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**At the Free Speech Union we believe that free speech is the foundation on which our liberal democracy is based and that these views should be reflected in our political representatives.**

Kiwis deserve to know whether their political representatives will respect or harm their right to speak and believe. In the spirit of free speech, we have let the candidates speak for themselves on a number of key free speech issues, both nationally and in local government, alongside presenting our stance on these issues.

In making this report, the Free Speech Union sent a questionnaire to all candidates with emails published on council websites. Below are all the responses we received, sorted by region\*. We have also included in some regions cases of some candidates' involvement on issues of free speech.

The Free Speech Union would never dream of telling its supporters who they should vote for, but we hope that the following will be kept in mind as Kiwi's once again choose who will represent them and make decisions on their behalf, for the better of a local democracy that values a plurality of voices and views, and one where mayors and councillors will not throw their weight around to suppress dissent or the voices of those they disagree with.

\*Candidates wrote the answers to the questions presented by the Free Speech Union, and are therefore responsible for the answer and any typos present.

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# THE QUESTIONS WE ASKED, AND WHERE WE STAND ON THEM

The following views are based on how we believe the principles of free speech are best fulfilled in a local government context. We understand that these (naturally) include contentious areas of debate and expect that some of our supporters will disagree with us on some points. Ultimately, however, is the necessity for allowing the speech of others to be heard, even if we disagree strongly with what those views are.

## **IN PRINCIPLE, DO YOU SUPPORT FREEDOM OF SPEECH (AS IN THE FREEDOM TO PROFESS ANY IDEA WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING PROSECUTED OR UNDULY PUNISHED)?**

We wouldn't be the Free Speech Union if we didn't at least affirm this one. We believe free speech is the foundation of our liberal democracy. People should be free to profess any idea without fear of prosecution or being unduly punished. This does not mean freedom from any consequences, as in response to someone's speech others may use their speech (such as voting with their wallets) to disagree, but, with very few, well defined, exceptions (such as defamation and blackmail), it should not be for the State to decide what speech is and isn't allowed, and people should be encouraged to tolerate a wide range of ideas that may differ from their own.

## **DO YOU SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF 'HATE SPEECH' LAWS IN NEW ZEALAND AS PROPOSED BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE?**

This question may not relate specifically to the functions of local government, but it is a crucial question in the New Zealand political sphere and voters deserve to know where their candidates stand on the ability for government to restrict the speech of citizens. All too often, speech being called "hateful" is used as a justification for the suppression of the voices of others, including at the local government level. It is critical that "hate speech" laws are not implemented and having a wide political base of opposition to them will be critical in having them shelved (again).

## **HAVE YOU EVER, OR WOULD YOU, LODGE A CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER COUNCILLOR FOR SPEECH THAT YOU DISAGREED WITH?**

Recently, council "codes of conduct" have been repeatedly weaponised against local government representatives for their speech and the views they hold. Through vague and broad wording codes of conduct are used to silence and censure councillors who whistleblow on local government issues and express controversial opinions. We believe that they are undemocratic and for the proper functioning of local democracies councillors and mayors must commit to not abusing their codes of conduct for the purpose of silencing opponents and furthering their own political agendas.

Note- responses to this question with an \* were responses to whether the candidate *had* lodged a complaint for another's speech and are not to be read as future commitments.

## **WOULD YOU ALLOW TERFS (TRANS-EXCLUSIONARY RADICAL FEMINISTS) TO BOOK AND SPEAK IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED MEETING ROOMS?**

As focal points of a contentious modern debate, events by gender critical groups such as Speak Up For Women have regularly been denied the use of council facilities on the basis of the "offense" and "harm" their views may cause. The Free Speech Union have repeatedly gone out to bat for the right of these groups to hold events discussing their views, with successes such as in *Speak Up For Women v Palmerston North City Council*, but members of local government continue to oppose the use of facilities by SUFW and similar groups.

The Free Speech Union was originally founded as the Free Speech Coalition in the wake of the cancelling of a controversial event by a local government, and this work continues to be an integral part of what we do. In some responses candidates claim that councillors have no control over which groups get to use council facilities for events. That may be the case for some regions, but in our experience it's not for a lack of many of them trying.

**WOULD YOU ALLOW FOR GROUPS ADVOCATING EITHER FOR OR OPPOSED TO ABORTION ON DEMAND TO BOOK AND SPEAK IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED MEETING ROOMS?**

Another area of heated debate, the views of “pro-life” and “pro-choice” kiwis are often deeply held and irreconcilable. When “harm” is used as a justification for suppressing the views of others, it is easy to see how either side of this debate could apply it here, be the “harm” against women, or the unborn. We believe that no matter how strongly the views of either side are held, they cannot deny the voice of their opponents in this debate, no matter how egregious they believe those views to be.

**WOULD YOU ALLOW DRAG QUEENS TO HOLD ‘STORY TIME’ EVENTS IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED LIBRARIES?**

The cancelling of and debate around ‘story time’ events by drag queens in libraries is not yet as prominent in New Zealand as it has been overseas, yet nonetheless it has caused some controversy so far, and we anticipate that drag queen story time events will face resistance.

Much like how religious groups often target messaging at children, which is a valid form of speech, the use of “story time” events by LGBT groups to teach children about gender diversity is also a valid form of speech. Where the content remains appropriate for children and attendance is voluntary (as we expect it would always be in public libraries) then drag queens should be free to speak on their identity, and parents should be free to allow their children to hear about it.

**WOULD YOU ALLOW GROUPS EITHER FOR OR OPPOSED TO CO-GOVERNANCE OR MAORI WARDS TO BOOK AND SPEAK IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED VENUES?**

With a national debate on the role of Māori in the constitutional make-up of local government being particularly prominent this election, we believe it is important that councils allow groups on either side of the debate to freely have their say, including in council venues. Accusations of “racism” and “dictatorship” may abound, but they cannot be justifications for the suppression of speech.

# CANDIDATES RESPONSES

## ASHBURTON DISTRICT

Name	Free Speech Union Member?	Support Freedom of Speech?	Support extension of "hate speech" laws?	Would lodge a code of conduct complaint?	Would allow TERF events?	Would allow events around abortion debate?	Would allow drag queen 'story times'?	Would allow events around co-governance and Māori wards debate?	General comments
Jeffrey-robert Swindley									Free speech is the basis of democracy, as is freedom of choice.

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Michael Kampkes	No	Yes	No	I have not as I am not a sitting councillor. I would if the circumstances warranted it	Yes	Yes	Yes, sounds like a lot of fun	Yes	Now is a good time to review laws governing free speech to ensure this fundamental right is not being eroded, and I would advocate for that.
Gary Brown	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	As an elected member you should represent every constituent no matter what race, or agenda.
Dani Riekwel	No	Yes	Yes	Yes if it was hate speech	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mike Lee	No	Yes	No	Never	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I abhor the recent moves to cancel opinions and people because one disagrees with them.

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Tricia Cheel		Most definitely - but with the proviso that this applies to adults only.	No	N/A	Yes - if only adults present.	Yes - if only adults present.	No - libraries are open to children who do not need to be sexualised beyond their years.	Yes	The qualification I give to free speech is that it is amongst consenting adults i.e. children are not subjected to, or even exposed to, behaviour that could traumatise or sexualise them at an inappropriate age.
Michael Morris	No	Yes	No. See my submission	No. Though I may tell them in no uncertain terms that they are an idiot.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Please see my submission.
Raymond Tan	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	The ability to freely express one's views without causing harm or incite violence to others is part of Democracy. If these two conditions are not met where the only intention is to create malice, individuals' freedom to stay safe must be protected by society (through the government) comes first.

### Extra notes:

• In 2021 local board member and current candidate Julie Fairey opposed SUFW using council venues to meet and celebrated their cancellation



• In 2021 mayoral candidate Michael Morris submitted against the Government "Hate Speech" proposals as part of his work with animal rights groups Direct Action Everywhere. His submission can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4ixbrgfh843vvyt/Submission%20on%20hate%20speech.docx?dl=0>

## BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL

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Bryan Deuchar	No	Yes	Yes	Nona	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Jos Nagels	No	Yes but must be honest and truthful	Not really, seems a bit too far away from democracy	No	Only on neutral subjects, radical agendas belong elsewhere	No, as this is not Council business	No	Probably yes, but not "rabble rousers". Speakers there on their own merits	It goes a bit deeper on what is said, it is often judged on how it is reported in the news
Ron Scott	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	While adults can choose who they listen to and weigh up the information provided in clearly political events, I think it is appropriate that Council is more circumspect when it comes to using Council facilities to covertly influence children.
Murray White	No	Yes	No	Don't be ridiculous		Yes	No	Yes	



**CARTERTON DISTRICT**

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Steve Laurence	No	Yes	No	Fire in a theatre?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Greg Lang (Mayor of Carterton)	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We should all be able to express who we are, were we have come from and what we. aspire to be
Amdy Rogers	No	Yes within reason	Yes	Depending on the comments. If its just a differing opinion then no, if it is hate speech or comments with the purpose of provocation and unjust behaviour then yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

## CHRISTCHURCH CITY

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Kelly Barber	No	Yes	Its early days. I want to see the where the line is drawn. There is a big difference between expressing an opinion and inciting violence.	It depends what they said but generally I support a persons right to believe what they want and express that.	everyone should be treated equally	everyone should be treated equally	everyone should be treated equally	everyone should be treated equally	We should always be allowed to disagree with each other and express our opinions but there will always be a line that as a society we decide is unacceptable to cross. I think most of us know where that is.
Mike Wilson	Yes	Yes	No	Outside of Threats, abuse, offensive language legislation - No.	Yes	Yes	Drag Queens are adult entertainment - the audience should be adults!	Yes	It is healthy for opinions to be aired and debated. It is due to Lauren Southern & Stephan Molyneux being cancelled from an Auckland Council venue that I became a champion of free speech.
Kevin List	No	I support keeping the laws we have currently (status quo)	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Yes. I believe in free speech.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech shouldn't be a left or right issue. If the laws are progressed I'm definitely on the Free Speech Union's side! Thanks for the opportunity.
Drucilla Kingi-Patterson	No	Yes It helps us develop as a nation	No certain people wont to control creative thought	no I may not agree we all come together from different backgrounds	the cost of extra security may mean we can not.	the cost of extra security may mean we can not	Advice from head team ,policy,budget.	Advice from head team, policy, budget	judge only case by case

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Mark Chirnside	No	Yes	Not as proposed	It would have to be a quite extreme scenario. I do not want to censor my opponents.	This is a group I strongly condemn, but I don't think it's my job as mayor to make these kinds of calls, or decide who is or isn't from a certain group.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	I want to be an inclusive candidate that can speak for everyone, even if I find their views repulsive. I just don't think my job as mayor will be the job of censor.
The wizard of nz	No	Yes	Definitely no. This is government censorship based on their own totalitarian political ideology. The present laws already cover incitement to violence etc.	No	Yes if they have previously acted in accordance with the law	Yes ditto	No if any children are expected to attend. This is definitely*not* A free speech issue	Yes if they have no previous record of anti pakeha or anti-māori bullying	*Since 1974 I have done more for free speech in nz than anyone else and with no support from civil liberties groups* *whom I have learned not to trust*
Fiona Jones	No	Yes	No	No	For free speech to apply you need to allow anyone to speak otherwise you stop it for anyone	As Ive said for free speech to be continue anyone should be allowed to speak but can be held accountable if they are breaking the law	Yes if the library has it worked into their programs but would as then be respectful of the environment and be a bit more muted like anyone presenting in a library and in front of children.	Yes as everyone is allowed an opportunity to have their say.	For free speech to continue anyone should be allowed to speak but should be stopped if they are intimidating people, nit being respectful, making people feel clearly unsafe or encouraging violence or riots.

