

Efu Koka

Born in Samoa with Samoan (Nofoali'i, Neiafu ) Niuean ( Avatele ) and German descent , migrated to New Zealand at 4 years old with my parents. The middle child of 5 siblings, spending the first 2 years of schooling life attending Newton Primary, Auckland before moving to Otara where employment was abundant and my parents brought the family home for \$11,000.

I spent the rest of my schooling life attending Mayfield Primary, Bairds Intermediate, Hillary College and Papatoetoe High School. I left school at a young age with no formal qualifications, but developed a passion to work at anything so long as I got paid, doing classic jobs like the milk run when milk cost 6 cents a pint.

My first fulltime job was working for a 3 Guys supermarket getting paid \$3.50 per hour before mum organised a job with her at Fisher & Paykel starting on \$6.25 per hour and when CV's were not required if family worked there.

Spent 17 years at Fisher & Paykel, went from process worker to machine operator to team leader then finally plant co-ordinator and obtained an unofficial trade of Plastic's Technician. Then cut my teeth in political life working for the Engineers Union then elected to public office positions representing the Manukau East area.

I brought my first property at 20 years old and built up a reasonable property portfolio over the years with my partner of 29 years with whom I have been blessed with 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren. My children and Grandchildren have all attended various schools in Otahuhu, Papatoetoe and Otara so I have an affiliation with area.

Since becoming politically active and serving the Manukau East community for over a decade my passion to help people has been steadfast, having served on various boards I understand the needs and desires of a community regarding the struggles and the need to elevate living standards for the area.

I am a very strong advocate and not someone who is afraid to ask the hard questions to ensure the communities voice is heard and have proven this over many years.

Thank you