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It's time to vote
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Christchurch voters will be able to cast their votes in the 2007 local authority elections soon. Their voting documents are being mailed to registered voters today.

Most residents of Christchurch will start receiving their papers tomorrow, with all papers expected to be delivered by Wednesday 26 September. People who have not received their papers by then should contact Christchurch City Council Electoral Officer, Max Robertson DDI 941-8533.

The voting papers will use both the First Past the Post or FPP (Christchurch City) and the Single Transferable Voting or STV (Canterbury District Health Board) voting systems. The Canterbury District Health Board elections will use the STV voting system to elect their members. For these elections, voters are required to rank the candidates they want to vote for in order of preference (ie 1, 2, 3, 4, etc). The Christchurch City Council will be using the FPP system. For the FPP system, voters are required to put a tick alongside the candidate/s they wish to vote for.

"People should read their papers carefully before casting their vote to ensure they are using the right voting method", says Mr Robertson.

Voting papers will contain clear instructions on how to vote using both systems. All the STV elections in the voting papers will be coloured yellow while the FPP elections will be white.

"Although electoral rolls have now closed, people can still enrol to vote. However, they will need to request special voting papers," Mr Robertson says.

"The last date to enrol is Friday 12 October. I would encourage anyone who has not yet registered to do so and cast a special vote. It's their opportunity to have a say on how the City is run over the next three years."

Enrolment forms and information are available from the Tuam Street Civic Offices (First Floor reception).

For further information on enrollment and voting documents, please contact:
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Relevant information for the media is available at www.ccc.govt.nz/Elections/Media/.

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