

Notice of Motion - Support for Auckland Council to become a city that supports the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

In accordance with standing orders, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Waitemātā Local Board meeting being held on 21 August 2018.

That the Waitemātā Local Board

- a) notes its commitment in the Waitemātā Local Board Plan, Outcome 1: Inclusive communities that are vibrant, healthy and connected, and the statement in that Plan. “We see diversity as an asset; from new migrants to our international students, from rainbow communities to people living with disabilities, we want everyone to feel welcome, valued and engaged in local life.”
- b) supports Auckland becoming a City for CEDAW; CEDAW being the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- c) forwards this resolution to the Community Development and Safety Committee for their serious consideration in conjunction with any reports or recommendations on Auckland becoming a City for CEDAW.

Background Information

Cities of CEDAW is an international programme including over 40 cities worldwide which have committed to implementing CEDAW at the local level. This can include specific policy changes that they make locally. It also involves advocacy on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women to their national government and major institutions and to international organisations.

Member cities want to act to ensure that any national commitments to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women are also implemented at the local and community level. This is the level where change is often the most important for improving women’s daily lives.

Waitemātā Local Board supports the United Nations CEDAW convention and have been proud to highlight the progress Auckland women have made by hosting the Suffrage memorial at Te Hā o Hine as well as highlighting the achievements of Auckland women with the local boards recent upgrade of the Ellen Melville Centre and the dedication and naming of rooms within this new well-used community facility after memorable Auckland women. We have many memorials to notable men but we are proud to highlight our fore-mothers as well.

Joining the Cities for CEDAW programme would help ensure Auckland is publicly committed to making changes to advance inclusion and diversity as sought in the Waitemātā Local Board Plan, generally, but also specifically for women.

Moved: Member D Roche

Seconded: Member R Northey