

HCC candidate name: Javed Chaudhry for East Ward Councillor and DHB

Please type in the space below each question, and use as much space as you require for each answer.

Please email your responses back to info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz not later than **Monday, September 5th 2016**.

1. **Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes.**

Yes. Please see the attachment.

2. **Please rank, in order of (1) to (7), what you consider to be the most pressing needs for sustainability today, (1) being the most pressing and (7) the least. Please also add one of your own ideas.**

Adapting to the impacts of climate change Rank: 1

Inclusion and uninterrupted execution of strategic plans together with community awareness is imperative to keep track impacts of climate change.

Reducing our contribution to climate change Rank: 7

Reducing our contribution to climate change is in no favor.

Sustainable economic growth Rank: 2-3

Hamilton's economy showing growth of 3.4% over the March 2016 year. Rising population, high levels of residential and commercial development, retail spending is growing well. Now need to attract more businesses and industry as more jobseekers around.

Sustainable transport options Rank: 1

In view of Hamilton's strategic location and growth in population there is dire need for the provision of varied safe transport options and infrastructure for the sake of safety and to avoid current and future traffic congestions.

Sustainable urban design Rank: 1

We are expecting 85,000 more people by 2041. We need to take into consideration the needs of housing, infrastructures, amenities, business, environment etc. I would emphatically propose opting for at a large scale construction of apartments.

Water quality in our rivers and lakes Rank: 2-3

In fact it's hard to say as; water quality differs at different places. There is a report about increasing Nitrogen and Phosphorus levels in the river and lakes as well as growth of weeds.

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Nitrogen stimulates the growth of algae. Extensive farming and fertilizer use are one of the major causes.

Other (enter here):

Rank:

You may comment on your ranking if you wish:

- 3. In your view, what is the most effective thing Council could do to improve wellbeing for those of lower socioeconomic status in our city?**

Provision of different needs' affordable housing options

- 4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring?**

Position infrastructure and land development. This will meet the city's long term needs.

- 5. What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?**

I endorse ensuring the protection and improvement of public health and safety and providing appropriate water sanitary services and hazard management practices, Meeting future anticipated and planned for growth demands, Planning for and adapting to climate change, Ensuring quality, efficient and sustainable infrastructure, The need for integration of the inter-related departments, The availability and allocation of water, Ensuring that iwi and Hapu are involved in the management of three waters.

- 6. Do you see the Council as having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city? If yes, what policies would you like to see in place to support this? If no, please explain.**

I understand department of conservation having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity. However, HCC supports the local groups working on biodiversity.

- 7. What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?**

Educate, motivate and support local businesses in reducing waste, Provide leadership to ensure that high quality commercial waste and recycling services operate and balancing the needs of residents and the business community, Apply relevant local laws, planning frameworks and permitting processes to ensure that local businesses manage their waste in an environmentally responsible manner, Build capacity for visitors to practice waste minimisation and recycling, Inspire and support retailers and other businesses in promoting sustainable products and packaging

- 8. How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?**

Strengthening of existing and initiation of new, connect the community-theme projects. I would propose for a Cultural Diversity Advisor in lieu of Ethnic Advisor.

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- 9. Do you think Council has a role in supporting businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices? If no, why not and if yes what ideas do you have to support this?**

Yes, Council does have role. Provision of timely infrastructure, amenities, parking facilities, parks and playgrounds etc..

- 10. Do you think Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts? Could you please give some examples?**

Yes, City Council is responsible in line with NZ's international and National commitments to use energy more efficiently and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated from council operations and from the community. It will help to improve the city's live- ability through sustainable resource use, minimizing our contributions to global warming, and infrastructure planning that accommodates climate change.

- 11. Suppose that your Council is considering a proposal for economic development. The development would increase regional GDP and create a significant number of jobs. It would also add significant pollution to waterways and further degrade their ecosystems. Would you support the proposal or not? What is your reasoning?**

I would ask for a plan that would complement to each other.