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Dear Concerned Ratepayer

**CSM22/504550 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987
(LGOIMA) REQUEST: NON-COMPLIANT CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE**

We refer to your email request for information received 7 September 2022, seeking the following:

“Please disclose all correspondence incoming and outgoing regarding 2022 local government election non-compliant campaign signage, any and all dialogue regarding the complaints, the complainants, council officers responding to those complaints and complainants and dialogue with the individuals who have the non-compliant signs.”

We have searched our records and attach the information requested. Certain information has been removed and redacted with reference to reasons under section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

In summary, certain information has been removed and redacted from the attached information for the following reasons/grounds:

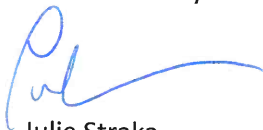
- To protect the protect the privacy of natural persons (section 7(2)(a)) we have removed names, phone numbers and email addresses of some natural persons;
- To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (section 7(2)(b)(ii)). Releasing the information would reveal commercially sensitive matters. Emails that have blank boxes after the signatory section indicate a picture or business card which has been redacted.
- To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prevent the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between officers and employees of the local authority (section 7(2)(f)(i)).

Please note that some complaints relating to non-compliant campaign signage were provided verbally. While no written record of the complaint was made at the time, the complaints were actioned, and evidence of the actions taken are included in the attached information.

Please note that duplicates of email chains have been removed.

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

Yours faithfully



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