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Campaign

To run a successful campaign, you can promote yourself, your vision and position on issues that are important to the community.

Some ways you might campaign include:

- **Telephoning people you know**
- **Using social media**
- **Creating videos**
- **Distributing leaflets and pamphlets**
- **Door knocking**
- **Meeting people in public**
- **Holding public hui**
- **Giving interviews to radio stations or newspapers**

VOTE
2022

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Vote!

Voting determines who is elected. Be sure to exercise your right to vote and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

This year, voting in Nelson will follow the Single Transferable Vote system. This system allows you to rank candidates who you would like to see elected. For more information, search "single transferable vote" at our.nelson.govt.nz.

Elections in New Zealand are safe and secure

Not everyone has the same experience when it comes to participating in democracy.

Some members of our community are from places where their personal information may have been used against them by their governments. They may have faced threats or harm to themselves or their families. Some may have had to flee for their safety.

For those of you with such experiences, we want to assure you that participating in democracy in New Zealand is safe and secure. New Zealand is a free, democratic country, where people can speak, vote, and live their lives how they like, as long as they do not harm other people.

I want to vote, but I'm concerned about my privacy. What can I do?

You can apply to go on the confidential unpublished roll. This means your personal details are not publicly available, and you can vote with peace of mind. For more information about going on the unpublished roll, visit:

Vote.nz/can-you-go-on-the-unpublished-roll/

I want to stand for election. Will my family and I be safe from harm?

While candidates standing for election may face public scrutiny or the occasional unkind comment, threats and acts of violence are not tolerated, and there are laws in place to protect people from such dangers. If you are interested in standing but have concerns about your safety or privacy, please contact Nelson City Council's Deputy Electoral Officer Devorah Nícuarta-Smith at 022 013 1588.

For more information, visit our election hub at shape.nelson.govt.nz/local-elections-2022



Election Roadmap

Interested in standing for election, but don't know where to start?



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nelson.govt.nz



Nelson
City Council

Te Kaunihera o
Whakatū

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1

Check your eligibility

To be eligible to stand for election you must:

- be a New Zealand citizen,
- be enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll (anywhere in New Zealand), and
- have lived at your current address for at least one month. You do not need to live in the area in which you wish to stand.
- If you are unsure of your eligibility, you can check at the Electoral Office website at [vote.nz/are-you-eligible-to-enrol-and-vote/](https://www.vote.nz/are-you-eligible-to-enrol-and-vote/)

ENROL TO VOTE!
Visit [Vote.NZ](https://www.vote.nz)

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Understand how local government works

Nelson City Council makes decisions for local communities.

Council looks after our City's water infrastructure and roads, town planning and resource management, local regulatory services, parks and reserves, civil defense and emergency management, economic development, supporting the arts and culture, biosecurity, regional transport, and our local libraries.

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Understand what a councillor/ Mayor does

In Nelson, there are 12 councillors and one Mayor on the Council. They are elected for three years and make decisions for the whole of Nelson.

They help to make decisions on things like policies, bylaws, Council budgets and rates. They also represent the city at functions, form partnerships with community groups and government agencies, and advocate for issues important to Nelsonians.

Pay and the amount of time you would spend working depend on the level of responsibility you have as a councillor. For instance, if you were made Chair of a committee, you would receive extra pay but have more work to do.

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Reflect – would you be a good councillor/ Mayor?

Aotearoa New Zealand is made up of many diverse and unique communities. We are encouraging candidates from lots of different backgrounds to stand for election, so everyone's voice is heard when local decisions are being made.

If you are driven by caring for your community, you could consider standing. If you have coached a team, organised a community event or a fundraiser, started a business, served on the marae, church, or school committee, if you have ever volunteered, organised a movement, or even just debated local issues with your neighbour– you could make a great elected member.

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Get nominated

You need two people to nominate you to stand for election. They must be:

- Over 18 years old and
- Enrolled to vote in the ward or area you wish to stand in

You cannot nominate yourself. Your nominees must complete a nomination form available at Council's Customer Service Centre, local libraries and [shape.nelson.govt.nz/local-elections-2022](https://www.shape.nelson.govt.nz/local-elections-2022)

Nominations open 15 July 2022 and close at noon on 12 August 2022.

You will need a recent photograph of yourself and a 150-word profile outlining why you are standing. You will also need to pay a \$200 fee (including GST) when submitting your nomination form.

Submit your signed and completed nomination form, photo, profile statement and fee to our election team in our customer service centre during the nomination dates. A low sensory environment for submitting nominations will be available through the Elma Turner Library – more information on Council's website.