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Luke Jones	No	Yes. To a point. See comments in final section for clarification	Yes	No. Disagreement will often lead to compromise and consensus; therefore good public policy. Speech that breaks the law however, yes I would lodge a complaint.	If it is council policy to allow groups to book and speak in council rooms, they should (like all groups) be allowed to do so. However, if they breach conditions set by council and/or break the law with their activities then they could be refused entry on following occasions.	If it is council policy to allow groups to book and speak in council rooms, they should (like all groups) be allowed to do so. However, if they breach conditions set by council and/or break the law with their activities then they could be refused entry on following occasions.	Yes, absolutely	If it is council policy to allow groups to book and speak in council rooms, they should (like all groups) be allowed to do so. However, if they breach conditions set by council and/or break the law with their activities then they could be refused entry on following occasions.	I agree that free speech is a critical aspect of our democratic society. However, the right to free speech is neither superior or inferior to other fundamental rights held by people in Aotearoa. When free speech infringes on another's right to safety (for example), I have a problem with that. This is different to taking offence, and have already highlighted that disagreement can be a good thing, but have no tolerance for hate speech and speech designed to harm others.
Sam MacDonald	No	Yes	No	No*	Anyone can book meeting rooms, provided the activity is not for illegal purposes	Anyone can book meeting rooms, provided the activity is not for illegal purposes	Anyone can book meeting rooms, provided the activity is not for illegal purposes	Anyone can book meeting rooms, provided the activity is not for illegal purposes	
James Gough	No	Yes	No	Highly unlikely!	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Sam lu	No	Yes	I have concerns that there are perspective which remain underexplored.	No, not for speech.	No I would not if there are no precedent	No I would not if there are no precedent	No I would not.	Yes I would.	

## CLUTHA DISTRICT

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Paul Hanlon	No	Absolutely	No	Would depend on the subject and whether it was a personal attack	Yes all voices have a right to be heard just as I have the right to disagree yes	Yes	Noyes	Yesno	No
Phil Barrett	Yes	Yes freedom of speech is the cornerstone of democracy	I do not support the laws as written, I don't believe in abuse or harassment but we already have laws to combat these situations	I would consider complaining on the grounds of mis truths or deception,	Im fairly certain all members of the public are entitled to speak at a public council meeting	Im sure all members of the public can speak at council meetings	Im note familiar with story time events, i would think there would be guidelines for all presenters.	Any groups or members of the public are entitled to speak at council meetings regardless of what the group opposes or agrees with	Freedom of speech is just that, people should be allowed to agree oppose or debate anything that effects there life ,if we stop that then its not Freedom of speech its something else
Lynelle Barrett	No	Yes, I believe to have a free voice, to say what you need to validates us in life.	There must be balance, between the right to express and actual hate. I believe laws exist now against abuse. I am concerned that the Ministry of Justice proposal may shackle free speech. I support the extension of 'hate speech laws' in the realm of social media and feel these attitudes do need addressed in society today. Provisions for open dialogue still need to exist within the proposal.	Perhaps, it would depend if it was hurtful or offensive to others. There may sometimes be things I disagree with, but I may not necessarily be right. I think there has to be flexibility. If conduct was breached by a Councillor I would consider a complaint within the context of the event.	Yes, I believe points of view from all people should be allowed at Council Rooms.	Yes, I believe all people and views should be entitled to be represented at Council Rooms.	Any story time event must be appropriate for the ages and public involved, on that basis I would allow drag queens or anyone else to hold story time events in Council controlled libraries.	Yes, Council Rooms are for us all and should be available for all views.	It is a shame in this day and age we have to put formal controls on free speech. Controls should not shackle opinion but rather protect from harm, particularly in the realms of Social Media. Free speech given genuinely with respect and inclusion is a wonderful tool for decision making and growth in our society. I totally support peoples' right to speak and share their views and long may it last.

## DUNEDIN CITY

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Richard Seager	No	Yes	No	No	TERFs is a derogatory and mostly sexist term so I don't think that you should even use it. But yes (and I've been called a TERF many times myself despite being male)	Yes	No	Yes	There are obvious limits on free speech (don't shout fire in a theatre) but the current attempts by this government to shut it down using subjective criteria are not the acts of a government that either respects free speech or democracy. And I have only ever voted Labour or Greens.
Lynnette Scott	No	Mostly but not if it is racist, sexist or disrespects any religion	Yes	Yes	No - this would be hate speech	Yes	Yes	Yes - there needs to be more discussion	I believe in free speech as long as it is not hate speech
Mandy Mayhem Bullock	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ( but only once per person on any subject as per public forum rules)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tracey Pita	Yes	I absolutely support freedom of speech. People have to be free to share and converse without the fear of being prosecuted or unduly punished. When extensive rules are applied to situations, it's like telling your child "don't touch that hot oven" - it provokes curiosity. People can actually manage themselves pretty fine, however there are others that believe if there aren't rules for everything, people will go crazy with the freedom - I know it works just the opposite.	No	If their speech contained disinformation - which is when information shared is know to be untrue and is still shared. Or if their speech discriminated against persons.	I do find the acronym TERF rather abrupt. I believe everyone should be given the time and space to be heard.	As above, I believe everyone should be given the time and space to be heard.	I believe the question should be why just drag queens? There needs to be a balanced view of who we allow to influence our children. And then it would be up to the individual parents.	As above questions, I believe everyone should be given the time and space to be heard.	Thank you you for this opportunity.

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Randal Scott	No	Yes	Yes	Highly unlikely.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Robyn McLean	No	In principle, yes as long as the speech is not breaching any current NZ law and the person speaking is also willing to support all other people's freedom of speech.	Yes	Not based on simply disagreeing with the speech, I would lodge a complaint if the speech breached any laws or human rights, or i saw that it specifically caused damage to other members of our community	My opinion is that it is NOT the role of a DCC counsellor to make this decision, I would support the DCC CEO and Staff's policies around this.	My opinion is that it is NOT the role of a DCC counsellor to make this decision, I would support the DCC CEO and Staff's policies around this.	My opinion is that it is NOT the role of a DCC counsellor to make this decision, I would support the DCC CEO and Staff's policies around this.	My opinion is that it is NOT the role of a DCC counsellor to make this decision, I would support the DCC CEO and Staff's policies around this.	I believe in free speech that is not hurtful or violent and I believe there are always ways to communicate that are not hurtful to others, you must be respectful of everyone who lives in or visits our city. I also expect that anyone who wishes to be heard must also be willing to listen and be open minded to others opinions. Anyone who wants freedom of speech must be supportive of every other person's right to free speech. "I disapprove of what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it." (Voltaire)

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Chriss Hamilton	No	Yes... except Hate Speech...I do not support hate speech in any form.	I think there should be an internationally recognized legal definition of "hate speech". I would like to see hate speech clarified in legislation, internationally and within the NZ context. Work is underway to do that and I support that initiative.	I will be taking a principled approach and focus on the situation under debate, rather than the person delivering the speech. I will not be making threats to other Councillors; but I will indeed formally seek to censure any Councillor who threatens me or my family. Nobody has the right to endanger me or my family; nor will personal harassment ever be acceptable.	No. I would uphold our current Human Rights legislation and promote inclusion of all society's members. I can only do that by ensuring exclusion groups like TERFs are unsupported.	No. The correct place would be to have this debated by medical professionals through academic research, published articles and public academic lectures. If the conversation is lead by non-health professionals or by religion representatives, then the correct place to have that conversation is in their churches. I am for a strict separation of "Church" and "State".	Yes. Drag Queens are part of society and I am inclusive of their rights to participate. Attendance is not compulsory and your freedom of choice (i.e. to attend or not) is not impacted by the event itself.	Meetings intent on discussing governance structures and representation should be able to take place. But any meeting with an agenda to exclude, limit or otherwise hamper Māori participation in governance would be a breach of Te Tiriti O Waitangi.	With great freedom comes great responsibility. Freedom of expression and "free speech", as with everything, has its own consequences and rightly so. Being free to speak does not exempt you from those consequences. Your choice... BTW, did you know that New Zealand is already one of the free-est countries on the planet? This link explains why... <a href="https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/freedom-index-by-country">https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/freedom-index-by-country</a>
Cherry Lucas	No	Yes	Yes	Yes if it was appalling and broke the Code of Conduct	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I support a free speech environment
Bill Acklin	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Peter Barron	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	



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Chris McBride	No	Yes I do.	No I do not.	I haven't and I wouldn't.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I believe everyone should have the right to free speech. We will not always agree with each other but that is the joy of being a member of society. It takes different views and beliefs to make a vibrant and interesting world.

### Extra notes:

• Councillor David Benson-Pope has been reported to liberally mute other councillors while chairing virtual meetings, suppressing dissent over Council decisions.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/councillor-ejected-meeting-over-%E2%80%98dictatorship%E2%80%99-comment>

• Mayor Aaron Hawkins has been accused by other councillors of blocking opposition to Three Waters Reforms.

