

The DA changes lives for the better where we govern

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As South Africans head to the polls in exactly 8 days, we must ask ourselves what this election is truly about.

Many will knock on your door and promise you a million houses – knowing they will not deliver them – like President Ramaphosa did in Alex in the last election.

They will promise jobs for our young people while 7 out 10 of them are without imisebenzi.

Many will promise to be tough on corruption kodwa it has been 27 years akukabanjwa nomnye umntu obe imali yabantu.

Instead, they will protect the politically connected fiercely.

They will do so at the expense of millions of South Africans who have to beg to receive what rightfully belongs to them.

They will shield the likes of Mkhize, Mabuyane and Kodwa from accountability.

The ANC has repeatedly showed us who they are. And we must believe them.

A party that is a shadow of its former self – that can no longer be entrusted with running this country.

That is why I am imploring you to think about a post-ANC South Africa where your towns and cities are working as they should.

On the 1st of November masikhethu umbutho ozokuqinisekisa ukuba

- izitrato zicocekile;
- umbane ukhona;
- amanzi akhona;
- Izindlu zikhona;
- Abantu bafumana imisebenzi.

Gone are the days where political parties must fool us into voting for them, yet they fail to deliver on their promises year after year, election after election, and dupe us into loyalty to an old and stale political party that stopped caring about voters a long time ago.

On the 1st of November, we must remember that it is the people who have the power to hire and fire a government.

YOU have the power.

Nini abaphathi; urhulumente usebenzela nina.

Yiyolonto nge 1st ka November siyayichitha i-contract yethu ne ANC engasenzeli nto;
Siyawugxotha lombutho ome ngamasela;
Sizakuqesha urhulumente omtsha;
Sizakufaka ooceba abasebenzela abantu and not the other way round.

Singenisa umbutho that ‘Gets Things Done!’

Sifaka iDemocratic Alliance that changed the fate of Cape Town and made it the best run City in the country; a City that has the lowest unemployment rate; a City that gets the basics right.

Sifaka iDA that changed the fate of Midvaal Municipality.

A Municipality that has been governed well for the past 20 years.
That has changed the lived experiences of its citizens for the better.
Singenisa urhulumente ongabi mali, that uses public money for the people.

We are sending a clear message to those who believe they will rule until Jesus Comes.

We are saying asivumi ngeedolophu nezixeko zethu.

This is the key difference between the DA and those other parties: We are not asking for another 34 years of broken promises.

We are asking you to lend us your vote for only for the next 5 years so that we can do for you what we have done in Cape Town, in Midvaal and have started to do again in Tshwane and in Nelson Mandela Bay.

That is how confident we are in our ability to get things done.

We have fielded excellent candidates in every single ward across the country.

We have mayoral candidates that have tabled their plan to change things in our key metros.

Unlike the ANC that has no mayoral candidates – that has fielded Mayor Ramaphosa for this election – the DA has shown you exactly who you will be voting for.

Democrats, we are not asking for a lifetime of blind loyalty – we are asking for the next 5 years to prove to you that life under a DA government is better.

It is not by accident that every independent indicator states that the top 5 municipalities in South Africa are DA-led.

It is because sizimisele ukusebenzela abantu.

If you no longer want to live in a broken town or city where service delivery is just a buzz word – vote for the DA next week.

Give us a chance to show you what true delivery looks like.

They may say what they like about the DA, but even they can't deny that we get things done.

Even they can't deny that ubomi babantu bungcono a pho kukho urhulumente we DA.

And that is our single most important commitment.

It is the promise of doing even more where we govern and starting the process of cleaning up the mess where you will vote us in for the first time.

As a young person who comes from the ANC governed Buffalo City Municipality that has been broken for decades – I can tell you: No jobs can come out of a municipality that fails to deliver basics.

Jobs will come from towns and cities that work.

Jobs will follow where there is clean government.

Jobs will be awarded to everyone who qualifies not based on the colour of your T-shirt.

Jobs will not be given by corrupt politicians abanyenzela abantu balale nabo kuze bafumane amathuba.

Sisiqinisekiso sethu kuni eso!

And so, ngomhla ka 1; qesha urhulumente ozakwenza izinto zenzeke.

Vote for the DA.

Not because we are entitled to your vote. But because we can and have changed lives for the better where we govern.