

Wilson James

Q1. Contact Details

Name	Wilson James
What Council are you standing for?	Whakatane
What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?	Mayor

Q2. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve?

I care about people, our communities and our district.
A district that moves with the future for our grandchildren and their children

Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Horticulture is one of our district's three main export earners. Without these industries our district has no service industries that means no money doing the 6-7 cycles that keep local economies alive.

Q4. What will you do to support the development of seasonal worker housing, especially in rural areas?

Councils can only make processes and procedures easier for housing to be available for seasonal workers. It is not for Councils to provide housing for anyone.

Q5. How will you ensure kiwifruit growers have reliable access to water, and how will you balance competing demands?

This is more for Bay of Plenty Regional Council to administer than District Council

Q6. What is your stance on protecting productive horticultural land from urban sprawl and subdivision?

Imperative that productive land remains productive.

Q7. How will you improve rural road infrastructure to support the movement of produce?

Most of our roading is in good shape but I will fight hard for a Pekatahi Bridge two lane replacement.

Q8. What policies will you support to help growers adapt to climate change impacts?

That is for the industry to initiate.