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/dcc/council-schism-over-three-waters-broad>



## ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY REGIONAL

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David East	No	Yes	No	No	No, unless it was related to an item on the agenda	No, unless it was related to an item on the agenda	No, unless it was related to a item on the agenda	If the matter was being debated in council - Yes	Totally agreeable to freedom of speech in the appropriate context. Councils have many items to focus on and unless an item such as has been identified above was on an agenda, I am not in favour of non core business discussions being raised without due connection to an agenda
Roy Snow	No	Yes		No ( although this could be situation dependent)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ian Mackenzie	No	Yes	No	No	I think we probably have some of them as councillors. I'd love to ban them	Yes but not relevant to what we do	Yes	Yes	No

## FAR NORTH DISTRICT

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Rachel Smith	No	In a way that is respectful and considerate of differing views, and the people that are on the receiving end	I don't have enough information to establish an Opinion on this.	No	As long as they were transparent around Their intended messaging, and Considerate harm that their messaging May cause, as well as inclusive with Attendance (open public forum)	As long as they were transparent around Their intended messaging, and Considerate harm that their messaging May cause, as well as inclusive with Attendance (open public forum)	Absolutely	As long as they were transparent around Their intended messaging, and Considerate harm that their messaging May cause, as well as inclusive with Attendance (open public forum)	

**GISBORNE DISTRICT**

Name	Free Speech Union Member?	Support Freedom of Speech?	Support extension of "hate speech" laws?	Would lodge a code of conduct complaint?	Would allow TERF events?	Would allow events around abortion debate?	Would allow drag queen 'story times'?	Would allow events around co-governance and Māori wards debate?	General comments
Jordan Walker	No	Yes. I think that everyone is an autonomous individual, and they can voice whatever they like - whether I find it intolerant or not is another matter. I try not to take on board anything someone says that may be offensive. That's their business.	Yes	Yes - in the realm of the Council, we are supposed to work together to represent our community. If any harmful words were used to discriminate against a member of council or community members, I would.	Yes, everyone deserves space to speak.	Yes, everyone deserves space to speak.	Yes, everyone deserves space to speak.	Yes, everyone deserves space to speak.	
Dennis Patrick Pennefather	No		Absolutely. As part of my campaign and even before hand I have been very vocal about the right to free speech in this country. I believe in the old adage. 'I may not agree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it'	No,	Would allow any group who were not overtly disruptive or violent.	Yes, that is a free speech right.	Of course. - why not?	Yes, provided discourse did not descent into racist language or threats and intimidation.	Was not happy that Government through the police and Interpol excluded Avi Yemini from coming to this country to comment on political matters - Not because I necessarily agree with what he says, but it is bad to exclude any commentators. Let the people decide what credence to give to such commentators, not stifle free speech.
Peter Jones									Free speech is dear to my heart and I support your right to say what you like.

# GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL

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Tracey Buick	No	Yes. Absolutely.	Not at this time.	Yes I probably would if I felt that another Councillor was personally maligning someone else.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	One of the main reasons that I am standing as a candidate for local governance is to ensure that free speech continues and returns to being honoured. Thank you for your support of the right of people to express their own opinion.
Ros Connelly	No	No. I think that speech that hurts others should be regulated.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	The Regional Council does not provide public meeting spaces. So have answered as if I was standing for a city council. I think that TERFs, whose sole aim is to exclude and marginalise transgender people, are in a separate category from people who want to discuss abortion or Māori wards. As such I would be happy the with the latter two using Council space, but not the former.
Leigh Catley	No	I support free speech. Not disinformation, misinformation and hate speech.	Yes	No	No. Council facilities are about being inclusive.	Yes. I don't agree with one but you can't exclude both.	Yes that sounds like great fun.	Yes	I trained and worked as a journalist for 10 years. I work now as a professional communicator and advocate. I believe in the power of speech but it is a power that needs to be controlled, at best via social licence, at worst via legislation.

# GREY DISTRICT

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Timothy Mora	No	Yes	No	No	In principle yes but the choice of Council controlled rooms would be a political decision used to infer Council support	Similar to above. In principle yes but the choice of Council controlled rooms would be a political decision used to infer Council support.	That's a decision for library staff and library policies.	Yes.	The principles of free speech are clear but it's more complicated than that. As stated above the decision to try and use Council facilities for events is often to infer Council support for a cause to those who might not appreciate the principles of free speech. You'll get flack either way.

## HAMILTON CITY

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Jack Gielen	Yes	Yes I do	no	Yes i have	I am pro diversity not extremism	Yes	Yes	Yes i would	Freedom of speech is essential for true democracy
Jose Gonzalez	No	In principle, I support freedom of speech.	I support this extension as long as the outcomes proposed to promote social cohesion and stand against language/ conducts that harms ALL New Zealanders is achieved. This is yet to be witnessed.	I have never done this as I haven't been a Councillor in the past. However, if a councillor or mayor is in serious breach of the code of conduct (code) and attempts have been made to resolve the matter without success, I would lodge a complaint. However, this is only if the speech used is hateful, discriminatory an/or racist.	It depends on the scope of their public hearing/ presentation. If it was to promote hatred towards the transgender community, I wouldn't support it.	It depends on the scope of their public hearing/ presentation. If it was to promote hatred towards those that are pro-abortion as legally allowed in NZ then no. I do believe that evidence-based debate about this topic should be supported.	I would support this as long as boundaries and limits are clearly set for different audiences (I.e. story times with children need to be family friendly).	Yes, I would allow this, noting that I have a view on this matter already.	
Michael West	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

## HASTINGS DISTRICT

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Melanie Petrowski	Yes	Yes of course. It is a fundamental right in a free and democratic society.	No way. It's a slippery slope. One day they may even say The Holy Bible is hate speech and ban it and Christianity altogether.	It depends what is said. If it's not about killing, stealing or destroying there would be no need to.	Yes.	Yes it's a part of having an open democracy.	I do not support paying transsexuals to read to and perform in front of children as I don't see it as free speech but indoctrination.	Sure why not?	I'm not saying transsexuals have no right to free speech.

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Kim Priest	No	Yes, provided it does not create the incitement of hatred against a group based on a shared characteristic, such as ethnicity, religion or sexuality, is an attack on our values of inclusiveness and diversity. Such incitement is intolerable and has no place in our society.	Yes, It is too easy to use the term 'freedom of speech' to incite hatred amongst groups or members. You can have a view, you can state your view, but you do not have the right to impose your view and force others to listen, take on board or abide by your view.	Yes, if it amounted to 'hate speech'	No, a this is a well documented 'hate speech' group that through words, attempts to downgrade, smear, diminish and attack the social standing of another group of human beings. No!	Yes, provided neither side was attempting to incite the exclusion of the views of the other side.	Yes! In fact, I would love to develop more events for the rainbow community.	Yes, provided neither side was attempting to incite the exclusion of the views of the other side.	Free speech is a right. 'Imposing' a view is not. Protesting something you do not agree with is a right. Forcing your opinions by unlawful means is not (including unlawful occupation)
Simon Nixon	No	I support free speech provided it does not limit the free speech of others	I am opposed to hate speech	No I am strongly opposed and have voted against	I don't know who they are	Yes almost certainly	I don't know enough about drag queens and the possible implications of such a move	Yes	Often it is not the ideas that are undesirable but the language used to express the ideas. People with strong ideas can show great intolerance of others. The right to speak needs to be balanced with an obligation to listen to others with differing ideas.
Gilly Lawrence	No	Yes	Yes	Possibly	Apologies as I don't understand what a TERF is.	Potentially	Potentially	Potentially	One has to be careful when treading the line that separates free speech and hate speech, I believe everyone has the right to speak freely but not everyone should. Opinions are like a\$\$holes, everybody has one but that doesn't automatically make them right.

## HAWKES BAY DISTRICT

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Craig Foss	No	Yes	No	No regarding content, but If behaviour or delivery was out of order, then I may.	No idea what that group is about , but that is the point! If the question is about access to council owned public space, such as a hall, normally used for similar type gatherings, then the facility should be open to any and all groups to meet.	If the question is about access to council owned public space, such as a hall, normally used for similar type gatherings, then the facility should be open to any and all groups to meet.	The mind boggles but as long as the rights of others, or children are not impinged upon then yes.	If the question is about access to council owned public space, such as a hall, normally used for similar type gatherings, then the facility should be open to any and all groups to meet.	The principal is easy. The challenge is for everyone to adhere to the principal, respect and acknowledge that different points and perspectives are possible and "allowed".

## HORIZONS REGIONAL

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Don Ravine	No	Yes, as long as you are being truthful	I don't know what the extensions are.	Unlikely, unless I knew he/she was being deliberately dishonest.	I know nothing about those people.	Yes	That would depend on content, not the person.	Yes	There is a lot of hypocrisy around what constitutes hate speech in NZ. If you are defending long-held values, it's not hate.



## HOROWHENUA DISTRICT

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Donald Hayes	No	yes		no	yes	yes	no	yes	no
Athol Kirk	No	Yes, I do support freedom of speech	No one who truly supports freedom of speech can either support or oppose that extension	Highly unlikely	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech must be balanced with respect of the audience
Rogan Boyle	No	In principle, yes.	I support an extension of laws to prevent hate speech - The format of this needs to be done very carefully.	Have not and would not.	Not if the subject matter were that, there are ample private venues they can choose to use. If it was for other purposes then yes.	Not if the subject matter were that, there are ample private venues they can choose to use. If it was for other purposes then yes.	Yes.	Not if the subject matter were that, there are ample private venues they can choose to use. If it was for other purposes then yes.	My views are clear - They don't align with FSU, and I'm happy with that.

## HUTT CITY

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Simon Edwards	No	I support the principle of free speech but I do not believe someone who advocates violence, hatred or discrimination against any person, group of people, gender, etc. should be immune from penalty or prosecution.	Yes	No*	Yes, so long as the meeting was open to all	Yes, so long as the meeting was open to all	Yes	Yes, so long as the meeting was open to all	

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Peter Fraser	No	Yes	Yes	Not been on a Council so first question is irrelevant. Second question is speculative and I simply don't know.	I have never heard of this group so cannot comment.	I can't see why not.	I can't see why not.	I can't see why not.	Free speech also comes with obligations. It isn't an unfettered right.
Prabha Ravi	No								My answer is yes to all of the above as long as it is respectful and without any personal agenda. It is always good to hear different perspectives to allow the elected members to understand the rationale. The underlying point in all this is being respectful and being there to voice your views to provide clarity on the why.
Rob Macdonald	No	Yes	Not fully informed on content to comment if "the extension" is sensible or needed	That would depend on the COC and the words/ context. In extreme circumstances I could not rule that out	Mine would only be one vote in 13 - but if their actions are lawful & they are peaceful yes	Answer as above	Answer as above	Yes	Free speech is a "right" but it must be exercised lawfully, including to advocate change but not to incite hatred/ violence / a crime

### Extra notes:

- In 2021 Hutt City Mayor Campbell Barry opposed the use of council venues by Speak Up For Women, posting on Facebook "If this group needs a venue in the Hutt, I've got some nice new waste bins they can use?"

