consistent with the proposed budget alternatives that prioritise essential services and responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds.Additional contextMany ratepayers see no corresponding increases in home valuations to justify higher rates; in some families valuations have fallen. This reinforces the need for tighter expenditure controls and a focus on core services.ClosingI request the Council consider these cost-saving measures and oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7473

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Do not support most

Tell us why

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expenditure staff costs and reliance on consultants is unsustainable and diverts funds from core services.3) Cutting consultancy and professional services- Spending on consultants and contractors should be capped and reduced. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance notes consultant costs at about $126 million per year across the Council group; a reduction in these areas is essential before any rate increases are considered.4) Specific program and staffing savings- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Reprioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to curb rising costs while maintaining core community functions.5) Spending on Maori outcomes and independent auditing- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government role.- Implement cost-efficient independent auditing and transparency for all departments with exposure of any KPIs not met.Conclusion- A responsible alternative budget is required: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rate increases at around 3%. This includes savings from personnel consultants contract negotiations and vendor consolidation with prioritisation of statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I note the plan would raise the average residential rates by 7.9% (about $320 for the average household) on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by 30% in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation. The breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Given 2010â€“2025 increases rates have grown well beyond population growth and inflation underscoring wasteful expenditure rather than essential service needs.IAgree with and ask the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) thereby capping average residential rates to

around 3%. Specifically I support:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services saving at least $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.I further request the Council to phase out or cancel non-essential programmes that add cost without clear social or environmental returns. In particular I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose ongoing Māori Outcomes expenditure; the Alliance notes a $10 million per year allocation to Ngā Mātārae as not a core local government function.In short I ask Auckland Council to implement aggressive spending controls reduce consultants and backroom costs and prioritise core local government duties to deliver affordable sustainable services for 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7486,338715,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit my views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the planned average residential rates increase of 7.9%.I oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and request that Council cap rate increases at or near 3% by adopting the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget. The proposed rise represents about $320 for the average household on a current average bill of $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30% in the face of 12% inflation. Rates have risen 85% since the 2010 Super City amalgamation far exceeding inflation and population growth.Key proposals to achieve savings:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing these items to grow.3) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes function arguing that this is not a core local government duty and should be prioritised elsewhere.5) Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance package to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap rate increases at about 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsRationale:- Direct operating expenditure and staff costs have grown well beyond inflation in recent years while consultant and external contractor spend remains significant. A leaner organisation can deliver statutory services without passing excessive costs to ratepayers.- Prioritising essential services over discretionary funding aligns Council with households facing higher living costs and limited discretionary income.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7496,338705,,Franklin,Do not support most,1) Oppose the rate increase and demand restraint. The proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% inflation). This is unaffordable for ratepayers who have faced rising living costs. The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% for maintaining existing assets

and 1.5% for new assets. These costs are not defensible as essential when households are squeezed.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending. The Council and CCOs should cut wasteful corporate and backroom functions. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation (78% 2013â€“2023) and payroll/'other expenses' rose twice the rate of inflation 2022â€“2025. I support reducing consultancy and professional services not expanding them.3) Stop the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs $36 million/year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. Reallocate funds to essential statutory services.4) Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs. Cancel hiring for non-essential roles and freeze vacant positions to save at least $17 million immediately. A leaner payroll and fewer six-figure salaries across staff will lessen ratepayer burden.5) Cut Māori-specific spending. I oppose allocating $10 million/year to the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) where this is not a function of local government. Resources should prioritise statutory services over discretionary programmes.6) Procurement and delivery reform. The procurement system appears vulnerable to price rigging and inefficiencies (e.g. road cone waste). Reforms are needed to tighten vendor competition renegotiate contracts and consolidate suppliers to protect ratepayers.I request to speak at the hearings to expand on these points. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7508,338693,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for substantial reductions in wasteful or discretionary Council spending.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average increase represents a real burden on households and should be resisted to protect household budgets. The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 with a 30% real increase since 2022 when adjusted to 2022 dollars far exceeding general inflation.- A substantial portion of the increase is tied to operational costs for the CRL and to maintaining/expanding assets. It is essential to reallocate savings to protect essential services and households rather than perpetuate rising charges.Agreed positions and proposed savings- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% and instead support a targeted affordable approach: reduce new and ongoing spending to cap rates growth at around 3% via a proposed $150 million in savings (2% reduction) across the Council group.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and cut spending on consultancy and professional services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (Â£36 million/year) on the basis of its carbon impact versus savings and prioritise statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) if this is not a core local-government function.Funding framework- Implement organisational change and hiring freezes to achieve the proposed savings renegotiate contracts and pursue vendor consolidation to reduce costs while maintaining essential services.ClosingI request the opportunity to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points but 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7515,338686,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in a formal capacity opposing the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and request a clear values-based review of council spending to prioritise core local government functions.I. Position- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase. This level is well beyond inflation and erodes household purchasing power.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- The Council should reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continue to 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; doing so would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a role of local government.II. Additional considerations- A responsible path to affordability is to implement the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new council spending by $150 million (roughly a 2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at about 3% achieved through personnel cost controls capped consultancy spend contract renegotiations and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.III. Rationale- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth indicating structural inefficiencies.- Spending on consultants high payroll and multiple back-office functions suggests opportunities for cost-saving without compromising essential services.- Prioritising essential statutory duties over discretionary programmes will better protect households during cost-of-living pressures.I request consideration of these changes as part of Council deliberations and budget development. I prefer to focus on essential services and prudent budgeting rather than ongoing expenditure growth that compounds affordability challenges 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7517,338684,,Franklin,Do not support most,I write as a resident to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to request concrete efficiency measures to reduce spending before any rate rise is approved.Key concerns and positions1) Rates and affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (against 12% cumulative inflation). This is unaffordable for many households and does not reflect proportional gains in services or productivity.2) Spending reform needed across the Council and CCOs: I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and reducing consultants and professional services. The Council's recent spending on consultants (~$126 million per year across the group) and payroll costs that total about $1.3 billion warrant a significant reallocation toward core statutory and essential services.3) Specific program and hiring controls: Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves and freeze staffing or reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.4) Discretionary funding and Māori-specific spending: I oppose continuing to fund the Māori outcomes budget of approximately $10 million per year (Ngā Mātārae) as a broad local government function; reallocate to core services and statutory requirements.5) Alternative budgeting approach: I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance's proposed path to cap average residential rates at around 3% through a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) achieved via: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by

prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. This aligns with maintaining essential services while improving efficiency.Additional pointI seek greater spending transparency and accountability in prioritising essential services over discretionary grants and I request more comprehensive public reporting on how savings are redirected to maintain core functions.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7543,338656,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is about $4069 and in real terms since 2022 rates have risen by roughly 30 percent while inflation runs around 12 percent. A 7.9 percent rise is unsustainable for households and does not align with the council's own spending patterns.I urge the Council to adopt the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance lower-spend framework which caps average residential rate increases at about 3 percent by reducing wasteful expenditure. Key actions include:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential roles and ceasing hiring in vacant positions which could deliver at least $17 million in immediate savings.- Cap and reduce consultants and professional services moving toward greater in-house capability and contract renegotiations targeting a minimum of $50 million in savings.- Tighten contract negotiations and vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Mandatory reductions to specific programmes and allocations:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which also yields higher emissions than savings.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government function.- Review and cut back on council and CCO backroom functions and payroll where direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and consultants have exceeded reasonable levels.The stated 7.9 percent increase is partially driven by costs for CRL operations asset maintenance and growth-related assets but the underlying pressure comes from bloated administration and outsourcing. A prudent targeted reduction of non-essential expenditure will protect ratepayers and deliver a more modest rate path aligned with inflation and essential council services alone.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7569,338629,,Franklin,Do not support most,I write to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to outline constructive steps to reduce wasteful Council spending while maintaining essential services for Auckland ratepayers.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase is excessive. The expected impact is about $320 more per household on top of a real-terms increase since 2022 of 30% (versus 12% inflation). I urge alternatives that keep rates growth aligned with inflation and core service delivery.- A substantial portion of the increase finances CRL operating costs (4.4%) with necessary but escalating demands on assets and growth. A re-prioritisation of discretionary spending is warranted before further rate rises.- Wasteful spending at the Council and CCOs must be tackled. My position is to reduce personnel costs through organisational changes freeze non-essential hiring and cut consultancy and professional services. The report shows $126 million per year in consultant spending across the

Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k.- Specific reductions proposed in the ratepayer briefing should be pursued: cancel the Food Scraps Programme (Â£36 million/year) on carbon-outcome grounds; freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles (potential savings of at least $17 million); cap external consultancy at reduced levels; renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve savings.- I oppose expanding or maintaining Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year directed to Ngā Mātārae. Local government should prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary programmes.Counter-proposals- Adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates at around 3%. Specifically: $50 million from personnel costs and hiring freezes; $50 million from consultancy; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million by prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.- This approach preserves core services while restoring value for money and limiting ratepayer burden.ClosingI request that the Council consider these cost-saving measures and reject the proposed 7.9% rise in its current form. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7576,338622,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current average residential rates bill is $4069 and the real increase since 2022 is already around 30 percent in 2022 dollars well above inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent increase would add about $320 per household and is not justified by the Council's current spending trajectory.I urge the Council to align rates with inflation and restraint on discretionary spending. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes an alternative budget that would cap average residential rate increases at around 3 percent by reducing new and ongoing expenditure. Key steps should include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services with a targeted reduction of $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving a further $20 million.In practice this means opposing the current 7.9 percent increase and seeking a reallocation of funds toward core services that households rely on. Specific items within proposed spend warrant scrutiny:- The Council's consultancy and contractor spend: about $126 million per year across the Council group with high average remuneration for consultants. Reducing this would free resources for essential services.- The Food Scraps Programme: at an estimated $36 million per year with carbon savings claims that are unclear; cancellation would reallocate funds to frontline services.- Maori outcomes spending: the $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae should be reconsidered as it falls outside core local government responsibilities.I request careful consideration of these points and urge that the final plan prioritise statutory obligations and essential services while delivering real rate relief to households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This equates to about $320 for the average household and follows a real increases path that far outstrips inflation. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% in real terms while population growth has only been 22%.2. I urge a reduction in wasteful council expenditure particularly in corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and in consultancy and professional services. The briefing highlights annual consulting spend of about $126 million with the average consultant earning around $200k plus payroll and other costs rising well above inflation. Direct operating expenditure has grown 78% from 2013 to 2023 well above CPI.

A rebalanced budget is essential.3. Specific spending reductions I support (per the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan) to cap rates increases at around 3%:- Freeze or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacant roles which would save at least $17 million.- Cancel or scale back the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which the Alliance says emits more carbon than it saves.- Curb consultant spend by $50 million and renegotiate contracts/vendor consolidation to save a further $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants; reduce Maori outcomes spending (Ngā Mātārae) and other non-core programmes.4. I request a transparent efficiency-focused reset of spend including reducing personnel costs limiting outsourcing and scrutinising targeted rates that subsidise services I and many ratepayers in Helensville do not use or benefit from. For example the CRT and some travel subsidies do not reflect local preferences and should be reviewed.5. Additional concerns: costs and performance expectations are not aligning with outcomes in some areas of service delivery; if a service cannot meet expectations it should be re-evaluated or discontinued.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7579,338619,,Franklin,Do not support most,The rate rise is not affordable for households already facing significant cost pressures and the current spending pattern shows clear opportunities to cut waste and refocus on essential services.Position and recommendations1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent. The proposed rise translates to approx. $320 for the average household on top of a history of rapid rate growth that far outstrips inflation since 2022 (real increase 30 percent in 2022 dollars vs. 12 percent cumulative inflation). The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a feasible path to cap rates at about 3 percent by cutting non-essential expenditure.2) Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. Spending on consultants totals about $126 million per year across the Council group with the Auckland Council parent alone accounting for $60 million and many consultants paid around $200000. A structure of leaner operations should be established before increasing rates further.3) Cut consultancy and professional services expenditure. The current trajectory shows ongoing growth in this area; reallocate funds to essential services and core council functions.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves. Resources should be redirected to programmes with verifiable environmental and community benefits.5) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately. A pause on non-critical recruitment will help address the rates burden on households.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). As a local government entity prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary offices.ClosingI request the opportunity to present these concerns in person at hearings. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7599,338599,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge reductions in wasteful Council spending.1.

Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive in the current environment. The burden falls hardest on households already stretched by inflation with a current average rates bill of $4069 and real increases well above inflation since 2022.- I support reducing rates increases to align with a more prudent budget recognising that households must be protected from unnecessary cost hikes.2. Expenditure reductions across Council and CCOs- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Put simply: reforming payroll and reducing six-figure salaries and bloated overheads will help stabilise rates.3. Savings from consultancy and professional services- The spend on consultants and professional services should be capped and progressively reduced not expanded. The current level undermines ratepayer value and inflates operating costs.4. Specific programme and staffing measures- 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 measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Alternative budget approach- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap) achieving a maximum 3% rate rise. This includes $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from consultant spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.Additional point- We are not your personal money bank. People are struggling; excessive spending financed by ratepayers is not the answer.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7611,338587,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9%. This would amount to about $320 for the average household and far exceed inflation with real rate rises of 30% since 2022 while inflation has run around 12%. The current rate pressure on Auckland households is unsustainable and I urge Council to re-balance budgeting toward essential services and lower operating and back-office costs.I support a targeted reduction in wasteful Council spending to bring the rates rise in line with a responsible cap. Specifically:- Reduce spending on consultants and professional services rather than continuing to increase these expenditures.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Cut Maori-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.These measures align with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget which proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) enabling a cap of around 3% for average residential rates. Specific savings would come from: $50 million from personnel cost reductions and a hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultant spending; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.In summary I request that Auckland Council:- Reject the 7.9% average rates rise.- Implement the proposed $150 million annual spending reduction to deliver a 3% cap.- Prioritise essential services and transparent evidence-based budgeting.Thank you for considering these points in your deliberations.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7617,338581,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. It amounts to roughly $320 extra per household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and well above inflation.- The Council must prioritise essential services and cut wasteful spending. In particular reduce corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services which continue to rise faster than inflation.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled. It costs about $36 million per year and according to our analysis delivers higher carbon emissions than savings achieved.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies. This step would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.Alternative budget and spending reductions- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a cap of around 3% on residential rates. The plan achieves this through: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles - $50 million by capping spending on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grantsCrucial context- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have increased 85% far outstripping inflation and population growth. The current expenditure patternâ€”staff salaries consultants and 'other expenses'â€”has grown well beyond the rate of inflation undermining affordability for households.- The proposed 7.9% rise is untenable while wasteful spending persists particularly in back-office costs and costly external advisers.Additional expression- Fuck off WayneClosingI respectfully request to present my submission at hearings in order to outline these concerns in person. 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7619,338579,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% rise equates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a real increase in rates since 2022 of around 30% (vs 12% cumulative inflation). This is unaffordable for many ratepayers and does not reflect prudent stewardship of ratepayer funds.- The breakdown shows 4.4% of the increase goes to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows. The current spend level across the Council group is unsustainable if driven by growth and project overruns rather than core services.- Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen aggressively (85%) far outpacing inflation and population growth. This trend must stop.Preferred fiscal stanceI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% cap on rate increases) achieving an average rate rise closer to 3%. This requires:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and a hiring freeze targeting non-essential roles saving at least $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants saving $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation saving $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Specific spending reforms to implement now- Stop or scale back the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) which emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and reduce payroll by not filling vacant non-essential rolesâ€”this alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific

spending such as the $10 million/year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given concerns about the role of local government in this area.Accountability and process- I urge the Council to pause further large-scale outsourcing review consultancy/contractor utilisation and publish a detailed line-by-line cost-benefit analysis for all major programmes.ClosingI 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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I am submitting in a personal and sincere capacity to oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates increase and to advocate for restraint in council spending.I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge the Council to prioritise savings that avoid burdening households beyond inflation. The current rate of increase far outstrips household income growth and is not justified by the disclosed breakdown. I want the Council to pursue substantial efficiency gains before asking residents to bear higher costs.I support the following reductions in expenditure:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office

functions across the Council and CCOs.2) Reduce spending on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.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 which would save at least $17 million immediately.5) Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.I also note that all expenditure should be open and transparent. Council should never hide behind 'commercially sensitive' expenditure to avoid public scrutiny.The Council's spending trajectory over the past years has shown large growth in staff costs consultants and vendor contracts with more emphasis on discretionary activities. A prudent targeted reduction in these areas funded by prioritising statutory and essential services can help keep rates increases manageable and protect essential services for residents.Closing: 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

Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The Council must exercise restraint and seek savings before asking households to shoulder further costs.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions and curb consultancy and professional services. Data shows $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with the average consultant earning around $200k. Reducing these costs should be a priority.- The Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million per year should be

cancelled as it emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs are excessive. Freeze vacancies and cut payroll by not hiring for non-essential roles. This could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose discretionary and target-specific spending such as Māori outcomes funding. The $10 million per year dedicated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes area is not a core local government function and should be reallocated to statutory and essential services.Constructive alternative funding approach- Ratepayer relief should be considered by capping the rate rise at around 3% by reducing new Council spending by about $150 million (2% reduction). This would be achieved by: - Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million - Capping spending on consultants: $50 million - Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation: $30 million - Prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionClosingI request that the Council prioritise sustainable essential services and implement targeted verifiable savings before increasing rates further.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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

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

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7711

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and to urge a pause and a reset on wasteful Council spending. The proposed rise equates to roughly $320 for the average household and represents a real non-inflation aligned increase in the cost of living for local families.Key concerns and asks- Oppose the 7.9% rate rise and support keeping rates increases in line with or below inflation. The current rate path has seen rate bills rise 85% since 2010 well above inflation and population growth. A 3% cap is more affordable and sustainable for households.- Reduce corporate and backroom spending across the Council and CCOs. A leaner

organisation is essential to protect essential services without penalising residents.- Cut expenditure on consultancy and professional services. Council spends about $126 million per year on consultants; curbing this is a straightforward efficiency measure.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and in our assessment 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.- Reassess Maori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' funding of around $10 million per year to ensure alignment with local government responsibilities and priorities rather than elective programmes.Alignment with an affordable practical budget- The Ratepayers' Alliance modelling suggests a lower overall expenditure path: reduce new spending by $150 million (2%) which caps the average residential rise at about 3% when coupled with targeted efficiency measures.- Specific savings: $50 million from personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze $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.ConclusionResidents deserve affordable rates and responsible budgeting. I urge Council to adopt a prudent plan that prioritises core services delivers tangible savings and rejects the proposed 7.9% increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Franklin

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Do not support most

Tell us why

Key points:- The proposed 7.9 percent average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates increase of 30 percent since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) versus a 12 percent general inflation. I cannot support an increase that far outpaces household incomes and inflation.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and it must curb consultancy and professional services spend instead of letting these items grow.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and in my assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing costs should be

controlled: freeze vacancies or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose ongoing Māori-specific spend such as the $10 million per year on the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function and funds should be redirected to essential statutory services where appropriate.Additional considerations:- Before constructing new bike paths conduct a cost-usage survey to determine necessity and cost effectiveness; many paths are unused and can impede traffic and parking.- Review bus services to avoid running routes with low demand; if a route is not used stop servicing it.- Seek efficiency in contract work by employing more efficient contractors and avoiding endless cost-plus arrangements.In summary I request that the Council reduce new spending by $150 million (2 percent) to cap the rate rise at around 3 percent focusing on:- Reducing personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes ($50 million)- Capping consultant spend ($50 million)- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors ($30 million)- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ($20 million)I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The rates rise would impose roughly a $320 increase on the average household on top of a long-term trend of rising costs that far outstrips inflation.Key concerns- Since 2010 rates have increased 85% while cumulative inflation is about 34% and population growth ~22%. The contemplated 7.9% rise allocated as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs is not aligned with value-for-money outcomes for ratepayers.- Spending on consultants is excessive: $126 million per year across the Council group including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k. Personnel costs and other expenses

have risen faster than inflation and payroll reaches about $1.3 billion with 6123 staff on six-figure salaries.- Wasteful backroom and corporate functions dominate expenditure: 18 corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure. The proposed budget should prioritise services over discretionary expenditure.- Specific programmes for reform: I call for 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 the Māori Outcomes budget including the $10 million per year for Ngā Mātārae as this is not a core local-government function. A comprehensive review of priorities is essential.Alternative budget and savingsI support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance plan to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the rate rise to about 3% by:- Freezing non-essential staffing and cutting payroll where vacant positions are non-critical; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Capping consultancy spending at $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.Additional pointResponsible spending on essentials is essential; please pull AT into line where possible.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose this rise and urge the Council to constrain expenditure and deliver savings to keep rates affordable for households. The current average rates bill is about $4069 and the real increase since 2022 has been 30 percent well above inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent increase comprises 2 percent to maintain assets 1.5 percent for growth in new assets and 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs. In light of this I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap the rate rise and reduce wasteful spending.I call for substantial reductions in wasteful Council spending particularly in corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs. The Council should reduce

spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing increasing these items. Annual consultant spend is around $126 million for the Council group with the average consultant earning about $200000 and staff costs have risen significantly since 2022. Direct operating expenditure has grown far faster than inflation and the payroll alone approaches $1.3 billion.Specific measures I support and urge the Council to adopt include:- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a move that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a core local government function.I also support the Council's consideration of the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap rates at around 3 percent. This would require prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors.In closing I request careful consideration of these savings and a rejection of the proposed 7.9 percent increase in its current form.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge the Council to implement meaningful reductions in wasteful expenditure so rates increase is closer to inflation and affordable for households.Key points:- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 more per year for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms well above inflation and population growth. This is unsustainable for many ratepayers.- The Council must cut back on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and reduce consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to grow these

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7765

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The current plan would push the average household bill up by about $320 under a 7.9% rise on top of a long-run pattern of rising rates that far outstrips inflation.Key points guiding my submission- The targeted 7.9% increase is not affordable for households when real rate increases since 2022 have approached 30% in real terms while inflation has been much lower. A rates strategy should prioritise keeping increases as close to or below inflation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Annual spending on consultants sits at about $126 million across the Council group with the Council's own share around

$60 million. Average consultants' pay is high and payroll costs have risen substantially.- The spend on consultancy and professional services should be capped and gradually reduced not expanded as part of a prudent budget.- Cancel non-essential programmes with high emissions or questionable value notably the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and has questionable net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reduce targeted Māori-specific spending. The roughly $10 million per year spent on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) should be reassessed as this falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.Alternative budget proposalRatepayers' Alliance suggests reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction). This would cap the average residential rates increase at around 3% through:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational changes and a hiring freeze- $50 million from capping consultancy spend- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsAdditional note: I had hoped Wayne Brown would rein in expenses; it is hugely disappointing that the opposite has occurred.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I make this submission to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to advocate for reduced wasteful Council spending.Key points- I oppose the 7.9% average residential rates increase which equates to about $320 for the average household and I urge a rates outcome closer to 3% or less aligned with prudent expenditure controls.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across Council and CCOs. Significant savings are achievable by streamlining functions and cutting unnecessary overheads.- Curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The current level of external advice and contracting is excessive and should

be capped with a focus on in-house capability.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and based on independent assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. If vacancies are not filled this measure could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a core local-government function.Additional context- The Council's current spend on consultants corporate and backroom functions and payroll pressures the ratepayer burden beyond reasonable expectations. A rebalancing of priorities toward essential statutory services rather than discretionary programmes is necessary.- The proposed reliance on a large CRL operating cost increase and expansive growth projects warrants scrutiny to ensure value for money and alignment with Aucklanders' immediate needs.- My broader concern is that Auckland Council and leadership under Wayne Brown are not delivering on promises to ratepayers and that increasing rates to fund a large rail project is not in the public interest when there are affordable effective alternatives.ConclusionI urge the Council to adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance approach to limit rate increases and to implement the proposed $150 million in reductions across personnel consultants and discretionary spend to cap rates increases at around 3%.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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Question 4: Other feedback

