

Auckland Local Government Poll

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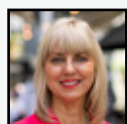
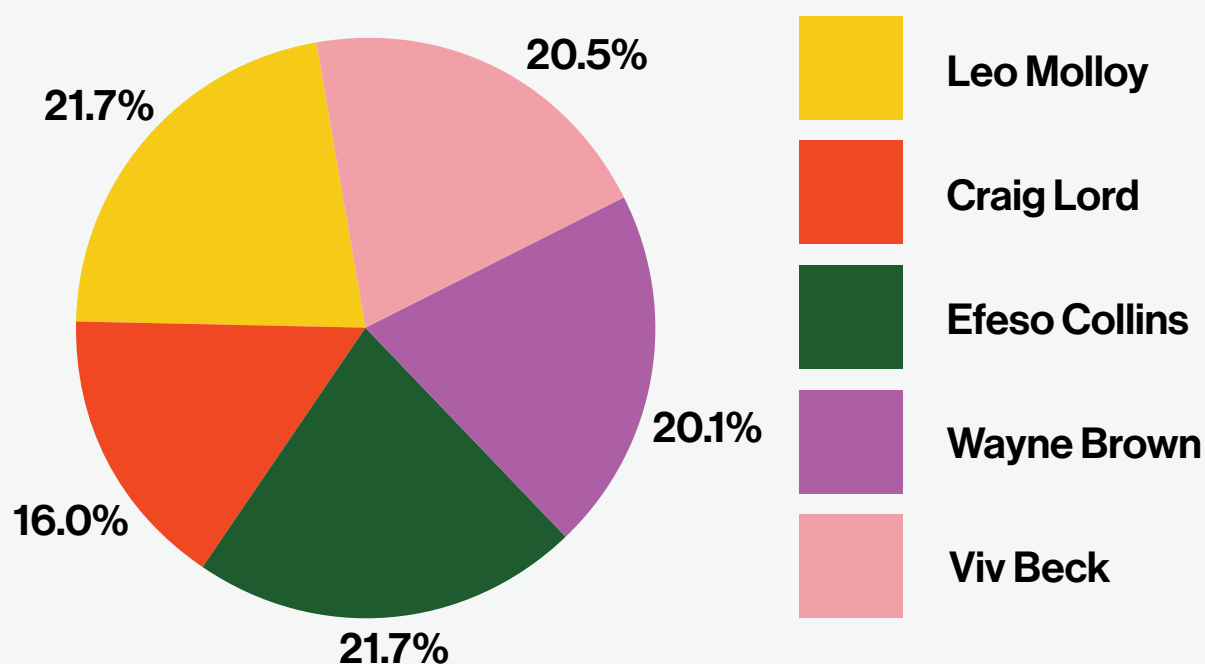
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Polling period: 1 - 12 June 2022

Release date: 17 June 2022



Auckland Mayoral choice



Viv Beck



Wayne Brown



Efeso Collins



Craig Lord



Leo Molloy

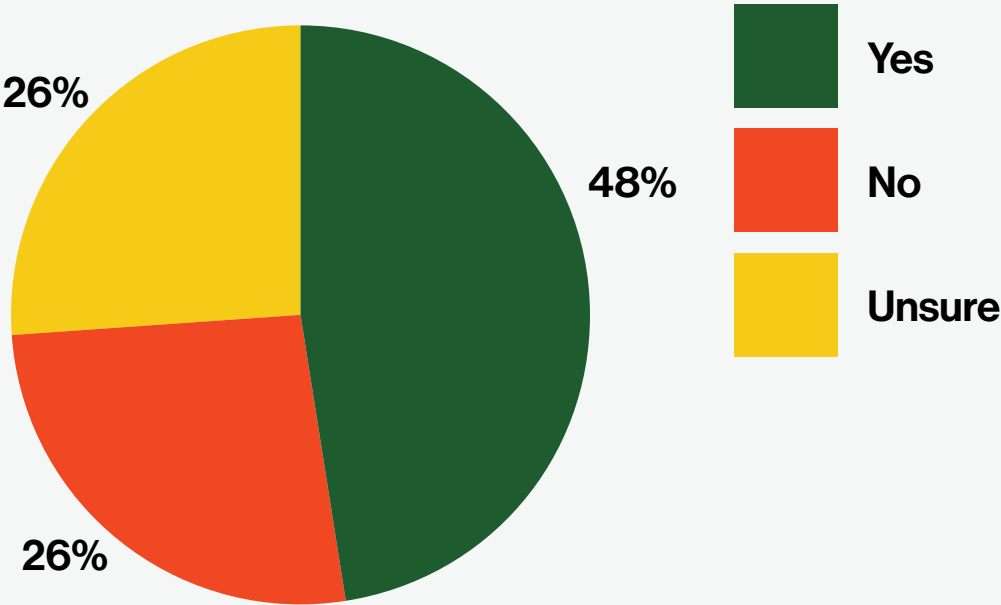
The race to become Auckland Mayor is wide open. Councillor Efeso Collins (Manukau) and businessman Leo Molloy have emerged as the two front-runners, but only just. They are statistically tied with Heart of the City CEO Viv Beck, ex-Far North Mayor Wayne Brown and 2019 mayoral candidate Craig Lord.

