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Dear [redacted]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR ELECTION NOMINATION RELATED MISTAKES

I refer to your official information request dated 30 September 2022:

This request relates to both of (1) 2019 Local Government Elections AND (2) 2022 Local Government Elections
We would like copies of all reports, memorandums, agendas, minutes, emails that detail any mistakes made by Council officers (managing the elections on behalf of Council) in checking candidate applications in the processing of candidates standing for the Local Body Election, which has led to the disqualification by the independent Electoral Officer after the closing date (on the Friday at 12 noon).
We are aware of this occurring in at least four times over the 2019 and 2022, however there are likely to be many more.
We have become aware that many good candidates have been lost due to these mistakes.

The information you requested is enclosed.

There have been no mistakes made leading to the disqualification of any candidates for either the 2019 or 2022 elections.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact LGOIMA@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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