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Dear Gary,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the *Pride Walk* event which took place on 9 February 2019 in Auckland Central. I am the Event Facilitator for the Waitematā Local Board high impact events and I worked to facilitate this activity.

With regards to your enquiry regarding the conditions around waste, in particular balloons and rubbish, one of the standard requirements of facilitated and permitted events is the submission of a waste management and minimisation plan that the event organiser completes. Once received this is then sent through for review and approval by an Auckland Council Waste Planning Advisor in the Waste Solutions team.

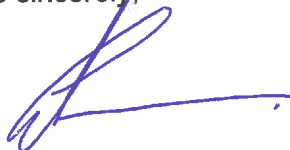
The event facilitation team work together with the event organiser and waste planning advisor to ensure that an efficient and effective waste management and minimisation plan is put in place and executed with a focus around moving towards zero-waste and diversion from landfill.

Regarding items such as balloons, glow sticks and giveaways, these items are noted in the event's waste management plan and the event organiser's strategy regarding these is that "all exhibitors and sponsors are instructed NOT to use these products". We also noted from images posted on social media from the event that we could not see any use of balloons onsite or during the march.

The conditions around waste for the event were developed with the event organiser during the facilitation process and confirmed as part of the Event Permit, sent to the organiser on 7 February 2019.

Another key condition of this event was a site inspection with the event organiser and a Maintenance Delivery Coordinator from the Community Facilities team prior to and after the activity at Myer's Park to ensure that there was no remaining waste or damage to the space. These were completed on Friday, 8 February 2019 (pre-event) and Monday, 11 February 2019 (post-event). Upon inspection of the site after the event, the space was identified with no issues and not event rubbish remaining on site.

Yours sincerely,



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