

Nomination Form

2016/2017 Community Housing Aotearoa (CHA) National Council



I, Neil Porteous am standing for the CHA National Council.

Member Organisation: Tāmaki Housing Association

Nominated by: Joanna Brain, Tāmaki Regeneration Company

Seconded by: Shelley Katae, Tāmaki Regeneration Company

I confirm that I am an employee/trustee/director (circle one) of Tāmaki Housing Association which is a Full Member of Community Housing Aotearoa for the fiscal year of 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017.

Please provide a photo and a short background on yourself

1. Outline of involvement in community housing sector

My Current role is GM – Housing for the Tāmaki Housing Association. I was responsible for the transfer of 2800 housing social houses from Housing New Zealand to TRC in April 2016 and now manage the provision of Tenancy and Property Management services for the portfolio as well as the rehousing process for the Tamaki Regeneration Programme.

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

I initially studied Civil Engineering at University and subsequently worked in the construction industry in New Zealand and overseas prior to joining Vodafone NZ in 1998, where I was responsible for the rollout of the cellular network.

I stayed at Vodafone for 10 years in a variety of customer facing roles, culminating in my appointment as Director of Human Resources in 2005. During this period, I also chaired the Vodafone New Zealand Foundation for 6 years which led to a desire to work in the not for profit sector.

After leaving Vodafone in late 2007 I joined the Child Cancer Foundation as CEO prior to moving to the Elevator Group, an NGO specialising in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities and helping transition school leavers with disabilities into employment. My most recent position prior to joining TRC was as the Northern Region General Manager for St. John Ambulance service.

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

- Governance
- Operation Excellence
- Community Engagement
- Organisational change management

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

- Director – Vodafone New Zealand (2001 – 2007)
- Chair – Vodafone New Zealand Foundation (2002-2007)
- Trustee – Equal Employment Opportunities Trust (2010 – 2016)

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

Whilst I am relatively new to the community housing sector I believe that my expertise at senior levels in both the commercial and NGO sectors can add real value to Council during what is a time of significant change in the sector.