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/speak-up-for-women-controversy-billboard-removed-mayor-apologises/CGUGDIAATDU3CCE56TUMCMJOQM/>



**INVERGARGILL CITY**

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Terry King	No	I support freedom of speech as a democratic right		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	My answer is yes to all of the above as long as it is respectful and without any personal agenda. It is always good to hear different perspectives to allow the elected members to understand the rationale. The underlying point in all this is being respectful and being there to voice your views to provide clarity on the why.
Kevin Mulrooney	No	Yes as long as others aren't abused or ridiculed	Yes	Depends how serious it was	no	Yes	Yes	Yes	Do TERF's shame others or bully/ ridicule them into their way of thinking?
Noel. J. Peterson	No	Yes	Undecided - need more detail - opposed to hate & bullying..	No	Currently not my call - no issues with anyone speaking.	Currently not my call - no issues with anyone speaking.	Currently not my call - but no issue with anyone reading.	Currently not my call - no issue with anyone speaking.	Free speech is something I stand up for, though some forms of hate and bullying are an exception.
Malcolm Loan	No	Yes	No	No, only if the statement is untrue or defamatory	Probably- I don't know this group	Yes	Probably	Yes	I have been cautious with two of my answers. I have no concern with meetings where subject matter is advertised, and for people you freely attend. Where children may attend, parents should have the opportunity to decide whether it is appropriate for their children to attend.

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Nobby Clark	No	Yes - so long as it does not involve hate speech	Yes	No	Yes - everyone has a right to free speech	Yes - we have hall and meeting spaces for hire	Yes	Yes	All groups in our society have a voice and we should not suppress that by way of withholding access to facilities. We have struggled with antivax factions who want to promote their message as council and government have opposing messages.
Jacqueline Walter	No	Yes, unequivocally, so long as this is free from threats to physically kill or physically maim or maim	NO	As an 'outsider' presently I am advising my community about bullying from one of their elected leaders. As an elected leader, no, I would not lodge a complaint if it's only words against me.	Of course, yes, if these spaces are generally available for public bookings.	Of course, yes, if these spaces are generally available for public bookings.	Yes, and I would always attend as a matter of priority.	Of course, yes, if these spaces are generally available for public bookings.	Let's move forward with common sense.

### KAIKOURA DISTRICT

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Ted Howard	No	Yes, provided only that the idea is not a direct threat to the life or liberty of anyone else.	No - but I do support cooperation and tolerance of diversity.	Only if that speech was an unreasonable threat to the life or liberty of someone else. And that seems highly improbable.	Yes. Might ask them to stop saying some things.	Yes, if the topic was relevant to some council decision - which seems unlikely in this town.	Our library is a quiet place, but in other rooms - don't see why not.	Yes, but might ask them to leave if they started inciting racial hatred, rather than arguing points of constitutional law.	My highest values are life and liberty, in that order. Life is very complex, and has many sets of boundaries that must be respected for it to continue. Liberty must not cross any of those boundaries, but beyond that, liberty is essentially the ability to search for the survivable, and is an essential part of life....

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Ted Howard									... In a sense, I view life itself as "search"; thus there is a sense in which liberty is a fundamental aspect of life. But at our level of complexity, liberty without responsibility is necessarily destructive.

### KAIPARA DISTRICT

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Mark Vincent	No	In principle , yes unless the statements are defamatory or threatening actual violence	Not that familiar with proposal, but from what I can recall, they are entering on dodgy ground. I can recall	Haven't lodged a complaint but would if I thought they had breached the CoC. It would not be simply because I disagreed with them.	refer back to question on freedom of speech	ditto	ditto	ditto	Freedom of speech does not exist in a vacuum; there must be limits to avoid anarchy and the loss of civilisation. That does not mean we all have to agree on everything. I think opposing views can be more positively handled by the parties using the words" I disagree" rather than "you're wrong". We have to accept the discomfort of opposing views in a civilised society which accepts the Rule of law.
Paturiri Toautu	No	Ae. Yes.	Ae, To a certain degree.	Perhaps. Depending upon what they said.	Depending upon what their korero is going to be about i.e. Relating to Kaipara council issues etc.	Depending upon what their korero is going to be about i.e. Relating to Kaipara council issues etc.	Kahore. No. There is a time and a place for that and libraries are not that place.	Ae. Yes.	All free speech needs to be respectful.

# KAPITI COAST DISTRICT

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Chris Mitchell	No	Yes	No	No	yes but I don't expect to be involved in bookings	yes as above	not sure that our libraries are performance venues	yes	any limit on free speech must be justified by real damage not disagreement or distaste
Murray Lobb	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am not a member of any radical group and do not support their ideology but I support the concept of free speech, without it mankind will cease to progress.
Ian Powell	No	Yes (recognising that rights have to be balanced by the effects on other people's rights)	Not sure. Must be careful about unintended consequences.	No	The same rights as other public groups.	See immediately above.	In principle yes. Treat consistently with other groups.	As above	No
Lawrence Kirby	No	Yes	No	That depends on what was said eg rude & disrespectful vs. Opinion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I support free speech unless it is disrespectful and rude. Sometimes it can be unnecessarily provocative and aimed at causing trouble which concerns me too.

## MACKENZIE DISTRICT

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Cameron Garner	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No - Freedom of speech does not extend to exposing children to such things.	Yes	

## MANAWATU DISTRICT

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Kerry Quigley	No	Yes	That depends on hate speech interpretation	No	Not sure about that one	Yes	I dont think we are ready for that yet No	Yes	Im all for free speech but not real hate speech
Shane Casey	No	Yes	At time of answering I have not read the proposed extension of 'hate speech'-so cant comment	No	Elected members have no control over who books rooms/spaces in council owned buildings. Would need to refer to the council CEO	Elected members have no control over who books rooms/spaces in council owned buildings. Would need to refer to the council CEO	This is an operational decision that council staff make, it would be over to library staff to allow or not allow	Elected members have no control over who books rooms/spaces in council owned buildings. Would need to refer to the council CEO	
Khan Ngarotata-Hansen	No	Yes, totally.	Yes. The incitement of hatred against a group based on a shared characteristic, such as ethnicity, religion, or sexuality, is an attack on our values of inclusiveness and diversity. Such incitement is intolerable and has no place in our society.	I would speak directly to the person, and let them know of my concerns before making any rational descisions regarding lodging of a complaint.	Yes, all views from anyone in the public should be voiced.	A logical starting place is the moment of conception. All views from anyone in the public or group should have an opportunity to be heard.	No. Everyone has the right to express themselves.	Yes, totally.	No further comments or answers.

## MASTERTON DISTRICT

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Jo Hayes	No	Yes	Yes	Depends on what they said and its relevance to the kaupapa	as long as they stay within the time allocation	as long as they stay within the time allocation	I don't see why not	as long as they stay within the time allocation	as long as there is respect between both parties
Bex Johnson	No	Yes.	I am unsure.	I haven't but I would if I felt it necessary.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.

## MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT

Name	Free Speech Union Member?	Support Freedom of Speech?	Support extension of "hate speech" laws?	Would lodge a code of conduct complaint?	Would allow TERF events?	Would allow events around abortion debate?	Would allow drag queen 'story times'?	Would allow events around co-governance and Māori wards debate?	General comments
Caleb J Ansell	No	Yes, unconditionally	No. Hate speech doesn't exist.	No. I would deal with the matter directly.	Yes. Free speech is for everyone.	Yes. Free speech is for everyone	Not for minors. Children can't consent to sexual content.	Yes. Free speech is for everyone.	Free speech is for everyone, except where the law is broken or it has a negative impact on children.
Sarah-Jane Bourne	No	Absolutely. How can we have constructive debates without the freedom to share ideas?!	No. It's an erosion of democracy.	No. Healthy debate should be encouraged, not hindered!	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Our voices matter!



## NAPIER CITY

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Annette Brosnan	No	Yes	Not sure	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No.
Leanne	No	Yes	No I do not feel they are necessary	No	Unsure who they are	No problem	No problem	Yes	No
Chad Tareha	No	Yes	I'm not too sure about this but will look into it.	No	Everyone has the right to speak in council	Everyone has the right to speak in council	I would abstain or oppose	Everyone has the right to speak in council controlled venues	I am a strong supporter of free speech and very vocal about it too
Greg "Grego" Mawson	No	Yes	No	No	It wouldn't be free speech if we didn't?	I don't see the relevance, but as per previous question, to uphold free speech, it's right to give everyone their time.	If they choose to? Never actually seen a drag queen in Napier to be honest haha.	Yes. Last year we had our Māori Ward hearings and no groups chose to oppose then, when it was public domain .	It's wrong for certain groups to be "offended" due to their choices being different to others. I support them being who they want to be, because that's a human right. However, if said groups need me to change the way I feel or say just for them then it's their issue, not mine. I treat others how I want to be treated but will not be a doormat.

# **NELSON CITY**

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Kerry Neal									If you care to look me up on Facebook under my name you will find answers to most of your questions
Rhys Bromell	No	Yes	No not in its current form	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I do not support any inciting of violence against others
Peter Win	No	100% just because someone has a different opinion then mine doesn't mean the are wrong	Not at all...	Never that's why Nelson isn't moving forward at the moment.	Everyone is aloud a opinion even if I don't agree	Everyone is aloud a opinion even if I don't agree	Everyone is aloud a opinion even if I don't agree	Everyone is aloud a opinion even if I don't agree	I'm extremely pro choice and believe everyone has something to give our community
Lyndell Dodunski	No	Absolutely!	A lot of grey areas and I see potential for persecution.	Not or a difference of opinion. Hateful defamation then yes.	Yes	Yes	If they're dressing up and reading a story then that's fine, if they start pushing lifestyle choices then no.	Yes	As long as you are not deliberate and calculated in hurting others or defaming, freedom of speech is important to every person. How else can we express anger or frustration at the powers that be?
Harvey Ruru	No	Yes with Te Tiriti o Waitangi Rights, NZBoR particularly Section 14, UNDRIP other UN & NZ legislation including Human Rights Act 1993 particularly but not only Part 6 Inciting Racial Disharmony	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I do not support any inciting of violence against others

