# **Management report to Council**

Agenda item 6.1

2020 Melbourne City Council Elections: Election Report from VEC

Council

Presenter: Michael Tonta, Director Governance

27 July 2021

### Purpose and background

- 1. The purpose of this report is to submit to Council the Election Report (refer Attachment 2) prepared by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), on the October 2020 Melbourne City Council (MCC) Elections.
- 2. Regulation 83 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 (Regulations) state that:
  - 2.1. The VEC must prepare a report to the Chief Executive Officer on the conduct of the election within the period of 6 months after Election Day.
  - 2.2. The report must include a certified record of the number of ballot-papers and declarations printed, issued, used, spoiled and returned.
  - 2.3. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the report is submitted to the Council at the earliest practicable meeting of the Council held after the report is received by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Key issues**

- 3. The report also outlines key changes implemented by the VEC to the 2020 election program in response to the reforms as they applied to the elections after the adoption of the *Local Government Act* 2020 (LGA 2020). The Regulations came into operation from 13 July 2020. Additionally, some updates were made to the *City of Melbourne (Electoral) Regulations 2012* due to the introduction of the Regulations. Key changes included:
  - 3.1. Candidate qualifications compulsory for local government candidates to complete mandatory training prior to nominating for local government elections.
  - 3.2. Enrolment and voters' roll absentee owners no longer have an automatic entitlement to be enrolled because they reside overseas.
- 4. The report outlines the VEC's COVIDSafe Election Plan detailing actions and strategies to deliver a safe and compliant local government election. This plan considered:
  - 4.1. Acquiring larger election office spaces to accommodate social distancing practices MCC elections moved to Drill Hall.
  - 4.2. Moving operations to online forums where possible including VEC's briefings and candidate information sessions.
  - 4.3. Modifying the timeline for ballot paper extraction and counting activities and modifying scrutineer practices.
- 5. At certification of the voters' roll on Thursday 17 September 2020 there were 137,165 enrolled voters.
- 6. The participation rate (total number of votes received as a percentage of the total enrolment) was 68.79 per cent, higher than the 55.67 per cent rate at the 2016 MCC general election.
- 7. In accordance with section 19 of the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* and section 267 of the LGA 2020, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement program.

#### **Recommendation from management**

8. That Council notes the Election Report provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission dated 19 April 2021 for the October 2020 Melbourne City Council Elections.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 102)
- 2. Melbourne City Council Elections October 2020: Election Report by the Victorian Electoral Commission (Page 3 of 102)

## **Supporting Attachment**

## Legal

1. The report accurately identifies the relevant statutory provisions and obligations.

#### **Finance**

2. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

#### **Conflict of interest**

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a general or material interest in relation to the matter of the report.

## **Occupational Health and Safety**

4. No Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

# Stakeholder consultation

5. No external consultation has been undertaken as the conduct of the elections is governed by legislation.

#### **Relation to Council policy**

6. Pursuant to section 262(5) of the LGA 2020, the voting system to be used for general elections and byelections is to be determined by the Minister. The 2020 Melbourne City Council general election was held by postal ballot.

## **Environmental sustainability**

7. There is no significant sustainability impact arising from the recommendation in this report.





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# **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Victorian Electoral Commission pays respect to Victoria's traditional owners and their elders past and present who have been custodians of this country for many thousands of years. Their living culture and their role in the life of Victoria is acknowledged by the VEC.

# **Letter of Transmittal**

19 April 2021

Mr Justin Hanney Chief Executive Officer Melbourne City Council GPO Box 1603 Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Mr Hanney

Pursuant to Regulation 83 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020, I submit this report to the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Council on the general election held in October 2020.

Yours sincerely

Warwick Gately AM Electoral Commissioner

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# Introduction

The Victorian local government general elections are held every four years as defined by the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) (**LG Act**). In 2020, general elections were held for 76 of the 79 Victorian councils¹ with Saturday 24 October marking election day. In accordance with section 263(1) of the LG Act, the Victorian Electoral Commission (**VEC**) is the statutory election service provider for the conduct of local government elections in Victoria.

This report provides information on the 2020 Melbourne City Council general election including details of the end-to-end service delivery of electoral activities throughout the election timeline. This report also provides details of post-election items including compulsory voting enforcement.

# About the Victorian Electoral Commission

The VEC is an independent statutory authority established under the Electoral Act 2002 (Vic) (the Electoral Act). The VEC's principal functions are to conduct State elections, local government elections, certain statutory elections and polls, commercial and community elections, and to support electoral representation processes for local councils and the Electoral Boundaries Commission for State electoral boundaries. The VEC is also responsible for maintaining the Victorian register of electors and administering political funding and donation disclosure laws. The VEC has a mandated role to conduct electoral research, provide communication and education services, and inform and engage Victorians in the democratic process.

Warwick Gately AM is the appointed Electoral Commissioner and Liz Williams is the appointed Deputy Electoral Commissioner. The Electoral Commissioner and Deputy Electoral Commissioner report to the Victorian Parliament in relation to the VEC's operations and activities.

The Electoral Commissioner heads the VEC's Executive Management Group that comprises the Deputy Electoral Commissioner, the Executive Director, Corporate Services and seven Directors, each leading the main functional areas of the VEC. Each Director acts as subject matter experts within their legislative responsibilities under the LG Act and the Electoral Act.

The VEC has a dedicated local government election program which is managed by Katrina Collins and incorporates a range of programs, projects and activities that are supported through strategic planning, project management, and process mapping. The program is overseen by the VEC's Planning Group and has sponsorship from the Executive Management Group.

administration in early 2020. The Councils' general elections have been postponed until October 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The South Gippsland Shire Council was placed into administration in mid-2019. The Council's general election has been postponed until October 2021. Casey City Council and Whittlesea City Council were placed into

# **Key changes**

# **Changes in legislation**

The new LG Act received royal assent on 24 March 2020 and introduced a number of changes, some requiring immediate implementation and others to be implemented progressively. Those requiring immediate implementation had a significant impact on the 2020 local government election program.

Following the LG Act completing its passage through Parliament, the VEC implemented the necessary changes to the 2020 local government election program in response to the reforms as they applied to the elections.

The key changes from the	LG Act are as follows:
Local government electoral structures	The default electoral structure for all local councils is single-councillor wards, although some regional and rural local councils may be unsubdivided or divided into wards with equal numbers of councillors in each ward.
	The VEC is no longer responsible for conducting electoral representation reviews of all local councils in Victoria.
	An independent Local Government Electoral Representation Advisory Panel will review council electoral structures. The panel includes the Electoral Commissioner and other members appointed by the Minister for Local Government.
Voting system	The voting system (attendance or postal) is set by the Minister for Local Government.
	All local council elections are conducted according to the same voting system.
Enrolment and voters' rolls	Non-resident property owners need to apply to be enrolled (this change will be implemented in stages leading up to the 2024 local government elections).
	Amendments to the voters' roll are completed by the VEC only (excluding Melbourne City Council).
Candidate qualifications	It is compulsory for local government candidates to complete mandatory training prior to nominating for local government elections.
Nominations/candidate statements	When nominating, candidates are required to declare they have completed the mandatory Local Government Candidate Training.
	The maximum number of words for a candidate statement was increased to 350 for the Melbourne City Council Leadership Team and Councillor Groups (300 words for all other councils).
Election staff	The term 'Election Manager' replaced 'Returning Officer' making the term consistent with the <i>Electoral Act 2002</i> .
Extraordinary vacancies	The VEC will fix the timeline for local council by-elections (previously fixed by the Minister).
	Changes to the countback process which now draws on a broader pool of ballot papers to determine the successful candidate at a countback.
Compulsory voting	From the 2024 local government general elections onwards, it will be compulsory for everyone enrolled on a voters' roll to vote where previously it was only compulsory for all voters on the Melbourne City Council election roll.

The LG Act made other changes to the local government electoral landscape, including:

- operational and technical provisions for electoral matters are now prescribed in the Regulations rather than being contained in the LG Act.
- disputed election results are now heard by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

On 8 May 2020, the Minister determined<sup>2</sup> all of the 2020 general elections would be held by postal voting. As such, the VEC adjusted preparations in response to the Minister's determination.

In addition, new Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 (**the Regulations**) came into operation on 13 July 2020. Additionally, some updates were made to the City of Melbourne (Electoral) Regulations 2012 due to the introduction of the Regulations.

#### Response to public health crisis: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In response to the coronavirus (**COVID-19**) global pandemic, a State of Emergency was declared in Victoria on 16 March 2020. While the VEC was well advanced in planning for the elections, some uncertainty arose due to speculation that the elections could be rescheduled.

Following the Local Government Minister's confirmation on 15 May 2020 that the 2020 local government elections would proceed, the VEC's operating model was adjusted to deliver a compliant election while meeting health, safety, social distancing and hygiene obligations to voters, election staff, councils, candidates and all other stakeholders.

On Wednesday 1 September 2020, the Governor in Council made amendments to the regulations to allow certain provisions to be varied in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the amendments allowed the VEC to determine an appropriate method for eligible candidates to lodge their nomination form and pay their nomination fee electronically; and to allow the Election Manager to determine the

On 29 September 2020, the Governor in Council made further changes to the Regulations to provide greater clarity of mitigation options for any disruptions to the voting timeline, including delays across the postal network that could threaten the integrity of the elections. The changes allowed the Electoral Commissioner to alter the last day of voting and/or the extended postal vote receipt deadline if necessary, to maintain and protect election integrity.

The VEC developed a COVIDSafe Election Plan<sup>3</sup> in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services which complemented the VEC's Service Plan. The COVIDSafe Election Plan outlined the VEC's actions and strategies to deliver safe and compliant local government elections.

The plan considered all electoral operations and activities and included changes such as (but not limited to):

- acquiring larger election office spaces to accommodate social distancing practices
- moving operations from face-to-face to online (when legislation permitted), for example:
  - the VEC's briefing meetings with individual councils
  - the candidate information sessions
- modifying the timeline for ballot paper extraction and counting activities
- · modifying scrutineer practices.

The VEC acknowledges the collaboration and contributions of council officers in navigating the changes required to the program due to COVID-19.

maximum number of scrutineers that may be present for any activity at any one time. The amended regulations commenced the day after they were made and remain in place until 26 April 2021.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The Minister published this decision in the Government Gazette on 18 May 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 'VEC COVIDSafe election plan' https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/publications/localcouncil-election-reports-and-plans

# **Election dates**

The key timelines that applied to the Melbourne City were as follows.	Council 2020 local government elections
Date fixed by Registrar for council primary enrolment data	Wednesday 10 June 2020
Close of roll	4 pm Friday 28 August 2020
Election office public telephone enquiry service commences	Monday 7 September 2020
Opening of the election office to the public	Wednesday 16 September 2020
Certification of the voters' roll and opening of nominations	Thursday 17 September 2020
Close of nominations	12 noon Tuesday 22 September 2020
Leadership Team: Close of Team name registration  Councillors: Close of candidate groups and group name registration	12 noon Thursday 24 September 2020
Ballot draws	From 1 pm Thursday 24 September 2020
Leadership Team: Close of lodgement of team statements, preferences and candidate questionnaires  Councillors: Close of lodgement of statements, group voting tickets, ungrouped candidate indication of preferences, and questionnaires	Monday 28 September 2020 at 12 noon
General mail out of ballot packs to voters	Tuesday 6 October to Thursday 8 October 2020
Close of voting	6 pm Friday 23 October 2020
Day prescribed as Election Day	Saturday 24 October 2020
Close of extended postal vote receipt period	12 noon Friday 30 October 2020
Declaration of election results	No later than Friday 13 November 2020

# **About Melbourne City Council**

Melbourne City Council is comprised of a Leadership Team (including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and nine councillors elected from an unsubdivided municipality.

The Melbourne City Council elections are conducted in accordance with the LG Act, the City of Melbourne Act 2001 (**CoM Act**) and the City of Melbourne (Electoral) Regulations 2012 (**CoM Regulations**).

The structure was last reviewed in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 through an electoral representation review in 2012.



**Figure 1:** The electoral structure of Melbourne City Council at the general election held on 24 October 2020.

# Voters' roll

Melbourne City Council prepared the voters' roll in accordance with the CoM Act. The VEC provided a list of those enrolled within the City of Melbourne under the Electoral Act to be enrolled without application in accordance with sections 9A(1) and 11 of the CoM Act. The VEC was also available to provide assistance to Melbourne City Council to compile the voters' roll.

Pursuant to section 11D(5)(a) of the CoM Act, the Registrar, —the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of Melbourne City Council—certified the voters' roll on Thursday 17 September 2020.

At certification, the voters' roll for the 2020 Melbourne City Council general election included 137,165 enrolled voters.

## Composition of the voters' roll

The LG Act specifies that the voters' roll for a local government election is formed by combining two separate lists of voters.

- 1. The Electoral Commissioner's list (EC list) List of State electors that are enrolled within that local government area.
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer's list (CEO list) List of council-entitled voters.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for a breakdown of the Melbourne City Council general election voters' roll.

#### Amendments to the voters' roll

In accordance with section 11E of the CoM Act, Melbourne City Council may amend any error or omission in the preparation, printing or copying of the voters' roll, or correct any misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place or thing on the voters' roll. If such amendment relates to the EC list, Melbourne City Council was required to obtain the VEC's approval for the amendment to be made.

All voters added to the roll were issued with a ballot pack. Where a voter was deleted from the roll after the mail-out of ballot material, the VEC had systems in place to ensure that returned ballot papers from the deleted voters could be identified and excluded from the extraction and count. Where roll amendments were required, the total number of voters on the roll was updated.

There were 392 amendments to the voters' roll which included 25 additions and 367 deletions.

# Advertising and communication campaign

## State-wide advertising

The VEC delivered a state-wide advertising campaign to maximise public awareness and participation amongst all eligible voters. Campaign activities and consistent messaging were delivered across two phases – enrolment and voting – and through multiple traditional and emerging mediums, including radio, digital and social media, and offline/outdoor advertising.

## Statutory advertising

The VEC published a series of statutory notices throughout the election as required by the LG Act and CoM Act. The notices included critical information relevant to each milestone of the election timeline.

For the 2020 statutory notices, Melbourne City Council nominated the following newspapers for the statutory notices to appear in:

- CBD News
- Dockland News
- · Southbank News
- The Age
- Herald Sun

In 2020, the VEC established a new policy position for statutory advertising in alignment with the updated definition of 'publish' in the LG Act. The policy position included the following:

- all statutory and non-statutory election advertising would be published on the VEC website, and
- where available, all statutory and nonstatutory election advertising would be published in local newspapers and/or other selected newspapers identified following consultation with the council.

Refer to **Appendix 2** for further information in relation to the statutory advertising.

#### **VEC** website

The VEC provided council specific information regarding the election on its website on the '2020 local council election' page. The VEC website went live for the local government elections in early August 2020. Whilst some council specific data remained static during the election, the website was regularly updated with content relevant to the election and at each key milestone such as close of roll, nominations, voting and results.

#### **Media liaison**

An online media webinar was held on Friday 21 August 2020. The webinar could be downloaded or accessed at a later time for those who were unable to participate live. The media briefing summarised the planning and timeline for the 2020 local government elections, and also provided a specific update in relation to the availability of election results in light of COVID-19.

Media outlets were provided with a media information booklet that outlined the election timeline and key messages, and provided the VEC's head office media contacts. The VEC's communication team supported each Election Manager as the primary media spokesperson in relation to each election.

The VEC's media liaison program principally featured staged media releases aimed to highlight key milestones during the election timeline, and capitalise on existing general news coverage. More information on the VEC's media release schedule is available at **Appendix 3.** 

# Social media campaign

As part of its state-wide advertising campaign, the VEC used paid promotions on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat and WeChat, targeting voters through audience segmentation.

This advertising was supported by a defined timeline of organic social media posts on the VEC's channels, designed to cover each of the key messages of the communication campaign to further extend the reach to the community and promote conversation about the democratic process.

# **VEC VoterAlert advisories**

Electors on the State enrolment register are able to sign up to the VEC's free SMS or email alert service VoterAlert, to receive reminder messages pertinent to elections that affect them. They can subscribe to receive SMS messages only, email only, or both SMS and email.

During the general election, the VEC used its VoterAlert service to send the following direct messages to those State-enrolled voters on the roll for the election.

The messages were rolled out in the following schedule:

Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August 2020 – 76,747 VoterAlert messages were sent by SMS and email reminding voters to enrol or update their details by the close of roll.