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

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

1. Opposition to the rates rise and request for spending restraint- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to about $320 for the average household. This level is excessive relative to inflation and fails to recognise ongoing cost pressures faced by households.- The proposed rise is not allocated solely to essential services. The breakdown shows 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs and 2 percent for existing asset maintenance with 1.5 percent for growth-related new assets. A more sustainable approach is to curb backroom and personnel costs first.2. Wasteful and discretionary spending that should be reduced- The Council should reduce

expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items; a cap and a hard look at outsourcing is warranted.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme reported to cost $36 million per year which in this assessment emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.3. Prioritise essential services and reallocate funds- Cut Maori-specific spending such as the approximately $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) unless a clear local-government constitutional justification is demonstrated. This is not a core local-government function.- Consider the Council and CCOs' overall personnel costs and the broader cost base. Direct operating expenditure and related payroll have risen well beyond inflation in recent years; a disciplined recovery is needed.4. Alternative budgeting approach- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap the average rate increase at about 3 percent: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change or hiring freezes - $50 million from capped consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grantsI request that the Council consider these reductions to ensure affordable essential services are sustained.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#7792

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average 7.9% increase (approximately $320 for the average household) and urge Council to align rate rises with inflation and real needs. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% far outpacing inflation and population growth. The current plan allocates 4.4% to CRL operating costs with 2% for maintaining existing assets and 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows; the resulting financial pressure is unsustainable for households.I agree that the Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultancy and professional services. The Council and CCOs spend about $126 million per year on

consultants including $60 million by the Auckland Council parent with average consultants earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure has grown well above inflation and staff-related costs now dominate the budget.I further agree that the Council should cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. I also agree that payroll costs should be frozen or reduced by not filling vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately. Reducing Māori-specific spending such as the roughly $10 million per year on the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is warranted given that this is a matter for central and community priorities not core local-government functions.I support the proposed reduction in in-fill housing as greater density should not automatically translate into higher rates if efficiency and targeted spending reductions are achieved.The Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget reflects a $150 million saving on new Council spending (2%) capping average rates increases at about 3%. This includes: $50 million from personnel cost reductions $50 million from consultant spend $30 million from renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a personal and sincere tone to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge a programme of substantial spending restraint across the Council and CCOs.1) Our position on rates and spending- I oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9% noting that the current average bill is $4069 and the proposed rise would add approximately $320 for the average household.- The Council should reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.- The Food Scraps Programme should be

cancelled as it costs about $36 million per year and in the submitter's view emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing and payroll costs should be controlled: freeze non-essential vacancies or reduce payroll by not filling vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.2) Specific reductions aligned to the Council's current spending- Cutting Maori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a function of local government would align with a leaner more focused council.- A broader reduction in consultants and professional services alongside renegotiations and vendor consolidation would help bring operating costs in line with inflation and population growth pressures.3) RationaleSince 2010 rates have increased by 85% outpacing inflation and population growth. A more disciplined approach to expenditure is essential to ensure the Council provides statutory and essential services while avoiding unnecessary discretionary spending.ClosingI appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the consultation and urge careful consideration of these cost-saving measures to cap rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

Key positions1) Oppose the average residential rates increase of at least 7.9 percent. The burden on households is excessive especially when real increases since 2022 are already running at about 30 percent in 2022 dollars versus 12 percent overall inflation.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Council needs a leaner leadership and support structure; the current cost profile is unsustainable.3) Curb spending on consultancy and professional services. The ongoing rise in external advisory costs is a significant driver of rate increases and should be halted or capped.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs

approximately $36 million per year and appears to emit more carbon than it saves.5) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.6) Cut Māori-specific spending including the roughly $10 million per year allocated to the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a function of local government.Alternative budgeting approach- Ratepayer-led savings: The Alliance's plan estimates that reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) can cap increases to about 3 percent by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.- Specific savings proposals: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising essential services.Additional noteI voted for a person who seems incapable of getting the Auckland Council costs under control after all the promised rhetoricâ€"a vote wasted as far as I am concerned.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7842,338356,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit in strong opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge a comprehensive review of council spending to protect households from rising costs.1) I oppose the 7.9% increase and support limiting rate rises to essentially zero or below inflation. The current levels of growth in rates since 2010 have far outpaced both inflation (30% in real terms) and population growth and further increases without substantial efficiency gains are unacceptable. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance analysis shows that a 7.9% uplift is driven by a mix of asset maintenance new capital for growth and CRL operating costs but does not adequately address wasteful spend.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and cut consultancy and professional services. The Alliance briefing highlights $126 million per year on consultants across the Council group with a typical consultant earning around $200k. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have grown far faster than inflation signalling a need for organisational change and smarter procurement.3) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme and prioritise essential services. The programme costs $36 million per year and according to the briefing data emits more carbon than it saves. This is an inefficiency that should be halted to reallocate funds to core services that protect ratepayers.4) Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. A pause on non-essential recruitment could save at least $17 million immediately contributing to a more prudent budget.5) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae). Given concerns about the roles of local government pivot funding toward statutory and essential services.In sum I urge significant restraint and reallocation of funds to achieve a much smaller rates increase with a priority on reducing wasteful overheads cutting consultancy spend freezing non-essential recruitment and reassessing 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7889,338309,,Franklin,Do not support most,The rate rise is well above inflation and places an ongoing burden on households. The Alliance's briefing shows the current average residential rates

bill is $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent far outstripping 12 percent cumulative inflation. I urge a clearer focus on affordability and value for money.Agreed positions and rationale:- Oppose the 7.9% average increase and instead support restraint on rates growth aligned with a targeted 3% cap via a revised expenditure plan.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs addressing bloated overheads that do not directly benefit residents.- Cut consultancy and professional services which have risen substantially; cap or phase down these costs and reallocate to essential services.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing around $36 million per year which the Alliance argues emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- In line with efficiency aims cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) noting concerns about whether this is properly a core local government function.Additional points:- The proposed allocation breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A rebalancing to protect essential services while pruning wasteful or non-core activities is prudent.- A comprehensive efficiency review should precede any further increases with concrete targets and public reporting to ensure progress against the budget.Closing:I request that this submission be considered in the 2026/27 Annual Plan process and 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7896,338302,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% which translates to about $320 for the average household and I urge the Council to pursue substantial savings before raising rates further.Key concerns and positions- Rates affordability: The proposed 7.9% increase is not inflation-aligned and adds to a real rate burden since 2022. Since the Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% while population growth has been far lower and household living costs have risen sharply.- Expenditure reform: The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs. Direct operating expenditure and personnel costs have risen well ahead of inflation driving proposed rate increases.- Consultancy and professional services: Council spending on consultants currently remains excessive and should be capped. The plan relies heavily on external expertise rather than sensible internal efficiency.- Wasteful programmes: I request the cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- Staffing and payroll: Freeze non-essential hiring and reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Māori-specific spending: Reconsider or limit the $10 million per year spent on the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department as this is not a core local government function.Alternative budget approachI support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) thereby capping average residential rates increases at around 3%:- Cut personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze: $50 million- Cap spending on consultants: $50 million- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 millionAdditional contextIt is clear that rates increases since the early 2010s have been unsustainable for households. I urge practical savings and prioritisation of core services to provide rate relief while maintaining essential Council functions.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a

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7932,338265,,Franklin,Do not support most,Key context:- The proposed 7.9% increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069.- Since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. The current trajectory is unsustainable for households.Positions I submit for consideration:- Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9%. A more sustainable approach would cap rate increases well below this level.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce spend on consultancy and professional services rather than permitting continual growth in 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 filling vacant non-essential roles which would deliver immediate savings of at least $17 million.- 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.Funding realignment and savings plan:- Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3%. This includes: $50 million via personnel costs reduction $50 million by capping consultants $30 million through contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.I urge the Council to adopt responsible fiscal management that prioritises essential services while delivering meaningful relief to 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7939,338258,,Franklin,Do not support most,I note the proposed increase breaks down as 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since the 2010 Super City amalgamation rates have risen by 85% while inflation and population growth have not kept pace. The current average rates bill is about $4069 with an average household facing roughly $320 more this year under the proposed plan.The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget demonstrates a credible path to cap the rate rise at about 3% by reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%). Specific measures I support include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and freezing non-essential vacancies saving at least $17 million immediately.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services saving about $50 million.- Renegotiating contracts and consolidating vendors to save a further $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving $20 million.Key spending asks reflect my opposition to wasteful backroom spending and over-reliance on consultants. In particular I call for immediate action to:- Cut corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year as it currently costs more in emissions and does not deliver net carbon savings.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I do not view as a local-government core function.I respectfully request that Council

publicise a revised plan that aligns rates with real needs and demonstrates transparent savings in line with the Alliance's proposed budget.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7947,338250,,Franklin,Do not support most,The current average residential bill is about $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of 30 percent in the face of only 12 percent inflation. The proposed 7.9 percent rise if approved would compound financial pressure on households while failing to address excessive backroom and non-essential expenditure.I therefore support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to reduce new Council spending by at least $150 million (2%) capping the average rates rise to around 3 percent. Specifically I urge the Council to:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing hiring for vacant non-essential roles and pursuing organisational changes that lower payroll costs which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services and renegotiate contracts to prevent further escalation of external advice fees.- Eliminate discretionary and non-core programmes where possible including cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and has carbon savings below its footprint in practice.- Stand back from Māori-specific spending as a matter of local governance priorities; the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae/Māori outcomes function should be reassessed as this is not a core local government mandate.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reduce ongoing back-office costs across the Council and CCOs including a review of corporate and support functions that currently cost hundreds of millions.In summary the Council must exercise restraint and reallocate funds toward core services while ensuring everyday Aucklanders are not left financing excess overheads. The proposed 7.9 percent increase is incompatible with responsible budgeting given the scale of existing cost drivers and the demonstrated potential to realise substantial savings through the measures outlined above.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

