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ADAMS-GRAY Liz

My principal residence is within the Gore Ward area.

My name is Liz Adams-Gray. I'm 65 years and grew up in Mataura when my Dad was Councillor or Mayor Henderson. This experience in local political life has taught me many lessons about Council being a public service and not a career. I grew up the Militant daughter, always fighting for right and the past 3+ years I've worked online as a digital warrior, doing what many may have considered anti-government. Thankfully, I'm just one of a global team sharing information between countries, sharing intel and support, getting facts past the censorship. I believe all Councils/Governments are elected servants of "we the people" and their decisions should be made for the betterment of the voters not the bureaucrats.

Should I be elected I pledge to help maintain Gore as a safe place for all ages to enjoy living happy lives, without any more drama.



BURGESS Brendon

My principal residence is NOT within the Gore Ward area.

I am a 52-year-old born and bred Southlander. I am currently working as a consultant for animal health and soil nutrition covering Southland and Otago. I have worked in this industry for the past 10 years and counting. I grew up on a sheep farm then went on to own a 250-hectare sheep and beef unit. Not frightened of new challenges I became the owner/operator of a small successful, aged care facility for 7 ½ years in Winton. I am a well-known musician and was inducted into the Southland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for my contribution to the industry. I have been on various committees including Gore Gold Guitars, Young Farmers, and the Southland Musicians Club. I feel I would be an asset on council as I get the job done giving 100%, with a non-biased approach to represent the voters in the Gore district.



BYRNE Alan

My principal residence is within the Gore Ward area.

Married to Janice and I have two adult children and five grandchildren I have lived in the Gore District for the last 48 years. And in that time I have had the honour of representing our glorious province with the Stags 64 times (81-85), so I know the value of team work to achieve a common goal. I am also currently one of the presenters of the Country Show on Hokonui radio and have been since 1996. Having been on the board of the MLT for over 20 years, I have found the joy in serving the community and I would very much like to continue. Again, it would be my pleasure to serve you all as a councillor.



FRASER Andy

My principal residence is within the Gore Ward area.

My name is Andy Fraser, married to Cheryl with three children. I am seeking election for the vacant position in the upcoming by-election. I have resided in Gore for the last 3 years and I am employed as the Sales Manager at Southland Farm Machinery. I am from a farming background and spent my early years in the Riverton area. After a 10-year OE in England I returned to Southland and spent the next 19 years in the NZ Police in various positions around Southland.

We have some significant challenges to address such as government intervention in 3 Waters, review of recycling options and inflationary pressures. We have concerns from agricultural legislation, central government and the global economic situation. Improving Gore's waste management and new residential housing projects are realistic goals.

I believe in democracy, transparency and accountability.



HAMLIN Steven

My principal residence is within the Gore Ward area.

My name is Steven Hamlin, I would like the opportunity to be elected for council. My wife Michelle and I have lived in Gore for most of our lives, we have 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren. We have previously owned two successful businesses in the district.

I have been a member of many community groups as well as School Boards. I have a passion for music and the arts and have had the pleasure to be able use this passion to volunteer my time to help schools, groups and individuals.

I believe that if you are willing to have your say then you should be willing to back it up, which is why I am putting myself forward for the position as a councillor. I want to be part of a council that is not afraid to make the "correct" decisions even if they are not necessarily the most popular.



TURIPA Reuben

My principal residence is within the Gore Ward area.

Reuben is a Gore local he believes in transparency and accountability and wants to see more community input included in council decisions. Reuben currently works as a mental health group facilitator and finds great satisfaction in supporting others' needs and nurturing people's goals.

He attended the extraordinary council meeting in support of Mayor Ben Bell and was disappointed at the actions of a few councillors who took it upon themselves to try and remove Ben from his elected position.

Reuben will inform and engage the public on a wider scale, and ask the uncomfortable questions on behalf of the community. He would like to invest more of his time in social support groups e.g. youth development, addiction recovery, stopping violence programs.

Reuben is vice chair of the Hokonui Marae of which he has organized community events/gatherings and is also a local musician with Christianity as a cornerstone of values.