Friday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2020 – 76,425 VoterAlert messages were sent by SMS and email advising that the VEC had commenced posting ballot packs.

In mid-October, the VEC commenced sending its final VoterAlert – a reminder to post ballot packs by the voting deadline. Whilst approximately 900,000 of the 1.8 million voters scheduled to receive an alert were contacted, it was identified that an unanticipated high volume of calls was received by both the VEC and councils as a result of the alert. Therefore, the VEC suspended the VoterAlert messages scheduled for the remaining 900,000 voters.

More information on the VEC's VoterAlert advisories is available at **Appendix 4**.

## Voter engagement

The VEC delivered an extensive voter engagement program throughout the 2020 local government elections. The program sessions were implemented throughout Victoria and were specific to local demographics. Please refer to **Appendix 5** to view the full list of initiatives for the 2020 local government elections. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the VEC's programs traditionally offered through face-to-face education and engagement were redesigned to comply with health, safety, social distancing and hygiene obligations.

#### Blind and low vision services

Braille and large print ballot material was available to blind and low vision voters who had registered for these products by 5 pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020.

The VEC received and processed three requests for large print ballot material. There were no requests for braille ballot material for Melbourne City Council.

#### **Interpreting services**

The VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' Language Link to provide a telephone interpreting service for telephone enquiries from voters who had a first language other than English. The VEC advertised direct lines for 20 languages other than English and a general line for all other languages.

## Telephone enquiry service

A local telephone enquiry service was provided at the election office from Monday 7 September 2020 until the close of voting, for enquiries regarding the election.

The local telephone enquiry service was supplemented by an overflow call centre at the VEC's head office. The overflow call centre received calls made directly to the VEC's head office line (131 VEC, 131 832 or +61 3 8620 1100 for callers outside of Australia) and diverted calls from the election office when the election office lines were at capacity. Additionally, email enquiries were received and processed through <a href="mailto:info@vec.vic.gov.au.">info@vec.vic.gov.au.</a>

The types of calls that are typical during an election relate to:

- voting entitlements and compulsory voting obligations
- · enrolment questions
- · ballot pack had not been received
- ballot material was spoilt or destroyed, so replacement ballot material was required

- a voter advising that they were overseas or interstate
- queries regarding the content of the ballot pack.

Whilst the election office telephone number was published as the primary contact number for election related enquiries, Melbourne City Council implemented an Elections Helpline which was responsible for responding to entitlement and eligibility queries. There was some confusion amongst voters as to who to call with election related matters, the VEC will work closely with Melbourne City Council on messaging for future elections.

A breakdown of the daily number of calls received by the VEC's telephone enquiry service and the overflow call centre in respect to the election is available at **Appendix 6.** 

# **Election Manager**

The VEC maintains a pool of trained senior election officials located across the state to fill election management roles for State and local government elections. Election-specific training is provided to senior election officials prior to each election management appointment.

The size of the election management team appointed for the conduct of an election is based on the size of the council. As required under the LG Act, an Election Manager is appointed to conduct the election and is supported by one or more Assistant Election Managers for larger councils, or a senior election official for smaller councils.

In accordance with section 3 of the LG Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Bill Lang as the Election Manager for the 2020 Melbourne City Council general election.

The appointed Assistant Election Managers were Jane Bennett, Andrew Esplan and Genevieve Hammerton.

#### <sup>4</sup> VEC 2020 Determination No.1 - Nominations from candidates impacted by COVID-19 Public Health Directions in respect to local government elections -

# **Election office**

The Election Manager was responsible for the establishment and management of the election office located at the Drill Hall, Multicultural Hub, 51 – 57 Victoria Street, Melbourne. The election office was provided by the VEC.

In accordance with the VEC's COVIDSafe election plan, the election office was open to the public by appointment only. The election office was available for appointments from Wednesday 16 September until Friday 23 October 2020 between 9 am and 5 pm. Opening hours were extended on Thursday 22 October (9 am to 8 pm) and Friday 23 October (9 am to 6 pm) to allow for final enquiries and the hand-delivery of ballots prior to the close of voting. Enquiries regarding the election were also managed by telephone.

# **Candidates**

Nominations for both the Leadership Team and Councillor elections opened at 9 am on Thursday 17 September and closed at 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020. Candidates were required to lodge their nomination forms in person at the election office. A \$250 nomination fee applied for each Leadership Team pair and each candidate in the Councillor election.

On Wednesday 9 September 2020, the Electoral Commissioner published a determination the establishing a framework for prospective candidates who were prevented from attending the election office due to health directions regarding COVID-19 under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. The determination outlined provisions for electronic lodgement of the nomination form and nomination fee for affected candidates.

#### **Candidate information**

The VEC developed a suite of resources that were accessible to prospective candidates prior to the nomination period. From early September, candidates were able to access the VEC's information about the process of nominating and becoming a candidate for the election. The VEC's online Candidate Helper, accessible via the VEC website, went live on Thursday 3 September

https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/legislation/determinations

2020. The Candidate Helper enabled candidates to pre-complete their nomination form and other forms online before lodging them with the Election Manager.

For the 2020 elections, the VEC's candidate information session was recorded and available for online streaming from the VEC website. In addition, the Election Manager conducted two interactive candidate information sessions for prospective candidates. The sessions were conducted online at 6 pm on Thursday 10 September and 1 pm on Monday 21 September. The presentation at each session summarised critical aspects of the Candidate Handbook and the election timeline.

#### **Nominations**

#### **Leadership Team election**

Candidates for the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor election were required to lodge their nomination as a pair. At the nomination appointment, candidates identified who was nominating for Lord Mayor and who was nominating as Deputy Lord Mayor.

There were nine Leadership Team nominations (consisting of 18 individual candidates). All nine Leadership Team pairs registered a team name and an indication of preferences.

A ballot draw, using the VEC's computerised ballot draw application to determine the order in which the Leadership Team candidates would appear on the ballot paper was held at the election office on Thursday 24 September following the close of team name registrations.

#### **Councillor election**

Candidates for the Councillor election were required to nominate individually to fill one of the nine councillor vacancies, however, one or more candidates could make a joint request that their names be grouped on the ballot paper.

Candidates submitting a request to be grouped were also required to specify the name under which they wished to be grouped and the order in which each candidate would appear in the group.

Group names appeared above the line on the ballot paper and next to candidate names below the line. Candidates who chose not to nominate as part of a group only appeared below the line as ungrouped candidates.

There were 59 nominations for the Councillor election. Fifty-five candidates subsequently registered groups and four candidates were ungrouped. There were 18 groups registered for the Councillor election, and all groups registered a group name and a group voting ticket.

The ballot draw to determine the group order and the order of the ungrouped candidates was held at the election office on Thursday 24 September following the ballot draw for the Leadership Team.

See **Appendix 7** for the list of candidates in ballot draw order for both elections. See Appendix **7.1** for a breakdown of submitted statements and photos, and **7.2** for the sample website version products.

#### **Candidate statements**

In accordance with the CoM Regulations, Leadership Team and Grouped councillor candidates were able to lodge a 350-word statement and submit a photograph for inclusion in the ballot packs sent to voters. Ungrouped councillor candidates were limited to 300 words. The deadline for the submission of candidate statements and photographs was 12 noon on Monday 28 September 2020.

Leadership Team candidates and ungrouped candidates could also lodge an indication of preferences to be included in the ballot pack. The deadline for the lodgement of the indication of preferences was also 12 noon on Monday 28 September 2020. Each Leadership Team lodged a candidate statement, photographs and an indication of preferences by the deadline.

Candidates for the councillor election were permitted to lodge a group statement (or individual statement if ungrouped), group voting tickets and an ungrouped candidate indication of preferences by 12 noon on Monday 28 September 2020. One group did not provide a joint statement.

Of the four ungrouped councillor candidates, three lodged a candidate statement, all four lodged a photograph and only two of the four candidates lodged an indication of preferences.

## **Candidate questionnaires**

In accordance with Regulation 43 of the Regulations, candidates were able to complete and lodge their answers to a set of prescribed questions. The completed questionnaires were accessible to voters on the VEC website or by contacting the election office.

The Election Manager accepted questionnaire submissions lodged by 17 of the 18 individual candidates for the Leadership Team election and 56 of the 59 candidates for the Councillor election.

# **Group Voting Tickets**

In accordance with Regulation 25 of the CoM Regulations, Councillor grouped candidates were required to register at least one, but no more than two, group voting tickets. A group voting ticket directs the election manager on the order of preferences for a vote above-the-line for a particular group of councillor candidates. The deadline for the registration of group voting tickets was 12 noon on Monday 28 September. Each councillor group had registered one group voting ticket by the deadline.

# **Voting**

# **Redirection of ballot packs**

The Regulations provide that a voter may – no later than the day the roll is certified (or a later date if specified by the Election Manager under Regulation 22(2)(f) of the Regulations) – make a request in writing to the Election Manager to have their postal ballot envelope redirected to another address. For the 2020 elections, voters had until Thursday 17 September to submit requests for redirection.

The Election Manager received 214 requests for redirection of ballot packs for the election.

# **Early votes**

A voter may request an early postal ballot envelope (early vote) prior to the general mail out of ballot packs. The Election Manager processes the request and issues the early vote if the request is assessed as reasonable. Requests for early votes could be processed from Wednesday 23 September 2020, the day after nominations closed, until the commencement of the general mail out of ballot packs on Tuesday 6 October 2020. Due to the timing of early votes, some early voters may not have had access to the candidate statements, photographs or questionnaires.

Due to the impact that COVID-19 restrictions had on election services for the 2020 elections, requests for early votes were managed by appointment.

The Election Manager received one early vote request for the election.

## Mail-out/delivery of ballot packs

The VEC mailed or hand delivered 137,149 ballot packs between Tuesday 6 October and Thursday 8 October 2020. See **Appendix 8** for a breakdown of the packs mailed and hand delivered on each day during the general mailout, noting that ballot packs were not provided to any voters that had passed away between the close of the roll and generation of the mail-out file

The mailed ballot packs included 214 that were redirected to alternative addresses for voters that had applied to redirect their ballot pack by Thursday 17 September 2020.

In accordance with Regulation 49(3) of the Regulations, no more than 35% of ballot packs were mailed or delivered to voters on any one day during the mail out period.

Ballot packs that were to be delivered by mail were lodged with Australia Post under the priority paid delivery timetable.

Additionally, a number of ballot packs for Melbourne City Council were hand delivered by VEC staff over each of the three days. The hand delivery locations included public housing within Carlton, North Melbourne and Kensington, high rise apartments and barristers' chambers.

The VEC liaised closely with Australia Post during the mail out period to confirm that mailed ballot packs had been delivered to voters. The VEC received confirmation that all mailed ballot packs had been delivered to delivery addresses by Wednesday 14 October 2020.

During the ballot pack delivery period the VEC arranged for security patrols to monitor that ballot material was securely delivered to voters and to collect any discarded ballot material and return to the Victorian Electoral Commission. The areas patrolled included high density residential estates such as housing commission buildings, high-rise apartments and flats and the remainder of the residential areas within the City of Melbourne.

During the voting period, 3,766 ballot packs were returned to the election office by Australia Post as return-to-sender mail. Most of the return to sender mail was due to the addressee not residing at the address.

#### **Election office counter services**

In order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of voters and VEC personnel in the COVID-19 environment, the VEC did not provide an overthe-counter replacement or unenrolled vote service at election offices in the Metropolitan Melbourne region (including Mitchell Shire Council) for the elections. Similar restrictions were initially imposed on election offices in regional Victoria and were relaxed in the final weeks of voting. Voters were advised to request replacement or unenrolled ballot material by phone, which was then sent to them by post.

# **Unenrolled votes**

Unenrolled votes are issued to people whose name cannot be found on the voters' roll but who claim they are entitled to vote at the election. The unenrolled ballot pack includes a declaration that is signed by the applicant and assessed by the Election Manager prior to either admitting or disallowing the vote.

The Election Manager issued 175 unenrolled votes and following relevant checks, five were admitted to the count.

#### Replacement ballot packs

Following the mailing and delivery of ballot packs, a voter who claimed that their ballot pack had not been received, had been lost, spoilt or destroyed, could apply to the Election Manager for a replacement ballot pack. Requests for replacement ballot packs were processed and fulfilled at the election office then lodged at the local postal facility. Additionally, a process was also established which enabled the VEC's head office staff to support the election office in processing the large volume of requests for replacement votes where replacement vote requests were processed at the election office and fulfilled and lodged with Australia Post from the VEC in Melbourne.

Due to lock-down restrictions in relation to COVID-19, there were many enrolled voters residing outside of the municipality who were entitled to vote in the Melbourne City Council election however could not access their mail due to the lock-down. This heightened the volume of requests for replacement votes. Voters contacted the election office or council seeking a replacement vote. The VEC worked with council throughout this period to ensure that no voter was disenfranchised by requesting a replacement vote via council instead of through the election office.

The Election Manager issued 4,867 replacement ballot packs during the voting period. Please refer to **Schedule 1** for further information on replacement ballot packs issued.

# Return of ballot paper envelopes

Voters were provided with a priority reply-paid envelope for the return of their ballot paper envelope containing their completed ballot paper. The return mail was delivered to the election office from local postal facilities or mail distribution centres. Voters who chose to hand-deliver their vote to the election office were able to do so by placing their ballot paper envelope containing their completed ballot paper into ballot boxes located at the election office. The ballot boxes allowed voters to drop off their ballot envelopes without interaction with staff, therefore remaining compliant with a COVIDSafe election<sup>5</sup>.

As ballot paper envelopes were returned, they were progressively checked by the election management team to ensure they had been signed by the voter. Additionally, processes were in place to ensure that only one returned ballot from any one voter could proceed to the extraction and count.

The Election Manager received a total of 66,884 returned ballot paper envelopes by the close of voting at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

The Regulations provide that the Election Manager can accept returned ballot paper envelopes up until 12 noon on the Friday following the close of voting, if satisfied that the ballot paper envelope was completed by the voter prior to the close of voting. The Election Manager

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 'VEC COVIDSafe election plan' https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/publications/localcouncil-election-reports-and-plans

accepted 27,647 ballot paper envelopes during the extended postal vote receipt period.

The total returned ballot paper envelopes for Melbourne City Council was 94,531.

The Election Manager set aside 2,310 returned ballot paper envelopes that were not admitted to the extraction and counting process due to the voter not having signed the declaration envelope or, in the case of unenrolled declaration votes, an entitlement was not found for the person, or the declaration envelope was not returned with the vote.

Refer to **Schedule 1** for the total certified record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes for Melbourne City Council.

# **Results**

# **Extraction**

A total of 92,221 ballot paper envelopes were admitted to the extraction process.

The extraction process involved separating the declaration flaps containing the voter's details from each admitted ballot paper envelope, and then extracting the contents from the envelopes. This two-stage process maintains anonymity and ensures the number of envelopes is tracked for ongoing reconciliation.

The extraction of ballot papers occurred at the Melbourne Showgrounds commencing on Saturday 24 October 2020. The extraction of all admitted ballot paper envelopes was completed on Monday 2 November 2020, following the close of the extended postal vote receipt period.

As ballot papers were extracted from the ballot papers, they were initially sorted into two piles, Leadership Team and Councillor.

Any returned ballot paper envelopes found not to contain any ballot papers, or that contained more than one ballot paper for either election, were required to be rejected and could not be counted.

There were 272 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity. Additionally, 687 ballot paper envelopes only contained the Leadership Team ballot paper and 438 envelopes only contained the Councillor ballot paper.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the ballot paper envelopes, a total of 91,511 ballot papers for the Leadership Team and 91,262 ballot papers for the Councillor election proceeded to the count.

# Above-the-Line sort for Councillor election

After extracting the ballot papers from the ballot paper envelopes, counting teams completed a manual sort of the ballot papers for the Councillor election to their respect above-the-line groups. Any ballot papers below-the-line or potentially informal ballot papers were set aside to proceed to the computer count or for a determination in respect to their formality.

#### Computer count

Following the extraction of ballot papers admitted to the count for Melbourne City Council, preferences on ballot papers were data entered into the VEC's computer counting application at the Melbourne Showgrounds. A computer count information session explaining the process was recorded and available for online streaming from the VEC website from Monday 19 October 2020.

