## **Additional Information**

I am writing to ask for your vote to be the next Mayor of Fremantle because I believe our city can, and should, be doing better than we are today.

As a local Councillor in Fremantle's East Ward I was able to champion initiatives such as the adoption of a new city policy to retain and bolster tree canopy and spearhead the creation of a working group to ensure our live music and creative arts are able to thrive.

It has always been a priority for me to keep our community informed about what council was doing, proactively listen to what people felt was important, and then find ways to act on those priorities.

If elected this October, I will bring the same approach to the role of Mayor and address these issues:

- Tackle the increase in people sleeping rough on our streets with compassion and mutual respect.
- Provide practical support for artists and creatives by opening up vacant city-owned buildings so artists and creative people have more affordable places to practice and hone their crafts.
- Advocate for free public transit zone and/or CAT busses to help ease congestion during the upcoming bridge closure and for ongoing activation of the CBD for business and tourism.
- Immediately implement the Clean Freight for Freo Initiative to reduce freight truck movements and their impact on our city.
- Ensure we have a planning scheme that protects our heritage buildings, delivers a diversity of affordable housing options, and doesn't automatically grant approval for shops selling questionable goods.

Our city is unique, creative, and resilient - all reasons why we love calling this Port City home.

Vote Ben Lawver #1 for Mayor Vote Ben Lawver #1 for A Better Freo.