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Zoe Byrne	Yes	Yes	No	It would have to be of a slander/libel standard or repeated personal harassment	Yes	Yes	No, not unless attendees were adults	Yes	Freely being able to discuss ideas can't be overstated in importance. In regards to council, I'd particularly like to advocate for the Code of Conduct to be reformed. It is so often weaponised.
Bernie Goldsmith	No	That depends. In Māori women Freedom of speech can be racist, discriminatory, sexist and damaging to a community as a whole	Again in Māori, giving a platform to let's face it privilege people to spread hate is not good for our community as a whole	No. That's petty and childish. But they probably lodge one against me	Not at this stage. The Nelson community is trying to adjust to change but it takes one step at a time. However, if this group invited me I would be more than happy to attend to hear what they say. I was in the women's refuge movement and we as Māori fought for equity and Māori working for Māori by Māori. We were deemed butch, men haters, lesbian	Same answer as above but I would include that I seek permission to attend these meetings and be able to present a report so in future the council could inform the community. We are elected to serve them as a whole and those on council should already know their views on certain matters. It would take time. Māori are not even there on council	Same answer.	Same answer and I am standing for the Māori ward. For the Māori ward there was a submission session in which I spoke only.	I have been to several council meetings and words such as free speech, woke pro choice, anti vax, pro vax are being bandied around like weapons. Māori are not in a privileged space to have these kind of words of weapons. The people who use these words are not concerned that a Māori woman has NEVER been in council in 145 years, they are not concerned that we have never been at the decision making table even though we have fought hard to get there. We give birth to our culture and nurture and raise our babies and yet we cannot still speak on the paepae. We have a long way to go before other rights are acknowledged. Kia kaha

## NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

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Joanne Kuvarji	No	Yes	Yes and no. I support what they are trying to do by minimising hate crimes associated with hate speech and morally, personally I don't believe anyone should be belittled for any reason. I however believe that each person has different upbringings, values and beliefs and is entitled to have different opinions. Just because a person does not think the same does not mean they are wrong just that their view is different.	If it promoted violence or impacts the safety of another person yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Everyone's view should be heard no matter the subject
Tane Webster	Yes	Yes.	No and I never will.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No, I don't think it is appropriate for young children to be exposed to that sort of content in a Council controlled library. My views on this issue align with the organization Family First NZ.	Yes.	

### Extra notes:

- Councillor Murray Chong in 2021 lodged a code of conduct complaint against another councillor for a conversation that councillor had in a pub.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/300446271/councillor-faces-censure-for-allegedly-calling-fellow-councillor-and-a-member-of-the-public-racists>



## NORTHLAND REGIONAL

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Tony Savage	No	yes	yes	no	dont know	yes	dont know	yes	
Penny Smart	No	Up to a point where it is not detrimental to the health and safety of others	Not up to date with them sorry	No*	there is a Council process for such requests. it would need to be relevant to the work and services that NRC provides	i would not consider this relevant re the above answer	Regional councils do not have responsibilities re libraries	They would be able to submit groups would be able to present at the next representation review	
Lesley Adcock	No	Free speech is one of the fundamental rights in our open democracy and is crucial in its protection. Having said that, free speech is not, and never has been, unlimited. The right to free expression must be balanced against the possibility of causing undue harm to other citizens who also have rights such as freedom from persecution and discrimination.t	This is not an NRC issue, and I do not have sufficient background on the detail to answer fully. However, I believe some limited change is probably useful, such as the extension of the prohibited grounds of discrimination to include "gender including gender expression and gender identity". In general, however, I would be cautious in over-legislating in this area as it may be that most current law, if fully applied, addresses issues of concern adequately.	If the grounds were simply disagreement, no. There would need to be a serious breach of Code of Conduct for me to contemplate lodging a complaint.	As far as I am aware, NRC does not have rooms available to be booked, so the issue does not arise.	As far as I am aware, NRC does not have rooms available to be booked, so the issue does not arise.	Not an NRC issue - libraries are a District Council matter.	As far as I am aware, NRC does not have rooms available to be booked, so the issue does not arise.	

**OTAGO REGIONAL**

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Bill Southworth	No	Yes	Depends on how the legislation is drafted.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	So far as proposed hate speech legislation is concerned we need to wait and see what form it takes. For example if it was banning speech likely to incite violence I would be for it. If it was too broad, I would be against it.
Elliot Weir	No	Yes	Yes	If it was getting in the way of our duties as a council I would try and resolve it with them first, then I would consider lodging a complaint.	The Otago Regional Council does not have any meeting rooms available for public use	The Otago Regional Council does not have any meeting rooms available for public use	The Otago Regional Council does not control any libraries	The Otago Regional Council does not have any meeting rooms available for public use	

**OTOROHANGA DISTRICT**

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Neville Gadd	No	Yes, but as with all things, actions have consequences. Things like harrasment, bullying and threats come under different laws anyway and should have more teeth in that regard	No	Nope	Yes	Yes	Absolutely not, but that is not a free speech issue, that is a sexualization of minors issue	Yes	Speech should be free, but actions have consequences
Christopher Jeffries	No	Yes	Yes	No	Unsure	Yes	Yes - sounds great!	Yes	The right of free speech is a fundamental right of our democratic system - I do not however support 'hate speeches' or speeches that undermine our democracy and the rights of others

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY

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Manjit Chawla	No	yes, I support freedom of speech	As long as speech is good and not create hate	No	No	No	No	yes	Free speech is good as long as it is not hated one
Zakkaari Kuane Rokkanno	No	Absolutely, as long as that "Free Speech" is NOT being used as a weapon for the direct & unfair undermining of the lives of others in an abusive, harrassment & character assassination sense for the direct purpose of bringing down the lives of others because they wish to cause them harm for no valid reason.	Hate Speech does not come under the umbrella of Freedom of Speech and is a separate thing, Hate Speech is fundamentally negative with negative motive and, as such, cannot be considered under the banner of freedom of speech. I support any & all moves to curb hate speech.	It would depend on how toxic I thought that the speech was. If I felt strongly enough about the content I would approach the councillor directly and discuss the issue. Once I gain an understanding of where the attitude was coming from and if, upon feeling that the attitude was still toxic, and I had exhausted every opportunity to get the councillor to understand why their point of view was toxic & damaging, I would then assess what would happen if I did nothing. If that projection advised me that I was not preventing harm when I could do so, and the only available recourse at that point was to make a complaint, then I would feel obligated to do so, but only after a process of careful consideration of outcomes.	I believe every person/group with strong views to be able to present their views as part of freedom of speech so that their views can be assessed for logical fair content, especially if they were fighting for inclusiveness within the community and feel that Council Controlled meeting rooms were there for that purpose.	As with the previous answer, of course.	As there is no community relevant reason for such events I would not and would direct them to a recreational facility best suited for that type of event.	As explained in previous answers, of course I would.	Free speech is a right held by all as long as it is being presented for positive community growth purposes and not for inciting hater, bigoted or supremacist motivations. Acceptance of diversity and inclusiveness is a right of intelligent civilization and the fact is simply that no-one should be able to oppress the rights of others to be who they are purely on the grounds of being different to those wanting to bring them down, as in undermining people on the grounds of gender, gender identity, race, same-sex tastes etc to name a few examples. Hate is NOT a right endorsed by healthy freedom of speech. True and honest Freedom of Speech must have boundaries determined by basic human respect, equality & fair play.



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Dion Jensen	No	Yes. So long as the communication is respectful in expressing that view.	No.	If I disagreed with anyone, I would raise it directly with that person. You can't complain just because someone disagrees with you.	I have no idea what a TERF is based on that label. If it's a meeting room, I'd defer to the rules of the meeting room.	Any kiwi has the right to speak in a council controlled meeting room, again following the rules of the meeting room.	Any kiwi has the right to speak in a council controlled meeting room, again following the rules of the meeting room.	Any kiwi has the right to speak in a council controlled meeting room, again following the rules of the meeting room.	As well as many other things, I am an ex Community Police Officer. Everyone has the right to speak, but it's never the content, it's always the delivery that defines the impact. Here's my stance on that:  <a href="https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02zsantqtG1FHgfgsZyprt6PfzManTGZ3Z4wpv6Bxov1dyYbZrtJSu8j4gKGERME8BI&amp;id=100022834693134">https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02zsantqtG1FHgfgsZyprt6PfzManTGZ3Z4wpv6Bxov1dyYbZrtJSu8j4gKGERME8BI&amp;id=100022834693134</a>
Mike Clement	No	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes, to do otherwise would be to curb free speech.	Yes, to do otherwise would be to curb free speech.	Yes, to do otherwise would be to curb free speech and expression.	Yes, to do otherwise would be to curb free speech.	Free speech is vital to a healthy society, but the true measure of whether you have that freedom is if you are willing to allow people to express opinions you do not agree with. We should be very careful to not conflate such opinions with hate speech or threats of violence, both of which are already illegal in this country. One of my principles is that we should debate ideas, good or bad, and not demonise individuals.

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Glenn Mitchell	Yes	Yes, absolutely!	No, definitely not!	No	No discrimination, its their views.	No discrimination, its their views.	No discrimination, its their views.	No discrimination, its their views.	Free speech is required for democracy.
William Wood	No	Yes, however freedom of speech does not mean freedom from consequences.	Not particularly, more of a question for central government candidates. I have heard of a number of cases from around the globe where similar laws have been introduced, such as in the UK where they have been applied in my opinion unreasonably by the law. I believe we should work on better enforcing our current hate speech legislation rather than expanding it.	No, unless they were breaching the existing legislation by threatening an individual or group.	I certainly don't agree with them but as far as I am aware them speaking would not breach any current PNCC rules and policies. Therefore I would not block them from speaking.	Yet again certainly don't agree but as far as I am aware them speaking would not breach any current PNCC rules and policies.	Yes	Yes	At the end of the day the council provides facilities for public access. The council develops plans, rules, and policies in consultation with the community. As far as I am aware there is no PNCC policy around hate speech or any other form of harmful speech, therefore the only form of speech which would be prohibited in council facilities would be those advocating harm against another person or group of people in line with current legislation.

