**Summary of Responses**

**Question 1 (Inequality)**
Wealth inequality and income inequality are the two issues of concern although income inequality is more frequently assessed because it is easier to measure.

What is your view of these inequalities in relation to how the organisation you are a candidate for might address them?



 Wealth inequality and income inequality are not issues which should be of concern to councils

 Wealth inequality is the most significant issue and councils can address this with the way they collect rates

 Both wealth inequality and income inequality are important issues which need to be addressed by councils

 Income inequality is the most significant issue and councils can address this by leading by example

**Question 2 (Public transport)**

Subsidising public transport would help address income inequality by providing cheap/zero-cost alternative transport and would address wealth inequality by enabling better access to other public services.

It would decrease the number of cars on our roads improving transport for all. If public transport is subsidised, who do you think should benefit?



 Free for Senior Card Holders (outside peak hours) (i.e. the status quo)

 Free for children (15 years old and under) at all times

 Free for Community Service Card holders at all times

 Free public transport for all the above at the times specified

 Free public transport for all at all times

**Question 3 (Living Wage)**
The living wage (2019) is $21.15/hr and is calculated on a national basis quantifying an hourly wage that a family of four requires to live based on one partner working full time and the other partner working half time.

The current minimum wage is $17.70. How do you think the living wage should be implemented by your council?



 Councils should pay their own staff, any CCO staﬀ, and council contractors’ staff at least the Living Wage

 Councils should encourage local businesses to pay at least the Living Wage

 Councils need only to ensure their staff are paid the current Living Wage

 Free public transport for all the above at the times specified

**Question 4 (Living Wage)**
Do you think councils should be proactive in promoting the living wage to other organisations in the community?



 Yes

 No

**Question 5 (Social Housing)**
Social housing is housing owned by councils and rented to tenants. How much should councils be involved with social housing?



 Social housing should not be part of council business

 Council should only promote independent providers of social housing

 Council should retain ownership of some social housing

 Council should be fully and exclusively involved in social housing

**Question 6 (Community housing)**
Community housing is housing provided by the community via whatever mechanisms work for the community and with the object of the housing being owned by the occupiers.

The one family, one plot of ground kiwi concept appears to be diminishing and new international trends are emerging in our landscape with community models. How much should councils be involved with community housing initiatives?



 Community housing should not be part of council business

 Clear council land with poor housing standards and build new housing with ‘community’

 Sell all exisiting social housing to progressively convert the areas to community housing

 Provide ongoing financial and/or other tangible support to housing initiatives such as Housing First

**Question 7 (Rating System)**
In 1879 Henry George published Progress and Poverty in which he pointed out that, perversely, poverty increased with increasing progress and that the cause of this was the accumulation of unearned wealth based on the increasing value of monopoly ownership of land.

His solution was land value tax. What is your position on progressively moving rates which are currently based on capital value to rates based on land value?



 I would definitely support this change

 The rating system should be progressively moved to a user-pays system for everything

 I would support a detailed study of how this would be accomplished and the effects it would have

 People deserve all the wealth they acquire through monopoly ownership of natural resources

**Question 8 (Rating System)**
Some rating systems (e.g. the Tauranga rating system) include a uniform annual general charge (UAGC) which has the general effect of ratepayers of lower socio-economic status subsidising the unearned wealth accumulation of wealthier ratepayers.

What is your position on phasing out the UAGC where it applies?



 I would definitely support this change

 The rating system should be progressively moved to a user-pays system for everything

 I would support a detailed study of how this would be accomplished and the effects it would have

 People deserve all the wealth they acquire through monopoly ownership of natural resources

**Question 9 (Wellbeing)**
Improving standards for children, Maori and Pasifika, Mental Health, infrastructure, and environment are at the heart of Central government’s 2019 Wellbeing Budget.

How can councils support the thrust of Central Government’s budget?



 Only follow the directives given by Central Government

 Keep focused on core council work

 Take a proactive stance by increasing community inclusiveness outside of stipulated areas

**Question 10 (Knowledge of Council Staﬀ Salaries)**
Many people are interested to know the range of salaries and wages paid by Council as well as the numbers of employees in the various wages and salary bands.

Do you support the regular publication of councils’ wages and salary bands with strict adherence to band width which may identify the income of individual staff members at both the low and high end of the spectrum?



 Yes

 No