

# PACIFIC LEADERSHIP FORUM



## ABOUT US:

The Pacific Leadership Forum is an alliance, a union of sovereign Pacific organisations and Pacific Leaders in New Zealand. It is not an incorporated entity. Each organisation maintains their full sovereignty at all times. However, it is an assembly, a gathering, a congress, a council, and convocation of sovereign Pacific organisations and senior Pacific Leaders united in the pursuit of their collective and shared Pacific vision.

## OUR VISION:

The vision of the Pacific Leadership Forum is to:

- progress Pacific people so that they may live well, in dignity and prosperity in New Zealand;
- encourage Pacific people to participate in Government, Governance, Social and Community Developments, and Economic Developments;
- promote Pacific self-determination and a better future for Pacific people in New Zealand while upholding our Christian and Pacific values;
- unite the Pacific Leaders and speak with one voice that is unified while acknowledging our Pacific diversity; and
- own our vision; our issues; our solutions with the support of others including the Government and its Agencies.

## OUR OBJECTIVES:

The key objectives of the Pacific Leadership are to:

- establish a Pacific Leadership Forum where it is Pacific Focus and Apolitical;
- carry and be the custodial guardian of *Le Mamalu, Le Mana, the Dignity* of Pacific people;
- establish direct and meaningful working relationships with the Government; Local Councils; Tangata Whenua; significant organisations and others to achieve our Pacific vision; and
- improve the well-being; health, economic, education, employment and social status of our Pacific people in New Zealand.



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## OUR MANDATE:

The Pacific Leadership Forum consists of significant Pacific communities and their respective elected leaders who have come together, united in their vision to progress a better future for Pacific people in New Zealand. The Pacific Leadership Forum provides a Pacific mandate for their collective Pan-Pacific membership. To date, this is the largest unified Pan-Pacific Leadership Forum in New Zealand.

The Forum does not purport to have the mandate of, or speak on behalf of all Pacific people in New Zealand. However, the Forum can confidently state that it has a significant Pacific mandate, representative of a large collective of Pan-Pacific communities in Auckland, being New Zealand's largest city with the biggest Pacific population.

The Forum will continue its Pacific engagement and consultation process to allow other centres, organisations and individuals to participate as members in an open and inclusive manner that is consistent with the Pacific leadership spirit.

The Pacific Leadership Forum shall work towards the establishment of its Charter which shall embody the Forum's mandate, and commitment to achieving their collective vision.

## PROTOCOLS OF ENGAGEMENT WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

The following will constitute the protocols of engagement and the modus operandi when engaging external parties.

**United stand:** The Pacific Leadership Forum shall agree on their unified understanding and position prior to engaging with external parties.

**United voice:** The Forum shall communicate their unified position with a united voice when in official sessions with external parties including the:

- New Zealand Government;
- Pacific Island Governments;
- Local Councils;
- Tangata Whenua;
- Significant Organisations; and
- Significant Others.

## MEETING WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

The Forum Members shall meet and discuss with the Governance body of the relevant and appropriate external parties 'high level' matters of interest to both parties. They shall also make decisions and reach agreements on significant specific priority focus areas for joint efforts.

The Forum shall seek to achieve win-win mutual outcomes when engaging with external parties.

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