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## Local Government Elections Manifesto

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**It is hereby certified that this ATM 2021 Local Government Elections Manifesto:**

- Was developed by the National Executive Committee in preparation for contesting 2021 Local Government Elections;
- Takes into account all the relevant prescripts of the ATM Constitution, policies, and other mandates for which the ATM is responsible for;
- Is aligned with the ATM Election Strategy for Contesting 2021 Local Government Elections, which ATM will contest.

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# FROM PRESIDENT VUYO ZUNGULA TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA

## ***The Choice is Yours! Vote ATM for a Better Tomorrow!***

The African Transformation Movement is here to deliver its 2021 Local Government Manifesto to the people of South Africa with the aim of giving them hope and assurance that ATM is now here to rescue them from the pains of poverty, high rate of unemployment, corruption, poor service delivery, technical or financial incompetency, high rate of crime, lack of focus or support to rural and township economy, environmental waste degradation, little or no role for Traditional Leaders and religious fraternity and lastly but not least the high cost of living.

The above are but a few of the societal ailments that forced the ordinary South African citizens, traditional and religious leaders to stand up and take it upon themselves to see these inhumane calamities being addressed.

As people of South Africa, we have a choice to make in these 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE). You may return back to the irrelevant and tired Political Parties well-known for corruption, incompetency (cadre deployment) and poor Service Delivery. You may continue to watch the so-called political elites getting richer and us as communities getting poorer and unemployed OR alternatively, you can vote ATM.

A vote for ATM is a **vote for a Better Tomorrow, a vote for:**

- » Servant Leadership;
- » African-based Transformation (Ubuntu);
- » Accountability;
- » New Energy; and
- » Fresh Ideas.

Choice is the most powerful tool we all have. The choice is yours, and yours alone. Making a big change in life is pretty scary, but regret is even scarier. This is where the ATM becomes relevant. Together, we can vote to put the needs of our poor and marginalised communities first, and help to build a strong, just and prosperous Local Government.

In these 2021 Municipal Elections, vote ATM and together we can build a new future. The African Transformation Movement (ATM) is now the only beacon of hope for the people of South Africa. It is the alternative political home for all South Africans irrespective of their colour, creed, race, ethnicity, culture, economic status or religion.

This ATM 2021 LGE Manifesto is based on the following five (5) ATM Pillars of Hope underpinned by the following two (2) Enablers that will Usher in Change. Change for a Better Tomorrow, Change for a New Future:

1. Building Corrupt-free, Accountable and Capable Municipalities;
2. Enhance Local Economic Development (LED) that Supports Rural Economic Development, Food Security and Job Creation;
3. Provide Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements Supported by Reliable Basic Services and Infrastructure;
4. Capacitate and Skill Communities with Focus on Empowerment of Youth, Women and People Living with Disabilities;
5. Promote Healthy and Environmentally Protected Community;
6. Elevate the Role and Value of Traditional and Religious Affairs; and
7. Promote Peace, Justice, Safety and Security.

Unlike those of others, the ATM 2021 LGE Manifesto does not present empty promises; it offers concrete commitments that will be implemented. As a Peace Movement, we believe that it is only through transformation of our society that we will end the suffering of our people.

As we launch this Manifesto, we pledge to create a modern, functional, responsive, inclusive, innovative and corrupt-free Developmental Local Government, in respect of which opportunities for all citizens abound. We will transform our rural areas for people to have access to world-class infrastructure, safe drinking water, transformed economy and health care services.

South Africa, with humility and confidence, we therefore present to you this ATM Manifesto for the 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE), which is also our Programme of Action in Municipalities for the next five years. By voting ATM, you will be part of building a Strong, Just and Prosperous Local Government.

