

**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

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**Mark JOHNSON**  
(Labour)

*My principal place of residence is in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

Kia ora. Recent events in the Botany sub-division have made it clear that our people need and deserve better representation. I am running in this by-election as an outsider because our current board has squandered the goodwill of the Botany citizens by indulging in petty politics and feuds at our expense.

I wish to bring the traditional Labour values of honesty, transparency, accountability and approachability to the Howick Local Board. As a married father of two living in Botany, having previously worked as a High School teacher, I am concerned about all our children's futures and the stability of our community.

If elected I will advocate for the urgent development of well-designed mixed-income housing, and the development of a dedicated busway linking Manukau, Ormiston and Botany to the wider Auckland transport networks.



**Malcolm PAGE**  
(Independent)

*My principal place of residence is in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

I am a Botany resident married to Helen and our daughter Alex attends Botany Downs Secondary College. For 22 years I had the privilege of serving the communities of south and east Auckland as Parks Manager with Council. I am now seeking the opportunity to

serve my local community as an elected representative because I believe I can make a difference.

Botany is a great place to live but it is still growing and developing. So the main challenge for the local board is to ensure that this growth and development brings benefits to our diverse community whilst protecting and enhancing our environment. If elected I will work hard and represent you in a professional manner. I will also demonstrate a commitment to meaningful community consultation and I will ensure that decisions made always have our future generations in mind.



**Julie PATTERSON**  
(Independent)

*My principal place of residence is not in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

I have lived in the Howick Local Board area nearly all of my 54 years (I hear you collectively gasp... why she looks so young!!) and have watched it grow into what we have today. It's not perfect and we can do better.

I stand before you as an independent candidate with a background in law enforcement, specialising in the transport field, traffic flows, conflicts, crashes, commercial vehicles, the design and layout of our roads to list but a few. My job gave me the skills to actively listen, build rapport with people, make decisions and take responsibility for those that I might have got wrong (yes I am only human too) and much more.

I see traffic, environmental and overcrowding issues coming to the fore. I want to see our area thrive, be vibrant, be balanced and be a fantastic place to live. I look forward to supporting you.



**Nivedita SHARMA VIJ**  
(Independent)

*My principal place of residence is in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

I am NZ registered health professional. I am married with two children and lived in South and East Auckland since my arrival in 2002 from India. I am Justice of the Peace and have been part of a number of community governance and volunteer roles such as Project KHUSHI, MECOSS, Jaagruti, Manukau Indian Association, Bhartiya Samaj and Rotary Club.

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Through my work and community involvement, I understand the challenges faced by our city and its people. I will work for transparent and effective governance to advocate and acknowledge core community needs. I will ensure respect for all voices of our communities and that your suggestions are included in the local board decision making process. I want to support Botany residents and their families so that they enjoy life the way they aspire to. Kindly support me to make our Botany a great place to live, work and play. You can contact me at [nive4east@gmail.com](mailto:nive4east@gmail.com)



**Ailian SU**  
(Independent)

*My principal place of residence is in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

I will listen and speak out for the people of Botany work and on the Local Board for the full term.

I am a mother with adult children and have lived in the Botany-Pakuranga area over twenty years. I work as a Medical Practice Nurse in Highland Park and also work as a community volunteer. I had broadcast on Chinese Radio promoting good citizenship in New Zealand.

My priorities on the Local Board are: the rapid development of local shuttle services to major transport hubs; expanding school holiday and after school programmes for young people; strengthening community safety by supporting community initiatives and ensuring safety comes first in planning and development; plant fruit trees in local parks; encourage healthy lifestyles; and ensure ratepayer funding is used efficiently for good public purposes.



**Mike TURINSKY**  
(Practical Not Political)

*My principal place of residence is not in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

Mike Turinsky works in Botany and lives in Howick. He is a homeowner in the local board area and lives with his wife and two children. Mike is CEO of Young Life Trust, a non-profit trust providing youth mentors to local schools. He also personally mentors students at Botany Downs Secondary. Mike is an expert in youth development. He has a proven track record in Botany working with community groups, businesses, boards and schools. As runner-up in the previous Botany election, Mike believes the local board should be local. We need to find practical solutions for the community. Botany needs the infrastructure and facilities that the rest of the Ward already enjoys. Mike knows how to get things done on a lean budget. He will not waste rate payer's money. Please vote for Mike Turinsky, Practical Not Political. Facebook: Mike Turinsky, [mike@votebotany.org](mailto:mike@votebotany.org), [www.votebotany.org](http://www.votebotany.org)



**Kuan Cheong YAP**  
(Independent)

*My principal place of residence is not in the Howick Local Board - Botany Subdivision area.*

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"I commit to serve the people of Botany to make sure the voices of the community will be heard, respected and taken care of."

Kuan Yap is a Justice of the Peace. He is married with two children. His family-orientated value is the main drive for him to help build a family-friendly community in Howick.

He serves in the community for many years and was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for Services to the Community.

He advocates for integrated transport solutions, digital technology library, swimming pool in Ormiston, and environment-friendly open space and leisure facilities for ratepayers to enjoy.

A Chartered Accountant, he will make sure the local board decision and policies are effective and cost efficient.

Kuan's confident of his prudent, diligent, responsible and conscientious gratitude will be the qualities you're looking for the local board member working on your behalf. Please vote for me!