## Extra notes:

- When a Speak Up For Women event was opposed by council members, candidate Rachel Bowen was among the councillors leading the charge against the event.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/300377613/city-council-spent-30000-on-unsuccessful-bid-to-stop-public-meeting>

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Brent Ching	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech is key for health democracy
Tapu Elia	No	Yes	Yes	If anything unsubstantiated is said yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I believe in free speech as long it doesn't impede on the rights and safety of others

## QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT

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Alistair Angus	No	Absolutely.	No, In my world everybody knows the difference between vile rhetoric and acceptable communication.	Probably not , although if someone was badly abused I would support their actions.	Of course. Everybody would have equal rights under my stewardship, as long as it related to the council agenda of the day.	As this is not a subject under council control I personally couldn't see the point in letting them speak.	That should be a matter for schools to contend with. Our library's are still for the loaning and of books and study.	Of course. at the same time if possible.	Any one suppressing free speech should hang their head in shame on ANZAC day.
Gavin Bartlett	No	I support the right to freedom of expression as protected by the Bill of Rights.	I support in principle the proposals against incitement of hatred and discrimination.	I am prepared to listen to people that I may disagree with, but action would need to be considered against speech that is prohibited under the Human Rights Act.	In general, yes, under the protections for freedom of expression under the Bill of Rights, but in situations where the speaker's content would include speech that is prohibited under the Human Rights Act then the use of Council controlled venues may not be available.	In general, yes, under the protections for freedom of expression under the Bill of Rights, but in situations where the speaker's content would include speech that is prohibited under the Human Rights Act then the use of Council controlled venues may not be available.	In general, yes, under the protections for freedom of expression under the Bill of Rights, but in situations where the speaker's content would include speech that is prohibited under the Human Rights Act then the use of Council controlled venues may not be available.	In general, yes, under the protections for freedom of expression under the Bill of Rights, but in situations where the speaker's content would include speech that is prohibited under the Human Rights Act then the use of Council controlled venues may not be available.	As noted above, I support freedom of expression afforded under the Bill of Rights, but balanced against the responsibility to refrain from speech prohibited under the Human Rights Act.

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Danijel Duvnjak	No	Yes	Unsure	Yes, if what they said warranted a complaint but not if I simply disagree	Only so that we can all be fully informed. I believe that it is important to have everyone feel heard. With some people , it is only after they feel heard that we can begin the conversation.	Only so that we can all be fully informed. I believe that it is important to have everyone feel heard. With some people , it is only after they feel heard that we can begin the conversation.	I would pause and offer the question to the wider community.	Only so that we can all be fully informed. I believe that it is important to have everyone feel heard. With some people , it is only after they feel heard that we can begin the conversation.	Choosing to open our hearts, to see the people around us as our sisters and brothers is vital to our growth as human beings.

### RANGITIKEI DISTRICT

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Grant Wilson	No	Yes	Partially, but the proposed legislation needs further work	No	Please define what a Council controlled meeting room is	As above	No. I don't think libraries are an appropriate venue	Yes	I support free speech as long as defamation and personal persucution is not involved. not involved

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Ryan Gray	No	Yes		If someone acts contrary to the code of conduct, yes.	Councillors shouldn't be involved in operational matters. I am supportive of sensible Council resource policies to ensure publicly owned facilities can facilitate debate and be safe places for all	Councillors shouldn't be involved in operational matters. I am supportive of sensible Council resource policies to ensure publicly owned facilities can facilitate debate and be safe places for all	Yes	Councillors shouldn't be involved in operational matters. I am supportive of sensible Council resource policies to ensure publicly owned facilities can facilitate debate and be safe places for all	The Council should help to facilitate debate through use of publicly owned facilities, but it needs to be cautious in providing a platform for hate. For example I wouldn't want to see white supremacists holding a rally at the council owned public pools
Robert Lee	No	Yes, subject only to the speech being given in good faith and not trolling etc.	No!	No. I have previously assisted a Councillor who was on the receiving end of numerous Code of Conduct complaints.	Yes	Yes	No. Children have a right to be protected from age-inappropriate issues	Yes	As a New Zealander I was disappointed that Stefan Molyneux & Lauren Southern were denied their right to free speech by the Auckland Council.
Fletcher Tabuteau	No	yes	no. Our current laws cover the intent adequately	No. Not because of a disagreement of ideas.	yes	yes	unsure. Depends who the audience was and what the stories were?	yes	

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Don Paterson	No	Yes. Freedom of speech is a pillar of Democracy and must be protected.	Hate speech is unacceptable and only begets more of the same.	Code of Conduct complaints should never be used just because of differing points of view. They should only ever be used for serious violations - threats - intimidation - bullying behaviour - physical abuse and the like.	I have been primarily focused on the major issues confronting our Community right now so I have not had time to investigate this, as yet	I have been primarily focused on the major issues confronting our Community right now so I have not had time to investigate this, as yet	I have been primarily focused on the major issues confronting our Community right now so I have not had time to investigate this, as yet	We already have a Māori Ward system in Rotorua	One of the biggest threats our Community faces right now is from the current Power Block who have been controlling Council for the last three years. Their use of "Elected Members Forums" and secret "Workshops" along with moving what should be Public Meetings into "Confidential" has allowed them to run rough shod over the people of Rotorua, creating divisive Local Bills like the "Representation Arrangements Bill" and the Reserves Revocation Bill" in order to drive their hidden agendas, created in collusion with Central Government. ...

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Don Paterson									... I am standing to ensure the principles outlined in the Local Government Act 2002 are strictly adhered to: SECTION 14 "Principles relating to local authorities" (1) In performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the following principles: (a) a local authority should— (i) conduct its business in an open, transparent, and democratically accountable manner; I stand for returning TRANSPARENCY, HONESTY, INTEGRITY and ACCOUNTABILITY to Council.
Nick Chater	No	Of course in principal free speech is a foundation of any sound democratic society	I have no problem with freedom of speech but hate speech is something else all together and at the core of me, I'm against.	Never have and not my style either. Disagreement is part of a functioning council to make good decision for the people we serve. As long as it stays within the boundaries of council expected codes of conduct.	Would need to understand the reason and motivation for their hui as from what little I know about them it sits a very close line to hate speech.	If its in the space of open korero, discussion and learning.	From what I know of our Library they make great decisions around presenters/ presentations.	Sound, educated, open and positive korero with opposing perspectives helps us to make good well informed decisions.	Freedom of speech is critical, at the moment there seems to be one side or the other and I think sometime we can find the best answer or solution in the middle. Be kind and respectful to each other.

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Grace	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

### RUAPEHU DISTRICT

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Elijah Pue	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

### SELWYN DISTRICT

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Samuel Wilshire	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	We are facing a time where listeners ears are as delicate as rice paper, speech is not controversial in and of itself, it's determined by the listener. There soon will be no point in opposition or differences in opinion, these laws undermine democracy as a whole.



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Bill Woods	No	Absolutely	have not seen the proposed legislation so cannot answer other that hate is not on reasonable dissention is acceptable.	No	Only if they were a human being and I understood what the subject and comments were	Yes	Yes but the audience would have to be of an acceptable age to understand and not be influenced without rational balance.	Yes	Not really common sense has to prevail
Elizabeth Mundt		Its a relative thing, there also has to be appropriatness and considerations required , rather than a free for all society. We should be entitled to freedom of veiw points, but in a considerate not overly liberal way.	I have not read the bill on this matter, but from.the little I know of it, I would presume not.	Only if it was deemed thoroughly damaging or disgusting in a sexually perverted or threatening physical abuse. But over differences of opinion or as a means of shutting down opposing points of veiw absolutly not.	I am not familiar with this terminology, and I would like to understand if there reason for being there was entirely appropriate.	If it was in regard to a submission for the consent required for a localized abortion clinic in your councils district, but not for propaganda.	Thoroughly inappropriate. NO	See my answer as for abortion groups.	I strongly believe that this government only likes to play the free speech card when it fits with their personal agenda. I believe in a democratic nation where differening points of veiw are part of the wonderful tapestry of life. I am deeply concerned that this bill may be used as a way to silence conservative veiws and enforce woke liberalism that appears to be very targeted. If they really want this bill, perhaps it should be offered as a binding referendum.

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Samantha Samuel	No	I support freedom of speech and that individual have the right to express their opinions. I also feel this can be achieved in a respectful and non-aggressive manner.	I am in support on any proposal against incitement of hatred and discrimination in Aotearoa. However the way the law is written is confusing.	I would not lodge a code of conduct complaint if I disagreed with what was said.	As I am not in Council yet, I am unsure of the council rules around booking rooms. I would think there would be some sort of Code of Conduct that would need to be followed, if using Council rooms. I would allow the booking, as I feel individuals have a right to express their opinions if done so in a respectful and non aggressive manner and if using a council premises than they should also follow the code of conduct rules of that premises.	Yes, I feel individuals have a right to express their opinions if done so in a respectful and non-aggressive manner and if using council premises to follow any code of conduct rules for that premises.	I don't know. I require more context around the question to provide a more thoughtful response.	Yes, I feel individuals have a right to express their opinions if done so in a respectful and non-aggressive manner and if using council premises to follow any code of conduct rules for that premise.	"Non-violence and truth are inseparable and presuppose one another" – Mahatma Gandhi

### SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT

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Hamish Daine	No	Yes, with a respectful manner.	Yes, we live in a world where we think we can fight hate with hate.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	While I support free speech we need to practice this with Positive, Kind and Respectful behavior.

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Jack Grabham	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	I believe Freedom of Speech is sacred, and we should all defend it wholeheartedly - within the framework of respect generated by the unspoken social contract wherein we ALL have the right to expect to go about our day unmolested and free from expressions of bigotry, discrimination, defamation, threat of violence or other form of harm.

## SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

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Darren Frazer	No	Yes, however I think responsible speech is what we should all be aiming for. Expressing our views without hate or discrimination of others in a respectful way.	It is sad that such a law needs to be considered. Sadly hate speech does exist and there is no place for it. Hate is different from free.	No*	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	

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Wendy Joy Baker	No	Yes, and a Council should allow all people to speak at all Council meetings should they wish to.	Yes, These need to be applied to a community also whereby if members of public bully, with hate speech, people living on their own then this law should cover that also and bullies be reprimanded	Yes, if it was hate speech towards me.	Yes, if they respect any relevant rules which apply to all.	Yes, as above regarding respecting rules.	Yes, as above	Yes, as above	Anyone should be able to present at Council meetings in public forum, and also should not be ignored/ disrespected by council via any form of communication. A Council representative needs to treat all people/ratepayers with respect and politeness. A Ratepayer is their employee indirectly. They help to pay salary.
Matt Wilson	No	In principle yes	Im not aware pf the legislation proposed	Not for offence, but If the words incite action yes, i.e. violence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech in public space is healthier than the current environment of being annexed to platforms like social media. People need to be resilient against "offence" and wiser to where a line is crossed that may cause serious outcomes... i.e inciting violence.
Gemma McGrath	No	Yes	Unsure	Unsure	I would allow people to book and speak	NA completely unrelated to Environment Southland	NA unrelated to Environment Southland	Yes although I agree with co-governance in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi	I support free speech for all people as long as it's done in a respectful manner.

### ... SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

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Gene Lawrence	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No. Thanks for the opportunity.
Katie Allan	No	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	
Gemma Marnane	No	I'd like to emphasise the utmost importance of supporting and nurturing our marginalised groups and moving toward a society designed to reduce harm, discrimination and to condemn incitement of hate.							