***Vote ATM for a Better Tomorrow! Together we can Build a New Future!***



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VUYOLWETHU ZUNGULA (MP)  
ATM PRESIDENT

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

## 1.1 Founding Provisions and Objectives

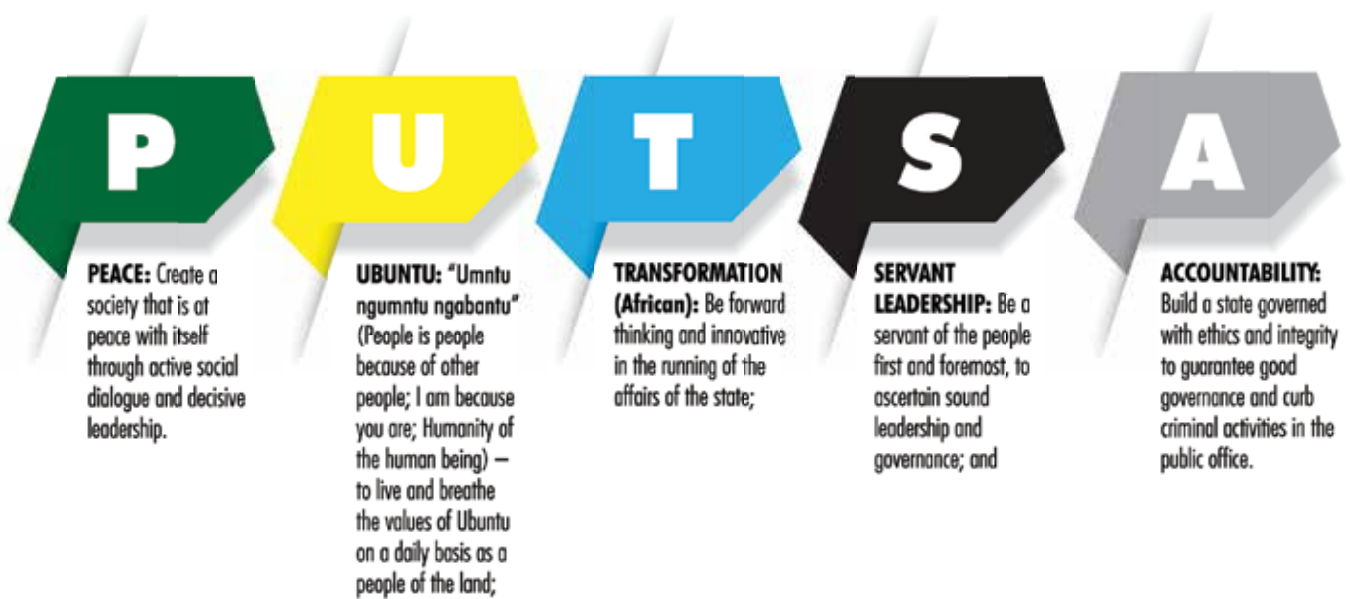
- (a) The ATM is a faith-based National Political Party, established to create and develop a decolonised, modern, healthy, happy, functional, democratic, fair and prosperous society that prides itself on integrity and inclusivity. It is thus established to, contest National, Provincial and Local Government Elections, and assume political power all over South Africa.
- (b) Our political ideology is **Humanism** in general and **African Humanism** in particular. The philosophical understanding of the ATM behind this Humanism ideology is that: **“There is Only One God and Only One Race, the Human Race”**.
- (c) The aims and objectives of the ATM are to: -
  - (i) offer all South African citizens a good quality of life, including, but not limited to, a peaceful life free from crime, a good health, food security, compulsory and free quality education, and sustainable employment and/or self-employment;
  - (ii) promote Ubuntu [African wisdom], African languages, religious diversity, unity and patriotism among South African citizens;
  - (iii) protect and advance the interests of vulnerable people like children, the elderly, people living with disabilities and women;
  - (iv) work for total liberation of the people of South Africa from all forms of racism, sexism, oppression, discrimination, poverty and ignorance, and promote Decolonised Economy that is redistributive and empowering in nature; and
  - (v) promote a prosperous nation that supports environmentally sustainable development, world peace, disarmament and friendship among nations as well as unity of and close cooperation among African countries.

