

## Candice Thomas

### Q1. Contact Details

<b>Name</b>	Candice
<b>What Council are you standing for?</b>	Western Bay of Plenty
<b>What position(s) are you standing for on the above Council?</b>	Kaikaunihera and Community Board of Katikati and Waihi beach

### Q2. What drives you to run as a candidate in the local body elections? What do you hope to achieve?

My heart to care for our country its people and the needs to help those most vulnerable  
I hope to achieve good and better outcomes and grow community members especially our young to be more aware of the importance of elections and local /central govt

### Q3. How will you support the kiwifruit industry?

Have good lines of communication and hands on staff working with our orchard growers to ensure the commercial entities are getting the supports

### Q4. What will you do to support the development of seasonal worker housing, especially in rural areas?

Ensuring there is communities aware of these needs and allowing for stays for workers within marae or other residences. Whether that be specific partnerships with accomodation places such as caravan parks and cabin parks who can offer housing at subsidised rates

### Q5. How will you ensure kiwifruit growers have reliable access to water, and how will you balance competing demands?

I'm not to sure how but happy to hear he ideas of growers and the local council in terms of what they are currently providing

### Q6. What is your stance on protecting productive horticultural land from urban sprawl and subdivision?

This will need to be looked at if the business is viable and needed or not  
If the kiwi fruit exports are successful as viable then no need to change unless it's a clear avenue

### Q7. How will you improve rural road infrastructure to support the movement of produce?

If there are any ways I would clearly work with those involved to find solutions

### Q8. What policies will you support to help growers adapt to climate change impacts?

Emergency plans, any required bunkers or insurance options A available

