

NOMINATION PAPER FOR CANDIDATURE FOR THE MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD 2010 ELECTION

Local Elections 2010
**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Important * Nominations close noon Friday, 20 August 2010
* Nominators and Candidate should read the notes on back of this paper before completing it

To: DHB Electoral Officer
C/- Palmerston North City Council
Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square (Private Bag 11-034), PALMERSTON NORTH 4410

A FOR THE NOMINATORS TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

We, the undersigned electors of the MidCentral District Health Board, hereby nominate:

_____ (Full Christian or First Names)

_____ (Surname)

_____ (Address)

with his/her consent, as a candidate for the office of member of the MidCentral District Health Board, the election for which is to be held on Saturday the 9th October 2010.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2010

1. Signature: _____

2. Signature: _____

Full Names: _____

Full Names: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

B FOR THE CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

I, _____ hereby consent to the above nomination.

I certify that I am qualified to be a candidate under Section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and in terms of any other Act, and that I am not disqualified under Section 58 of the Local Electoral Act or by any other Act. In particular, I am a New Zealand Citizen, I am a Parliamentary elector, and I am not a candidate for election to any other District Health Board (see notes on reverse of this form and Appendix A).

In the public notice given under Section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, I wish my affiliation (or other designation) to be shown as:

_____ (If left blank no affiliation or designation including "Independent" will be shown on the voting documents).

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

_____ (Surname first, ie BLACK, John)

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Home: _____ Bus: _____

Mobile: _____ Email _____

Candidate Profile provided (circle option) YES / NO Candidate Photo provided (circle option) YES / NO

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the Profile Booklet.

C FOR THE ELECTORAL OFFICER TO COMPLETE

Received at the hour of _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2010

Signature: _____ John B Annabell, Electoral Officer

(The receipt given in respect of this nomination paper does not constitute an acknowledgement that the nomination paper is in order.)

Note: Nomination forms are public documents and may be inspected by any interested member of the public. Please note that contact details provided on the nomination form by candidates are supplied on request to the news media and community groups organising election-related events. Please advise at the time of lodging your nomination if there are contact details that you wish to remain confidential.

NOTES:

1. Candidates and Nominators should make themselves aware of the requirements for candidate qualifications. These requirements are set out in *Appendix A* attached to this nomination paper and in the Ministry of Health publication *2010 District Health Board: Information for Candidates*.
2. The nominators must be electors of the MidCentral District Health Board.
3. A candidate **cannot** nominate himself or herself for office.
4. Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the electoral officer under section 57 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, nothing will be shown in the public notice against the candidate's name, whether or not any other candidates have claimed an affiliation. You may identify yourself as an independent candidate, ie "Independent".
5. Under section 121 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, any person is liable to a fine of \$2,000 who:
 - consents to being nominated as a candidate when knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, (for further information about candidate qualifications please see *Appendix A* to this nomination paper); or
 - nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election; or
 - not being the candidate, signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
6. A candidate may under Section 56 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 be nominated under a name which the candidate is commonly known provided that the name will not:
 - cause offence to a reasonable person.
 - be unreasonably long.
 - include or resemble an official rank or title.
 - cause confusion or mislead electors.
7. A candidate **may**, in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and Clauses 26 to 29 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, provide a candidate profile statement including a recent photograph which will be sent to electors with the voting documents. Where a candidate profile statement and/or a photograph is not supplied, a note to that effect will be included in the candidate profile booklet sent to electors with the voting documents. For further information about candidate profile statements, refer to the *Appendix B* attached to this nomination paper.
8. Each candidate is **required** to provide a statement of the current and any likely future conflicts of interest when lodging their nomination paper. This requirement is made by Clause 6 of Schedule 2, New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000. For further information about Conflict of Interest Statements, refer to the Ministry of Health Publication *2010 District Health Board Elections: Information for Candidates*. This information includes examples of Conflict of Interest statements.
9. Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the DHB Electoral Officer, C/- Palmerston North City Council, 32 The Square (Private Bag 11-034), Palmerston North 4410, not later than **12.00 noon on Friday, 20 August 2010**. Nominations **will not** be accepted at any office of MidCentral District Health Board, **nor will be accepted** at any office of Tararua District Council, Manawatu District Council, Horowhenua District Council, or Kapiti Coast District Council.
10. Each nomination must be **accompanied** by the required **deposit of \$200.00** (inclusive of GST). Cheques should be made payable to **Palmerston North City Council**.
11. Evidence of New Zealand Citizenship may be requested by the electoral officer at the time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes a New Zealand Passport, New Zealand Birth Certificate, or New Zealand Citizenship documentation, eg Certificate of Citizenship or Determination of Citizenship.