All formal ballot papers for the Leadership Team election were data entered into the computer count application as per the preferences on each ballot paper. The system identified possible informal ballot papers which were removed and checked by the Election Manager. Any informal ballot papers deemed to be formal were returned to data entry. Ballot paper confirmed as informal by the election manager were counted and the total number was updated in the system.

For the Councillor election, ballot papers marked below the line were data entered into the application. As for the Leadership Team, possible informal ballot papers were removed during data entry for checking by the Election Manager. Following informality checking these ballot papers either remained as informal or were deemed formal below the line or above the line. Those deemed formal below the line were returned to data entry. Those ballot papers deemed formal above the line were added to the relevant above the line group.

The ballot papers marked above the line were totalled for each group and added to the computer count application against each group.

Prior to calculation the total informal vote number was updated in the system.

Once all data entry had been confirmed as complete for both elections and all relevant checks and balances finalised the results were calculated whereby the application distributes preferences as per the rules of the election (preferential for Leadership Team and proportional representation for Councilors).

Results for both the Leadership Team and Councillor election were calculated at the election office at 10 am Wednesday 4 November 2020.

The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available. Results were updated as finalised<sup>6</sup> once declarations had taken place.

For a breakdown of the first preference results, refer to **Appendix 9**.

#### **Recounts**

At any time before a candidate is declared as elected, a recount may be initiated by the Election Manager or requested in writing by a candidate stating the reasons for their request. Such requests are assessed by the Election Manager supported by the VEC and either accepted or declined.

The Election Manager received one request for recount for Melbourne City Council. The request was assessed and declined due to the lack of a critical margin at the point of exclusion.

#### **Declaration of results**

The declaration of results was scheduled later than at previous elections, due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on extraction and counting timelines. As per the Service Plan, the latest date for all results declarations to have been completed was Friday 13 November 2020.

The results of the 2020 Melbourne City Council election for both the Leadership Team and Councillor elections were declared at 2 pm on Wednesday 4 November 2020 at the Election Office.

The VEC website was updated following the declaration to reflect the elected candidates from the election.

# **Election statistics**

## **Participation**

Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of the total enrolment and can vary from turnout. The overall participation rate in the Melbourne City Council election was 68.79%, which is lower than the State average of 84.12% and higher than the 55.67% rate at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election.

Analysis of voter participation for the different enrolment categories shows that participation is higher for voters who are enrolled on the EC's List (75.41%) compared to voters enrolled on the CEO's List (63.4%).

Refer to **Appendix 10** for further information on participation, including a breakdown by enrolment category.

#### **Turnout**

Voter turnout is measured by the number of formal and informal ballot papers counted in the election as a percentage of voters on the voters' roll for the election.

The voter turnout for the 2020 Melbourne City Council general election was 66.73%. This is compared to the State average turnout of 81.47% (which excludes Melbourne City Council). The overall voter turnout at the 2016 general election for council was 55.17%.

#### Informality

The overall informal vote rate recorded at the 2020 Melbourne City Council was 3.38%, compared with the State average of 4.76%. An informality rate of 2.78% was recorded at the Melbourne City Council general election held in October 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A preference distribution report can be found at <u>2020</u> council election results | Victorian Electoral Commission (vec.vic.gov.au).

# **Complaints**

## Type of complaints

At local government elections, complaints generally fall into two broad categories:

#### 1. The conduct of participants in the election.

Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election, at times alleging a breach of the LG Act or local laws.

#### 2. The administration of the election.

Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.

The majority of complaints at the 2020 local government elections related to category one, often where the complainant alleged inappropriate or illegal action by another person or group associated with the election.

#### **Complaints process**

The VEC operates a streamlined complaints process during elections, developed in consultation with local councils and enforcement agencies. The process requires complaints to be lodged in writing, and they are then processed through the VEC's head office. For the 2020 local government elections, customers were able to provide feedback and complaints through an online submission form on the VEC's website.

Each complaint is evaluated and an appropriate course of action is determined. Complaints alleging a breach of the LG Act, for example, are forwarded to the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI). Complaints relating to local laws are referred to council. Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials are the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC investigates the matter and determines the most appropriate response. The VEC committed to responding to each complaint within five working days, however due to the unanticipated high volume of complaints received this extended in some instances.

## **Complaints received**

The VEC received 95 written complaints relating to the election for Melbourne City Council. Please see **Appendix 11** for a description of complaints received by the VEC.

# **Post-election activities**

#### Storage of election material

All records from the election will be kept by the VEC safely and secretly in accordance with Regulation 79 of the Regulations.

#### **Refund of nomination fees**

Nomination fees were refunded to eligible candidates on Thursday 10 December 2020. Eligible candidates included elected candidates or those who received at least 4% of the first preference vote. Any forfeited nomination fees were remitted to Council on 10 December 2020.

#### Courts and tribunals

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) is responsible for hearing disputes on the validity of an election under section 311 of the LG Act

Applications for a review of the declaration of the results of an election must be lodged within 14 days of the election and can be made by a candidate in the election, 10 persons who were entitled to vote at the election, or the VEC.

There were no applications to the VCAT disputing the result of the Melbourne City Council general election.

## Non-voter follow up

In accordance with section 19 of the CoM Act and section 267 of the LG Act, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement program. Any person who was required to vote at the election and failed to vote will be issued with an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice. Apparent nonvoters have 28 days in which to respond.

People who do not respond to that notice, or do not provide a satisfactory response to the notice, may be issued with an Infringement Notice that will incur a penalty. Further follow-up by way of a Penalty Reminder Notice may also take place – this stage includes the original penalty and a Penalty Reminder Notice fee. Penalties collected on behalf of council will be reimbursed at the end of the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages.

Additionally, during the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages, non-voters may request for their matter to proceed directly to the Magistrates' Court.

Any such requests will be actioned at the conclusion of the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages. The VEC will lodge the file of any remaining non-voters with Fines Victoria at the conclusion of the Penalty Reminder Notice stage.

# **Evaluating the VEC's services**

The VEC is committed to providing high quality election services to its local government clients. Through the VEC's formal feedback and debriefing program, the VEC is able to gauge its performance and seek advice for future local government election projects.

#### **Feedback from councils**

The VEC invited feedback from councils on its services in December 2020 and acknowledges the receipt of feedback provided by Melbourne City Council. Additional feedback can be provided to the Program Manager for Local Government elections by emailing LGProgram2020@vec.vic.gov.au.

## Internal debriefing program

After every electoral event, the VEC conducts an internal debriefing program which includes input from all areas across the VEC's workforce. Internal debriefing following the local government elections commenced in December 2020. In due course, the VEC will publish a consolidated report on its performance and key statistics from the elections. This report will be tabled in Parliament and available on the VEC website.

# Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes

Melbourne City Council 2020 general election		
BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED	•	
Victorian Electoral Commission		153,000
Election Manager		1
	Total	153,001
BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED		
General mail out/delivery of ballot paper envelopes		137,149
Early and replacement votes		4,868
Unenrolled declaration votes issued		175
Spoilt		0
	Sub total	142,192
Unused		10,809
	Total	153,001
DECLARATIONS RETURNED		
General mail out admitted to the extraction		89,864
Early and replacement votes admitted to the extraction		2,352
Unenrolled declaration votes admitted to the extraction		5
Returned declarations unable to admit to extraction		2,310
Declarations returned to sender		3,766
	Sub total	98,297
Declarations not returned (TC and FL manual adjustment)		43,895
	Total	142,192

# **Schedule 2: Certification statement**

In accordance with Regulation 77, I certify that Schedule 1 of this report on the conduct of the 2020 Melbourne City Council local government election is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers issued, returned and not used in this election and declarations not returned.

Warwick Gately AM Electoral Commissioner

# Appendix 1: Breakdown of the voters' roll

Melbourne City Council	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 9A(1) of the CoM Act	61,370
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 9A(3), 9B, 9C and 9D of the CoM $\mbox{Act}$	75,794
Total	137,164

# **Appendix 2: Statutory advertising**

# Melbourne City Council election Schedule of public notices

Close of roll notice (see Appendix 2.1 for example)	
VEC Website	8 August 2020
CBD News	22 July 2020
Dockland News	29 July 2020
Southbank News	4 August 2020
Herald Sun	12 August 2020
The Age	12 August 2020

Notice of election (see Appendix 2.2 for example)	
VEC Website	31 August 2020
CBD News	26 August 2020
Dockland News	2 September 2020
Southbank News	9 September 2020
Herald Sun	2 September 2020
The Age	2 September 2020

Voting details notice (see Appendix 2.3 for example)	
VEC Website	28 September 2020
CBD News	23 September 2020
Dockland News	30 September 2020
Southbank News	7 October 2020
Herald Sun	30 September 2020
The Age	30 September 2020

Notice of result (see Appendix 2.4 for example)	
VEC Website	23 November 2020
CBD News	25 November 2020
Dockland News	2 December 2020
Southbank News	9 December 2020
Herald Sun	25 November 2020
The Age	25 November 2020

# **Appendix 2.1: Close of roll notice for Melbourne City Council**

# **Melbourne City Council** postal elections

Your Melbourne, your vote



#### You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for Melbourne City Council in October 2020. To be able to vote in this election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020. Two categories of voters can vote in the Melbourne City Council election: State-enrolled voters and

#### State-enrolled voters

#### Am I enrolled to vote?

- You are already enrolled for this election if:
- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 AND
- you live in the City of Melbourne  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AND}}$
- · you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

#### You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 AND
- you live in the City of Melbourne and you are not on the State electoral roll OR
- · you have lived at your current residential address within the City of Melbourne for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

You can enrol online at vec.vic.aov.au

You can also download an enrolment form from the website. All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

#### How can I check if I am State-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

#### Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for everyone who is enrolled in the Melbourne City Council election, including non-Australian citizens and corporation voting representatives.

#### Thinking about standing for election?

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate for Melbourne City Council, you must:

• be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Melbourne

- City Council AND
- · be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected AND
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

This notice is published by the Victorian Electoral Commission on behalf of the Registrar for the Melbourne City Council voters' roll.

#### **Council-enrolled voters**

#### Am I enrolled to vote?

You are already enrolled for this election if you own or occupy rateable property within the municipality and live in Australia, but you are not a resident of the City of Melbourne. A maximum of two owners and two occupiers can be enrolled as Council-enrolled voters for any

#### Who else can enrol & vote?

- You may also apply to enrol if:
   you own or occupy rateable property in the City of Melbourne and reside in the council area, but are not on the State electoral roll (includes non-Australian citizens) OR
- you own rateable property in the City of Melbourne but live outside Australia OR
- · you are a director or company secretary of a corporation (or hold an equivalent position in an Association) that occupies rateable propertu olely or jointly within the council area\*.
- \*If a corporation that solely owns or occupies rateable property in the City of Melbourne does not validly appoint two voting representatives by 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020, Melbourne City Council is required by law to enrol the first two of the following (to be taken in alphabetical order):
- the company secretaries whose postal addresses are in Victoria
- the company secretaries whose postal addresses are elsewhere in
- -the directors whose postal addresses are in Victoria
- the directors whose postal addresses are elsewhere

#### How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Melbourne City Council on 1300 735 427 or visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/elections for a council enrolment form. Councerolment forms must be received by Melbourne City Council by the ent form, Council close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

#### How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details online from mid-August at melbourne.vic.gov.au/elections or anytime by contacting the Melbourne City Council election helpline on 1300 735 427.

### **Enrolment closes**

# 4 pm Friday 28 August

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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# **Appendix 2.2: Notice of election for Melbourne City Council**

# Melbourne City Council postal elections

Your Melbourne, your vote

is simultaneous elections will be held for Melbourne City Council this October—one to cleaf the Leadership Team (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and the other to elect nine councillors.

Ballot packs will be delivered to enrolled voters from Tuesday 6 October 2020. Your completed ballot gapers must be returned in the mail ASAP or hand-delivered to the Election Manager by the close of voting at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.



#### If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 28 August 2020, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:

Election Manager

Melbourne City Council elections

C/- Viotarian Electoral Commission Level 11, 530 Collins Street.

Melbourne VIC 3000

Alternatively, you can email your request to:

redirections@vec.vic.gov.au

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request.

Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 17 September

#### Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by **Tuesday 15 September** 2020. To register, call (03) 8620 1222 during business flours.



#### Request an early postal vote

To apply for an early postal vate, contact the Election Manager from Wednesday 23 September 2020 on (03) 8619 1949 and make an

#### How to nominate as a candidate

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate, you must:

- · be an Australian citizen and e folled on the voters' roll for Melbourne City Council AND
- . be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected AND
- have completed the mondatory condidate training before ladging your namination with the Election Manager

To nominate, complete the nomination form and ladge it with the Election Manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be ladged by appointment during business hours from Thursday 17 September 2020 until 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September

Drill Hall Multicultural Hub 51-57 Victoria Street, Melbaurne

Candidates for the Leadership Team must nominate in pairs. Candidates nominating for a councillor position must nominate as individuals, but can request to be grouped with other candidates under a group name

Visit vec.vic.gov.au for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The onli Candidate Helper will be available from Thursday 3 September 2020.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to ladge it with the Election Manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the Election Manager from Monday 7 September 2020 on (03) 8619 1949 to make a nomination appointment.

#### Online candidate information sessions

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Victorian Electoral Comrmation sessions will be conducted online at:

- 7 pm on Thursday 10 September 2020
  - AND
- . 1 pm on Monday 14 September 2020

To watch an information session, visit vec.vic.gov.au

#### Nominations close

## 12 noon Tuesday 22 September

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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   Việt-ngữ \$209 0111 Vietnamese · All other non-English languages \$209 0112

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# **Appendix 2.3: Voting details notice for Melbourne City Council**

# Melbourne City Council postal elections



Your Melbourne, your vote

#### Check the mail for your ballot pack

ailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday 6 October 2020.

#### This is a postal election only.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by Friday 16 October 2020, please call (03) 8619 1444 during business hours to arrange a replacer

Candidates who have nominated for election are listed in the ballot pack and at vec.vic.gov The ballot pack contains booklets with photos and statements (if these have been provided by the candidates), for the Leadership Team and councillor positions

Responses to a candidate questionnaire, where provided, are also available at vec.vic.gov.au

#### How to vote correctly for both elections

You will vote in two elections—one to elect the Leadership Team and the other to elect nine councillors. You must complete your ballot papers correctly for your vote to count.

#### Leadership Team

#### (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor)

Put the number 1 in the box next to the team you most want to see elected, then number ALL the other boxes in order of your choice. You must number EVERY BOX and only use each

#### Councillors

You can vote in one of two ways for the nine councillors. Either vote for a group by putting the number 1 in just one of the boxes above-the-line.

Or vote for individual candidates by numbering ALL the b choice. If you vote below-the-line, you must number EVERY BOX and only use each

#### How to return your completed ballot papers

Follow the instructions on your ballot papers to complete your vote. To return your completed ballot papers, put them in the ballot paper envelope then use the reply-paid envelope provided or hand-deliver it during office hours to:

Drill Hall Multicultural Hub 51-57 Victoria Street, Melbourne

#### Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for everyone who is enrolled in the Melbourne City Council elections, including non-Australian citizens and corporation voting representat

If you don't vote and do not have a valid excuse, you may be fined.

# Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand-delivered

by 6 pm\* Friday 23 October

il clearance times vary. Ballot packs must be mailed before final cle rek of voting. Don't risk a fine.

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.aov.au

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# **Appendix 2.4: Voting reminder notice for Melbourne City Council**

# Melbourne City Council postal elections

Your Melbourne, your vote

# Check the mail for your ballot pack

iled to enrolled voters from Tuesday 6 October 2020.

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#### Candidates

Candidates who have nominated for election are listed in the ballot pack and at vec.vic.gov.au The ballot pack contains booklets with photos and statements (if these have been provided by the candidates), for the Leadership Team and councillor positions

#### How to vote correctly for both elections

You will vote in two elections—one to elect the Leadership Team (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord your vote to count.

#### Leadership Team

#### (Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor)

other boxes in order of your choice. You must number EVERY BOX and only use each number once.

#### Councillors

You can vote in one of two ways for the nine councillors. Either vote for a group by putting the number 1 in just one of the boxes above-the-line.

Or vote for individual candidates by numbering **ALL** the boxes below-the-line in order of your choice. If you vote below-the-line, you must number EVERY BOX and only use each

#### How to return your completed ballot papers

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#### 51-57 Victoria Street, Melbourne

Voting is compulsory

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If you don't vote and do not have a valid excuse, you may be fined.

# Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand-delivered

by 6 pm\* Friday 23 October

ance times vary. Ballot packs must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting. Don't risk a fine

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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# **Appendix 2.4: Notice of results for Melbourne City Council**



# Appendix 3: Schedule of media releases and advisories

Melbourne City Council-specific media releases and advisories	
Enrol now for the Melbourne City Council election	7 August 2020
Call for candidates for the upcoming Melbourne City Council election	24 August 2020
Candidates announced for the Melbourne City Council election	23 September 2020
Ballot packs mailed this week for Melbourne City Council election	5 October 2020
Voting closes soon for the Melbourne City Council election	12 October 2020
Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and councillors for Melbourne City Council elected	4 November 2020

Statewide media releases and advisories	
Victorians urged to enrol for upcoming council elections	7 August 2020
October local council elections to proceed under COVIDSafe election plan	19 August 2020
Last chance to enrol for Victorian council elections	21 August 2020
Enrolment closes tomorrow for October's council elections	26 August 2020
Nominations open soon for Victorian local council elections	31 August 2020
Council election information one click away on VEC website	4 September 2020
Accessing candidate information for the 2020 Victorian local council elections	14 September 2020
Victorian voters encouraged to sign up for free election reminders	16 September 2020
Nominations are in for the October council elections	23 September 2020
Authority granted for postal vote contingency	30 September 2020
Voting underway for Victoria's local council elections	5 October 2020
Mobile numbers not from VEC	12 October 2020
Local council elections voting deadline looms	19 October 2020
Strong voter response to local council elections	20 October 2020
Results timeline for Victorian local council elections (media advisory, not for publication)	21 October 2020
Final day of voting shows high voter turnout for council elections	23 October 2020
VEC won't risk public health for quick results in record turnout	28 October 2020
A win for democracy in a challenging year	13 November 2020
Didn't vote in the election? Please explain.	8 February 2021

# **Appendix 4: VoterAlert advisories**

**Appendix 4.1: SMS alerts** 

4.1.1 close of roll – sent from Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August 2020



Council elections will be held by post in October. Make sure you are correctly enrolled by 4pm 28 Aug. More info or unsubscribe at: <a href="https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/tohMhA51">https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/tohMhA51</a>

Wed 11:08 AM

#### 4.1.2 mail out of ballot pack Friday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2020



VEC has posted a ballot pack to your enrolled address. Voting in council elections is compulsory. More info or unsubscribe at: https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/ufDvSRO7

#### 4.1.3 reminder close of voting - Monday 19 October 2020

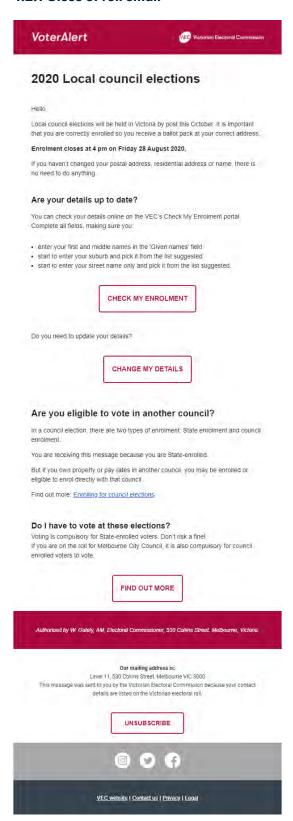


Council elections: voting closes 6pm Friday.

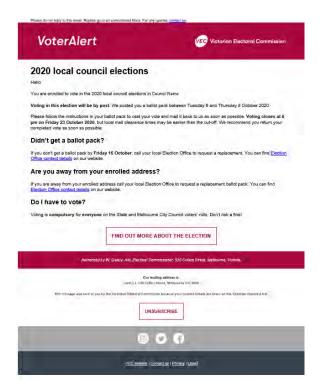
Post your vote or return it to your election office ASAP. More info or unsubscribe: 
<a href="https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/usSUBkIM">https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/usSUBkIM</a>

# **Appendix 4.2: Email alerts**

## 4.2.1 Close of roll email



## 4.2.2 Ballot Pack mailout email



#### 4.2.3 Last week to vote email

Please do not reply to this email. Replies go to an unmonitored inbox. For any queries, contact us.



#### 2020 local council elections

Disregard this email if you have already voted.

Hello

You are enrolled to vote in the 2020 local council elections in Council Name Council.

Voting closes 6 pm this Friday 23 October.

#### How to vote

As soon as possible, make sure you:

mail your completed ballot paper in the reply-paid envelope provided

OR

drop your completed ballot paper off at your local Election Office.

Please note: voting closes at 6 pm on Friday 23 October. However, local mail clearance times vary and we recommend you return your completed vote as soon as possible.

#### Didn't get a ballot pack?

If you haven't received a ballot pack, check our website to understand your options.

#### Do I have to vote?

Voting is compulsory for everyone on the State and Melbourne City Council voters' rolls. Don't risk a fine!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ELECTION

Authorised by W. Gafely, AM, Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street. Melbourne, Victoria.

#### Our mailing address is:

Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

This message was sent to you by the Victorian Electoral Commission because your contact details are listed on the Victorian electoral roll.

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# **Appendix 5: Voter engagement program and initiatives**

Program	Program Details
Be Heard Democracy Ambassador program.	This program normally provides face-to-face electoral education sessions and was adapted to an online delivery model, providing peer-led electoral education to residents in specialist disability services and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. A total of 47 sessions were provided to people with disabilities and a total of 80 sessions were provided to CALD communities through councils and community organisations hosting online sessions.
Myth busting campaign.	This offline campaign addressed myths around enrolling and voting for those experiencing homelessness or with unstable housing. Four myths were dispelled and displayed on billboards and street posters, in metropolitan Melbourne areas with high populations of people experiencing homelessness. During the enrolment period, no-fixed-address enrolment forms were distributed with 4,500 meals to those suffering financial hardship, through a sponsorship with StreetSmart. This partnership included social media and Electronic Direct Mail distribution to StreetSmart's database of homeless services and community partners. A 1800 freecall number was also established to support those with financial hardship to provide support for enrolling and voting. This phone number was advertised on posters distributed through homelessness agencies, drug and alcohol services and services providing COVID-19 testing in hotels.
CALD in-language social media videos.	This project produced a series of three videos in 10-12 different languages which provided electoral information on how to enrol, how to vote by post, and how to respond to an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice. These were widely distributed and shared through the VEC's social media platforms and community networks.
Aboriginal short videos.	This project produced five videos in collaboration with Reconciliation Victoria. Two videos featured Aboriginal Elders and other leading Aboriginal community members discussing the value and ways to engage with local council elections. A further three videos, using culturally relevant animation, explained what services councils are responsible for, how to vote and the role of a councillor. These were shared through Aboriginal community channels and organisations.
DemGraphics young people co-designed social media project.	This project involved conducting research to identify barriers to enrolling and voting with a diverse group of young people. This information was then used to pilot a social media campaign in selected councils to encourage engagement in the elections for those aged 18-29.
Easy English tutor guide and worksheets.	These were produced for people with low English proficiency and designed as a co-read product where a person supports the learner through the worksheets. The tutor guide and worksheets were based on the VEC's Easy English guides for local council elections and were available for download from the VEC's website in PDF and Word formats.

# **Appendix 6: Daily telephone enquiries**

The following graph shows the number of telephone calls recorded by the election office telephone enquiry service as well as those received by the VEC's overflow call centre and tagged as relating to Melbourne City Council during the 2020 local government elections.



# Appendix 7: Final list of candidates in ballot paper order

## Melbourne City Council – Leadership Team election

#### **VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS**

LARKIN, Kath - Lord Mayor DADICH, Daniel Nair - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **BRING BACK MELBOURNE**

RUSSIAN, Nick Lord Mayor candidate: BURGE, Michael - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **TEAM ZORIN**

TSENG, Wayne - Lord Mayor YANG, Gricol - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### LABOR FOR MELBOURNE

REED, Philip - Lord Mayor CHAU, Wesa - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **THE GREENS**

SABARATNAM, Apsara - Lord Mayor INGLETON, Roxanne - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **TEAM ARRON WOOD**

WOOD, Arron Richard - Lord Mayor TEH, Lisa - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **TEAM SALLY CAPP**

CAPP, Sally - Lord Mayor REECE, Nicholas - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **BACK TO BUSINESS**

YANG, Jennifer - Lord Mayor GEE, Sandra - Deputy Lord Mayor

#### **MORGAN-WATTS TEAM**

MORGAN, Gary - Lord Mayor HOWIE, Mary-Lou - Deputy Lord Mayor

# Melbourne City Council - Councillor election grouped candidates

## LABOR FOR MELBOURNE

Candidates	Candidate order
GRIFFITHS, Davydd	1
DELAHUNTY, Mary	2
ALI, Hamdi	3

## **BACK TO BUSINESS**

Candidates	Candidate order
DOIDGE, Elizabeth Mary	1
PICK, Charles	2
VISA, Moti	3
SAINOVSKI, Bedri	4

#### **TEAM AARON WOOD**

Candidates	Candidate order
CHANG, Jason	1
CLARKE, Peter	2
PINDER, Beverley Frances	3
ALI, Abdirahman I.	4
HONIG, Beverley	5

#### YOUR MELBOURNE TEAM GET IT DONE

Candidates	Candidate order
POULAKIS, Mary K.	1
SWEETMAN, Fiona	2

### SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION

Candidates	Candidate order
BELCHER, Richard TERRY, Bettina	1 2

#### **TEAM HAKIM – LOCAL INDEPENDENT**

Candidates	Candidate order
HAKIM, Jamal HAKIM, Safaa	1 2

## **TEAM SALLY CAPP**

Candidates	Candidate order
LOUEY, Kevin CAMPBELL, Roshena MCMILLAN, Mark David DAVIDGE, Tania YOUNG, James KUEK, Tina	1 2 3 4 5 6

# **ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY**

Candidates	Candidate order
BANGAAR, Rabin WHITFIELD, Rod	1 2
ARTEMIS PATTICHI – INDEPENDENT LOCAL VOICE	
Candidates	Candidate order
PATTICHI, Artemis MENDIETA NINO, Adriana	1 2
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	
Candidates	Candidate order
SILVERBERG, Paul NEWMAN, Faith	1 2
RESIDENTS FIRST	
Candidates	Candidate order
CORCORAN, Janette MASTERS, Mary TRAN, Samantha	1 2 3
MELBOURNE – WE ALL MATTER	
Candidates	Candidate order
SHEIKH, Sainab ALI, Fatuma	1 2
INNOVATE MELBOURNE – STARTUP THE CITY	
Candidates	Candidate order
ROWSE, Andrew DANIELL, John	1 2
MORGAN-WATTS TEAM	
Candidates	Candidate order
WATTS, Jackie KENNEDY, Michael ALDAGHLAS, Haya ZHANG, Dashi	1 2 3 4
BRING BACK MELBOURNE	
Candidates	Candidate order
LIU, Philip Le JIANG, Serena Lu SHERSON, Lauren SCHADE, Darin	1 2 3 4

# **THE GREENS**

WARD, Andrew

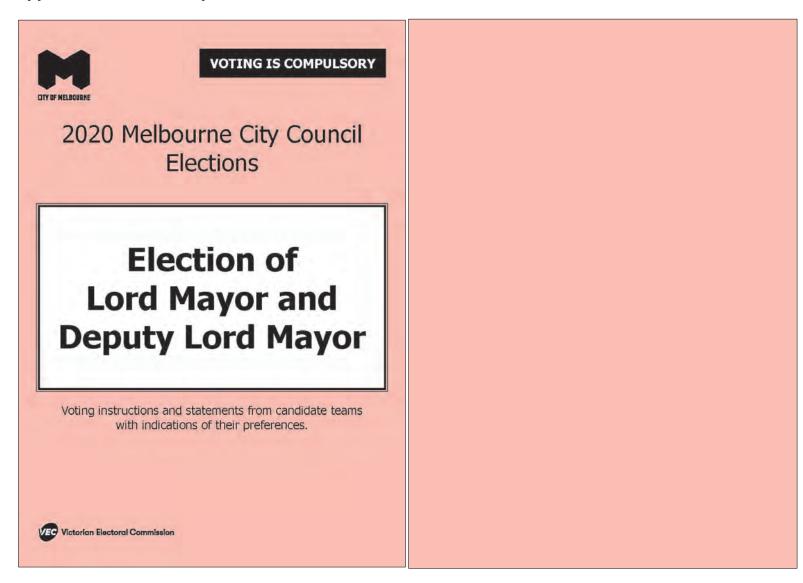
Candidates	Candidate order
LEPPERT, Rohan BALL, Olivia	1 2
CORCORAN, Emily JEFFERY, David	3 4
THOMSON, Nakita	5
GEORGE, Charlotte	6
VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS	
Candidates	Candidate order
DI PASQUALE, Christopher	1
LAMBOURN, Jesse	2
IT WILL BE OK MELBOURNE	
IT WILL BE OK MELBOURNE  Candidates	Candidate order
Candidates  BURKE, Joseph	1
Candidates	
Candidates  BURKE, Joseph	1
Candidates  BURKE, Joseph MACH, Michael	1
Candidates  BURKE, Joseph MACH, Michael  Ungrouped Candidates	1

# **Appendix 7.1: Candidate statements and photographs**

Leadership Team election	
Total number of Leadership Teams at the close of nominations	18 (nine pairs)
Total number of team names registered	Nine
Number of indication of preferences lodged (one per pair)	Nine
Number of Leadership Team statements lodged (one per pair)	Nine
Number of candidate photograph (two per pair)	18

Councillor election	
Total number of candidates at close of nominations	59
Total number of group names registered	18 (55 candidates)
Total number of ungrouped candidates	Four
Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement	Groups: 17 Ungrouped: 3
Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph	59

# **Appendix 7.2: Leadership Team candidate information booklet**



# **HOW TO VOTE**

# Multi-language voting instructions



普通话

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Tiếng Việt

الكافاتيث ورفتي الكراج

 ورقة الاقتراع الوردوة من لانتخاب مجموعة رئيس البادية وغائبه ه وركة الاقتراع الزركاء هي لالتخف تسعة أعضاء في المجلس

الإعمال ورقة الاكتراع الوزوية، تكانب الرقم } في العزيم المقابل المجموعة اللي الريد التخابياء لم لم يتر فيم حميع المريمات المتبقية حسب اختيار ك. لإكبال ورقة الإفراع الزرقة، إما أن تكب الرقم 1 في أحد الدريمات ابرق التعا أن تراتي جميع الدريمات تحت قنط بناما من الرقم 1. إذا امت بالتصريت تحت الفط، يجب عليك ترقيم جميع الدريمات.

هذا تصويت عير البريد أشار

يجب أن تصل أوراق الاقتراع لمكتبلة إلى خصة البريد أو إلى مدير الانتخابات في أو قبل السامة 6,00 مساة يوم الجمعة 22 لتقويز لاكترين الأول 2020.

Cantonese

農東語

#### 信中包含兩種擔票:

- 粉色濃葉用於振學市長及副市長器導限隊
- · 藍色類票用於饗學9位市議員

填寫粉色週票時,在您首握的市長及副市長領導團隊左側 方框內域寬數字「1」,然後在剽鯨方框內按照自己喜好排 序·填寫斯下數字。

填寫藍色趣票時,可在機線上方透掃唯一候經項,方框內填 寫「1」;或者,在機線下方的每個方框內填寫數位,從言鑑數 位「1」開始。如果選擇模線下方的投票方式,須在所有方框

#### 本次投票值採用廊寄投票方式。

填電完學的選票必須在2020年10月23日選五下午6:00 (含)前套出或送掉課題經理。

#### 经票基础附盖器:

- 귀하는 두 개의 무표용지를 받았습니다. • 분홍색 투표 용지는 시장과 부시장 팀 선출용입니다.
- 파란색 투표 용지는 9명의 시의원 선출용입니다

분홍색 투표 용시 작성법: 가장 선출되기를 바라는 팀 옆에 있는 네모칸에 숫자 1을 적은 후, 모든 나머지 칸에 숫자 2 부터 선호하는 순서대로 번호를 적으십시오..

파란색 투표 용치 작성말: 전 위에 있는 네모칸 하나에 숫자 1을 최가나 또는 선 아리에 있는 모든 네모칸에 숫자 가부터 차례대로 번호를 적으십시오. 선 아래에 투표할 경우 반드시 모든 네모칸에 숫자를 최어야합니다.