7972,338225,,Franklin,Do not support most,I submit to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending in line with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance briefing.1) Rates increase and affordability- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent which equates to approximately $320 for the average household and I request that the Council constrain the rate rise to no more than 3 percent through expenditure reductions.- Since 2022 rates are up by about 30 percent in real terms far exceeding cumulative inflation (12 percent) highlighting the need for prudent spending rather than further burdening households.2) Spending reductions and efficiency- 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 grow these costs.- The Food Scraps Programme should be cancelled as it costs $36 million per year and reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.3) Specific spending elements to re-prioritise- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is presented as not a core local

government function.4) Alternative budget framing- A 2% reduction in new Council spending could cap the average rates increase at 3 percent through: $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freeze; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants.In summary I urge the Council to prioritise affordability and core services and to deliver substantial savings in personnel consultancy and discretionary programmes before demanding higher 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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8000,338197,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average 7.9% rates rise and urge a revision of Council spending to align with inflation population growth and the Council's statutory functions. The current plan embeds a 7.9% increase with 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%â€"well above inflation and population growth. A more prudent approach is required.I support a targeted cost-reduction strategy that focuses on wasteful and non-essential expenditure. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new spending which would cap the rate rise at about 3%. Key measures include:- Reducing personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles saving about $50 million.- Capping spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to save around $30 million.- Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants to realise a further $20 million.Specific spending concerns and reforms I support:- Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Cut 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 is said to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Freeze or re-evaluate 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.I request that Council publish a transparent line-by-line review of all discretionary spending and present a plan to deliver essential services at sustainable costs before any final approval of the rates increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
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- **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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	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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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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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

I voted for the Mr Brown in the hopes that I would not have to make submissions like this one.The proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% equating to about $320 for the average household is excessive when compared with inflation and the Council's own expenditure patterns. Real increases since the 2010 Super City amalgamation have been substantial with rates up 85% while inflation rose about 34% and population growth around 22%. I request that Council cap the rate rise at 3% by cutting wasteful expenditure and prioritising essential services.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates by at least 7.9%.- Reduce expenditure on corporate and

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in a constructive solution-focused manner to oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and to urge reductions in wasteful council spending.1) Rates and overall cost to households- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a current averageRates bill around $4069. This represents a real unaffordable uplift beyond household budget growth.- Since 2012 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far outpacing cumulative inflation. This rate of increase is unsustainable for ratepayers.2) Spending reductions aligned with a fairer rate path- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8062

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit feedback on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and the associated 7.9% average residential rates increase.1. I oppose the proposed 7.9% average residential rates rise. A rates increase this high is not affordable for households especially when real rate increases since 2022 far exceed general inflation.2. I urge the Council to pursue significant reductions in discretionary and backroom expenditures. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance model shows a feasible path to limit rate rises by cutting spend on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and by curbing consultancy and professional services which have grown well beyond inflation over recent

years.3. Specific savings measures I support include:- Cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs approximately $36 million per year and has limited net carbon benefits.- Freezing staffing or reducing payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles a measure that could save at least $17 million immediately.- Reducing Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year allocated to the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which I believe falls outside the core responsibilities of local government.4. An alternative budget approach: adopt the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by about $150 million (2% of total spend). This would cap the average residential rate increase at around 3% and protect essential services. The proposed reductions would come from:- $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and a limited hiring freeze- $50 million from capped consultancy and professional services- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants5. Additional context: since the 2010 amalgamation rates have risen by about 85% far outstripping both inflation and population growth. I urge a careful evidence-based review of all cost drivers before any further rate increases.I request to speak at hearings to present these points in more detail. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I welcome the opportunity to submit views on the proposed 2026/27 annual plan. I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge careful scrutiny of council spending before approving further rises.Key concerns- The proposed 7.9% increase amounts to about $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have risen by around 30% in real terms far exceeding general inflation. A reduction in wasteful spending is essential to avoid imposing another excessive rise on ratepayers.- The council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and curb the spend on consultancy and professional services which remains excessive.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs approximately $36 million per year and according to analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not filling vacant non-essential roles; this measure alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori Outcomes) portfolio approximately $10 million per year as this is not a core local government responsibility.Alternative budgeting approach- Align with the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new council spending by around $150 million (2% of total expenditure) capping the average residential rates increase to about 3%. This can be achieved by a combination of caps on staff costs limiting consultants renegotiating contracts and prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants consistent with the public interest.Rationale- Since amalgamation rates have increased at a far higher rate than general inflation and population growth. A disciplined approach to reducing non-core expenditure is necessary to restore ratepayer confidence and ensure essential services are funded without excessive rate hikes.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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#8066

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Rates and fiscal posture- I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9 percent and support restricting the increase to around 3 percent via the Ratepayers' Alliance framework. The current trajectory shows a 30 percent real increase since 2022 far exceeding inflation and population growth.- The proposed breakdownâ€”2% for maintaining assets 1.5% for growth-related assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”highlights ongoing cost drivers that must be restrained if ratepayers are to see tangible relief.2) Spending controls and efficiency- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce

spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to escalate these costs.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not filling non-essential vacancies which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) which is not a local-government core function.3) Budgetary discipline and reallocations- Implement the Ratepayers' Alliance Alternative Budget: cut new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling a maximum rate rise of around 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million by capping consultant spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants4) Additional consideration- Improve cross-CBD and Auckland City traffic flow to maximise existing infrastructure value and reduce congestion-related costs.ClosingI urge the Council to adopt these reductions in non-core and backroom spending and to limit rate increases to inflation-aligned levels with a clear plan to deliver essential services efficiently.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I oppose the proposed rates rise and urge Council to prioritise reductions in wasteful expenditure before asking households to shoulder further costs. The stated increase comprises 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% in real terms far outpacing inflation and population growth. A more restrained approach is needed to restore fairness for ratepayers.I agree with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position that the Council should cut wasteful back-office cost and outsourcing. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential hires and reviewing vacant roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services rather than allowing these costs to rise further (current indicators show high external advisory expenditure across the Council and CCOs).- Cancel the $36 million annual Food Scraps Programme which has a higher carbon footprint than the savings it delivers.- Cap/trim Māori-specific expenditure such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' programme costing around $10 million per year as this is not a primary local government function.I advocate for a disciplined infrastructure-focused prioritisation framework. The Council should redirect resources toward essential statutory services and core infrastructure needs rather than discretionary or reformist projects with uncertain outcomes. The alternative budget proposed by ratepayer groupsâ€”reducing new Council spending by $150 million (about 2%) to cap rates at around 3%â€”is a prudent template. It outlines concrete savings: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants.Closing: I urge the Council to adopt a matter-of-fact approach to containing costs and delivering essential infrastructure rather than transferring cost pressures to households.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Tell us why

