

Information for Candidates – 4 October 2019

The following information was provided to candidates or affiliated parties by the Christchurch City Council. In fairness to all candidates this has been published online:

- 1. The Council received a question from a candidate regarding the barbed wire fencing surrounding the Chinese Consulate General in Hansons Lane, asking why they were allowed this.**

The Christchurch City Council has been contacted by residents regarding the barbed wire that the Chinese Consulate General in Christchurch has erected on top of its perimeter fence as a security measure, until such time as a more robust perimeter fence can be built.

The Consulate General is an official consular post of the People's Republic of China, responsible for China's official relations with the South Island of New Zealand. As such, it is governed by the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The Vienna Convention outlines rights and responsibilities for both the receiving state (and in this case the receiving city, Christchurch), and the consular post. The City of Christchurch has a positive and constructive working relationship with the Consulate General.

According to the Vienna Convention, Consular premises are inviolable. However, the Consulate General is also required to comply with Christchurch's local planning and building regulations. Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Christchurch City Council is currently in discussions with the Consulate General to ensure that we strike a fair balance between our respective rights and responsibilities.

- 2. A candidate for the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board asked for attendance for meetings of the Board in the current term.**

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Meetings (64 in total):

Elected Member	Number of Meetings Attended	% of meetings attended
Sam MacDonald	61	95.3%
David Cartwright	58	90.6%
Aaron Campbell	64	100%
Linda Chen*	49	76.6%
Shirish Paranjape	46	71.8%
Bridget Williams	53	82.8%
Jamie Gough	54	84.4%
Aaron Keown	58	90.6%
Raf Manji	50	78.1%

**Please note that Linda Chen had a Leave of Absence for 6 weeks.*