이것은 우편 선거에 한합니다.

귀하가 작성한 무표 용지는 2020년 10월 23일 급요일 오후 8시 또는 그 전에 우편으로 발송되거나 선거 관리인 손에 도착해야만 합니다.

부표는 의무입니다.

Mandarin

信中包含两种选票:

粉色选票用于选举市长及副市长领导团队

- 蓝色选票用于选举9位市议员

填写粉色选源时,在您首选的市长及副市长领导团队左便 方框内填写数字"1",然后在剩余方框内按照自己喜好排 序,填写剩下数字。

填写蓝色选票时,可在横线上方选择唯一模选项,方框内填写"1",<u>或者</u>。在模线下方的每个方框内填写数字,从管选数字"1"开始。如果选择模线下方的投票方式,现在所有方 框内填写数字。

本次投票仅采用邮寄投票方式。

填写完毕的选票必须在2020年10月23日周五下午6:00 (含)前需出成亲自交给选举经理。

投票为强制义务。

คณได้รับกระดาษลงคะนนนเดืองสองใน:

- กระดาษองตะแนนเดียงสิขมหมีไว้เพื่อเลือกทีมของ บายกเทศมนะที่และรองนายกเทศมนะที
- กระดาษณงคะแบบเดียงสีพ้ามีไว้เพื่อเดิมกสมาชิกตรา 9 คน

วิธีการลงคะแบบเสียงในกระดาษดีขบพู ไท้เชียนด้วเลข 1 ในช่องด้านข้างทีมที่คุณต้องการให้ได้รับเลือกมากที่สุด จากนั้นระบุตัวเลยลงในช่องที่เหลือทั้งหมดตามลำดับที่ คณตั้งงการ

วิธีการสงครมนนเสียงในกระดาษสีฟ้า ไห้เขียนด้วเลข 1 ในช่องใดช่องหนึ่งเหนือเต็น หรือ ระบุตัวเลของในช่องทั้งหมด ได้เส้น โดยเริ่มจากตัวเลข 1 หากคุณลงตะแบบเดียงให้เล้บ สกเลืองระบดีวเลของในทุกช่อง

นี้คือวิธีการสำหรับการองคะแบบเลี้ยงหางไประหนีส์เท่านั้น คุณจำเป็นต้องส่งกระตาษตงตะแนนเดียงที่คุณกรแกนตัวกลับไ ทางไประณีย์ หรือส่งให้ผู้จัดการการเลือกตั้ง ภายใบหรือก่อน เวลา 18:00 น. ของวันสุกร์ที่ 23 สุดาคม 2020

การตอดะแบบเดียงเป็นหน้าที่ที่สอกระทำ

Vietnamese

Quý vị đã nhân được hai phiấu bấu:

- Phiếu bầu màu hồng dùng để bầu cho liên danh
   Thị trưởng và Phó Thị trưởng
- Phiếu bầu màu xanh dương dùng để bầu cho

Để điện phiếu bậu màu hồng, quý vị hãy đánh số 1 vào ô kể bên liên danh quý vị muốn đắc cử, sau đó đánh số vào TẤT CẢ những ô còn lại theo thứ tự lựa chọn của

Để điển phiếu bầu máu xanh dương, hoặc quý vị đánh số 1 vào một trong những ở phís trên đường kê <u>HOÁC</u> đếnh số vào tắt cả các ô phía dưới đường kế, bắt đầu từ số 1. Nếu muốn bầu phíe dưới đường kẻ quý vị phải dánh số vào tắt cả các ô.

ĐÂY CHỈ LÀ CUỘC BÂU CỬ QUA ĐƯỜNG BƯU

CÁC PHIỀU BẦU ĐÃ ĐIỆN ĐÂY ĐỦ CỦA QUÝ VỊ PHÁI ĐƯỢC GỚI THƯ HOẠC ĐẾN TẠY CỦA VIỆN CHỨC QUẨN LÝ CUỘC BẦU CỬ VÀO HOẠC TRƯỚC 6.00 GIỞ CHIỀU NGÀY THỨ SAU 23 THÁNG MƯỚI 2020. VIEC DI BAU LA BAT BUCC.

All other non-English languages 9209 0112

## THIS IS A POSTAL ELECTION ONLY. COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT PAPERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YOUR VOTE MUST BE IN THE MAIL OR IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION MANAGER ON OR BEFORE 6.00 PM ON FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2020.

Local mail clearance times may vary, Ballot material must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting. Late votes cannot be included in the count.

You have received two ballot papers. Complete both of your ballot papers following the instructions on each ballot paper.

- The pink ballot paper is to elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor.
- The blue ballot paper is to elect nine councillors.

Further instructions can be found on the leaflet in your ballot pack.

#### FOR ENOUIRIES OR TO HAND-DELIVER YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT MATERIAL CONTACT:

#### **Melbourne City Council Election Office**

The Drill Hall Multicultural Hub 51-57 Victoria Street Melhourne

Phone: (03) 8619 1444

#### Office hours:

9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday Thursday 22 October 9.00 am to 8.00 pm 9.00 am to 6.00 pm Friday 23 October

#### VOTING IS COMPULSORY

You have received this ballot pack because you are enrolled for this election. Voting is compulsory for all voters on the Melbourne City Council voters' roll and failure to vote may result in a fine.

For further information on this election, visit vec.vic.gov.au

#### VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS







DADICH, Daniel Nair Deputy Lord Mayor

We're sick of this city being run by and for business interests. Businesses get two votes in the elections. Meanwhile hundreds of thousands of workers, including in hospitality, cleaning and transport and education, are denied a say. As frontline workers, we're the ones most exposed to COVID-19. We're the ones losing jobs and having to rely on welfare payments the government is looking to cut. Kath is a rail worker based at Hinders Street Station, the first woman to be elected as a delegate for the Rail Tram & Bus Union in that workplace, and in 2015 was one of the rank-and-file leaders in the first strike on the Victorian railways in almost two decades. More recently her union activity fought for safer workplaces and economic security in the face of the pandemic. Daniel Nair Dadich is a first generation Australian, the son of migrant and refugee workers. Daniel has been working in the community sector for 11 years supporting asylum seekers and refugees. Daniel is a delegate with the Australian Service Union and has been active in the ongoing fight for equal pay and better funding for social services. We will fight for housing affordability, improved and expanded public housing, and a greater voice for public housing residents on Council. We will enforce safety in local businesses and stand with workers, fight to reverse privatisation of services like aged care, campaign to improve services and support for communities hit hardest by the pandemic, and take a stand against inappropriate development like the current plans for the Queen Victoria Market. We believe in community need, not developer greed. We will fight racism, tear down racist monuments and push to end January 26 celebrations. Attacks on frontline workers and services, and the racism which impacts the lives of migrant, refugee and first nations communities are linked - as the politicians aim to serve those at the top while the rest of us get cheated. If elected we would take only a worker's wage, the rest of the Lord Mayor's salary should be spent helping the community. People Before Profit.

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#### BRING BACK MELBOURNE







BURGE, Michael Deputy Lord Mayor

Our plan to Bring Back Melbourne will be led by three great minds from three different angles. Entrepreneurship (Nick Russian), Mental Health (Michael Burge OAM), and current councillor Cr Philip Le Liu. We will: - Bring back businesses and jobs - Reduce cost of living - Give more say to Residents - Cut Red Tape - Create a Safer, Cleaner and Drug-Free Melbourne. We will: Spend \$100 million to retain and attract events, businesses, and jobs within CoM. In our first 100 days, we will create a plan for 10,000 jobs and aim for 50,000 by 2024. We will also slash the cost to business by reducing all council business fees by 50% until FY21/22 and all other fees between 10-30%. No rate increase for the next 4 years, No penalties for late payment and an extra 30% discount for those who pay on time. In addition, a new Your Rates, Your Choice program where residents have the option of choosing where 50% of your rates can be invested. Urgent action to tackle mental health issues through a massive outreach program across Melbourne with a dedicated taskforce. Free mental health care packages and sessions online for all residents and students. Nick Russian is one of Melbournes most respected night-time economy ambassadors and is a proud owner of hospitality and entertainment businesses in Melbourne that is unable to open due to lockdown. He understands and relates to what Melburnians are going through in these challenging times. He will hold the state government to account for destroying the most liveable city in Australia while rebuilding the economy and giving people the freedom to enjoy their proud city. Michael Burge OAM is a respected Psychologist and Order of Australia recipient. As a trauma expert, Michael cares about improving the Mental Health, Wellbeing, Safety, and Heritage of our diverse Melbourne community, Michael has an extensive leadership background in running businesses, medical-legal, protective services, industry mentor roles, and presenting on radio and television. Put "1" next to Bring Back Melbourne on both ballot paper. Visit businessresidentsstudents.melbourne to find out more.

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#### **TEAM ZORIN**







YANG, Gricol Deputy Lord Mayor

Does any of the candidate on this ballot paper address your needs? Does it means you have to wait for another 4 years to see if you are in luck? Melbourne is so much more that no one candidate platform can address all Melbournian needs. Melbourne is poised to be a world city by 2030, it demands much more than the combined life and industry experience of a few elected officials and a handful of committees. Melbournians know Melbourne best, Team Zorin pledge to bring all Melbournians to the council chamber. We will deploy an online platform to let Melbournians participate in the running of the city. You can post issues in your area, submit your solutions, raise alerts about wrong doing, rate your councillors action and comment on council decisions. It's called Participating Democracy. We pledge not only formulate policies for the majority, but also formulate precise policies for the minority. We called this Precision Policies. Melbourne is too precious be used a test lab for half baked policies. The pandemic shown that we have admirable politicians, but they are only human like us. They needed to be guided by the people in the process of governing. Our platform will allow Melbournians to guide the council on the implementation of their policies. We called this Guided Governing. Australia has a great democracy, let's take this to the next level 2.0. Vote for Team Zorin, you are also voting yourselves.

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#### LABOR FOR MELBOURNE



REED, Philip Lord Mayor



CHAU, Wesa Deputy Lord Mayor

You can always tell when an election is on, people you've never heard of start asking you for your vote. While many can tell you what they want to do, very few can tell you how they will do it. That's why Labor released a roadmap outlining the steps we'll take to reopen our city and secure our future by creating safe secure jobs. We'll support business by removing fees and restrictions that hold them back and create opportunities to help residents and businesses source products and services locally. Labor will partner with landlords to provide incentives for businesses, start-ups and non-profit organisations which would otherwise struggle with city rents, and we'll deliver training programs to develop new employment options. Labor will also tackle housing affordability to support financially and socially vulnerable people including seniors, refugees, people living with a disability or severe and persistent mental health challenges by providing long-term rates concessions to development schemes that incorporate social and affordable housing. Labor will also develop new approaches to council basics like waste management. Local government has a responsibility to make sure waste is managed using the latest technology to divert waste from landfill and reduce greenhouse gases. Our city government provides services for a vast population with a broad mix of nationalities and languages. We'll use new technologies to connect people through direct engagement in our decision-making, and we'll support community groups by providing traffic management and public liability insurance so they can enliven our public spaces. We'll also open a volunteerexchange portal to help Melburnians help each other. After 2020, our city will never be the same again. We don't fear this change. We see residents, business owners, artists and creators who will flourish again with clear vision and strong leadership. As the great Melburnian Neale Daniher says "when all is said and done more is said than done." That's why we are asking you to vote Labor for Melbourne, because we are residents with a real plan to get the job done and a team of people with the skills, experience and passion to deliver it.

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#### THE GREENS







INGLETON, Roxane Deputy Lord Mayor

Apsara Sabaratnam, the Greens' Lord Mayor candidate, is a University lecturer and management specialist and has lived in the CBD for 19 years. She knows first-hand the economic and social challenges our city faces and has the know-how and experience to tackle them, Roxane Ingleton, Deputy Lord Mayor candidate, is a midwife who has worked in a public hospital throughout COVID-19 and has first-hand knowledge of how we can create better health outcomes for everyone. In 2020, conventional notions of what's possible have been shaken up. We need to come together, knowing that this is a moment we can change society for the better. When we emerge from COVID-19, we must set a path towards a better future than the world we knew before. Melbourne is the most multicultural and progressive city in Australia. We should lead Australia and the world in sustainability and liveability, Local government is key to creating a more liveable, affordable, sustainable and vibrant future. We are committed to setting our economy on a path that is fair and equitable. We have policies to end homelessness, solve the city's waste and recycling crisis, improve access to green open spaces and provide clean and safe public transport. We can also have a fairer Council rates system that means gambling venues pay more, so that small businesses and residents pay less. As Greens, we never take donations from property developers, fossil fuel or gambling companies. We represent you and fight for you and for the genuine public-interest. We are proud to lead a team of candidates who, like us, all live and work in the City of Melbourne. Read our full plan for Melbourne at melbournecitygreens.com

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#### TEAM ARRON WOOD







TEH, Lisa Deputy Lord Mayor

Team Arron Wood's mission is to revive Melbourne. There is no doubt COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on our city, but the cracks were appearing long before that. Promises were made, but not kept. Arron Wood AM and his politically independent and diverse team are passionate business owners and residents who have one goal in mind, to revive Melbourne. Arron is an experienced Councillor who as Acting Lord Mayor was a fierce advocate for Melbourne's residents and businesses. A local resident, father and environmental campaigner, Arron continues to fight for Melbourne's future and focuses on delivery, not just words. His Deputy, Lisa Teh has a long track record of dedicating time and resources to helping small business and local charities. Giving back is at the core of her DNA. Team Arron Wood has detailed policies focused on returning Melbourne to being an economic powerhouse. Arron froze rates this year and if elected, Team Arron Wood will freeze them again until mid 2022. His team will work tirelessly to get people safely back into the city to revive our economic heart. Team Arron Wood will support hospitality, events, retail and other small businesses with the biggest business care package in history. They will drive real solutions to homelessness and focus on enhancing Melbourne's livability. Melbourne must be a people city with all the services, parks, transport and vibrancy that our ratepayers and visitors love, but decisions will be made through a lens of sustainability. Team Arron Wood is not beholden to any political groups, corporate interests or developers. Arron will call out the State Government if their plans are not in the interests of City of Melbourne ratepayers, and his track record clearly demonstrates that. Team Arron Wood will continue to listen to you, our ratepayers, small businesses and residents. You have gone ignored for far too long. But they aren't here to just listen. Team Arron Wood will implement solutions to solve your problems. With Melbourne out of action and on life support, our state suffers, our nation suffers. If we can revive Melbourne, we can revive the nation.