## 1.2 Political Principle

- (a) The Political Principle of the ATM is to transform South Africa into a peaceful, ethically-governed and economically viable State that upholds values entrenched in the supreme law of our country, the Constitution, supported by Ubuntu and Divinity, while embracing our hard-earned Human Rights, respecting one another and embracing diversity through non-racialism, for the benefit of all citizens.
- (b) This will be achieved by uniting South Africans, who have different beliefs, religions, life-styles and ideologies; build a progressive democratic State, which addresses the needs of all those who live in it.

### 1.3 Core Values [PUT South Africans 1st]

(a) The ATM subscribe to the following Core Values:



### 1.4 Core Functions of Local Government

In terms of Section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 2016 (Act 108 of 2016), the objects of Local Government are: -

- (a) To provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- (b) To ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- (c) To promote social and economic development;
- (d) To promote a safe and healthy environment; and
- (e) To encourage the involvement of communities and community organisations in matters of local government.





# ATM VALUE PROPOSITION

## Value Map



### 4. Gains Creators

- » Regime Change & Professionalise Administration.
- » Linking Rural Development with Urban Development.
- » Ensuring that Basic Service Delivery is a Right and not a favour from Municipality.
- » Law & Municipal By-laws Enforcement.
- » Recognise Role of Traditional & Religious Leaders



### 2. Pain Relievers

- » Corrupt-free, Accountable & Capable Municipalities.
- » Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements Supported by Basic Services & Infrastructure.
- » Enhanced LED Supporting Job Creation & Rural Development (Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups).
- » Promote Peace, Justice Safety & Security.
- » Elevate Role & Value of Traditional & Religious Affairs.



### 5. Products & Services

- » Asset Based Community Development.
- » Good Governance & Service Delivery.



### 3. Voter Gains

- » Universal Access to Municipal Services.
- » Investment Attraction & New Job Creation.
- » Food Security & Job Security.
- » Empowerment of Vulnerable Group.



### 6. Voter Jobs

- » Support Municipal Programmes.
- » Hold Municipality Accountable.



### 1. Voter Pains

- » Poor Service Delivery, Corruption & Incompetency.
- » Poverty Taken a Form of Hunger & Starvation.
- » Non-functional & Dilapidated Basic Infrastructure.
- » High Rates of Unemployment.
- » High Crime Rate & Injustice.

## Voter Profile

# 2

## FIVE TRANSFORMATIONAL PILLARS & TWO ENABLERS

### ATM 2021 MANIFESTO

#### Five Transformational Pillars

01

Building a  
Corrupt-free,  
and a Capable  
Developmental  
Local Government

02

Enhance LED  
that Supports Rural  
Economic  
Development,  
Food Security  
and Job Creation.

03

Provide Sustainable  
and Integrated  
Human Settlement  
Supported by  
Sustainable Basic  
Services and  
Infrastructure

04

Capacitate and  
Skill Communities  
with Focus on  
Empowerment of  
Women, Youth and  
People Living with  
Disabilities.

05

Promote a  
Healthy and  
Environmentally  
Protected  
Community.

**1. Recognition & Respect to Traditional and Religious Leaders**

**2. Ensure Peace, Justice and Security, Now**

# 3



## BUILD CORRUPT-FREE, ACCOUNTABLE AND CAPABLE MUNICIPALITIES

Building corrupt-free and responsive Municipalities, together with service delivery capacity are topical in the South African politics. The underlying key questions are how to make Local Government to work, at work and in work? These questions can further be expanded to: which right vehicle to use in order to achieve this. Can this be achieved through a capitalist philosophy and private ownership that creates inequalities with the rich becoming richer and the poor left to linger in the periphery of the economy or through a socialist commitment to redistribution and land expropriation without compensation? The answer is, a mixture of both has a potential of dealing with the challenges Local Government is currently facing.