### TARANAKI REGIONAL

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Tama Blackburn	No	I support freedom of sharing ideas and thoughts as long as it isn't considered hateful or hurtful by others	I support hate speech laws in principal. Each case should be dealt with individually	If the other Councillor repeatedly breached the Code of Conduct, yes. But I would rather deal with any offence with general conversation.	Depends on the kaupapa. If it was considered hate speech and prejudice against others, that would need to be considered if it is appropriate	Depends if that was the kaupapa to be discussed.	Yes, just like id allow women dressed in suits and ties to speak at a council controlled library	Depends whether that is the kaupapa to be discussed	I am a huge supporter of free speech and freedom of thought however, a speaker should always be considerate of the thoughts and beliefs of others. Should they cause offence, one must seek to understand the opposing viewpoint and not force their viewpoints or beliefs on others. Diversity of thoughts are just as important in the world as a diversity of creatures, but be respectful and kind. Ka arohanui.

**TASMAN DISTRICT**

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Sharon Rogers	No	Yes	I do not believe that you should be able to incite others to harm .	No, I would rather they were truthful and open about their bigotries	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would rather know a persons bigotries so I can work to change them rather than them being driven underground
James Wolfen-Duvall	No	Yes	Unnecessary	If it was incorrect, misleading, or racist	If the Subject was relevant	Yes	No	Yes	No
Jono Trolove	No	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	I am a passionate believer if free speech everyone should have the right to express their opinion regardless of whether we agree with it or not, where this becomes difficult is in the case of extreme radicals, I think the current hate speech laws are sufficient to control these individuals to control these

## TAUPO DISTRICT

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Clint Green	No	Yes	I support laws banning hate speech.	I have not and would not for speech I disagreed with unless I deemed the speech to be overtly racist or hateful	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
David Freeman	No	I support freedom of expression however there are some limits that i believe most people know	No this is more about censorship and stopping speech that this government wants silenced	No i would much rather prefer an open and honest debate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Council venues are there for community groups to use. It becomes a tricky road when we decide who can or can not use them. It is the individuals choice to attend
Sandra Greenslade	Yes	Yes as long as those rights dont impinge on the rights of others.	With qualifications - no one should be prosecuted because of their beliefs but if those beliefs imping on the rights of others, then that is not free speech.	Context would be very important; any view expressing hatred towards another group is quite different from disagreeing. Code of Conducts exist for extreme situations to protect free speech.	I would yes, because it has been determined in Court in Auckland, that views regarding single-sex spaces, particularly for women, are not hate speech.	Yes - this is free speech. People are entitled to their beliefs.	Drag Queens by the very nature of their dress and conduct, sexualise women and its possibly not the most appropriate event for young children. I would question a library as to why they thought it was appropriate? As a former teacher, I cant imagine such an event in a primary.	Yes	Councillors represent those people in their district - all of them; not just those who voted for them. As such all view, which dont expound hate towards any section of the community, must be allowed to speak in a free society.

# THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT

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Gary Gotlieb	No	Yes	Only in part	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Council venues are there for community groups to use. It becomes a tricky road when we decide who can or can not use them. It is the individuals choice to attend
Patrick O'Brien	No	Yes, absolutely!	I am unable to answer this question as I do not know what the 'hate' speech law means or of its implications. All I do know, is the H word is one I not only detest, but also one I have learnt of and thankfully now 'know' otherwise.	Only , and then only perhaps, if I were to 'know' of, otherwise.	Why not	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech is one thing. Belief or a 'knowing', of anything, are two vastly different things. Therein is where most of society currently is, not understanding or even willing, to learn or to 'know', of the difference.
Steve Hart	No	ABSOLUTELY	NO	I am vying for Mayor and hold all Councillors highly accountable for all such breach of conduct due respect and freedoms right across the board as well as transparency.	Considering TERFs are is a loosely-organized collective with a message of hate and exclusion against transgender women in particular, and transgender people as a whole....they have rights to freedom if speech like anyone else with discretion to appropriate and respectful behaviours	.they have rights to freedom if speech like anyone else with discretion to appropriate and respectful behaviours	NO...simply not the appropriate venue.	.they have rights to freedom if speech like anyone else with discretion to appropriate and respectful behaviours	All rights must be respected...they have rights to freedom if speech like anyone else with discretion to appropriate and respectful behaviours. Our greatest challenges as leadership in our communities is to reassemble and reincarnate a sense of community and community values morals and ethics backed by principles...such will always be a challenge. ...



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Steve Hart									... As Mayor I will... Ideally we need many more people showing interest in our politics. This is my major plank. We need to invite more people's involvement. As Mayor I will convene and facilitate open public, open door, open topic, forums, every wednesday night in every town around the district. I will invite all Councillors to be fully engaged in these mtg. We have great creative intelligence amongst all people which is being ignored and disrespected. We have no consultation any more and communication is again, arrogantly ignored.

Extra notes:

• Earlier this year councillor Gary Gotlieb filed a code of conduct complaint against Mayor Sandra Goudie for her attendance of an anti-vaccination rally and non-signing of a climate change declaration. Gary reportedly said "I accept that any individual is entitled to their own beliefs and views. However when one becomes an elected mayor, then certain legal and moral principles apply."

The complaint was withdrawn as it was found to not meet the criteria for a breach.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/conduct-complaint-withdrawn-against-thames-coromandel-mayor-sandra-goudie/5XEQVSKMCKDE5WFH7AJPURCCI4/>



## TIMARU DISTRICT

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Wayne O'Donnell	No	Yes	No It would be undemocratic	No	Yes everyone has the speak as long as it booked through the channels	yes	yes under age supervision	yes	Freedom of speech is a fundamental right in any democracy
Michael Clarkson	No	Yes, 100%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Free speech is for all groups to express their views, where as a story time event is not a an expression of speech, it is the promotion of sexual identification targeting young persons

## UPPER HUTT CITY

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Hellen Swales	No	Yes	No	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech is for all groups to express their views, where as a story time event is not a an expression of speech, it is the promotion of sexual identification targeting young persons
Konrad Hickson	No	The basic right to freedom of speech is important in a democracy. Re: Prosecution, this should be treated as a civil issue, unless there is a e.g. a clear criminal act taking place	This law has to be proportional and I believe that it needs tweaking and requires change, otherwise the important discussions about our multicultural society gets pushed underground. This is not healthy.	Not a question I have been asked seeing I'm yet to be one. It would have to be a very extreme comment, otherwise we are curbing rhetoric & debate.	I suspect there are more important questions to ask, however here it is. Yes, were talking about freedom of speech right?	Abortion is a decisive and impassioned issue. Just because I'm for abortion, doesn't mean we prevent people expressing their alternate view.	Their members of the community, like you and I. I wouldn't stop you from holding story time events if you wanted to.	Yes, I'm for Democracy, My personal view is 1 person 1 vote. Allowing an unelected group to be i.e. Governing over Three Waters is not healthy. Again its important we talk about it.	Honest robust rhetoric and discussion is important for a liberal democracy

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Tremayne Thompson	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Regardless of whether or not I agree with the above examples, or any other scenarios, I believe we are all entitled to equal opportunity when it comes to free speech. Democracy only truly works when we have the opportunity for debate and disagreement, and for that to take place, we need to respect and uphold the right to freedom of speech.

## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT

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Colin Wightman	No	Absolutely	No. It's contrary to the NZ Bill Of Rights.	No.	With time limits.	With time limits.	With time limits.	With time limits.	Democracy, equality and freedom of speech are a triangle of one and the other.
Stephanie Waterfield	No	Yes	No	No	Not my decision	Not my decision	Probably not ,but not my decision	Not my decision	Collective decision

## WAIMATE DISTRICT

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Jon Bird	No	Yes	No	That depend if the speech was personally abusive.	Yes, anybody should be allowed to speak.	Yes, anybody should be allowed to speak.	Yes	Yes, anybody should be allowed to speak.	The way to change minds is to convince others with Logic and rational argument. All speech and written language that is not defamatory or derogatory is to be supported.

## WAIPA DISTRICT

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Chris Woodhams	No	Yes, we live in a democracy and its our right and our obligation to speak freely	Not as it has currently been dedined	I have not. I do demane open and honest communications and do would consider any action case by case.	I am not fully familiar with this group. But as fellow ratepayers, i believe everyone has the right to communicate.	Yes	Yes, so long as parents were informed in advance of what was the story reader	Yes	We live in a democracy where free speach is open to all. Overt hate speach is not acceptable.
Les Bennett	No	I stand for democracy and the right of free speech, the freedom of thought and free speech without those basic freedoms you are living under a dictatorship	No the lenght of jail terms already in place under this act are tyrannical	No	yes they can express opinions just like my right not to listen to theirs	yes that is their right under a democracy	Again democracy gives them the right to nomatter how much i disaprove but Council also has the rights to allow or disallow events by a majority vote by vote would be based on the story they wanted to read	yes	No matter what my personal beliefs are and have not got the right under a democracy or Gods Law to deny free speech , or the right to peaceful protest

## WAIROA DISTRICT

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Waipatu Winitana	No	yes	no	yes	If relevant to council issues	no	no	yes	I believe in choice and that correction from the right place is healthy
Simon Mutohori	No	Yes, as long as that free speech does not spread hatred or false information and does not interfere with others freedoms	Yes	Yes if i think it interfere with others rights	Not sure what this is	Indifferent	Not sure what this is about	Yes	No

## WAITOMO DISTRICT

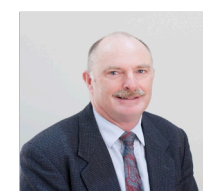
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John Robertson	No	Yes		No*	Yes	Yes	Would leave the decision for the library to make	Yes	
Marilyn Park	No	Absolutely, without free speech new ideas cannot developed.	NO! This is too open ended and unnecessary.	No. Even if I disagreed what was said this is not a Councillors role. I might discuss it with him if I thought what he said was indecent or defamed someone.	This is a contradictory question. TERF is a meaningless term created by interest groups who disagree with some women's right to speak up for their rights. I would allow any women's groups to book and speak in a Council controlled meeting room.	Yes, provided the meeting was conducted in a respectful way. E.g. As a debate or a lecture. Bearing in mind that it will attract opposition it needs some form of control to stop it becoming a free-for-all.	No - I disagree with children being subjected to sexual suggestions. This is not free speech, it is coercion and corruption of minors.	Yes, any political debate or public meeting or question and answer sessions are informative. answers.	Free speech is something that is a fundamental right in a democracy. However, it should not be used as an excuse to brainwash minors into a particular viewpoint before they have the maturity to distinguish values and ideals.