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#### **TEAM SALLY CAPP**



CAPP, Sally Lord Mayor



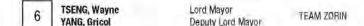
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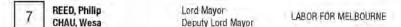
Melbourne, you can count on me. None of us expected to be dealing with a global pandemic that has brought Melbourne to a standstill. It was an honour to become Lord Mayor two years ago and now I am up for the challenge of leading the resurgence of our great city. I have the experience and ideas, energy and passion to get the job done. I want to continue giving back to the city that has given me so much. I have lived, studied and worked in Melbourne for most of my life. After graduating from the University of Melbourne, my first job was at a city law firm. I've run businesses big and small. I was responsible for generating investment as the State Agent-General in the UK. I have been the CEO of the Committee for Melbourne and served on the Board of Collingwood Football Club. I live in Docklands and I'm confident this resilient, creative city can rebound. When COVID-19 hit Melbourne, I led swift, practical support for businesses, ratepayers and the most vulnerable in our city. I sought advice from some of our best businesspeople. I worked with the State Government to jointly invest \$100 million to kickstart the city and drive its recovery. My plan for Melbourne's future is to revitalise businesses and jobs, attract and invest in new infrastructure, industries and events, build sustainability and liveability, and keep our city caring, clean and safe. I'll do this in partnership with residents, businesses and government. This is a big job and I need a team to help me do it. That's why I've asked Nicholas Reece to be my Deputy Lord Mayor and six other passionate Melburnians to join me as Councillors at Town Hall. Together we will lead our city through this time of hardship and into a brighter future. We seek your support to continue to provide the leadership Melbourne needs. www.sallycapp.com

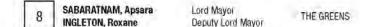
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#### **BACK TO BUSINESS**







GEE, Sandra Deputy Lord Mayor

Has your Council really done its job protecting you during the greatest health and economic challenge we've ever faced? It's time to get Melbourne Back to Business. Council's leadership failures have left our business community unprotected and residents unsupported. Melbourne is at a crossroads. Without new ideas and a fresh start, we face years of empty shops, job losses and property vacancies. That's why I'm running for Lord Mayor, As a businesswoman and twiceelected Mayor of Manningham, I've got the experience, energy and skills - including the ability to speak to overseas investors - to turn ideas into real outcomes. Sandra Gee is the Deputy Mayor we need. She's a successful Block Arcade retailer for over 20 years and knows first-hand the severe challenges our businesses face. To stimulate business recovery and protect those in need, we'll reduce the rates burden by at least 10% and double the pensioner rates discount to \$250. We'll do this by forensically auditing Council spending to cut waste and deploy Council's \$98.8 million 'rainy day' fund. We'll abolish unnecessary Council licenses for retailers and restaurants and fix chronic parking problems that push customers away. We'll create business portfolios to revitalise Melbourne, including a 'night-time economy' portfolio and a 'night-time Mayor' to advocate for hospitality venues and regenerate our 24/7 city. Melbourne is more than the CBD. We'll deliver bespoke plans for precincts across all our city's postcodes. We'll invest an additional \$40 million to boost struggling businesses and grow new ventures. Homelessness and rental stress have been neglected by the current Council. We'll build crisis accommodation and partner with affordable housing providers to get those sleeping rough off our streets. To rebuild Melbourne, we can't trust the people who got us into this mess to lead us out. None of our team are involved with the current, failed Council. We promise to work tirelessly for you to restore our city's businesses, continually create jobs, and ensure our city thrives again. We'll be a strong voice, not a weak echo. Our comprehensive plan will get Melbourne Back to Business. www.back-to-business.com.au

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#### MORGAN-WATTS TEAM







HOWIE, Mary-Lou Deputy Lord Mayor

'Make Melbourne Covid Stage 2 now' with Melbourne Council and State Govt. working together. Only the Morgan-Watts Team will tackle Melbourne's biggest issue which will make Melbourne Covid Stage 2 now. We can make this happen if we work with the State Government to provide free masks for workers in construction, hospitality, sport, retail, etc., ensure all visitors and workers have a Covid App, and provide easily accessible voluntary temperature and Covid tests. Once CBD businesses commit to such measures the Andrews' Government will be able to 'Make Melbourne Covid Stage 2 now'. The Morgan-Watts Team supports the Queen Victoria Market Traders in strongly opposing the Andrews' Government's intention to locate Melbourne's second safe injecting rooms within 150 meters of the Elizabeth St Queen Victoria Market entrance. The June 2020 Review of the Medically Supervised Injecting Room authorised and published by the Victorian Government, reported of the Richmond experience "It will require more time to sort out whether the negative impacts of an active drug market in this local area can be ameliorated.". The Oueen Victoria Market does not need the negative impacts of an active drug market in its area - on top of Covid, Finally the Morgan-Watts Team priority will be to relocate residents from State Government housing towers to COVID safe housing, continue Homeless housing - with additional social programs, protect Melbourne's Heritage - stop 'selfish' destruction, and cut Melbourne rates - both business & residential. If Gary Morgan is elected Melbourne's Lord Mayor with Mary-Lou Howie (President, Friends of Queen Victoria Market) as Deputy Lord Mayor, all the above will happen. Gary Morgan is Chairman of Roy Morgan Research, Australia's largest and most respected business and consumer information company, co-founder and Life Member of The Committee for Melbourne and has lived in East Melbourne for over 60 years!

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# Appendix 7.3: Councillors election group and candidate information





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Local mail clearance times may vary. Ballot material must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting, Late votes cannot be included in the count.

You have received two ballot papers. Complete both of your ballot papers following the instructions on each ballot paper.

- . The pink ballot paper is to elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor.
- The blue ballot paper is to elect nine councillors.

Further instructions can be found on the leaflet in your ballot pack.

#### FOR ENQUIRIES OR TO HAND-DELIVER YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT MATERIAL CONTACT:

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Melbourne

Phone: (03) 8619 1444

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#### **VOTING IS COMPULSORY**

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For further information on this election, visit vec.vic.gov.au

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#### LABOR FOR MELBOURNE









Your Labor team consists of experienced Councillors, 2 former Mayors, small businesses owners and community leaders. Davydd Griffith's owns the Royal Mail Hotel in West Melbourne and maintains strong links to community by regularly providing a space for local groups to hold meetings. He has served in several voluntary positions within the Australian Education Union and has a strong interest in policy reform in the areas of mental health, aged care, and social solation. Many Delahunty, a former Mayor and finance expert, understands local government is about people, places, and progress. Her vision involves the improvement of placemaking and planning, affordable housing, the arts and creative industries and climate action. Hamdi All is a community leader who runs the Carlton Housing Estates Residents Services (CHERS), a resident's association, Carlton Legal Services and Estate computers. Working, volunteering and living locally made him aware of the need for local governments to connect communities to each other and with all levels of government services, and to improve local services for those in need. As a team we are passionate about progressive government and know the hard work it takes to achieve it. Our city government will be critical to the Melbourne recovery and breathing life back in our beloved city again. The next part of Melbourne's story must benefit everyone, not just big business. We want to be part of a government with a generous heart, a mind to the least of us and a plan to for the future that is inclusive. We want to bring back the diversity, the creativity, the opportunity. Our diverse backgrounds and experiences and our united approach to getting things done will provide the drive and focus our city needs to emerge from the challenges of 2020. From housing reform to support Melbourne's financially and socially vulnerable people to partnering with ratepayers to provide incentives for startups and businesses, we will change the way our city is governed by creating a positive and inclusive future where all our residents and businesses have equal access to the benefits of living in one of the world's most liveable cities.

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#### **BACK TO BUSINESS**

Has your Council really done its job protecting you during the greatest health and economic challenge we've ever faced? Our team's experience and comprehensive reform agenda will get Melbourne Back to Business. Council has done everything the State Government asked, but nothing Melbourne needs, to reverse the \$110 billion economic hit projected across the next 5 years. Our team includes businesspeople, retailers and entrepreneurs with industry. experience spanning retail, property and finance. Our plan will get Melbourne Back to Business. We'll ease your rates burden by delivering 10% rate reductions across the board funded by forensic audits that cut waste (including overseas junkets), redeploy Council's \$98.8 million cash stockpile and cutting overgrown bureaucracy. Getting Melbourne back to business means creating new portfolios to revive our City. These include renewing our hospitality sector through a 'night-time economy' portfolio, with its 'night-time Mayor' advocate to Council. We'll deliver bespoke plans for each precinct across the City. Current business support is like an umbrella against a tsunami. We'll invest in more business stimulus programs, including a \$40 million business rescue package to boost struggling businesses and kickstart new ventures. We'll introduce 'business impact assessments' for all policies to focus Council on the needs of businesses, retailers and traders. We'll bring customers back to our city through reforms like fixing chronic parking problems that push visitors away (through ending Council's war on cars). Council's failed leadership has betrayed our community and left residents unprotected. To defend those doing it toughest, we'll invest a further \$4 million annually for emergency funding to make our city safer. We'll double the Council pensioner rate discount to \$250. To help residents facing rental stress and homelessness, we'll pursue partnerships on Council land with affordable housing partners. With two twice-elected Mayors who've served in local government for more than 11 years in total, our team knows how to deliver and none of us are from the current failed Council, Melbourne faces 4 years of empty shops and property vacancies without new ideas and a fresh start to get us Back to Business, www.back-tobusiness.com.au

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#### **TEAM ARRON WOOD**

Team Arron Wood's mission is to revive Melbourne. Our formidable team is made up of politically independent ratepayers and small business owners who know what it takes to revive business, the economy and our city. Our teams focus is on implementing policies for all ratepayers, with a specific focus on small businesses and residents. Our diverse team reflects the city we love. Team Arron Wood is led by Arron Wood, our Lord Mayoral candidate, and is joined by lawyer and digital marketing agency founder Lisa Teh as Deputy Lord Mayor. Team Arron Woods Councillor ticket includes Jason Chang, owner of Calla, a restaurant-toretail brand that employs hundreds across the city and Peter Clarke, architect, experienced Melbourne Councillor, past Chair of Docklands and Vicurban. The team also includes sitting Councillor and public relations specialist Beverley Pinder, clinical researcher and Melbourne community leader Abdirahman Ali, and entrepreneurial businesswoman and lawyer Beverley Honig. Team Arron Wood are a diverse, multicultural group of business owners and community leaders, engaged in the social fabric of Melbourne who are dedicated to serving the Citys ratepayers. Our policies are focused on returning Melbourne to being an economic powerhouse. If elected, we will freeze rates for a second year through until mid 2022. We will get people safely back into the city with our transport and parking strategy to revive our economic heart. We will revive our hospitality, events, retail and other businesses sectors with the biggest business care package in history. We will stand up to State Government when it matters, including to stop safe injecting rooms in residential areas and shopping precincts. Social cohesion is at the centre of our drive for a resolution to the plight of homelessness and addressing local community issues including employment, education and facilities. Melbourne's livability must focus on being a people city with all the services, parks and gardens, transport solutions and vibrancy that our ratepayers and visitors love. Arron Wood has a track record of delivering for Melbourne, and Team Arron Wood will continue to listen to you, our City's ratepayers, as we work together towards reviving Melbourne.

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#### YOUR MELBOURNE TEAM GET IT DONE





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#### SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION





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Dear Resident, We live and work within the boundaries of Melbourne City Council. We are standing for election to Council because we are very concerned about the overdevelopment occurring in our city and the way the views of local residents on planning issues are systematically ignored. The disappearance of Melbourne's heritage and green space is something we must stop. We have seen the loss of front yards and back yards and fear our city is slowly but surely being turned into a high-rise concrete jungle. All the research about climate change and the urban heat island effect tells us we need to keep all the trees and open space we can, for both our physical and mental health. Some Councillors make the right rioises, but the trees and vegetation keep disappearing - and the high-rise apartments keep going up. If there's one thing we've learned from the coronavirus pandemic, it is that high-rise and dense populations are unsafe and unhealthy. Epidemiologists the world over are saying this. It's no accident that people in New York were dying at the rate of one every two minutes. And if there's one thing we learned from the IBAC Inquiry into Casey Council, it's that property developers are happy to give money to Councillors and State MPs to advance their cause. Make no mistake - we will support residents, not property developers. We are endorsed candidates for the Sustainable Australia Party, which is strongly opposed to overdevelopment and corruption. We need Councillors who will stand up for residents against the cosy deals of the State Government and property developer lobby, and oppose their unsustainable growth, with its massive infrastructure costs and accompanying rate rises. That requires change. Let's also revitalise small business by reducing unnecessary compliance costs, and thereby deliver a fairer marketplace for the trackbone of our economy. We urge Council to better support local small business and locally made products through Council purchases and public marketing campaigns. Vote for change. Vote to protect our environment and quality of life. Vote to stop overdevelopment and corruption. Vote Sustainable, Visit: www.sustainableaustralia.org.au/vic

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#### **TEAM HAKIM - LOCAL INDEPENDENT**





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Docklands and beyond: Building a safe, inclusive and reinvigorated Melbourne. To reinvigorate Melbourne post-COVID, we need to reimagine a thriving capital of culture, community and business. Jamal Hakim is Managing Director of a national health nonprofit which has safely and successfully navigated COVID19. Safaa Hakim runs her own small business as a counsellor specialising in relationships and with culturally diverse people. We're passionate about ensuring our city is a thriving community that is physically, emotionally, culturally and environmentally safe for everyone. To do this, we want to broaden the city's definition of safety so that all plans address this comprehensively. We both live in Docklands. We love this district, but its flaws are evidence of what happens when governments abandon their vision. Our governments have always been good at creating bold plans, but not implementing them. In 2003, the City of Melbourne aspired to zero net carbon emissions by 2020. In 2017, they deferred that goal to 2050. In 2014, many Melburnians voted on the Flinders Street Station redesign, excited to see such ambition for our public spaces, but in 2015 it was decided that it wouldn't go ahead. And then there's Docklands: the district which had such incredible potential that were now trying to retrofit for liveability. We have seen and felt the impact of COVID19 on our local community, residents and businesses. The same old strategies aren't going to get us out of this, particularly if they aren't followed through. Short term economic rescues wont save our city long term. With professionals working from home, Melbourne is less of a place that people need to be: so we need to be the place they choose to be. It's time to focus our action on strengthening Melbourne's liveability, using our city's incredible knowledge and investing in doing things right the first time. More green and public spaces, better pedestrian access and transport, and micro activations will mean Melbourne is a destination and the ultimate 15 minute city - supporting residents and business operators alike. Lets reimagine Melbourne together. Vote 1 Team Hakim. Join the conversation on wyw,teamhakim.co.











**TEAM SALLY CAPP** 

Our city is facing a huge challenge to recover following the COVID pandemic: Sally Capp is an experienced, strong and determined leader with a plan for Melbourne's future. We can count on her to put people before everything else. That's why we are proud to be standing as Team Sally Capp. Sally needs a team to work alongside her to reactivate and revitalise Melbourne. We come from diverse backgrounds and professions including law, small business, hospitality, higher education and social enterprise. Kevin is the City's most experienced Councillor with deep business connections. Roshena is a barrister with expertise in corporate governance and commercial law. A Wiradjuri man, Mark is a Professor of Law at RMIT. Tania is an architect and artist with a passion for public spaces. James, a former lawyer and advertising executive, now owns a bar in the city. A public policy expert, Tina founded an NGO to help people of migrant and refugee backgrounds. Each of us is a passionate Melburnian, committed to working for our community. Team Sally Capp will focus on reactivating our city, creating jobs, boosting business and investing for the future. We will work to bring people back to Melbourne, by being the city of yes. We will work with employers to ensure all workers can safely return to our city, when permitted. We will deliver jobs by investing in new infrastructure like the Greenline park, and new events and festivals. We will continue to assist business by extending the rates freeze from the current financial year to 2021-22. We will support our hospitality sector so our world-famous restaurants and bars can re-open in a COVID safe way. We will provide greater support for our most vulnerable, with a priority on ending homelessness in the city. Our plan will deliver a safer, more attractive, more liveable city for residents, businesses and visitors. We will achieve these goals by collaborating with businesses, residents, stakeholder groups, and the Victorian and Federal governments. Now, more than ever, our city needs the right leadership. You can count on Sally - and you can count on us, www.teamcapp.

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#### ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY

The health crisis and associated measures have hit life in the city hard and has exposed some fault lines in the way we are organised. We need to bring the city back to life, but not. just 'as it was', but kinder, healthler and more sustainable. A kinder council means lower financial impositions on residents in the city, more support for small businesses and services for the homeless. It means renewed effort to build affordable and sustainable housing and taking steps to ensure we reform our relationship with animals, both in our city and around the world through our use of animal products, like fur. We must ensure that our companion animals are not killed in shelters and that lost animals are immediately reunited with their human families. We will ensure an animal ambulance is available throughout the city to attend to animals in distress and will take slow horse-drawn vehicles off busy city streets once and for all. A healthler council means closing down live animal markets and ensuring we are not the epicentre of any future pandemics of zoonotic disease. It means more parks and gardens, especially off-leash areas for dogs, and more attention given to walking and cycling routes throughout the city. A more sustainable council means more trees, renewable water and energy and more attention to the climate emergency, including our diets. Rabin Bangaar has a Masters in Administration Management with 20 years of finance experience and provides sound financial advice and management as Finance Manager to the NFP sector. Good governance, ethics, transparency and accountability are his top priorities and believes that public money must be used appropriately to its full benefit. He is looking to rebuild the city's finances in a sustainable way, to ensure Melbourne can continue to be 'liveable' for all. Rod Whitfield is a professional writer and works in the art sector. He is acutely aware of the massive impact COVID-19 has had on the art and entertainment industry, particularly in Melbourne and wants to ensure that this often forgotten industry gets as much support as possible to keep it affoat.

