

Christchurch City Council Shirley-Papanui Community Board Electing 5 Board Members



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The People's Choice - Labour

My principal place of residence is not in the Shirley-Papanui Community Board area.

I am a fourth year law student and part time child care worker. Each of these roles give me some insight and understanding of the challenges people in our community face. For example, our day to day life is governed by our legal rights, from battles with insurance companies, to knowing what the landlord can and can't do.

I have completed courses for a Japanese degree and participated in Japanese community events for many years. Christchurch's multiculturalism is something that I am proud of, and believe it should be celebrated.

Our city has been through the worst. What we need now is an effective Community Board that is transparent and accountable. Important decisions should be made in open meetings and consultation needs to be far reaching.

If elected I will aim to increase support programmes for the elderly, advocate for environmentally friendly decision-making, and fight for transparency in local government.