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on Tauranga City Council...

Today, voter packs for Council elections are being lodged with NZ Post, and they should be delivered by Tuesday,

Voting closes October 8, so there is no hurry - there are no prizes for being first - indeed, I would suggest that to vote in haste is to repent at leisure.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask you to use the time you have to carefully consider your choices.

And, in the spirit of honesty with which these 'columns' are written, I declare an interest in asking you to take your time.

In next week's Weekend Sun, my 'application' for a position on your Council appears - I'd appreciate you reading it before you vote.

As I said in my first 'column' on July 15, candidate profile statements in the voter packs have not been vetted by anyone.

And as pointed out in subsequent columns, some claims made by certain candidates do not stand scrutiny.

Indeed, more than one has, in the words of SunLive, backed down when the 'accuracy' of their claims has been challenged.

For the record, over the last two months, no-one has publicly challenged the information I have shared with you.

For those of you attending public meetings, the same caveat applies.

On Wednesday night in Matua, I heard an impressive-sounding pitch from one candidate - implying an unrivalled level of corporate board-level experience. - something I have and value highly.

Fortunately, I have access to the internet - and two minutes on-line told a very different story.

For some the truth is a small price to pay for the money and mana they will get from being elected.

Take care when voting.

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