Responsive Developmental Local Government can be defined as a Local Government that enjoys the trust of the people, being committed to working with communities to find sustainable ways to meet their social, economic and material needs to improve the quality of their lives. In addition, the Local Government must act with authority, credibility and legitimacy to meet the needs of

its people in social justice, accountability, job creation, and promote human capacities, private investment and industrialization. A responsive Local Government includes functional political arrangements, sound policies, the requisite technical and scientific skills, well-structured institutional access to finance and competent Municipalities. South Africa have some good legislation and administrative framework to execute the legislation. However, some laws from the Apartheid dispensation are unfortunately still recognised. Furthermore, laws in the economic cluster continue to favour big corporates and those with unassailable market dominance. The efficient implementation of these laws has unintended consequences of closing out new entrants and thus disadvantage the majority of the emerging businesses with consequential job losses and creation of poverty and inequality.

Poverty and inequality we have in South Africa compromise the character of our institutions of governance, thereby aggravating social tension, as well as threatening the sustainability of our

democratic process. Poverty is the social injustice and it is what leads to all other injustices. God destroyed Sodom because of poverty; poverty that led to moral degradation.

Growing inequality is both practically and morally dangerous, and can foster bitterness and animosity between classes of society, threatening democracy and destabilising economy and peace. Democracy and governance are two sides of the same coin. Above all, growing inequality violates the cherished moral principle of equality. In addition to these, our state is threatened by corruption. Corruption is a manifestation of poor governance, lack of ethics and greed. Corruption erodes stability and trust, and it damages the ethos of democratic governments. Its macro-economic and social costs are immense. Worst of all it is felt more by the poorest of the poor.

#### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Transform Municipalities into peaceful, ethically-governed and economically viable Local Government.
- » Ensure that Municipalities are tolerant, competent and consultative, thereby giving power to its citizens.
- » Place poverty reduction, research and development, innovation and socio-economic transformation at the forefront of Local Government policy priorities by designing instruments to implement effective public policies to achieve these objectives.
- » Strengthen local governance that enforces a corrupt-free administration through a number of programmes like lifestyle audits for Councillors and officials.

- » Embark on a structured legislative reform to ensure that all our laws play a pivotal part in our transformation journey.
- » Build a responsive and skilled Municipality that provides a professional public service that diligently serves the Communities and is insulated from problems associated with political patronage.
- » Ensure that Political-Administration interface is clarified to ensure a clearer separation between the roles of the political principals and the administration.
- » Ensure stability in Municipal Entities with, clear public interest mandates, and governance structures that enable them to balance and realise their economic and social objectives.
- » Strike a balance between outsourcing and insourcing provision of goods and services such that job creation is prioritised without negatively affecting state efficiency and effectiveness.
- » Ensure that Councillors report to communities on quarterly basis on the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).
- » Capacitation of staff and reduction of use of Service Providers by half.
- » Ensure recruitment of qualified and competent Municipal Managers and CFOs.
- » Introduce sound financial management and internal controls to ensure clean audit reports and good governance.

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# 4



## ENHANCE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) THAT SUPPORTS JOB CREATION & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Economic Development (LED) is the total of all economic activities by all relevant stakeholders within a specific defined geographical region (with Local Government playing a leading role), working together in partnership to create economic development and ultimately improvement of quality of life for all residents in the area. LED has become a global concept that is generally utilised to address poverty and to create jobs both in urban and rural localities. The greatest potential for development support exists at the local government level, with a focus on attracting investments, creating jobs and boosting demand. In South Africa, since 1994, Local Government's role has expanded from providers of public goods and basic social services to include LED, hence we talk of Developmental Local Government.

Globally, academics, development practitioners and stakeholders recognise the important role of

Local Economic Development (LED) in order to create jobs, alleviating poverty and improvement in quality of life. In order to achieve dynamic local development, all aspects of local communities such as the economy, social, welfare, environmental and political issues need to be addressed in an integrated and holistic manner.

South Africa's current development policy is focused on "developmental" Local Government and with a "pro-poor" emphasis. Local Government has been pro-actively encouraged through the Constitution (1996) to intervene and to play a leading role in job creation and reduction of poverty through Local Economic Development (LED). The main constraints in delivering results in "pro-poor" implementation are poor analysis of local economies, unsustainable community projects, lack of capacity and lack of resources. Both concepts of "pro-poor" and "pro-growth" need to be addressed

as an integrated LED policy approach.

