

Nomination form

2017/2018 Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) National Council

Due by Tuesday 26 September 2017 to support@communityhousing.org.nz

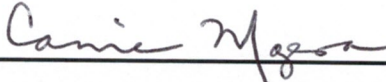
I, Carrie Mozena, am standing for the CHA National Council.

Member Organisation: Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

Nominated by: Keith Preston, Chairperson, Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

Seconded by: Chris Armstrong, Abbeyfield NZ Inc

By signing below I confirm that I am an employee of Nelson Tasman Housing Trust which is a Full Member of Community Housing Aotearoa for the fiscal year of 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018.

Carrie Mozena,  26/9/17

(name, signature, date)

Please provide a photo and a short background on yourself -

1. Outline of involvement in community housing sector.

I am a founding trustee of the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust (NTHT), active with NTHT since its establishment in 2004. Have helped write numerous funding and project proposals to grow our portfolio, now 43 homes (plus one leased from MSD). Leading preparations for NTHT to take on management of Nelson City Council's 142 community housing units (contract begins 1 Nov, thus we're increasing staff from 2 to 4.5 FTE). Pioneered the first Bond Bank in NZ, providing no-interest micro-loans to people for bonds to get into rental accommodation (before bond assistance from Work & Income increased). Helped to develop Nelson's very collaborative approach to emergency housing for women and families. Active in NTHT sub-committees on governance, tenant policy/selection, and staff contracting.

My strong interest in community housing was fuelled by my experience managing the Nelson Women's Centre. Every day, we saw evidence of the growing need for affordable and social housing walk through the door. For years, private sector rents have risen far faster than incomes, and population growth has outstripped the pace of building affordable and social housing. Far too many people on low incomes struggle to stay housed. Simply expecting central government to supply all the answers is unrealistic. However, the environment for CHOs continues to be complex and challenging. New partnerships may be required but are tricky to form.

I have worked closely with NTHT Trustees and staff for years. Became Director of NTHT in late 2015. Elected to CHA Council in 2015, have served as Treasurer for CHA since 2016.

2. Short biography: (Maximum of three short paragraphs)

Born in the US but grew up overseas (Canada, Pakistan, Australia, France). BA Duke University, History & French. Diverse work background: small business (4 yrs), outdoor adventure education (North Carolina Outward Bound School, instructor and programme director, 8 yrs), organisational consulting (team and leadership development for medium to large businesses, 8 yrs), not-for-profit management and governance in New Zealand (17 yrs). Hold dual NZ and US citizenship. Nelson Women's Centre manager 2002-2015, helped found NTHT in 2004, NTHT Director since 2016. Age 60. Professional interests: social justice, affordable and social housing policy, community development, sustainability. Personal interests: tramping, Iyengar yoga, reading.

3. Key skills: *(List up to six areas of expertise you offer which are relevant to a national governance role)*

Excellent relationship-building and communication skills
Understanding of the intricacies of affordable and social housing policy in NZ
Pragmatic analysis of complex situations
Focus on mission to inform strategy and action on the ground
Sound financial management and development of budgets
Governance, including facilitative leadership of teams, groups and boards

4. Other governance positions held *(include year held)*

Nelson Tasman Housing Trust, Board Trustee (12 years)
Nelson Women's Support Inc, Chair of Governing Collective (10 years)

5. Election statement to members *(no more than two sentences)*

CHA is strongest when the diversity of its member organisations is represented at the Council table. I bring the perspective of the smaller community housing providers operating in the regions.

The photo and background info will be collated onto a slate of candidates and distributed by email to the CHA membership on 5 October 2017.