1. Rates and affordability- The proposed 7.9% average increase equates to roughly $320 more per average household on top of an existing average bill of $4069. Since 2022 residential rates have risen by about 30% in real terms versus 12% inflation. This requires restraint and a focus on essential services.2. Spending reductions as a condition of any rate rise- I support reducing expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- I support reducing spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing further growth in these items.- I support cancelling the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit to oppose the proposed 7.9 percent average residential rates increase and to urge smarter budget choices that focus on core council services and value for ratepayers.1) Rates increase and fairness- I oppose the average 7.9% rates increase (about $320 for the average household) and support holding rates increases to around 3% or less by prioritising essential services and reducing unnecessary spend.- Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation and population growth have not kept pace. Ratepayer households cannot absorb continual large increases without compromising essential services.2) Expenditure reforms essential- The Council must reduce

expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Spend on consultants and professional services should be reduced rather than increased; capping consultancy expenditure will deliver tangible relief to ratepayers.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this alone could save at least $17 million immediately.- Consider contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to secure better value.3) Prioritise statutory and essential services- Focus on core services and essential statutory functions. Avoid discretionary grants and 'nice to have' programs that do not directly address ratepayer needs.- Stop or pause programmes not clearly delivering net benefits to residents including high-cost initiatives with uncertain return.4) Specific programme savings and policy direction- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing about $36 million/year which reportedly emits more carbon than it saves.- Reduce Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) particularly where such roles may fall outside core local government responsibilities.- Base rates on services required and rendered rather than speculative future property values; a three-bedroom home should cost the same to service regardless of location.Alternative budget framing- The Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap average residential rates increases at about 3%: - $50 million from personnel costs via organisational change and hiring freezes - $50 million from consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations/vendor consolidation - $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential servicesClosingI request that my submission be considered in reviewing the proposed plan and that calculations reflect a focus on core services and value for money.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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N/A

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8100

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge Council to prioritise reductions in wasteful and non-essential expenditure rather than further rate increases.Key points:- The current proposal translates to an average increase of about $320 per household with a real cost burden that has risen 30% since 2022 in real terms well above cumulative inflation. A 7.9% increase is not affordable in the current climate.- I support a targeted reduction in spending on corporate and backroom functions across the Council and CCOs and a reduction in consultancy and professional services rather than perpetual growth in these areas.- I

oppose continuing the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I urge a pause on payroll growth: freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose continued or increased Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae 'Maori outcomes' department valued at about $10 million per year on the basis that this is not a core local government function.Policy alternative (to cap rates growth at ~3%): The Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget would reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) funding a 3% cap by: $50 million from personnel cost reductions and hiring freezes $50 million from capping consultancy spend $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million from prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants. These steps are consistent with reducing waste and ensuring that ratepayer funds support core public services.I respectfully request that Council adopt substantial restraint on operating costs and reconsider the scale of the rates rise prioritising essential services and demonstrable savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8112

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The proposed rise would add approximately $320 for the average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2022 rates have effectively risen 30% in real terms far outpacing inflation (12%) and population growth (22%).I support the following positions:1) Oppose the 7.9% rate increase and seek a cap closer to 3% by implementing targeted savings.2) Reduction of corporate and backroom office spending across the Council and CCOs.3) Cancellation of the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.4) Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which could save

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8132

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Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

To Auckland Councill submit my opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% for 2026/27 and urge a thorough reset of Council spending before any rate rise is approved.1. Rates and affordabilityThe proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 and a cumulative inflation of around 12%. Rates already consume a large share of household budgets while Council continues to grow expenditure on backroom functions and external consultancy. A more affordable outcome is essential for households business and overall community wellbeing.2. Wasteful or discretionary

spend should be cutBased on credible briefing material the Council's spending on consultants averages $200k per recipient and totals $126 million per year for the group with the Auckland Council parent accounting for about $60 million. There is ample scope to reduce these costs through organisational change and vendor consolidation. The community expects responsible stewardship of funds not escalating back-office salaries and outside expertise.3. Targeted expenditure reductions align with an alternative budgetThe Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million reduction in new Council spending (about 2%) enabling a cap of the average residential rates increase at roughly 3%. Specifically:- Freeze or reduce payroll by not filling non-essential vacancies: potential saving of at least $17 million now.- Curb consulting and professional services: $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors: $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants: $20 million.4. Specific programmes and Māori-specific spendingI oppose funding commitments that are not essential statutory duties. The $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes programme (Ngā Mātārae) and the Food Scraps Programme at $36 million annually should be reviewed for necessity effectiveness and carbon impact; if savings cannot be demonstrated these should be paused or re-scoped.5. Outcome soughtI urge Council to implement the Ratepayers' Alliance savings plan and to present a revised budget that keeps rate increases at or near 3% while preserving essential services and infrastructure maintenance.6. Do you even know that just because you can afford a rise on your inflated salary most Aucklanders are struggling!ClosingI do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8165

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Do not support most

Tell us why

The current average rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 representing a real increase well above inflation since amalgamation. The breakdown shows 2% for existing asset maintenance 1.5% for new assets to accommodate growth and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. A 7.9% rise compounds these pressures and is unacceptable when set against evidence of wasteful spending.I support reducing wasteful Council and CCO expenditures to achieve a more affordable rates outcome. In particular:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing non-essential hiring and prioritising essential roles which could save at least $17 million immediately.- Curb spending on consultants and professional services

which currently totals about $126 million per year across the Council group; prioritise internal capacity and renegotiate vendor contracts where possible with an initial target to save $50 million.- Cap overall spending on consultants and contractors and pursue contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation to deliver further savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and reassess non-core programmes.Specific programmes warrant scrutiny. I endorse cancelling the Food Scraps Programme estimated at $36 million per year which purportedly saves limited carbon while costing more than it offsets. Additionally I oppose continuing or expanding Māori-focused spend including the $10 million per year on the Māori Outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) given that this is not a direct local government obligation.An achievable alternative budget is outlined by the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2% reduction) to cap the rate rise at around 3% funded by:- $50 million saved from personnel costs and hiring freezes- $50 million from limiting consultants- $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation- $20 million from prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsThese measures would relieve ratepayers from an outsized rise and direct funds to essential services.I request to speak at hearings to elaborate these points and provide data-driven detail.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8203

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Tell us why

The proposed rate rise will add about $320 to the average household bill (current average $4069). Since 2012-2022 rates have risen far faster than inflation and population growth with a real increase of roughly 30 percent since 2022. A responsible plan should curb expenditure growth before increasing bills to households.Agreed positions:- Oppose the average residential rates rise by at least 7.9 percent.- 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 allow further increases.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I submit below in a detailed evidence-based manner my concerns about the proposed 2026/27 annual plan and my recommendations for addressing spending before increasing rates.I support a responsible approach to council budgeting that prioritises essential services while reducing wasteful or non-core spending. In particular I urge the Council and CCOs to curb backroom and corporate functions and to slow the growth of consultancy and professional services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance highlights that consultants and contractors currently cost about $590 million and six-figure salaries for Council and CCO staff use up significant resources. Reducing personnel

costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles would deliver immediate savingsâ€”an amount the Alliance estimates could be at least $17 million right away.I also support cancelling non-core initiatives with high carbon or cost profiles. In particular the Food Scraps Programme is cited as costing $36 million per year while delivering questionable carbon savings; its cessation would save significant funds for essential services and ratepayer relief. Additionally I oppose continuing or expanding programmes that are not statutory responsibilities of local government including excessive Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Maori outcomes) department which the Alliance indicates amounts to about $10 million per year. Reallocating these funds to statutory and essential services would align with core ratepayer value.The Alliance's Alternative Budget provides a practical framework: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% measure) to cap the average residential rate rise at about 3%. This would involve: $50 million saved from personnel costs via organisational changes and hiring restraint; $50 million from capping consultancy spend; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritised to statutory services over discretionary grants. I urge the Council to consider these savings as a priority before approving higher rates.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8226,337971,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose a rate rise that exceeds inflation and will impose an additional approx. $320 on the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% overall inflation). The stated breakdown shows 2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. This pattern of rising costs far outpaces essential service needs and is unsustainable for households.I call for immediate restraint in Council and CCO spending and alignment of budgets to essential statutory services. The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes a $150 million saving to cap rates rise at about 3% including:1) Reducing personnel costs through organisational changes and a hiring freeze for non-essential roles (estimated saving $50 million).2) Capping spending on consultants and professional services (estimated saving $50 million).3) Contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation (estimated saving $30 million).4) Prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants (estimated saving $20 million).Specific wasteful expenditures must be addressed:- Consultants and contractors: $126 million per year across the Council group; average consultant remuneration around $200000.- Payroll and related costs: Council payroll around $1.3 billion; 6123 staff at six-figure salaries with 72 staff paid more than the mayor.- Direct operating expenditure grew 78% 2013â€“2023 while inflation was 29%.- Food Scraps Programme costs about $36 million per year and on balance emits more carbon than it saves; this should be cancelled.- Māori outcomes funding (Ngā Mātārae) totals about $171 million over 10 years; this is not a core local government responsibility and should be reconsidered.- Eighteen corporate and business support functions cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.I urge prioritisation of statutory and essential services and vigorous review of personnel consultancy and backroom efficiencies to prevent further rate burden on households.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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