A “pro-growth” policy could be equated to creating an enabling environment for economic development while “pro-poor” policy equates to poverty alleviation through job creation and social-welfare safety nets. LED policy should focus on an increase in the number and variety of job opportunities and diversification of economic activities. Local Government need to assume an active role in this process.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Work with local Department of Labour inspectors to ensure all companies in the municipalities are compliant to all labour laws.
- » Develop and implement policies and strategies that seek to grow local economy.
- » Drive economic development in rural areas so that people are not compelled to move to cities in search for the better opportunities.
- » Purposefully promote those who previously had unequal access to opportunities because of gender, religion, race, colour and other points of disadvantage.
- » Advocate for land ownership to promote local business participation in order to play an active role in their own economic future using locally based resources.
- » Afford Traditional Leaders an opportunity to be central and play leadership role in the enhancement of LED.
- » Eradicate rural poverty by ensuring that rural small businesses have access to basic services like social infrastructure, roads, water and sanitation.
- » Ensure that Municipal Economic Development Agencies and other regional State-Owned

Enterprises have a local developmental focus and become skilling grounds for graduates and artisans.

- » Prioritise Co-operatives and other local SMMEs by empowering them and ensuring that they are supported and have access to capital, markets and Municipal Procurement. Co-operatives should be positioned in the market such that they are preferred to provide food, uniforms and other necessities for schools, clinics in their respective localities.
- » Ensuring that Municipality pays Service Providers within stipulated time frames, with special focus on supporting SMMEs and Co-operatives.
- » Create enabling and conducive environment through supporting infrastructure that attracts investment and partnerships with local businesses in order to create jobs.
- » Encourage and support local manufacturing and beneficiation to ensure processing of raw materials within the district where they are produced. Create conducive environment for manufacturing investments to thrive by giving Municipal incentives like keeping rent, water and rates at minimum so that goods produced locally are competitive and thus preferred in the local and external markets.
- » Attract investment to reopen/open factories that will supply basic to all traders at competitive prices in municipalities in order to create employment & economic opportunities. And reduce cost of goods for the benefit of the communities. Basic household goods such as candles, match sticks, brooms, towels, bread, cutlery etc. must be produced in each municipality for the people in those

municipalities. This will boost the economy in those municipalities.

- » Transform the Township and Rural economy in order to diversify sources of income and job creation.
- » Upskill and assist with marketing of emerging farmers and engage retailers to procure a significant produce from emerging farmers in the respective municipalities. Support the small-scale fisherman in coastal towns to compete and have a booming fishing industry in the areas.
- » Drive the transformation of the likes of Port St Johns, Coffee-bay and other small towns etc. to be world class tourist destinations in order to boost tourism revenue and create jobs for locals.

- » Create enabling model that seeks to support township economy and job creation.
- » Create sustainable livelihoods in rural areas by investing more on rural infrastructure in support of small-scale farmers, agro-industries, Agri-parks, community production centres and other initiatives that seek to eradicate rural poverty.
- » Partner with other national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations to stimulate investment in local communities and capacity building.
- » Ensure the Municipal By-laws and trading regulations are enforced.

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## PROVIDE INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SUPPORTED BY RELIABLE BASIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Section 26 of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa states that everyone has the right to have access to adequate housing. The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. The demand for housing in South Africa requires a high level of government intervention and investment. South Africa faces a challenge regarding the acceleration of housing delivery. Many plans and programmes regarding this issue are currently in place; however, the pitfall exists in the implementation. The Current South African Government has failed to meet the many challenges facing the nation, such as the housing backlogs and social and economic segregation.

The need for additional funding and land unavailability adds to these challenges.

