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Waitākere Licensing Trust Ward 2 (Lincoln)

Q1 - I support a competition poll, giving West Aucklanders the chance to choose between continued monopoly or allowing competition. If elected to the Portage/Waitakere Licensing Trust, I would vote to trigger a poll (without the need for a petition).

I support the community's right to challenge and choose if the Trusts are meeting their obligations as legislated.

Q2 - Should there be a competition poll, The Trusts role should be as an impartial provider of information. The Trusts should not promote / campaign for either option.

If there is a poll against it, it should be able to present its merits for staying

Q3 - The Trusts' monopoly reduces alcohol related harm in West Auckland

(No response)

Q4 - If the monopoly was removed, West Auckland would be inundated with liquor outlets

Access to alcohol options becomes more widely available through various outlets. It may start with being available in shopping markets, and its reasonable to expect other venues, like liquor shops may follow.

Q5 - The monopoly stifles hospitality in West Auckland, and is part of the reason West Auckland has fewer options for dining, drinking and entertainment than in other parts of Auckland

I dont have enough data to form an opinion on this

Q6 - Without the monopoly, community funding from The Trusts would disappear / be substantially diminished

Agree

Q7 - I support The Trusts operating gaming machines in their venues

Of the nearly 40 gaming machines venues in West Auckland, The Trust only hold 6 of those licenses.

Q8 - 100% of The Trusts profits go straight back into The West

Agree

Q9 - The Trusts are committed to being as open and transparent with the community as possible

Strongly agree

Any comments you would like to add

I have only come onto the Trust in the remaining 11 month, following the resignation of my predecessor. My answers are based on nearly 11 months, including my nearly 5 years living in the West since moving from the CBD. As a new arrival to West Auckland, and the Trust it was important for me to bring my new voice, views and challenges to my colleagues and the Executive team during my time. My colleagues have been thoughtful, inclusive, considerate and supportive of my views and positions since arriving.

During my short term, in the midst of recovering from Covid19, reinvestment into staff, ramraids, and other challenges, the Trust has been working its finger tips off. Most importantly since the most recent poll, I can assure you, those who signed have been heard. Many changes seemed already underway when I arrived, and I am proud of my contributions of the continued changes and improvements coming.

My focus is to continue to work to connect the Trust more with the new growing communities we live in. There are lots of opportunities to ensure The Trusts continue to deliver more, and many of those are underway. I hope to be there in the next term to continue to lead shape this organization.

Thank you

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