#8227

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Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and call for a rethink of Council spending to protect households from above-inflation rises. The current rate burden is significant: average residential bills have already risen to $4069 with a real increase since 2022 of around 30% (versus 12% inflation). The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs which will disproportionately affect ratepayers while much of the growth is driven by wasteful expenses elsewhere in the organisation.I set out my positions below aligned with the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance priorities:1) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the

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Annual Plan 2026-2027

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I note the plan's 7.9% increase breaks down as 2% to maintain existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costs. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85%â€”well in excess of inflation and population growth. A rate rise this large is not affordable for households especially given the real increases since 2022 and the ongoing squeeze on cost of living.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance position to cap or reduce the rate rise by cutting wasteful expenditure across the Council and CCOs. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs by freezing staffing and not filling vacant non-essential roles which by the Alliance's own figures could save at least $17

million immediately.- Limit spending on consultants and professional services rather than allow these costs to rise further; the current level is unsustainable and inefficient.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to achieve meaningful savings.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants ensuring core functions are funded without inflating rates.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Freeze or reduce Māori-specific spending such as the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) budget of around $10 million per year which I do not view as a core local government responsibility.Given the evidence of rising payroll costs (well over inflation) and heavy reliance on consultants I urge Council to pursue the Alliance's proposed alternative budget: reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the average rate increase to about 3% by addressing personnel consultancy vendor costs and prioritising essential services.I request that this submission be considered in full and urge the Council to engage in a more detailed review of discretionary spend prior to approving any rate increase.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.I submit in formal opposition to the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% in the 2026/27 annual plan and request careful reconsideration of Council waste and spending before any rate rise is approved.The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 for the average household on top of a 30% real increase since 2022 (in 2022 dollars) and a 85% rise since the Super City amalgamation well above inflation and population growth. The breakdownâ€”2% for maintaining existing assets 1.5% for new assets as Auckland grows and 4.4% for CRL operating costsâ€”demonstrates that core ratepayer value is undermined by elevated project and operating pressures.I support the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget principle: cap average residential rates increases to around 3% by reducing spending in targeted areas. Specifically I urge Council to implement the following cost-saving measures:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze on vacant non-essential roles which estimates $17 million in immediate savings.- Freeze or reduce payroll costs by limiting new permanent hires and non-essential wage growth.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services to curb the $126 million per year spent across the Council group.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme costing $36 million per year and reportedly emitting more carbon than it saves.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants and review Māori-focused spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) which I consider not a proper function of local government.These measures align with a broader aim to restore ratepayer value and financial discipline given that direct operating expenditure has grown well beyond inflation and personnel costs continue to rise substantially.I request the opportunity to speak at hearings to elaborate on these points. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,, 0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0 ,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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cutting payroll through a freeze on non-essential hires a cap on consultants contract renegotiations and consolidating vendors to save about $150 million.2) Targeted reductions in backroom costs and consultancy- The Council needs to reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.- Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.3) Wasteful and non-core programmes- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emissions results exceed the carbon saved.- Freeze staffing or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles; this could save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year on the 'Māori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) arguing that this is not a function of local government.4) Reprioritise where money is spent- Stop wasting money and place funds where they are most needed such as hospital healthcare and schools ensuring core statutory responsibilities are funded first.I request to speak at hearings to elaborate these points if permitted. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1) Opposition to the rate increase- I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% which would cost the average household about $320 and would represent a real increase well above inflation. Since 2012 rates have risen significantly relative to inflation and population growth and further increases should be restrained.- The funding split behind the proposed rise indicates substantial cost pressures from operating CRL asset maintenance and new assets but the overall trajectory is unsustainable if driven by wasteful or non-priority spending.2) Spending reform as a condition of any increase- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continual growth.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme (costs $36 million/year and according to Alliance analysis emits more carbon than it saves) and redirect funds to essential council services.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll 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/year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) recognising that this is not a core local-government function and should be prioritised accordingly.3) A fiscally responsible alternative budget- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap average residential rates increases at 3%. This would be achieved by: $50 million in personnel cost reductions through organisational changes and a hiring freeze; $50 million cap on consultants; $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation; and $20 million prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants.ClosingI request that the Council consider these savings and prioritise core services before approving further rate increases.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8302,337895,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for significant reductions in wasteful Council spending before any rate increases beyond inflation are considered.Key points- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive. It amounts to about $320 extra per average household and does not reflect prudent belt-tightening across the organisation.- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs and curb consultancy and professional services. Current spending levels are unsustainable and drive up rates without corresponding improvements in essential services.- I support cancelling non-essential programmes that do not align with statutory

responsibilities such as 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 could save at least $17 million immediately.- I oppose Māori-specific spending that is not a core local-government function such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Maori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae).Alternative budget approach- The Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (a 2% reduction) to cap the average residential rates increase at about 3% via: - $50 million from personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping spending on consultants - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million by prioritising statutory and essential services over discretionary grants- By adopting these measures rates growth can be aligned with inflation and population growth while preserving essential services.Additional pointSTOP WASTING MY MONEY.I request that the Council consider these priorities and implement substantial efficiency and restraint measures before imposing higher rates.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.1) Rates increase and value for money- The proposed 7.9% increase translates to about $320 more per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen 85% while inflation has grown around 34% and population only 22%. A rate rise well above inflation is unwarranted without demonstrable efficiency and tangible public benefits.- The breakdown shows 4.4% for CRL operating costs plus 2% to maintain existing assets and 1.5% for new assets from growth. I question whether this level of expenditure growth is sustainable or necessary given other cost pressures.2) Wasteful spend and reform priorities- Council spending on consultants is excessive: $126 million per year across the group with the average consultant earning about $200k. Payroll and contractor costs have risen far faster than inflation while core services face funding pressure.- Six-figure salaries across Council and CCO staff total 6123 positions with 72 staff earning more than the mayor's $306741. This is inconsistent with a public sector that must tighten belts when households struggle.- Direct operating expenditure grew 78% from 2013 to 2023 far outpacing inflation. Eighteen corporate and business support functions alone cost $868.4 million in direct expenditure.3) Specific savings and policy positions- I support reducing new Council spending by at least $150 million (2% cap) to bring the average rates increase down to roughly 3%. This includes: freeze/hiring restrictions saving $50 million capping consultants by $50 million renegotiating contracts and vendor consolidation for $30 million and prioritising statutory/essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.- I oppose ongoing spending on discretionary items such as the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves.- I oppose funding Māori outcomes budgets (Ngā Mātārae) of $10 million per year as a core local government function.- I require a halt to non-essential travel entertainment and consultant spend unless explicitly consulted with the public. Salary/ payroll reductions from vacant non-essential roles should be implemented immediately saving at least $17 million.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8309,337888,,Franklin,Do not support most,Based on the current average residential rates bill of $4069 and the real increase since 2022 of around 30 percent (in 2022 dollars) ratepayers cannot sustain further inflation-beating increases while essential services face cost pressures.I agree with the need to curb wasteful expenditure and to prioritise core statutory services. My positions are:1) Oppose the average residential rates increase by at least 7.9 percent and instead adopt an approach

that delivers materially lower rate increases aligned to inflation or less.2) Reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across the Council and CCOs.3) Reduce the spend on consultancy and professional services rather than continuing to increase these items.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs $36 million/year and emits more carbon than it saves.5) 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.6) Cut Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million/year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local government remit.I note that the proposed 7.9 percent split includes 4.4 percent for CRL operating costs 2 percent for maintaining existing assets and 1.5 percent for new assets as Auckland grows. The combination of high consultant costs (annual Council group total around $126 million with the average consultant near $200000) and elevated personnel costsâ€”where payroll is about $1.3 billionâ€”supports pursuing a leaner more efficient organisation.An alternative budget approach would reduce new spending by $150 million targeting reduced personnel costs capped consultant spend contract renegotiations and prioritisation of statutory services over discretionary grants. Such measures would cap the rate rise to around 3 percent.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,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