Mechanisms for housing are pointers for sustainable communities. The nine (9) mechanisms of the Comprehensive Plan for Sustainable Development are: supporting the entire residential market, from housing to human settlements; instruments; institutional arrangements; institutions and capacity; financial arrangements; creating jobs in provision of housing; awareness; communication; and monitoring and evaluation (Centre for Development Support, 2010).



The Department of Housing states that the most critical threats to the sustainability of settlements in South Africa are water scarcity, crime and the fear of crime, HIV/AIDS, growing poverty, institutional complexity and the underperformance and inefficiency of parts of the public sector.

The benefits of having access to an improved drinking water source can only be fully realised when there is also access to improved sanitation and adherence to good hygiene practices, particularly during this era of Covid-19 pandemic. Access to water, sanitation and hygiene has profound wider socio-economic impacts, particularly for women and girls. Indeed, access to safe water and sanitation are human rights, as recognized in 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly. Today, 2 billion people internationally lack access to safely managed drinking water services and 3.6 billion people lack safely managed sanitation services. South African Municipalities, especially rural Municipalities, do not maintain their roads leading to potholes that normally cause car accidents. Generally, the infrastructure for Basic Services is dilapidated, aging and collapsing.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Creating Integrated Sustainable Human Settlements through, mixed land uses, mixed-use of housing options, sustainable services and infrastructure, open areas and recreational facilities, proper access to social and economic amenities.
- » Integrate residential housing provision with places of employment, social and economic amenities like schools, community halls, health care facilities, parks, recreation facilities, transport facilities, places of worship, community halls, job opportunities, etc.

- » Addressing housing and basic services backlog so that the demand does not exceed the supply with focus on rural and township communities.
- » Improve Municipal capacity to ensure ongoing maintenance of roads, water supply, sewerage facilities and other Municipal infrastructure.
- » Promoting flexibility in house designs according to land availability, preferences and affordability.
- » Setting realistic targets of eradicating informal settlement and ensuring that every South African has decent housing.
- » Provide potable clean water, sanitation and affordable electricity in existing informal settlements.
- » Introduce larger stand areas, which promotes future extensions to existing structures, and rental rooms that may provide a source of income to beneficiaries.
- » Use provision of housing and basic services to create jobs for local communities and promote local procurement without compromising quality.
- » Review housing requests list annually as means of verifying if the need for a house still exists and prioritise those who are in desperate need for a house.
- » Upgrade old and dilapidated Municipal-owned buildings to social housing facilities. Expropriate deserted, hijacked buildings for public good.
- » Social Housing be properly funded and made more accessible to all those who qualify.

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# 6



## **CAPACITATE AND SKILL COMMUNITIES WITH FOCUS ON EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

Societal inequality is a chronic problem in our country. South Africa has an inclusive Constitution that protects the rights of all, accompanied with a statutory and policy architecture for gender empowerment and equality. However, despite the enabling policies and laws there is still a large challenge in ensuring that the legal and regulatory frameworks that have been put in place are effectively implemented, enforced, monitored and evaluated. South Africa is experiencing a paradox of a reportedly caring country and when it comes to injustices targeting people living with disabilities, these injustices perpetually manifest themselves in different forms.

Youth, women and people living with disabilities are vulnerable groups. Any society that cares

for its citizens needs to support and empower these groups economically and socially so that they participate in the economy and governance of the country meaningfully. Women were previously marginalised by the apartheid government and sometimes by our own societal norms and standards, yet they are the majority of our population. When you empower women, you empower the nation. Youth unemployment including unemployed graduates is a crisis in our communities and it is a time bomb ready to explode any time.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Increase in value, numbers, and variety youth, women and people living with disabilities owned enterprises in all the Municipal sectors of the economy with the aim of increasing employment and reducing poverty.

