

Notes from discussion with Mayoral Candidate Nikora Nitro.

- People don't know about elections and the election process
- Desire to ensure that people are educated on "how the system works" and to inspire greater engagement and input to Council decisions and funding including the respective roles of central and local government
- Council needs to keep things simple and accessible and to enable the community to understand better what's working and not working
- We need to understand the rationale for significant spends on Three Waters and Transport – is this still a legacy of the earthquakes?
- Better engagement with the business community is needed
- Importance of bicultural relationships as part of the new settings
- Better support for housing, community development, arts and culture is required – could we shift funding from other areas?
- A enhanced strategy for engagement with Māori/Tangata whenua, in addition to Mana Whenua engagement – ensure that services are appropriate and equitably delivered
- There is a need to be sensitive to the diversity of communities and their ability and capacity to engage with Council including through Community Boards
- The people on the East feel neglected