8311,337886,,Franklin,Do not support most,I oppose the proposed average residential rates increase of 7.9% and urge decisive action to curb wasteful Council spending. The current climate of rate rises far outpaces inflation and population growth and the burden falls on households already stretched by affordability pressures.Key concerns and positions:1) Rates affordability and fairness. The proposed 7.9% increase equates to roughly $320 more per average household on a current average bill of $4069. Since 2012 residential rates have risen by about 85% in real terms far exceeding inflation (12%) and population growth (22%). A levelling or reduction is warranted until core spending is reined in.2) Reduce backroom and corporate spend. The Council and CCOs must cut expenditure on corporate and backroom functions. Targeted reductions should be achieved through organisational change job freezes on non-essential roles and avoidance of duplicative admin costs.3) Cut consultancy and professional services. Spending on consultants is excessive and should be reduced. A freeze or cap on external advisory spend would free funds for essential services.4) Cancel the Food Scraps Programme. The programme costs about $36 million per year and emits more carbon than it saves. It should be cancelled or redirected to more effective measures.5) Freeze staffing and payroll costs. Not hiring for vacant non-essential roles and freezing salary growth would save at least $17 million immediately. This is a prudent step before asking ratepayers to fund higher bills.6) Reduce Māori-specific spend. The $10 million per year on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) is not a core local government function. Reprioritisation toward statutory and essential services is appropriate.7) Alternative budget approach. I support the Ratepayers' Alliance proposal to reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) capping the rate rise to about 3% through: $50 million from personnel costs $50 million from consultants $30 million from renegotiations/vendor consolidation and $20 million toward essential services over discretionary grants.Closing:I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.The planned rise is not sustainable when inflation and population growth outpace growth in real value and when evidence shows Council spending has outstripped responsible stewardship.I support the following positions:- The Council must reduce expenditure on corporate and backroom office functions across

the Council and CCOs. A leaner central and support structure is essential before asking residents to fund further costs.- The Council must reduce spend on consultancy and professional services. Continued increases in these items are not affordable for ratepayers and do not demonstrate value for money.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and based on available analysis emits more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll costs by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles. This measure alone would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million per year spent on the Māori outcomes department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government function.Additional points:- Waste and overall spending appear out of control for a long period. As a ratepayer I am sick and tired of seeing funds squandered rather than directed to essential services and core responsibilities.Key data underpinning my view: the 7.9 percent proposed rate rise translates to about $320 extra per average household on top of a current average bill of $4069. Since 2010 rates have risen by 85% far exceeding inflation and population growth. Spending on consultants and backoffice functions six-figure salaries and particular programmes like Food Scraps and Ngā Mātārae are not being managed with appropriate prudence. A targeted reduction in these areas as outlined above would allow the rate rise to be capped closer to 3 percent by freeing up substantial efficiency savings.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,0,,,,,,
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8330,337867,,Franklin,Do not support most,I understand the proposed 7.9% average increase equates to about $320 for the average household on top of a long-term pattern of rising rates. Since 2010 rates have risen 85%â€”well above inflation and population growth. I support the Council's focus on sustaining essential services but I cannot support increases that outpace inflation without clear verifiable efficiency gains.My positions are as follows:- Oppose the average residential rates rise of 7.9% and advocate for keeping rate increases aligned with or below inflation.- 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 around $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 move that would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the approximately $10 million per year spent on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) as this is not a core local government responsibility.I note the Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget proposes reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) enabling an average rates increase of about 3% through targeted savings: $50 million from personnel costs and $50 million from consultants plus $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation and $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grants. I urge the Council to adopt these or stronger efficiencies before approving any higher rate rise.Closing: I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute at hearings if invited. I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

Question 3: Local board priorities

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

N/A

Question 4: Other feedback

Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?
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Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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

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

Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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

N/A

Question 6: City centre

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

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Organisation: N/A

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback:

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

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

The increase would amount to about $320 for the average household on top of a real rates rise of 30% since 2022 (well above CPI growth). I strongly believe a lower better targeted approach is needed to fund essential services while avoiding a disproportionate burden on households.Key concerns and positions- I oppose the 7.9% average increase and urge a cap closer to 3% achieved by a rebalanced budget that prioritises core statutory and essential services over discretionary items.- The Council must reduce wasteful backroom and corporate spend across the Council and CCOs including excessive consultant and professional services costs. The briefing shows $126

million per year across the group on consultants with the average consultant paid about $200k; cutting this is a direct prudent savings action.- Aggressively cut spending on consultancy and professional services rather than allowing continued growth in these areas.- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and is said to emit more carbon than it saves.- Freeze staffing 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) arguing that this is not a core local government role.Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget framework- Reduce new Council spending by $150 million (2%) to cap rates increases at around 3%: - $50 million from personnel cost reductions via organisational changes and a hiring freeze - $50 million from capping consultancy spend - $30 million from contract renegotiations and vendor consolidation - $20 million prioritising statutory services over discretionary grantsClosingI urge the Council to adopt a disciplined transparent spending review focused on efficiency and core services before imposing higher rates on households. 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

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

Annual Plan 2026-2027

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

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cap rates increases at around 3% by cutting non-essential and discretionary expenditure. Specifically:- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze saving about $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors to save about $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants saving about $20 million.These steps are essential to avoid further unaffordable bills for households already squeezed by cost of living pressures.I oppose ongoing expenditure on wasteful or unproven programmes. In particular cancel the Food Scraps Programme which costs about $36 million per year and in my view emits more carbon than it saves. I also oppose increased Māori-specific spending such as the $10 million per year allocated to the Ngā Mātārae (Māori Outcomes) department which I believe is not a core local government function.The Council should also reduce backroom overheads. Spending on consultants and contractors remains high and a large portion of payroll growth has outpaced inflation. The Council must bring payroll and corporate/administrative costs in line with the level of service delivery required by ratepayers.I respectfully request to speak at hearings to provide further context though I understand my preference is not to appear.I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

I oppose the average residential rates increase of 7.9% and advocate for substantial cuts in wasteful Council spending to keep rates affordable.1. Rate increase and spending priorities- The proposed 7.9% average increase is excessive given the rate of inflation and the Council's own expenditure growth. The community cannot absorb a formula that delivers a 30% real increase since 2022 while operating costs and staff remuneration have expanded faster than inflation.- I support reducing new Council spending by $150 million (2%) which would cap the average residential rates rise at around 3% if implemented through targeted reforms to personnel costs consultants and backroom

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#8388

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

Do not support most

Tell us why

1) Rates increase and value for money- The proposed 7.9% increase (about $320 for the average household) is not affordable and exceeds inflation. The current average residential rates bill is $4069 up from $2781 in 2022 amounting to a 30% real increase since 2022 (versus 12% cumulative inflation). The breakdown shows 2% for existing assets 1.5% for new assets and 4.4% for CRL operating costs highlighting growth in operating expenditure not matched by demonstrable returns.- I request that the Council cap the rate rise to 3% by implementing a $150 million reduction in new spending as outlined in the Ratepayers' Alliance alternative budget.2) Spending reforms to

fund savings- Reduce personnel costs through organisational change and a hiring freeze saving $50 million.- Cap spending on consultants and professional services at $50 million.- Renegotiate contracts and consolidate vendors for $30 million.- Prioritise statutory and essential services over discretionary grants for $20 million.- These steps would address the Council's outsized backroom and consultant costs currently totalling hundreds of millions and reduce the need for ratepayer funding of wasteful activities.3) Specific spend reductions I support- Cancel the Food Scraps Programme ($36 million/year) on the basis that it costs more than it saves in carbon emissions.- Freeze staffing and/or reduce payroll by not hiring for vacant non-essential roles which would save at least $17 million immediately.- Cut Māori-specific spending including the $10 million/year on the 'Maori outcomes' department (Ngā Mātārae) on the basis that this is not a core local-government function.4) Additional context- As a rural resident I see little value-for-money from Auckland Council; spending should reflect actual service needs in non-urban areas.In closing I do not wish to speak to my submission at a hearing.

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