

## **We can get things fixed! But you have you vote DA**

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Democrats,

I am here to deliver an urgent message.

In the next 5 to 10 years many municipalities will no longer exist.

And their collapse will have a devastating impact on honest, hardworking people and our future in this country.

More than 64 municipalities in South Africa are now classified as dysfunctional.

You don't need to check whether your municipality is on this list; you will already know.

THESE are the municipalities where the taps run dry and the power stays off even after Eskom load shedding ends;

Where comrades and cadres steal Covid-19 relief funds;

Or they just steal the whole municipal bank account, as we have seen with the great V.B.S. bank heist – or should we say the great E.F.F. bank heist?

If you live in these ANC-run municipalities, you don't know WHEN the streetlights and potholes will be fixed or when the bins will be collected (if you are lucky enough to have a bin.

You don't know WHERE you are on the housing waiting list, or what chance you'll have to own a home that you can pass to your children.

You don't know WHERE your rates and taxes and tariffs are going.

You don't know WHO to talk to about the problem, because your ANC mayor is missing.

In fact, even if you vote ANC on 1 November you don't know WHO exactly you will be voting for.

Because the ANC cannot agree on who their candidates should be, the person standing in your community might have to resign to make way for someone else.

You also don't know WHICH faction of the ANC you're voting for, but it makes no difference, the result will be the same.

What you MUST know is that things cannot go on like this for very much longer.

The story of municipalities rundown and ransacked by the ANC will have an ending, and it's not going to be good.

I am telling you today that if you live in one of the 64 dysfunctional municipalities in this country, you will have to prepare for Day Zero for service delivery.

In the next decade municipalities like JB Marks, Mogale City, Madibeng, Govan Mbeki, Emfuleni and Manguang are going to run out of ratepayers money.

One day in the near future the lights will go off, and they won't come back on again; the taps will run dry, and there will be nobody to fix them.

The sewage plants will malfunction, and the community will have to look for engineers and technicians to fix the problem for free.

No matter how much SAMWU goes on strike, there will be no money to pay salaries and contractors.

There will be no national government bailout, because back in 2020 the ANC in Parliament voted to transfer what was left to bail out SAA and Eskom.

But democrats that doesn't need to be the end of the story. We can write our own ending on 1 November.

The party that runs the best 10% of municipalities, the party that gets things done, is also the party that can fix the worst municipalities.

That party is the DA, but we can't do it without a massive blue wave of DA votes on 1 November.

En, nee, die antwoord is nie om vir 'n klein opposisie te stem nie.

Dit help nie jy stem vir 'n 2%-opposisieparty en hoop dan vir 'n koalisie nie.

Ek's jammer, dit werk nie so nie.

As jy 'n DA-regering wil hê soos in Kaapstad, Midvaal, Kouga, Stellenbosch en Mosselbaai, dan moet jy vir die DA stem.

Daar is net een party wat groot genoeg is om die ANC te stop en die invloed van die EFF te beperk, en dis die DA.

'n Stem vir 'n kleiner party verdeel die opposisie, verswak die DA en versterk die ANC, soda hy verder deur die EFF geradikaliseer kan word.

Ons kan nie met vuur speel nie.

Stem vir die party wat dinge gedoen kry.

Stem vir die party wat vir ons almal – wel-af en arm, jong en oud, wit, en swart en bruin en indier 'n bewoonbare toekoms kan skep hier Suid-Afrika.

Stem DA.