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Media release

STV information going out to communities

Information about STV, the new voting system being used in October's District Health Board and local authority elections, is being distributed to communities over the next few weeks.

STV, or Single Transferable Voting, is being used for all District Health Board elections and for 10 city and district council elections, as well as the Porirua Licensing Trust.

Brochures are being sent to community groups and information in many languages including Arabic will also be available on a special STV website www.stv.govt.nz.

Department of Internal Affairs STV spokesperson Julia Napier says it is important that all communities know that it's easy to vote with STV.

“People will be receiving their voting papers from September 17. The STV voting papers will be light yellow so that people can recognise them from ballot papers using the First Past The Post system, which will be white.”

She says there will be clear instructions on the forms. The information campaign will also feature television, radio and print advertising over the voting period at the end of September.

Julia Napier says there are some very clear messages for communities.

“When you vote using STV, you simply rank the candidates in order of preference. You give your first choice candidate a ranking of number one, your second choice a number two, and so on.”

Voters can rank as few or as many candidates on the voting paper as they wish.

“It's entirely up to the voter how many candidates they lend their support to. Whether you rank many, a few, or even just one, your vote will help all your chosen candidates to have a chance of being elected.

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“People wanting to make their vote count in October just need to remember that STV is about ranking candidates by number.”

Anyone wanting further information about STV is welcome to contact Julia Napier at the Department of Internal Affairs in Wellington on 04 495 9399, email stv@dia.govt.nz or alternatively, a wide range of information is available on the website www.stv.govt.nz.

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Note to Editors

The elections run from September 17 to October 9

The 10 local authorities using STV for council elections are:

- Chatham Islands Council
- Dunedin City Council
- Kaipara District Council
- Kapiti Coast District Council
- Marlborough District Council
- Matamata-Piako District Council
- Papakura District Council
- Porirua City Council
- Thames-Coromandel District Council, and
- Wellington City Council

