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Tēnā koe e Richard

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koe!

I am writing on behalf of the Māpua and Districts Community Association to express our support and encouragement for your staff and councillors (acting on our behalf) in further developing processes for and approaches to ensure appropriate consultation and co-operative engagement with mana whenua treaty partners in Te Taihū o Te Waka-a-Māui.

Feedback from our members suggests that some staff and councillors are not clear, or familiar with:

- who our iwi entities are, and the particular mana whenua interests they have in particular areas;
- standard processes for engaging iwi organisations; and
- the way in which partnership models with our iwi should operate.

We are sure that you are fully aware of the Council's obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi to work in partnership with iwi. Therefore we would like to be reassured that despite "the complexity of the issue" (to quote one of your councillors) your councillors and staff receive training in and resources for being active partners in this model.

We would like to know how you are ensuring that staff and councillors can and do develop a deeper understanding of the structures and processes when approaching consultation, engagement, and models of true partnership with iwi.

We look forward to hearing back from you with details of this fundamental aspect of TDC's operations in all aspects of your mahi.

Noho ora mai rā

Elena Meredith (Chairperson of Mapua and Districts Community Association)