

# INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL

## Electing 12 City Councillors

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### **Lesley SOPER**

My principal place of residence is in the INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL area.

Invercargill is my turangawaewae; my home and heart-land. I want to be part of creating significant change at local level to ensure Invercargill remains a vibrant, exciting place to

live and visit.

I've been inspired to stand by numerous local concerns around future directions and infrastructure. Concerns range from inner city upgrade and city 'identity' planning; to the long-running saga of the Museum (and now Art Gallery) development; transport, housing and earthquake strengthening of buildings issues; to the way ratepayers have been consulted over matters like Rugby Park ownership, library development, gym and kakapo proposals.

Issues cannot be progressed by a 'seat of the pants' mentality, too evident in many past Council decisions.

Having unique experience to bring from my former parliamentary and governance roles, I also see my commonsense, financial nous and ability to communicate effectively and work with others constructively as pluses for an incoming Councillor.