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#JUSTICEFOREMILIO CRIME MARCH

MEMORANDUM OF DEMANDS

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| TO: | GELVANDALE POLICE STATION COMMANDER |
| FROM: | DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE EASTERN CAPE |
| SUBJECT: | MEMORANDUM: #JusticeForEmilio Crime March |
| DATE: | THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2024 |

Today we demand that our constitutional right to safety and security be protected and enforced in keeping with the fundamental right to freedom, which is enshrined in the constitution. Communities that do not experience safety in their homes and streets can never feel free.

We stand with 3-year-old Emilio Hutchinson, his grandmother and a family friend who were brutally shot and executed in their home in Helenvale – a home that should be a sanctuary of safety. We stand with all the victims of crime in the Northern Areas, and Nelson Mandela Bay as a whole, and express our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost family members, particularly children.

We have gathered here today to express our outrage at the high rate of violent crime in Helenvale and the Northern Areas, perpetrated by the gangsters that have been given the keys to the city to run rampant with their criminality and bloodlust. They have turned Nelson Mandela Bay into a war zone.

The DA, therefore, hands over this memorandum of demands to the Gelvandale Station Commander to request that it is delivered to the EC Police Commissioner and the Minister of Police, Bheki Cele, with the following demands:

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- Double the number of members allocated to the Anti-Gang Unit.
- Assign the best detectives from around the country to support the SAPS in NMB.
- Deploy the SAPS National Intervention Unit /Special Task Force in the Northern Areas.
- Strengthen crime intelligence.
- Increase police visibility.
- Implement crime fighting technology such as drones, CCTV cameras and ShotSpotter technology without delay.

The DA believes that law enforcement interventions must be coupled with opportunities for residents in the Northern Areas if we are to truly defeat gangsterism and crime. We will continue fighting for opportunities, that will bring skills development and jobs to our communities.

We request of the Minister to give feedback on this memorandum within the next 14 days. If he fails to reply within this time period, the DA will announce further steps to ensure the safety and security of the people of the Northern Areas and Nelson Mandela Bay.

The DA will continue to fight for the people of the Northern Areas. We have a proud record of fighting for safety in Nelson Mandela Bay and we won't give up on the people of the city. The DA would not allow the safety of the residents of the Northern Areas and Nelson Mandela Bay to be compromised.

We are deeply saddened by the ongoing loss of life, and in particular the high rate of violent crime, which includes murder, attempted murder and gender-based violence, but we would also like to express our appreciation to those dedicated members of the SAPS, who go the extra mile to serve and protect us.

Kind Regards,

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