A very large 55% are still undecided – the percentages shown are of those decided votes.

If the Auckland Mayoralty is a choice between the following candidates, which one are you most likely to vote for at this stage, even if not entirely decided.

Viv Beck	20.5%
Wayne Brown	20.1%
Efeso Collins	21.7%
Craig Lord	16.0%
Leo Molloy	21.7%

Super City referendum

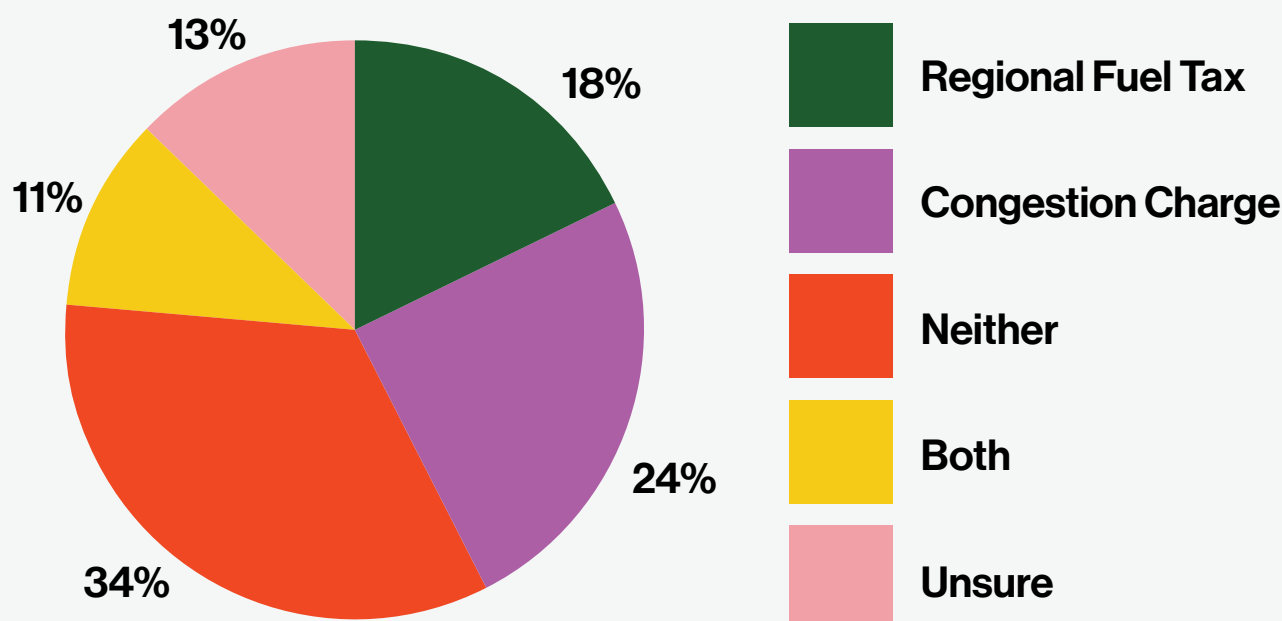


There is strong support for a referendum on the Super City. A plurality of 48% believe Aucklanders should get to vote on restoring the previous eight councils. Only 26% are opposed to holding a referendum.

