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## Honiana Te Puni Street

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Kia ora koutou members of the Regs Committee,

I was pleased to receive a message from Council officers to let me know that my amendment last year to investigate the correction of Epuni Street in my beloved neighbourhood of Aro Valley is coming for a vote tomorrow.

When I was out doorknocking in the Local Body Elections in 2022, I spoke to a flat of Maori artists on Epuni Street who raised their concerns about the bastardisation of their ancestors name in the incorrect street name "Epuni" Street. I'm proud to have been able to support them in their wishes to bring this to the table. The correction of this street name will give great mana to this area, as it has with Te Wharepouri street (formerly Waripori Street) in Berhampore.

We are so lucky to have members of mana whenua who can remind us of the history of this land and the great people who have walked this land before us.

I ask you all to support this correction tomorrow and thank officers for their mahi on this important kaupapa! 😊

Good luck!

**Tamatha Paul**

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