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## **Personal Statement by Adrian King**

### **Corruption – City of Port Phillip Council**

I am a local resident living in the municipality of the City of Port Phillip.

I have decided to run for Council in the Ward of Port Melbourne due to fraud and corruption. I am motivated by first-hand multiple experiences of systemic fraud and corruption within the City of Port Phillip Council. The evidence is in plain sight. Meanwhile, Rome burns - violent crime.

It is no coincidence that our Council spends 60% more per resident per annum relative to our neighbour Bayside Council. For no additional benefit. We have a cost of corruption crisis. Fellow residents have had enough. This includes political parties using our local Council as a social experiment.

This personal statement is addressed directly to Premier Jacinta Allan MP and Melissa Horne MP who continue to duck and weave and avoid responding to a volume of hard evidence of public malfeasance at our local City of Port Phillip Council. The question is why do the Ministers continue to not respond to a significant body of evidence?

The State of Victoria has a corruption problem. Our Council shows many of the symptoms and underlying causes that IBAC identified with regard to our State Government. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to work out why our Council exhibits the same type of issues flagged by IBAC.

Our Council belongs to our local community, not Spring Street and certainly not Dan Andrews alumni nor any trade union including the CFMEU. At a time of increasing violent crime, our community needs true leadership not Victorian public officials merely seeking 'likes' on social media. The law is clear, our council (and the police) has a legal duty of care to residents.

The State Premier and the Minister for Local Government are invited to attend Port Melbourne public meetings in October at venues that have been booked to debate the topic of governance, alongside the Council's incumbent Mayor, Heather Cunsolo who is also running for the Ward of Port Melbourne.

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