Do you think there should be a referendum in Auckland on whether to continue with the Super-City or to de-amalgamate to the previous eight councils?

Yes	48%
No	26%
Unsure	26%

Regional fuel tax vs. congestion charge

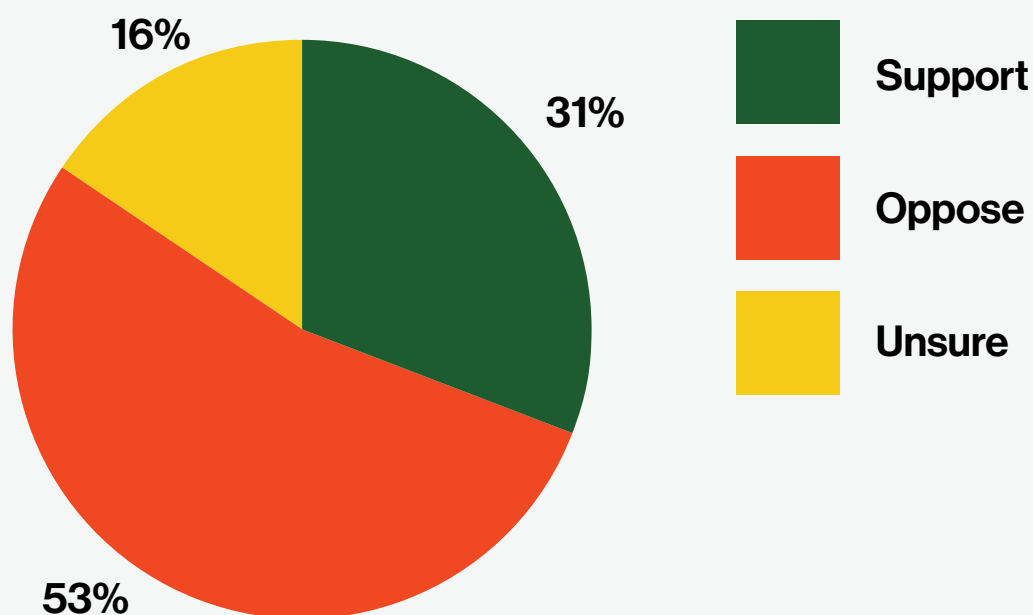


There is no public consensus on the way Auckland transport projects should be funded. While there was slightly greater support for a congestion charge (24%) over the existing regional fuel tax (18%), around a third want neither.

Auckland currently has a Regional Fuel Tax to fund Auckland transport projects. It is levied on all petrol sales in Auckland and you pay it regardless of when or where you might drive your vehicle. A congestion charge is a charge that is levied on vehicles entering the centre of a city during peak congestion times such as early morning and late afternoon. What would be your preferred method of funding Auckland transport projects - a regional fuel tax or a congestion charge?

Regional Fuel Tax	18%
Congestion Charge	24%
Neither	34%
Both	11%
Unsure	13%

Special Climate Rate



Auckland Council has claimed there is broad public support for a Climate Action Targeted rate. However, our poll found a majority of Aucklanders (53%) oppose the new targeted rate.

The Auckland Council has proposed an additional special rate of \$57 million to fund climate action projects. This special rate will increase household rates bills by 2.2%. Do you support or oppose this special rate?

Support	31%
Oppose	53%
Unsure	16%

POLL DATES:	Wed 1 to Sun 12 June 2022. The median response was collected on Wed 08 June 2022.
TARGET POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters.
SAMPLE POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or online panel.
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,200 respondents agreed to participate – 700 via phone and 500 via online panel. An additional 200 respondents from Auckland were polled, so there was a sub-sample of 500 from Auckland.
SAMPLE SELECTION:	A random selection of 20,000 nationwide phone numbers and a random selection from the online panel.
WEIGHTING:	The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
SAMPLE ERROR:	Based on a sample of 500 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 4.4%, at the 95% confidence level.
CODE COMPLIANCE:	This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/ European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.



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