APPENDIX A

MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD 2010 ELECTION CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

Basic Eligibility

- A candidate must be a New Zealand Citizen and be enrolled as a Parliamentary elector. This requirement is made by Section 25 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Specific Exclusions

- Further grounds for disqualifying certain persons from a District Health Board are found in the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and in the Crown Entities Act 2004.
- The Crown Entities Act (Section 30(2)) states that the following persons are disqualified from being members:
 - (a) a person who is an undischarged bankrupt.
 - (b) a person who is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the Companies Act 1993, or the Securities Act 1978, or the Securities Markets Act 1988, or the Takeovers Act 1993.
 - (c) a person who is subject to a property order under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
 - (d) a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that reflects adversely on the person's:
 - (i) competence to manage his or her own affairs in relation to his or her property, or
 - (ii) capacity to make or communicate decisions relating to any particular aspect or aspects of his or her personal care and welfare.
 - (e) a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of two years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person.
 - (f) a member of Parliament.
 - (g) a person who is disqualified under another Act.
- The New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act (Schedule 2, clause 17(1)) states that the following persons may not be elected or appointed as a member of a DHB:
 - (a) a person who, since the last DHB Elections, has been removed as a DHB member under clause 9(c) or 9(e) of Schedule 3 to the New Zealand Public Health and Disabilities Act.
 - (b) a person who has previously failed to declare a material conflict of interest before accepting nomination as candidate at the last DHB elections.
 - (c) a Member of Parliament (although a Member of Parliament may stand for election as a DHB Board member, but cannot be appointed to a DHB Board by the Minister of Health).
- No person may be a candidate for election to more than one District Health Board (New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, Schedule 2, clause 5). Otherwise, a person can stand simultaneously as both a local government candidate and a District Health Board candidate.

Further Information

- For further information and an Eligibility Checklist, refer Ministry of Health Publication *2010 District Health Board Elections: Information for Candidates*.

APPENDIX B

**MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD 2010 ELECTION
CANDIDATE PROFILE STATEMENTS**

Right to Submit a Candidate Profile Statement (CPS)

- Every candidate for election to a District Health Board, or a City, District and Regional Council, may submit a CPS with their nomination paper (Section 61, Local Electoral Act). This is a permissive right – it is not mandatory to submit a CPS.
- Where a candidate is standing for two or more offices, eg, Councillor and DHB member– he/she may submit a CPS for each office (Clause 26, Local Electoral Regulations).

Candidate Profile Statement Conditions

- Under Section 61(2)(a) and (3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and Clause 27 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, a CPS:
 - (a) if in Maori and/or English, must not exceed 150 words in each of the languages used in the CPS. The information contained in each language must be substantially consistent with the information contained in the other language.
 - (b) if in any other language, must not exceed 150 words or their equivalent if symbols are used rather than words including any translation of these words. Where a CPS is in a language other than English or Maori, the candidate is asked to provide a translation of the CPS in English for verification of content. This translation is not published with the CPS.
- Every CPS must be submitted before noon on 20th August 2010 and does not have to be submitted with the candidate's nomination form (Section 61(2)(b)).
- The content of a CPS under Section 61(2)(c) must be confined to information:
 - (a) concerning the candidate (including any affiliation made in the nomination paper or status as an independent and the candidate's contact details).
 - (b) on the candidate's policies and intentions if elected.
- A CPS **cannot** be used to comment on the policies, performance, etc, of any other candidate.
- A CPS may include a recent photograph of the candidate alone which:
 - (a) must be approximately 50mm by 40mm (passport size); and
 - (b) as a general guide, has been taken within 12 months of the candidate's date of nomination
 - (c) can be supplied electronically as a JPEG scanned at 300dpi
 (Section 61(2)(e) and Regulation 28)
- Candidates are asked to submit two passport-size photographs with their nomination. Their name should be clearly printed on the reverse side of both copies.

Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of Electoral Officers in respect of Candidate Profile Statements

- Where an Electoral Officer is not satisfied that a CPS complies with Section 61(2) and (3), he/she must return the CPS to the candidate specifying:

- (a) the concerns and reasons for them; and
- (b) the period, which must be not less than 3 days from the date of the CPS's return, within which an amended CPS may be resubmitted.

(Section 61(4))

- A candidate will be treated as having failed to provide a CPS if under Section 61(4) he or she:
 - (a) fails to submit an amended CPS within the period specified by the Electoral Officer; or
 - (b) submits an amended CPS, which in the Electoral Officer's opinion, still fails to comply with Section 61(2) and (3).
 (Section 61(5))
- It is important to note that under Section 61(6), the Electoral Officer:
 - (a) is not required to verify or investigate any information in a CPS.
 - (b) may include in or with any CPS a disclaimer concerning the accuracy of the information in the CPS.
 - (c) is not liable in respect of:
 - any statement in or omitted from a CPS; or
 - the work of a prudently selected translator; or
 - the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on the Electoral Officer under Section 61.

Distribution of Candidate Profile Statements

- Section 62 and Regulation 29 requires the Electoral Officer to send with the voting documents, all CPSs that comply with Section 61. In addition, a local authority or District Health Board may display CPSs at its offices, or service centres, and publish them on its website in any appropriate manner.
- The photographs of candidates are likely to be reproduced in black and white (not colour) and in a slightly reduced size.
- Any failure by an Electoral Officer to comply with Section 62 will not invalidate the election.
- If there is no profile statement or photo from a candidate, then the following text will be printed in the profile book.
"No Profile Statement and/or Photo provided."

Format of Candidate Profile Statements

- English text statements must be in plain text with no special formatting, e.g.:
 - (a) no special formatting (bold, italic, underline etc)
 - (b) no tabs
 - (c) no quote marks
 - (d) no accent marks (this restriction is in English text only)
 - (e) no bullet points