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#### ARTEMIS PATTICHI - INDEPENDENT LOCAL VOICE





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A business mind with community and sustainability at heart. A future good for all: solutions that work | communities | prosperity. My vision is for us to all work together in creating a healthier, happier city that's more respectful to nature, while we rebuild for our future. My aim as Councillor is to deliver a bright, inclusive future for all Melburnians, based on solutions that work. After the summer bushfires and COVID-19 I felt it my duty to help lead us out of these crises into a prosperous future. As a long-time Southbank resident already leading change on a local level for years, with strong international business and leadership experience, I know I can help guide and serve our city well. How we rebuild next will determine the direction we take and the future we create. We need diverse thinking and better representation to get better solutions. We also need fresh, strong, independent voices at the level of government closest to our community: our local council. I stand for: - Inclusivity: Better representation of everyone's voices. - Climate Action: Melbourne leading in climate solutions, - Cross-section Prosperity: Rebuild to deliver economic, social and environmental wellbeing and prosperity, plus good mental health, Background: Lived and worked in City of Melbourne since moving to Australia 6.5 years ago. Co-founded and successfully led the Southbank Sustainability Group into becoming a Melbourne Award-wirining force of change. Held multiple roles in the Southbank Residents Association, getting an insight to our council's planning and processes. Experience in achieving change at council level. Born and raised in Cyprus by farmers and scientists. Studied in New York. Led a 12 year high-ranking, awardwinning corporate career in Business & Marketing across the world. Worked with the European Union, Myer, British Airways, nonprofits, small businesses. Small business owner for the last 4 years, Held leadership positions for the past 13 years. I value serving all communities and doing everything we can to ensure the next generation inherits a future. Adriana is a proud LGBTIQA+ community member from Colombia. She's been in Melbourne since 2011 and lives In Kensington, A passionate community development professional. Vote I

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#### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Liberate Melbourne Freedom & Prosperity The challenges facing Melbourne are greater than at any other point in recent memory - so the 2020 election is unlike any other. The unjustifiably harsh lockdown of the city has caused immense damage to its economy, its people and our reputation. This election gives you a chance to right these wrongs, by electing people who will re-open Melbourne and restore its reputation as a most liveable city once again. To achieve this, the Liberal Democrats team stands by the principles enshrined in our partys policy that we never vote to decrease liberties or to increase taxes / rates. More than that, we will work to restore personal and economic freedom that have been lost under the shutdown as soon as possible. We believe residents should be able to live their lives without unwanted government. intrusion. At the council level this means we always vote against the local regulations that infringe on the rights and privacy of residents. Businesses in Melbourne face an unprecedented challenge. The Liberal Democrats team will vote against any rates (including CPI) increases during the duration of the next term. We commit to listening to businesses and do everything we can to cut red tape. This will be crucial in stimulating the economy. We believe Melbourne should be a 24-hour city with a 24-hour Mayor an individual who is appointed to drive projects. that rejuvenate hospitality, arts, and entertainment sectors. Finally, we believe council money is your money and should never be wasted. Businesses are suffering, so the Liberal Democrats. will perform comprehensive reviews of council expenditure to cut waste and promote sustainable business development. From a more practical perspective, the LDP will advocate for an increase in residents amenities such as playgrounds and more places to walk your dog. If you want to get council out of the way and re-open Melbourne, vote for the Liberal

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#### RESIDENTS FIRST







We believe residents must be at the heart of Council decision-making. For too long, Council has allowed the needs of residents to fall behind the demands of industry. Now is the time for equity) Residents First will ensure the interests of local people are represented during council planning, development and operational activities. We will bring a focus on residential iveability, sustainability and the creation of jobs to support these priorities. In this way, people, public spaces and businesses can all flourish, because they will be designed to work together. Our approach is holistic and includes engaging with communities, collaborating with stakeholders and working cooperatively with councillors for the benefit of all. Residents First is the team to make this vision a reality. Janette Corcoran lives in Docklands and knows apartment living first-hand. As Chair of her Owners Corporation, a writer on Vertical Living, and a researcher in energy efficiency, she brings hands-on experience in dealing with highrise challenges like short stays, cladding and COVID-19. Janette is committed to pursuing an energy-efficiency liveability and tobs agenda. Many Masters lives in West Melbourne with two young children and understands urban family living and the need for community development. She advocates for investing in neighbourhoods and businesses across the municipality, better community services, more green spaces and council collaboration with community. Samantha Tran lives in Southbank and has a background in business development and currently works in local government major community projects - a role based around community engagement. She sees first-hand the impact council services and infrastructure has on city lives and she advocates for greater access to mental health services. Melbourne's best chance to prosper into the future is to put residents at the heart of our recovery. Residents First will work together to realise this vision. Vote 1 Residents First to Make Residential Living a Council Priority, www.residentsfirst.com.au

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#### **MELBOURNE - WE ALL MATTER**





Sainab Sheikh has lived in the City of Melbourne for 19 years and as a leader in her Somalian community continually sort help her community from Councillors and received the assurances she was looking for only to find nothing ever happened. So this year she felt she had to stand for council election so she could have an opportunity of taking on the responsibility herself to address the issues herself with the help of her team member, Fatuma Ali. Sainab and Fatuma both came from Africa about 20 years ago as refugees and want council to acknowledge that WE ALL MATTER and show them them the issues that are not being addressed such as providing support for the so many residents that are struggling to find work. This isn't just relating the recent problems caused by the economic problems caused by Covid 19, it is also referring to the problems faced by so many people that are finding they do not have the new skills needed to find work in this changing world. Sainab and Fatuma are keen to contribute to the community by providing the training, direction and a general support structure that will help everyone in the City of Melbourne obtain the skills needed. Understanding the difficulty single parent families are going through trying to seek out and hold down a job without much more affordable Child Care. They also want to activate the Strip Shopping Centres. Sainab and Fatuma really want to have a voice so they can really start addressing these issues. They are both independent women with the skills required for this role. Sainab is the founder of the Somalian Women's Development Association and has continuously worked hard for her community and latterly for the whole community as the current President Elect of the North Melbourne Rotary Club. She is well qualified with a a double degree from Victoria University and currently studying for a Masters degree. She has been a tenacious worker for her local community and now seeks your support so she can work for the whole of the City of Melbourne:

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#### INNOVATE MELBOURNE - STARTUP THE CITY







Innovate Melbourne believes that our startup and innovation eco systems will & must play a key role in post Covid recovery, and it is essential the City of Melbourne takes all reasonable steps in supporting this endeavour. Melbourne has great potential in this space, with strong links to education institutions and Parkville Biomedical Precinct, yet despite this we still lag behind Sydney. A long term approach will be the Arden Innovation Precinct, creating an enormous apportunity for the local community, bringing economic and social impact, not just to North Melbourne but the whole city. These benefits will only come about through careful and considered execution, to ensure that we can build a launching pad for Melbourne's next unicoms to thrive in. In the short term, the City of Melbourne needs to do more to promote, support and grow our startup community as a vehicle to increased job opportunity. Preferencing local startups and SMEs in tendering processes, and creating incentives for Melbourne businesses to do the same, can provide our local businesses much needed support. Now more than ever we are needing to buy, support and grow local. Both of us live, work and play in the City of Melbourne. We like to ride our bikes, love our laneways, shop at the market. enjoy our city's numerous festivals, live shows and exhibitions. We adore the diverse foods and shopping that a cultural melting pot like our home has to offer. We're passionate about our green spaces and sustainability and if elected, we look forward to working with our fellow councillors to improve all of these areas. By day John works in innovation and development 8. Andrew works with aspiring entrepreneurs and University researchers to help them leverage their knowledge and desire to solve some of society's most pressing issues. This has taught us that a single person can do good, but when you empower passionate people, with the right tools, environment and support then we can create incredible impact. Covid is forcing us to think differently, and as a city we need to choose to innovate or get left behind.

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#### **MORGAN-WATTS TEAM**

This election is like none before it. If Melbourne is to rebound and prosper, then it must be unlocked safely. Your vote must deliver a Council capable of managing the unprecedented task of safely reactivating Melbourne. The Morgan-Watts Councillor Team, led by Dr Jackie Watts OAM, understands the magnitude of the task. Jackle has a proven track record with nine years on Council. Add to this, as COVID19 overwhelmed the City and the community struggled to cope with the sudden Lockdown, Jackie helped formulate Council's urgent response. Melbourne now faces the 'New Normal', and Jackie's experience on Council, her contact with multiple stakeholders on myriad issues, will be invaluable. Jackie has always been the 'voice' on Council pressing for more stakeholder participation, transparency and less. pre-determined bureaucratic outcomes. Amidst pandemic Lockdown or beyond, Jackie remains convinced that the essential qualities required in any Councillor is a commitment to genuinely listen to constituents and to consistently act with integrity. Collaboration with residents, businesses and ratebayers is critical. Without this, Council cannot succeed with the immense task ahead. Jackie's dual responsibilities on Council as Chair of Knowledge City Portfolio and Deputy Chair of People City Portfolio, have provided her with exceptional insight into key areas of Melbourne's social, cultural and economic life. Invaluable experience on a Council now charged with re-shaping post-pandemic Melbourne. Like you, the Morgan-Watts Council Team is local, loves Melbourne and has invested much of themselves, professionally, personally and financially, in Melbourne. The Morgan-Watts Team, Dr Jackie Watts OAM, Michael Kennedy, Haya Al-Daghlas and Or Dashi Zhang will bring to Council an intelligent, diverse, courageous, and truly local presence. Recognizing the impact of COVID on Council is far from over, the Morgan-Watts Team deliberately rejected presenting voters with a plethora of ambitious Policies unlikely to be implemented. Instead we offer Plans and Proposals, knowing that with community in-put these will certainly evolve. Only through listening and engaging with constituents can the Morgan-Watts Team ensure that a re-invigorated Melbourne rebounds. For Morgan-Watts Team Bio-notes, Jackle's Track Record, details on Plans and Proposals See: www.jackiewatts.com.au

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#### BRING BACK MELBOURNE











Our plan for Melbourne: 1) Bring back businesses and jobs 2) Reduce cost of living 3) Give more say to residents 4) Cut red-tape and bureaucracy 5) Create a safer, cleaner and Drug-Free Melbourne. We will: Give \$1000 on-street parking credit for retail and hospitality shops in city and CoM owned carparks. 10 min grace period for overparking and 1 free pass for each vehicle per year. Create an international competition to beautify and clean the Yarra with innovative ideas and suggestions which all of Melbourne can vote on. Activate all parts of the Yarra River with a focus on entertainment and food. A \$300 digital Thank you Voucher for residents that can only be spent with participating small businesses within the City and a Get to know your city lesson funded by council to learn about the history of Melbourne. More investment and funding for residents and community groups to connect online through a new digital online platform, this platform will also allow residents to ask for key information they want from their council. Comply developers and construction sites to monthly cleaning of surroundings instead of after completion. Prioritise and relax the change of use for new affordable housing. A public master disruption maintenance schedule to notify and alert the public about telecommunication work, water fix, utility upgrade, and direct contact for complaint. Fund more CoM security CCTV cars to patrol at night-time in secluded spots and increase the frequency during the night, weekends, and large gatherings. No to safe injecting room and No to the second site anywhere in the city. Monthly reporting online on key safety issues such as homelessness, violence, and other social challenges in the city. Our plan to Bring Back Melbourne will be led by our councillor team of Cr Philip Le Liu (Current councillor), Serena Lu Jiang (hotels and tourism), Lauren Sherson (events and entrepreneurship) and Darin Schade (Fintech and innovation), Put. "1" next to Bring Back Melbourne on both ballot. paper. Visit businessresidentsstudents.melbourne to find out more.

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#### THE GREENS In 2020, conventional notions of what's possible have been shaken up. When we emerge













from COVID-19, we must set a path towards a better future than the world we knew before. Melbourne is the most multicultural and progressive city in Australia. We should also lead Australia and the world in sustainability and liveability. Local government is key to making this happen, for creating a more liveable, affordable, environmentally sustainable and peaceful future. We can end homelessness, just as cities around the world have done. We can improve access to green, open space with more trees and parks. We can solve our waste and recycling crisis and have safe, clean transport that meets everyone's needs. And yes, we can have a fairer rates system where cafes, restaurants and cultural venues pay less while gambling premises pay more to lay the foundation for economic rejuvenation. As Greens, we never take donations from property developers, fossil fuel or gambling companies. We ask for your vote so that we can fight for you and for the genuine public interest. The Greens' lead candidate, Rohan Leppert, has been a Councillor for 8 years. He has significant experience in urban planning, public policy, education and the arts, and he fights every day to plan our city in the public interest. He is supported by human rights expert Dr Olivia Ball, and a strong team of carididates with a wide range of experience who all actually live and work in the City of Melbourne. We have a comprehensive policy platform so you know where we stand and can hold us to account. For honesty and fairness, for a strong voice for the climate, affordability and transparency, vote for The Greens. See our full plan and meet our team at melbournecitygreens.com

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#### VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS

Melbourne is one of the most radical, most progressive cities in the country. Yet you'd never know it judging by who runs its council. From businesses and absentee landlords making up 60 percent of the vote, to the current council that puts the interests of property developers and bosses ahead of the needs of people who actually live and work here, Melbourne City Council is rigged for the rich. The Victorian Socialists council team is fighting to be a voice on council that can stand up for public housing residents, international students, casual workers in low-wage services industries the people who work to make this city run. We'll fight for low-cost housing in the city and put pressure on the state government to improve and expand public housing stock. We'll fight to give grants and subsidies for international. students instead of the bloated business community, while fighting to ensure universal access to programs like JobKeeper and JobSeeker. We'll fight to end subcontracting and dodgy labour hire in Melbourne, demand hospitality bosses open up their books to take on wage theft, and ensure that all workers are quaranteed the right to work in a safe environment in the midst of a pandemic. We'll also fight to ensure Council lives up to the city's radical reputation. We'll tear down racist monuments like Captain Cook's Cottage and push to end Invasion Day celebrations. Socialists on council will work to elevate indigenous, migrant, worker, women and LGBT voices. We're not professional politicians: we're workers and activists first. Socialists in Melbourne will hold the pro-business Council to account and ensure Melbourne doesn't become a property developer playground.

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# IT WILL BE OKAY MELBOURNE







The world around us looks a bit crazy right now. A year ago, no one would have thought that some obscure respiratory illness would end up causing such great change, inconvenience and economic damage. But here we are, and it is easy to think that this crisis will remain indefinitely. Things seem pretty bad in the City of Melbourne, and we have been saddened by the closure of businesses, the countless and ever expanding for lease signs, the spontaneous disappearance of pedestrian traffic, the loss of the AFL Grand Final, the loss of international visitors, and the compulsory use of surgical masks by the few people still here. As bad as this all sounds, it will be okay in time. Joseph Burke and Michael Mach want to send a message of hope to constituents that it really will be okay. This is just a moment in time, and it will pass. We have spent a combined three decades practising law and if elected as Councillors, we understand that with the position comes a grave and solemn duty to represent constituents. We will always put you first, and use our positions to advocate to make Melbourne thrive again. There are many ways to assist local businesses to rebound from the lockdown damage. so that we can limit the economic damage of the virus. All means necessary must be used to bring back businesses to Melbourne, to promote cultural diversity, to bring back all the events such as sports, nightlife, theatres, and restaurants. We must embrace each other, but not be scared by the reality of what needs to be done to help our great city. We also understand that optics play a great role in making our city great, and we are concerned that mandatory masks make our city look sick to the rest of Australia. One of the first things we will do as Councillors will be to use our position to advocate for masks as a choice. With our plans, we have no doubt the city will soon be back to its prime. It will be okay Melbourne

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I stand as an independent common-sense Melbournian. I believe people are intelligent and capable of taking personal responsibility for their own decisions about the risks and opportunities they take. I will support prospertly and life-quality, and protect against fear and control. I will provide a fair go, by supporting the vulnerable and enabling the capable. My guiding principles are: 1. Question everything, 2. Choose common sense over regulation, 3. Council projects should be aesthetic and practical. 4. Think Scientifically rather than have faith in science. 5. People belong to groups; groups are not people. 6. We are all connected. 7. It all happens with a smile. Scott Robson, MBA, 8Sc.