### Extra notes:

• In 2020 current candidates Allan Goddard, Janene New, and Phil Brodie were among the councillors to vote to change the council Code of Conduct to place greater restrictions on social media use. .

This was aimed to suppress criticism online from Mayor John Robertson and was widely opposed and described as “undemocratic”

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Andy Foster	No	Yes	I am not fully across them	Potentially if it were abusive or libelous	Does Speak Up for Women count ? If so Yes	Yes	Yes - discretion for bookings should be managed by library staff in accordance with whatever programmes they are running	Yes	Only that there is a distinction between allowing free speech (which generally I welcome) and Council being requested to be actively involved in the delivery of a position. - happy to discuss further.
Rob Goulden	No	Yes	Unsure and don't know enough about them	No I have not. There may be behaviour that requires that sometimes but that is very rare and would be bordering on criminal in which case there would be other alternatives.	If they are part of a consultation process. Yes	If they want to book meeting rooms I don't see them as any different to other groups.	I think our Council has already done that.	Yes as part of consultation with normal standing order applying.	I think our Council is pretty reasonable and meetings are controlled by standing orders. There are some limits on behaviour
Tim Brown	Yes	Yes	No	Dont know	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ray Chung	No	Absolutely	Absolutely not	No	I have no idea what a TERF is but I support listening to all viewpoints	Of course	I've never seen or heard them but happy to allow them to do so	Absolutely	
John Peters	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech should be allowed and taken as constructive criticism.

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James Sullivan	No	For that specific definition? No. For the definition of "Speaking to power without fear of violent retribution." Yes.	In general, yes.	No.	Generally no. As such groups tend to want to use their power to deny the existence of others.	As a general response, I could accept this. Even if I personally vehemently disagree. Anti abortion groups overseas do have a history of violence and murder against those supportive of women's health access.	Yes. These events do not deny the existence of others or try to stamp out others through violence.	As a general point yes.	I find the free speech absolute a dangerous extreme position to hold and am wary of it. At an extreme knowingly lying and calling for violence against others would be defended by such beliefs. We have limitations on speech for the benefit of those not in a position of power over others. This in my mind is the core freedom of freedom of speech. For those lacking power to speak without fear of violent retribution. Merely being deplatformed does not breach this intent.
James Sales	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nil.
	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free speech should be allowed and taken as constructive criticism.
Alexander Garside	No	Freedom as an absolute doesn't exist, I support speech as free as it can be without attacking other's freedoms.	Yep.	Yes, if it went beyond simple disagreement into an endangerment of constituents.	Heck no.	I would allow pro-abortion groups.	Yes.	Yes, with the exception of forums for hate speech.	For any space to host good-faith, informed and constructive speech, it's necessary for leadership to enforce reasonable standards.

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Ken Ah Kuoi	No	Yes	Have not read about it yet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Freedom of speech is fine as long as it is not Hate Speech
Jonathan Markwick	No	Yes, wholeheartedly	No	No	No - These speech are harmful against our trans/queer community. Pōneke is an inclusive city and this would against council's values.	No - This is a woman's body right issue and we have already passed law to decriminalize abortion.	Yes - Why is this a free speech issue ?	I would allow both side to be there.	No.
Aaron Gilmore	No	Absolutely	No	No it is their right to express their views and I would use my own speech to point out why I disagreed	Yes They are members of the community	Yes	Yes	Yes	I will protect the rights of people to speak, and for others to protest the same persons comments should they disagree as a basic right

### Extra notes:

- In 2021, Councillor Rebecca Matthews sought to have a Speak Up For Women billboard taken down, complaining on twitter after finding out the Council did not have the power to remove the billboard.
- Earlier this year Councillor Tamatha Paul endorsed vandalism against a pro-life billboard.
- As part of his response to our questionnaire, mayoral candidate Ray Chung revealed he had previously lodged a complaint against councillor Rebecca Matthews for her saying "all you other councillors who vote against the iwi representatives are f\*\*\*\*\*g racists". This was despite him saying if elected he would not lodge code of conduct complaints for the speech of others.





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Thomas Bryan	No	Yes I support the principle of free speech as long as it is lawful and does not impact on the rights of others.	I support laws that protect the rights of people especially when people used platforms to attack others or that is offensive to others due to their beliefs, race, gender, or disability. Or when their actions impact on the lives of others going about their day.	Yes I would if I found their comments to be offensive . We all can make a comment we regret, but when someone steps over the line and is nasty with their comments, yes I would.	I would see them as any other group, it would depend on what the rooms are going to be used for and if it their meeting meets the criteria for booking a room.	As above, rooms should be available for any group as long as their meeting meets the criteria	I would need to check the policy but see no reason why not as long as people are aware and that it is run the same as any other book group.	As above. As long as they meet the criteria and meet council policy.	
Michael Stevenson	No	Yes	No	Not for anything other than threatening speech or actions.	Yes as free speech covers all people in society.	I'm not sure if this is relevant to the Regional council but Yes as free speech covers all people in society.	I would oppose this extremely vigorously.	Yes as free speech covers all people in society.	Free speech is fundamental to democracy in New Zealand and the protection of it is in large part why I have put my name forward to stand in the local body elections. On another note I very nearly did not reply to this survey as I find the terminology slightly on the rude side as to how I will be assessed "or not" I would recommend rewording your initial approach to candidates.

## WEST COAST REGIONAL

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Harley Vui Davison	No	100% absolutely	No, any control of speech is wrong	No, as Councillors we need to be able to have open and honest discussions and control our emotions.	Yes, it would be an interesting conversation	Yes absolutely	Yes I would probably attend one to see what does go on	Yes, debate is healthy and there should be more of it	Freedom of Speech must always be paramount in any healthy Democracy

## WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

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Murray Grainger	Yes	Yes	No	No*	Yes, although that is not a decision that would be taken at Councillor level, it is a management decision by the CEO	Yes, although that is not a decision that would be taken at Councillor level, it is a management decision by the CEO.	This is not a free speech issue and see other answers on where decision level lies.	Yes, although that is not a decision that would be taken at Councillor level, it is a management decision by the CEO.	
James Denger	No	Yes	Maybe. The law could be improved/ updated, but it depends on how it is drafted	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
horibop leaming	No	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	two of my uncles died in ww2 to protect my freedom of speech so i will not deny ANYONE that freedom of speech
John Clements	No	Yes	No as it is up to interpretation as to what is 'hate' Speech	On the whole no - the question is too broad to give a universal no.	They are an interest group.	They can advocate	Depends on the audience - but not to children	They have a view.	I think we have to be mindful of the audience - if it is young children we need to exercise care.

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Richard Logan	No	Yes	No	Only if it breached current law e.g. inciting violence, threatening violence or death	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Our current laws are more than adequate to maintain a civil democracy. They are widely understood and the fact they are seldom invoked shows they are effective in encouraging civil behaviour..
Paul Haimona	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	If these are the questions you are asking , the question could be where does the word free fit in here if you have to ask someone for permission

### WESTLAND DISTRICT

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Latham Martin	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	If these are the questions you are asking , the question could be where does the word free fit in here if you have to ask someone for permission
Te Arohanui Cook	No	Yes - Every person is entitled to hold and express and informed view/ stance.	No - how would it be managed and enforced, and by whom?	No - conditional on the speech being relevant to the subject matter being debated. If un professional and a clear breach of the Cide of Conduct, then Yes.	Yes	Yes	Yes - Already happening with a return visit scheduled.	Yes	Freedom of speech is an enabler for change, whether in policy, or by action. Everyone is entitled to express themselves without fear.

**WHAKATANE DISTRICT**

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Judy Turner	No	Fully support unless the approach is inciting hatred and/or violence	Not sure I fully understand the intention of proposed changes	No*	If they were addressing a matter for which Council has jurisdiction	Yes public venues can be booked by the public for meetings	If they booked a time with staff like any other group.	Māori Wards are now established in Whakatāne.	If these are the questions you are asking , the question could be where does the word free fit in here if you have to ask someone for permission
Nandor Tanczos	No	Yes, and have advocated for free speech over the years.	The proposals are unclear and not well considered. It looks like the government is reconsidering its approach.	I would make a complaint about behaviour that was abusive.	Councillors do not make decisions about bookings of meeting rooms.	Councillors do not make decisions about bookings of meeting rooms.	Councillors do not make decisions about events in our libraries	Councillors do not make decisions about bookings of council venues	As far as I know we have no policies that would deny use of our facilities to people of diverse views
Jacquelyn Elkington	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form. This is a fundamental basic human right to have voice and to be understood.
Alison Silcock	No	Yes	No	I would like to think the chairman controls the meeting so all disagreements can be aired.	Our council facilities are for all our constituents.	Same as above	Yes to adults	Yes	Free speech is a constitutional right for all New Zealanders

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Peter Oskam	No	Yes	Yes	No	It's the CEO's decision	It's the CEO's decision	It's the CEO's decision	It's the CEO's decision	I support free responsible speech that shows respect to all of our people
Scott Phillips	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I am a Satanist, and follow the general beliefs of The Satanic Temple. One of its founding Tenets is about freedom, which includes the right to offend, reducing other peoples freedoms also reduces your own. I don't have to agree with someone to allow them to speak. IE, if council wants to start meetings with a pray, then open up the floor to allow non-christian pray also.
Dave Hill	No	100%	Absolutely not	If it was defamatory or factually wrong, yes	Yes	Yes	No, that is not the right venue.	Yes, because its a political issue	I'm totally in support of democracy and free speech, within obvious rules, ie non violent, factual based, and doesn't breach any human rights laws.

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Shaquille Shortland	No	Yes	Yes	That depends on how serious it is. There is a clear line between respect and disrespect and the latter does not need to happen in a civil council.	I would let any part of our Whangarei community participate within council rooms equally and fairly	I would let any part of our Whangarei community participate within council rooms equally and fairly	I would let any part of our Whangarei community participate within council rooms equally and fairly	I would let any part of our Whangarei community participate within council rooms equally and fairly	It is one thing to support free speech, it is another thing to think that your voice matters more than someone elses.
Crichton Christie	No	Yes	Dont Know enough about it	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ren Haskell	No	Yes	There are certain aspects I don't support.	No I have not filed a complaint. I believe in justice so would follow through if required, I would seek advice prior.	yes , Pending what the topic/issue covered and how council can support them.	No, as this is not a council issue , they need to take this to the official government level.	Yes, I love these event's.	Yes, it is great the hear from all people.	Thank you for the opportunity and hearing my freedom of speech.
Carol Peters	No	Yes	Yes	No*	Yes	If it was appropriate	Definitely	Yes	
Adam Young	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	