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Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

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Dear Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST DECISION ON MĀORI ELECTED MEMBERS

I refer to your official information request dated 23 August 2024 as set out below.

How many present RDC Elected Members are Maori by legal definition, viz. "a person of Maori race and includes any decendant" source: Maori Land Act. Note: that this definition is different from the widely used "identifies as Maori". It is important that the RDC Ratepayers are fully aware of the current Maori EM representation in terms of the legislation, not perceived.

We have decided to refuse your request under section 17G of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act.

We are unable to provide copies of documents as requested, as they do not exist. Council does not hold this information, nor is it required to collect this personal data.

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 sincerely

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GOVERNANCE MANAGER

