

# Special Projects 2019-2022

*Serving a thriving community*

# Our Vision

*What we want to achieve*

An inner-city community that continues to ***thrive***

# Our Mission

*Why we exist*

**To enhance community well-being through civic engagement**

# Our Mandate

*Who and what informs us*

- We **pursue** initiatives considered important by the inner city community
- We **respond** to reputable and relevant independent research
- We **support** relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030)

# Our Strategic Priorities

- To promote **sustainable development** in the inner-city
- To foster **local democracy** within the inner-city community
- To build a community-driven organisation with the **capacity** to realise its mission

# Wellington City Council Purpose

Under the Local Government Act 2002 the Wellington City Council has two fundamental responsibilities

- To promote **sustainable development**
- To enable **local democracy**

# Current Three-Challenge Model for Wellington

## **Sustainable Development**

1. Climate Change
2. Seismic Activity
3. Population Growth

## **Local Democracy**

**No Challenges Identified**

# The Challenges for Humanity

**The three recognised threats to humanity are:**

1. Climate Change
2. Nuclear War
3. **Democratic Resilience**



# Revised Four-Challenge Model for Wellington

## **Sustainable Development**

1. Climate Change
2. Seismic Activity
3. Population Growth

## **Local Democracy**

**Democratic Resilience**

# Sustainable Development – Population Growth

## ICW Special Project 1 - Living Environments Project

### Living Environments Position Statement

# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

1. That shelter is a fundamental necessity for human survival
2. That adequate living environments are critical to wellbeing and a human right for all

# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

3. That living environments should be sustainable

4. That living environments should be integrated within a framework of national and local sustainable urban development as outlined in the **United Nations New Urban Agenda**

# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

5. That governments must play the key enabling role in the development of such living environments

# ICW Special Project 1 - Living Environments Project

## *Explore*

- Commodification of living environments
- Development of living environments as if people and planet matter
- Human rights accountability around living environments

# Local Democracy – Democratic Resilience

## ICW Special Project 2 –Democratic Resilience Project

### Democratic Resilience Position Statement

# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

1. That a successful and stable democracy depends on the presence of a strong civil society in which government and civil society work together for common goals for a better future



# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

2. That civil society helps keep government accountable particularly around Human Rights

# Inner-City Wellington Affirms:

3. That public authorities should encourage civil society's participation in the democratic process and seek to strengthen their voice and their capacity to interact with all levels of government

# ICW Special Project 2 – Democratic Resilience Project

## *Advocate through transformative action*

- Support for ward-based **community boards**, greater recognition, resourcing and support for suburban-based **progressive associations** and the use of **citizens assemblies**
- Development of community-centred **civics education** programmes and the adoption of a **civic charter**
- Promotion of **community engagement** through expanded and creative use of the Wellington City Council YouTube Channel

# ICW Special Projects Summary

## **Sustainable Development**

Focus: Living Environments

## **Local Democracy**

Focus: Democratic Resilience