- » Increase entrepreneurial culture, business managerial capacities, technical skills and talents among young people, women and people living with disabilities through community skilling programmes, thereby contributing to sustainable human development.
- » Capacitate youth, women and people living with disabilities by encouraging and incentivising them to establish Cooperative enterprises and other forms of enterprises.
- » Raise the profile of youth, women and people living with disabilities owned enterprises and young entrepreneurs through entrepreneurial training and capacitation of vulnerable groups.
- » Remove any barriers that prevents young men and women and people living with disabilities from starting and growing their own businesses.
- » Provide support to SMMEs and Co-operatives by increasing their access to market, finance and non-financial support.
- » Protecting and advancing the interests of vulnerable people like women, youth and children, the elderly and people living with disabilities.
- » Encourage young girls to prioritise education in order to pull themselves and their families out of poverty and hopelessness that many have come to accept.
- » Provide awareness that is aimed at reducing the incidences of crime against women and children and people living with disabilities.
- » Identify and assist to eradicate barriers and bottlenecks that hinder women owned small micro and medium enterprises (SMMEs) from accessing finances and financial services.
- » Supporting and professionalise sports, arts and culture within local communities to promote good health, reduce crime and drug abuse through provision of world class sport facilities.
- » Partner with government institutions like NYDA and SEFA to support SMMEs and Cooperatives to access funding.
- » Increase participation of youth, women and people living with disabilities, in Municipal Contractor Development Programmes in partnership with CIDB.

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# 7

## PROMOTE HEALTHY & ENVIRONMENTALLY PROTECTED COMMUNITY

South Africa (SA) was ranked last among 19 countries in a global survey that measured healthcare system efficiency – the ability to deliver maximum results at the lowest possible cost. Healthcare services in SA are set to undergo drastic reforms with the recent promulgation of the long-awaited National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill and Medical Schemes Amendment Bill. These reforms are meant to address what has seemingly become a national outcry over inefficient public healthcare services and inaccessible private healthcare.

Accessing quality health services is almost impossible for many South Africans, as they have to contend with generally poor services in the public sector or unaffordable medical bills from private health facilities. Public health facilities remain the only option for the more than 42-million citizens who do not have private health insurance, who are evidently growing more ill by the day.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Monitoring and surveillance of water quality and availability that is intended for human consumption, recreational and industrial use.
- » Employ health inspectors, and ensure that all foods during production, handling, storage, processing and distribution are safe, wholesome

and for human consumption; conform to quality and safety requirements and ensure that they are honestly and accurately labelled as prescribed by law.

- » Monitoring of waste management systems-refuse, health care waste, hazardous waste and sewage.
- » The identification, monitoring and evaluation of health risks, nuisances and hazards and instituting remedial and preventative measures.
- » Surveillance and prevention of communicable diseases, excluding immunizations.
- » The identification, evaluation, monitoring and prevention of land, soil, noise, water and air pollution.
- » Monitoring, identification, evaluation and prevention of the risks of chemical that are harmful to human health.
- » Provide for the control, preservation and maintenance of the municipal parks and recreational grounds as well as the use and enjoyment thereof by members of the public.
- » Provide an efficient service for the removal and disposal of domestic refuse, garden refuse, industrial refuse, builders rubble, waste refuse, etc.

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# 8

## ELEVATE THE ROLE AND VALUE OF TRADITIONAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Section 212 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and legislation is not explicitly clear on the role of Traditional Leaders in this country and that needs urgent attention as it is an anomaly in an African country. Furthermore, it signals persistent colonialism.

In South Africa, official state law consists of a Western and an African component. The Western component entails common law, which is Roman-Dutch law, as influenced by English law and adapted and further developed by court decisions. The African component consists of that customary law which has been incorporated into legislation and the decisions of courts. This constitutes the official legal pluralism in South Africa.