Philip Jonatha

Learn more at http://bravocharlie.global, http://LinkedIn.com/in/PhilipBateman or watch http://YouTube.com/ smarterimpact. I am running independently, have no ties or memberships to any political party, and simply want to lean into my civic duty to participate in shaping and representing the diverse make up of our wonderful city. I am particularly interested in supporting multicultural engagement and integration, renewable energy investments, transitions to the principles of a circular economy by redesigning our inputs to eliminate waste, and activating municipal spaces to create places of social interaction beyond purely consumption. Having spent. my working life mainly with small to medium business, I am keen to see them regrow and again thrive, whilst driving for eyer greater tax compliance from multinational organisations in our city. Arts and entertainment are a love of mine, and rekindling our cities theatre, music and events scene is a top priority, though I have no wish to endanger anyone for a Covid resurgence by pushing for a rapid reopening, nor do I encourage alcohol. consumption or gambling, and see these as deeply damaging to society. I see drug usage as a social issue not a criminal issue, and improving access to all kinds of health care, affordable housing, mental health, domestic violence, elder care and homelessness services as fundamental, along with supporting womens autonomy over their bodies, I believe strongly in the benefits of Steiner education and do not support further militarisation of our police force. Whilst these are broad goals, I am coming to this with fresh eyes, a beginners mind and a willingness to question the why behind things, knowing that all choices impact a variety of stakeholders. Together, we will do what we can, and with sound underlying principles, I believe this is the way to direct and govern our society.

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I am a family man married to my wife Jean of 17 years, and father of two daughters Ashley and Amber. I have been a worker and small business owner in the City of Melbourne for the past 10 years and very active within the Docklands community. Together with my wife, we operate a large comporate thress centre in the ANZ building (833 Collins) called Pushl Fitness. Our business has been operating successfully for 5 years employing 20 local people, but high many businesses in the City of Nelbourne, we have closed in line with the oursent COVID restrictions. Personally, I am an expect in the field of Health, Fitness and Recreation with over 25 years employing forprotein and Nel-For-Profit experience, both locally and internationally. I am well regarded as a leader within the industry and continue to be an active brainer, teacher and consultant. I am a passionate Volunteer, and have served 8 years in emergency services; SES and Coast Guard. Post COVID lockdowns, I hold deep concerns for the physical and mental health of our entire community. It is my highest priority to ensure support and resources are provided wherever needed. I will stand by fellow business owners, large and small, ready to fight as we emerge from shutdowns into an incredibly challenging economic environment. Within my timediate community of Docklands I would like to see us address concerns around the waterways; specifically victoria Harbor and Yarra's Edge, I am against the tram bridge across the Yarra River; we must find another way and preserve green spaces. I want to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all Melbournians, in particular provide support to our seniors, maginalized communities; rough sleepers, and urgently improve public bousing. Increasing local crime, youth unemployment, alcohol, drug use, domestic vollence are my concerns.

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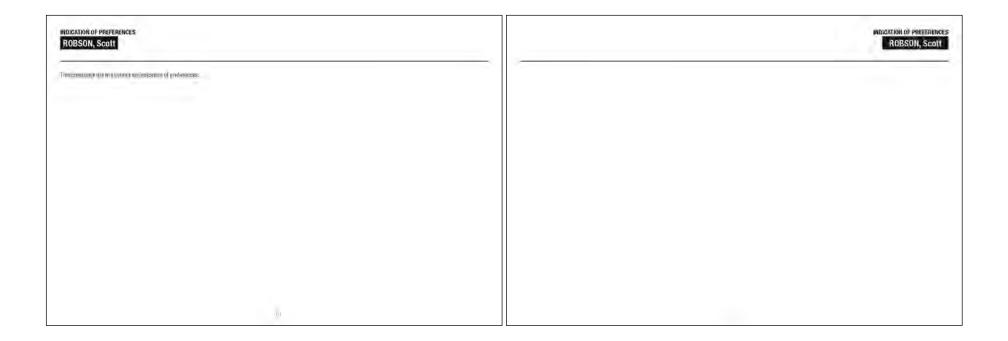
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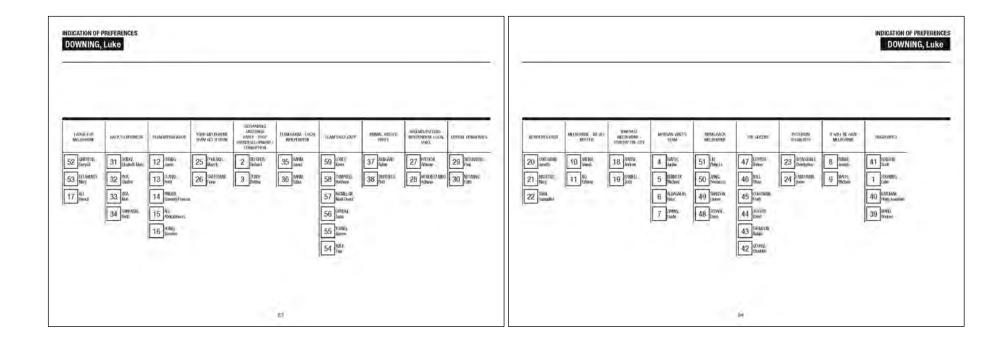
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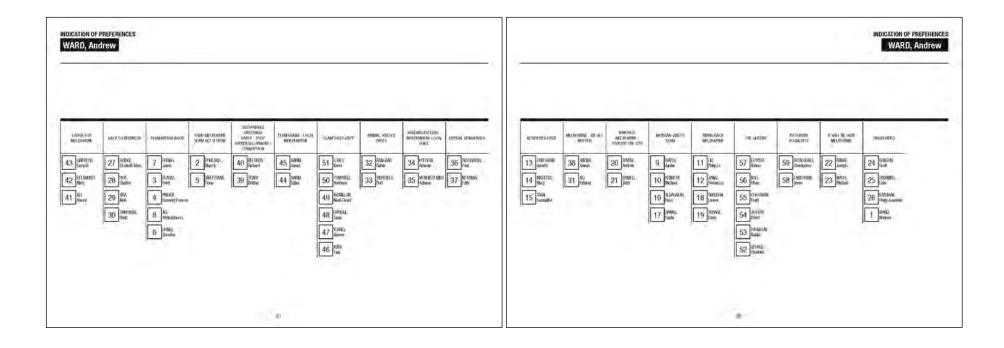
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# Appendix 8: Daily breakdown of ballot packs mailed and delivered during the general mailout period

Melbourne City Council election			
6 October 2020	7 October 2020	8 October 2020	Total
46,631	46,631	43,887	137,149

# **Appendix 9: Result information**

## **Melbourne City Council election**

Melbourne City Council, Leadership Team election		
Enrolment:	137,165	
Formal votes:	88,435	
Informal votes:	3,096 (3.38% of the total votes)	
Total votes counted:	91,531 (66.73% of the total enrolment)	

Candidate	Team	First preference votes	Percentage
LARKIN, Kath (Lord Mayor) DADICH, Daniel Nair (Deputy Lord Mayor)	VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS	2,911	3.29%
RUSSIAN, Nick (Lord Mayor) BURGE, Michael (Deputy Lord Mayor)	BRING BACK MELBOURNE	8,976	10.15%
TSENG, Wayne (Lord Mayor) YANG, Gricol (Deputy Lord Mayor)	TEAM ZORIN	1,329	1.50%
REED, Philip (Lord Mayor) CHAU, Wesa (Deputy Lord Mayor)	LABOR FOR MELBOURNE	8,355	9.45%
SABARATNAM, Apsara (Lord Mayor) INGLETON, Roxane (Deputy Lord Mayor)	THE GREENS	14,753	16.68%
WOOD, Arron Richard (Lord Mayor) TEH, Lisa (Deputy Lord Mayor)	TEAM ARRON WOOD	13,497	15.26%
CAPP, Sally (Lord Mayor) REECE, Nicholas (Deputy Lord Mayor)	TEAM SALLY CAPP	27,949	31.60%
YANG, Jennifer (Lord Mayor) GEE, Sandra (Deputy Lord Mayor)	BACK TO BUSINESS	8,219	9.29%
MORGAN, Gary (Lord Mayor) HOWIE, Mary-Lou (Deputy Lord Mayor)	MORGAN-WATTS TEAM	2,446	2.77%

#### Successful team in the Leadership Team election

CAPP, Sally (Lord Mayor) REECE, Nicholas (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Melbourne City Council, Councillors election		
Enrolment:	137,165	
Formal votes:	89,580	
Informal votes:	1,686 (1.85% of the total votes)	
Total votes counted:	91,266 (66.54% of the total enrolment)	

Groups/Candidates	Votes
LABOR FOR MELBOURNE	
Above the line votes (ticket votes)	9,647
Below the line votes:	
GRIFFITHS, Davydd	640
DELAHUNTY, Mary	159
ALI, Hamdi	180
BACK TO BUSINESS	
Above the line votes (ticket votes)	6,039
Below the line votes:	
DOIDGE, Elizabeth Mary	<b>47</b> 4
PICK, Charles	34
VISA, Moti	15
SAINOVSKI, Bedri	10
TEAM ARRON WOOD	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	11,555
Below the line votes:	
CHANG, Jason	413
CLARKE, Peter	51
PINDER, Beverley Frances	30
ALI, Abdirahman I.	102
HONIG, Beverley	36
YOUR MELBOURNE TEAM GET IT DONE	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	245
Below-the-line votes:	
POULAKIS, Mary K.	23
SWEETMAN, Fiona	23
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SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	1,163
Below-the-line votes:	
BELCHER, Richard	173
TERRY, Bettina	25
TEAM HAKIM - LOCAL INDEPENDENT	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	294
Below-the-line votes:	
HAKIM, Jamal	74
HAKIM, Safaa	11
TEAM SALLY CAPP	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	23,547
Below-the-line votes:	
LOUEY, Kevin	642
CAMPBELL, Roshena	58
MCMILLAN, Mark David	29
DAVIDGE, Tania	23
YOUNG, James	48
KUEK, Tina	48
ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	1,127
Below-the-line votes:	
BANGAAR, Rabin	117
WHITFIELD, Rod	7
ARTEMIS PATTICHI - INDEPENDENT LOCAL VOICE	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	262
Below-the-line votes:	
PATTICHI, Artemis	84
MENDIETA NINO, Adriana	5
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	4,736
Below-the-line votes:	
SILVERBERG, Paul	300
NEWMAN, Faith	28

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RESIDENTS FIRST	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	930
Below-the-line votes:	
CORCORAN, Janette	128
MASTERS, Mary	28
TRAN, Samantha	24
MELBOURNE - WE ALL MATTER	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	265
Below-the-line votes:	
SHEIKH, Sainab	99
ALI, Fatuma	10
INNOVATE MELBOURNE - STARTUP THE CITY	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	722
Below-the-line votes:	
ROWSE, Andrew	84
DANIELL, John	11
MORGAN-WATTS TEAM	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	1,379
Below-the-line votes:	
WATTS, Jackie	144
KENNEDY, Michael	3
ALDAGHLAS, Haya	1
ZHANG, Dashi	14
BRING BACK MELBOURNE	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	6,129
Below-the-line votes:	
LIU, Philip Le	484
JIANG, Serena Lu	43
SHERSON, Lauren	19

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THE GREENS	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	12,997
Below-the-line votes:	
LEPPERT, Rohan	1,404
BALL, Olivia	108
CORCORAN, Emily	16
JEFFERY, David	9
THOMSON, Nakita	42
GEORGE, Charlotte	26
VICTORIAN SOCIALISTS	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	1,143
Below-the-line votes:	
DI PASQUALE, Christopher	286
LAMBOURN, Jesse	12
IT WILL BE OKAY MELBOURNE	
Above-the-line votes (ticket votes)	181
Below-the-line votes:	
BURKE, Joseph	16
MACH, Michael	6
Ungrouped	
ROBSON, Scott	93
DOWNING, Luke	5
BATEMAN, Philip Jonathan	120
WARD, Andrew	114

#### Successful candidates in the Councillor election

LOUEY,	Kevin (1	st elected)
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LEPPERT, Rohan (2nd elected)

CHANG, Jason (3<sup>rd</sup> elected)

GRIFFITHS, Davydd (4th elected)

CAMPBELL, Roshena (5th elected)

BALL, Olivia (6th elected)

LIU, Philip Le (7<sup>th</sup> elected)

HAKIM, Jamal (8th elected)

DOIDGE, Elizabeth Mary (9th elected)

## **Appendix 10: Election participation statistics**

Note: Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of total enrolment and can vary from turnout (total ballot papers counted as a percentage of total enrolment).

Melbourne City Council election				
Enrolment category	Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for the 2020 Melbourne City Council general election	Comparator for the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election	Statewide postal election comparator for the 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council)	
Voters enrolled through section 9A(1) of the CoM Act <sup>7</sup>	75.14%	62.14%	86.27%	
aged 18 to 69 years old on election day	74.25%	60.79%	85.48%	
aged 70 years and over on election day	85.79%	76.43%	90.14%	
Voters enrolled through sections 9A(3), 9B, 9C and 9D of the CoM Act <sup>891011</sup>	63.40%	50.96%	60.96%	
Council total	68.79%	55.67%	84.12%	

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  Residents enrolled on the State register of electors for an address within the City of Melbourne

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 8}$  Non-resident owners of rateable properties within the City of Melbourne

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Owners or occupiers of rateable properties within the City of Melbourne who are not enrolled on the State register of electors and have applied to be on the voters roll

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 10}$  Appointees of corporations who own or occupy rateable properties within the City of Melbourne

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Deemed representatives of corporations within the City of Melbourne where appointments have not been made under section

# **Appendix 11: Complaints**

## Written complaints received by the VEC

Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by the VEC
7 August 2020	Simple Complaint - Enrolment (Entitlements)	Response provided
8 September 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Candidates and Parties (Early Campaigning)	Response provided
10 September 2020	General Question - Enrolment	Response provided
29 September 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - VEC Administration (Lack of information)	Response provided
5 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Advertising or Election Material (Authorisation)	Investigated. No response provided as anonymous submission
8 October 2020	Suggestion - VEC Administration (Lack of information)	Improvement recommendation made
9 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
9 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
11 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
12 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
12 October 2020	Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)	Referred to Council
12 October 2020	General Question - Enrolment (Incorrect or not updated enrolment details)	Action taken and responded
12 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
12 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - VEC Administration (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Sensitive / Complex complaint	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (Wait Times)	Action taken and responded

Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by the VEC
13 October 2020	Criticism - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Wait Times)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Voting (Overseas Voting)	Response provided
13 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Simple Complaint - VEC Administration (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
13 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (Legislation)	Response provided
14 October 2020	Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)	Referred to Council
14 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
14 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
14 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material	Investigated. No response provided as anonymous submission
14 October 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Voting (Overseas Voting)	Action taken and responded
15 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (VEC Procedures)	Response provided
15 October 2020	Criticism - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Accessibility)	Action taken and responded
15 October 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Enrolment (Entitlements)	Response provided
15 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (Lack of information)	Response provided
15 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
16 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Enrolment (Voter Alert)	Response provided
16 October 2020	Enquiry - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)	Response Provided
16 October 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - A Staff Member (Incorrect information)	Response provided
17 October 2020	Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Conduct of Candidate or Party)	Referred to LGI
17 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
17 October 2020	Simple Complaint - VEC Administration (Voter Alert)	Action taken and responded
17 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded

Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by the VEC
18 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
18 October 2020	Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Voting (Postal Voting Process)	Response provided
19 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Website)	Improvement recommendation made
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
19 October 2020	Enquiry - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)	Response Provided
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
19 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
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19 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
19 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
20 October 2020	Simple Complaint - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Postal Voting Process)	Action taken and responded
21 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material	Referred to LGI
21 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
22 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
22 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
22 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
22 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
22 October 2020	Complex Complaint - VEC Administration (VEC Procedures)	Response provided
23 October 2020	Criticism - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Accessibility)	Action taken and responded

Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by the VEC
23 October 2020	Sensitive / Complex complaint	Action taken and responded
23 October 2020	Complex Complaint - VEC Administration (Ballot Papers)	Action taken and responded
24 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Action taken and responded
24 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
24 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
24 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
26 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
26 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (Incorrect information)	Response provided
26 October 2020	Criticism - VEC Administration (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
27 October 2020	Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Escalated for investigation and action
27 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
27 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
27 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
27 October 2020	General Question - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
28 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Enrolment (Incorrect or not updated enrolment details)	Action taken and responded
28 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
30 October 2020	Suggestion - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
30 October 2020	Criticism - Voting (Ballot Papers)	Response provided
30 October 2020	Complex Complaint - Voting (Entitlements)	Response provided
30 October 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
2 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
2 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
4 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided

Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by the VEC
4 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Results)	Action taken and responded
5 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Voting Process)	Response provided
6 November 2020	Complex Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)	Response provided
8 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided
11 November 2020	Complex Complaint - Enrolment (Website)	Response provided
12 November 2020	Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)	Response provided

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