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Super City Mayoral Candidates Questioned on Family Issues

Family First NZ has sent questionnaires to the candidates for the Super City Mayoralty asking about their views and their intentions on a number of important family issues.

Topics included in the questionnaire include alcohol bylaws, loan sharks, location of brothels, street prostitution, offensive parades and billboards, pokie machines, housing affordability, and GST on rates.

A website www.valueyourvote.org.nz will compare the responses of the mayoral candidates.

“The ‘value your vote’ concept which focused on similar issues and conscience vote records was very significant and popular during the last general election campaign. This time we’re focusing on local body issues affecting families in the Auckland area,” says Bob McCoskrie, National Director of Family First NZ.

“Auckland families will be better informed as to the values that each of the mayoral candidates holds, and what action and leadership these candidates will demonstrate to protect and strengthen families.”

Questions include:

- will you take the leadership in reducing the number of alcohol outlets in residential areas and allow more community input as to the location, number and hours of these outlets
- Will you introduce bylaws and show leadership in regulating public billboards in the Auckland supercity so that they must be G-rated and only suitable for family viewing, with a pre-vetting system
- Will you campaign for Parliament to pass legislation to enable you to introduce bylaws prohibiting brothels in residential areas and close to sensitive sites such as schools, kindergartens, playgrounds and shopping areas frequented by families and children
- Will you campaign for Parliament to introduce legislation requiring greater regulation and accountability of loan sharks including capped interest rates, registration, and controls on location
- will you introduce and show leadership for a reducing lid policy on the number of pokie machines in local communities
- Will you campaign for the government to clarify offensive behaviour under the Crimes Act in order to prevent parades involving nudity and/or offensive behaviour? e.g. boobs on bikes, beach nudity

Family First hopes to have the website active by the beginning of July.

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