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Original LGOIMA request:

The 57 Councils (73%) Cc'd in the information request email randomised candidate names in the 2022 local body elections, in line with basic and best-practice research/polling/voting/election design.

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Can you please confirm that you will continue this best practice for both a) ballot papers and b) candidate information in the upcoming 2025 local body elections.

Official LGOIMA response:

Waitaki District Council has resolved the following for our voting papers:

“That Council, pursuant to clause 31(1) of Local Electoral Regulations 2001, agrees that the names of the candidates at the 2025 and 2028 triennial council elections and any subsequent by-elections are to be arranged in random order of surname.”

In the candidate profile booklet, candidates are listed alphabetically by contested issue.