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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Election application discrepancies
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

07 October 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for information which has led to the disqualification by the Electoral Officer of candidates standing for the Local Body Elections

I refer to your official information request dated 30 September 2022 for information which has led to the disqualification by the Electoral Officer of candidates standing for the Local Body Elections.

Westland District Council outsources our elections management to Electionz.com

The Deputy Electoral Officer has provided the following information

A candidate in the 2019 election was nominated for a ward and the nominators were just outside the ward boundary and it wasn't picked up. The candidate realised this mistake and then contacted our Electoral Officer directly and his nomination was disqualified.

Additional layers of checking were introduced for the 2022 Election and there were no errors with nominations.

There are no reports, memorandums, agendas, minutes, or emails that detail this held by Council as the candidate contacted our Electoral Officer directly.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Simon Bastion | Chief Executive

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