It should be clear from human history that religion and politics cannot be separated and anyone who claims it can and should be done is either aiming to mislead or hasn't thought it through. The Church is the only institution in the world that works for those who did not establish it. It is a Church of

others. South Africa is a secular state with a very diverse religious population. Section 15 of the Constitution of Republic of South Africa guarantees freedom of religion, belief and opinion. In South Africa there is no equal recognition of both traditional and religious institutions and they are not given equal space in the public domain for nation building as compared to other Non-governmental Organisations. The African Indigenous and Independent Churches (AICs) have been side-lined during the Apartheid regime area, but to the surprise of many they are still marginalised during the so-called democratic era.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Ensure adherence to Section 81 of Municipal Structures Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998) through:
  - (a) Involvement and full participation

of Traditional Leaders in Integrated Development Plan (IDP) Process;

(b) Ensuring the Municipal Councillors are held accountable for governance and clean administration by Traditional Leaders in their respective localities;

(c) Ensuring that Traditional Leaders play an oversight role on every development that takes place in their jurisdiction; and

(d) Ensuring that the Great Places are made hubs of Rural and Community Development.

» Ensuring full recognition, respect, dignity and support to all our kingdoms, kings, chiefs & traditional leadership.

» Promoting equitable recognition, respect and support to all religious formations.

» Religious fraternity should be recognised as a Municipal critical stakeholder when doing consultation. This consultation must not be done only to Mainline Churches, but African Independent Churches (AICs) and Charismatic Churches should also be recognised by the Municipality and other spheres of Government.

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# 9



## PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE, SAFETY AND SECURITY

While crime continuously increases in South Africa, fear rises and trust in criminal justice system drops. Murder increased during the past three years both in terms of the total number of incidences (Victim of Crime Survey) and the number of cases reported to the police (South African Police Services). The level of satisfaction with the police and courts continued to decline, more rapidly in the case of courts.

South Africa has become a nation at war with itself. We are no longer living in a peaceful society and this threatens the social and political stability of this beautiful country of ours. We believe that this is due to lack of ethical and servant leadership, and proper implementation of policy of the State, which led to the abandonment of the divine values and Ubuntu.

Alarming high victims of assault and rape in South Africa are faced with a police system that is not bringing any hope into their lives. Many women do not report rape incidents because of fear and a lack of faith in the policing and judicial systems. Apart from limited training, police officers are also unable to create an encouraging and friendly environment for victims to

express their domestic suffering and rape ordeals. The process is not victim friendly.

Generally, safety and security in South Africa has always been a thorny issue that needs a decisive government to deal with it. The establishment of 'neighbourhood watch' groups and other community fora to protect communities speaks volumes about people's need to feel safe. The ugly face of lack of safety and security in our country also manifest itself repeatedly in our Municipalities where serious decisions about safety and security of our communities are supposed to be taken. Democracy has minimal value if criminals are in control of our localities. Even the economy will never grow in an environment that lacks peace, justice, safety and security.

### **In Building a Better Tomorrow, the ATM Puts Communities First by Committing to:**

- » Work together with law enforcement agencies to lead the fight against drug, child and human trafficking.
- » Educate and empower communities towards a law-abiding culture.

- » Improving service delivery and accountability at local level to avoid service delivery protests.
- » Ensuring that Local Government has Community Law Enforcement Officers (Municipal Police and Traffic Police) capacitated, fully resourced to ensure and enhance effective community policing and safety.
- » Using Community Police and Municipal Police decisively deal with the barbaric act of attack, murder, sexual assault, rape and violence against people with albinism. Also stop the deliberate

hunting, killing and discrimination of the LGBTQ (Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) community as we stand for the restoration of dignity and protection of communities.

- » Establish and enhance Moral Regeneration programmes that aim at curbing Gender Based Violence and Youth Drug abuse.

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## CONCLUSION

Over and above the contents of this Manifesto, and with the ATM committing itself to this People's Contract, the ATM would like to highlight the following community needs:

- (a) A caring, responsible and willing to serve Public Representative;
- (b) Services more than a political and empty rhetoric;
- (c) God fearing Councillors who respect and put the needs of the people first; and
- (d) Solutions where there is a problem.

In view of the above highlighted points, the ATM is committed in ensuring that it delivers what it has promised. These 2021 Local Government Elections (LGE) mark the beginning of a New Chapter of Acts for the good of the people of South Africa more than promises that are not fulfilled. ATM commits to deliver to the people and this Manifesto is a contract which the ATM shall enter into with our people and it is through it that we shall be judged.



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