

Chair's Report November 2016

As this is the first report since the Local Government Elections 2016, it would be proper to report on the last couple of week's inaugural Local Board Activity.

The Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board were sworn in at their Inaugural Meeting of the Triennial Period 2016-2019 on 26 October 2016. Of the previous Board, six Members have returned: Tauanu'u Nick Bakulich, Carrol Elliott, Tafafuna'I Tasi Lauese, Christine O'Brien and myself. Our newest Member elected to join the Team is Mrs Makalita Kolo, with her background in the Public Service and Community Roles. The new Deputy Chair for this period is Togatolu Walter Togiamua. It is a honour and privilege to be returned as Chair for the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board.



Local Board Activity

The Election 2016 has been completed, although the Auckland Council obligations and responsibilities never let up. Changes of process by Auckland Council to Parks, Libraries and Community Spaces outcomes have been at the forefront of Governing Board and Local Board discussions with Local Board duties commencing immediately.

In this Term the 2016-2017 Work the Programmes have already been set (by the last Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board) coupled with Auckland Council having internal restructuring of various officer roles. These matters have been raised by elected members of two of the recent Regional Chairs' Forums held.

New Public Transport Network rollout

It is pleasing the New Public Transport Network commenced at the end of October 2016. Timetables, Bus Routes, Bus Infrastructure, opening of the new Otahuhu Interchange Bus and Train Station featured with the new Mangere Bus Station being completed by the end of this year, are all highlights and achievements of strong continued advocacy by the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board to Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency. As the Local Board Team, we are extremely satisfied and proud that both of these nationwide and regional Transport Agencies had recognized and delivered these important Transport Projects for our local communities.

The Future Streets Project, is another local Transport Project strongly advocated by Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board throughout Mangere Central streets, making Mangere Streets safer, has also been completed with a local launch held in September 2016. We were blessed to have the presence of Mangere girl and New Zealand Olympic Champion Valerie Vili!



Manukau Ward Councillors, The new Mayor and Governing Board

We welcome the return of Councillor Alf Filipaina and the newly elected Councillor Fa'anana Efeso Collins as Manukau Ward Councillors!

Mayor Phil Goff and the 20 Governing Board Members commenced the Term, with key objectives from the outset. Financial Prudence and proper analysis is to be carried out for the respective Regional Projects, ascertaining the whys how's and what the range of projects to be delivered by the Regional Body. Good Governance model, legal compliance, Auckland Council's obligation to Maori and the Diverse Communities of Auckland, will be critical context of the wide-ranging activities. Following good process and practice are the thematic principles necessary by a shared Governance model. It is also important that quality advice provided by Officers on an ongoing basis would meet approved standards, assisting complex decision-making. This process will be going through credible analysis channels allowing clear and concise information provided to both the Governing Board and Local Boards throughout the Isthmus.

In a nutshell, the Term for this period 2016-2019 has commenced. The one key objective Mayor Goff informed to all, Auckland Council Operations would do more for less – in a budgetary constrained environment this will be a very innovative Term, whilst maintaining and delivering local projects to our Community.

I look forward to strengthening our local Communities with the various Delivery arms of Auckland Council and my equally passionate Team of Local Board Members elected from Mangere-Otahuhu.

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Lemauga Lydia Sosene

Chairperson