

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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**I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered**

**Are you completing this submission:**

For yourself

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

I believe that the Council should not reduce the financial contribution it makes to community organisations and in fact this contribution should be increased. Organisations at the grass roots support the most marginalised and vulnerable in our community. Until all people in the community are cared for and supported then the whole community will not flourish. Small community organisations are often most in touch with people in need, yet the groups themselves struggle for lack of funds. To have a truly inclusive, safe and caring city the Council needs to continue to support those who are less fortunate and the organisations that work with them. This should be a priority in the City Plan. Proper consultation and research is needed to see exactly what support these groups are providing for people in need and how they are funded. Philanthropic Trusts, Lottery, COGS, The Canterbury Community Trust, sponsorships and sometimes gaming societies provide for these community groups. There is no security of funding from year to year which makes it difficult to provide quality services. To achieve the Council Strategy of a safe and inclusive city, the ongoing resourcing of community groups who work with those in need should be uppermost on the Council agenda and funding should be increased, not reduced.