

MINORITY FRONT UNITE AND FIGHT SAVE OUR MUNICIPALITIES 2016

1. Ward Funding:

• Equal funding for all wards

2. Indigent Policy:

 Addresses poverty and inequality by increasing free basic services (FBS) but must be fully implemented.

3. Corruption:

• Restructure councils that have been infested with corruption e.g.: Ethekweni, Msunduzi etc.

4. Tenderpreneurship :

- Enforce MFMA
- Section 36 must not be abused to give Jobs to pals
- Form a multiparty authorisation team for section 36 situations

5. Political Authority:

- Political leadership in key position must practice good governance principles
- Full councils must make final decisions for transparency on all decisions

6. Job Creation:

- Vacancies should be filled on merit for efficient functioning.
- CLO'S: or community liaison officers should be elected by a local community and not be based on nepotism or political affiliation.
- CLO's should have the necessary skills to manage relation between the committee and council
- learnerships must be fairly distributed to youth on a non- racial basis

7. LED:

• Local Economic Development means taking SMME training to every single township home business and relax street-vending by-laws.

8. Councillor Merit:

- Elected councilors must have a matric and more
- Councilors should be expelled if they do not attend training workshops sufficiently
- Code of Conduct should be strictly enforced
- There must be a public complaint system in place to deal with errant councillors
- Councilors offices must be monitored and evaluated
- Disclosure registers are compulsory for elected councillors

9. Water ways management:

• Towns and cities need well planned and implemented cannalisation systems to trap rain water.

10. Informal Settlements (IS):

- Political Will is needed to clear slums- as per the Slums Clearance ACt
- Social and health problems in local areas are due to unplanned settlements
- Political interference must stop, for violence to subside in informal settlements and hostels
- A housing needs register should be started for informal dwellers
- IS should be given names and house numbers for election voters roll purposes

11. Housing:

- Registers should be established in each municipality for housing needs
- Fiscal dumping to renovate flats, hostels and bad workmanship must stop
- Title-Deeds transfers must stop being used as votebank politics every 5 years
- People need land ownership to unlock dead capital and economic opportunities
- Minorities deserve the correct local demographic allocation for new settlements e.g. Cornubia Housing where 16.7% Indians should get housing. This will assist social cohesion.

12. IDP's and Land Use:

- Infill housing initiated in an unplanned manner.
- Monopolies for development must stop
- Public participation must take place before development decisions

13. Rates:

- Properties need to be revalued on an ongoing basis, due to disputes
- Concessions have to include single mothers, age factor, disabilities, income and widows.

14. Religious Sites:

- Monotorium on religious sites in Ethekwini must be lifted
- Phase 2 of coastal management plan must make provisions for designated use by faith based organisations for religious sites that pray to the sea
- Crematoriums in all areas need upgrading

15. Public Transport:

- Re-introduce local bus routes
- Enter public private Partnerships for cost- effective projects

16. Electoral Transformation:

• Mayors should be directly elected by the citizens of a Town/City

17. Ward Committees:

• Must be elected from the skills base of the Ward

18. CPF:

• Community Police Forums should be apolitical if we want to decrease crime

19. Laws:

- Municipal laws: The MFMA should be strengthened to enforce financial accountability.
- Outdated by-laws should be removed or relaxed
- The municipal allowance funding of political parties to councilors must be accounted for through financials and audited statements and reporting to councils made mandatory

20. By-Laws:

- Stricter by-laws for liquor and littering/pollution; for social and environmental safety.
- Relaxed by-laws for local economic development (LED) eg. small business eg. Street venders and house businesses eg. panel beaters or seamstresses

21. Metro Police:

- The crime-prevention units need to be based in local offices to increase civilian policing
- Increase number of Metro Police Officers

22. Clinics:

- Local clinics need more human resources equipment and medicines
- Clinic Committees need training and must be apolitical
- Clinic Committee financial management must have mandatory financial reporting to the council

23. Public Servants:

- Scrap Affirmative action
- Employment must be done on merit
- More training is required to ensure rate-payers satisfaction

24. Public-Private Partnership (PPP):

• Councils need to engage in PPP's for cost saving

25. Infrastructure:

 Roads, bridges, storm-water drainage, public sanitation and signage needs to be consistently upgraded to decrease road deaths, natural-disaster damages and loss of animals

26. Body Corporates:

- Management bodies for transferred council flats should be a co-ordinated and transparent process.
- First-time home owners need to be trained on how to manage meetings, constitute the body corporate and run the building operationally, daily.
- The hijacking and the bullying tactics used by body Corporates managers should be outlawed and residents should be given freedom to associate, manage their finances with full accountability.
- Corruption needs to be rooted out by monopolists who manage many body corporates

27. Climate Change:

• Establish "Green Cities, Towns" Project eg. renewable energy resources, green buildings, open spaces, enforce EIA's save water, electricity and designate demoss zones.

28. Coastal Management Plan:

- Phase two to include safety planning for Tsunamis and other natural disasters
- Needs of all faith- based organisation must be accommodated and demarcated space on the beach for prayer allocated

29. Beach Safety:

- Sentinels must be established with beach patrols to safeguard our visitors and tourists
- More Life-guards should be visible along the beaches
- Beach litter : clean-up must be a separate programme
- Manholes in these areas must be marked
- More safety signages are required

30. Parks and Gardens:

- Greening our cities and towns reduces carbon emissions and the overheating of cities
- Play lots for children should be saved and mandatory in the IDP's
- Grass-cutting cycle should be increased to 6 times annually

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