



NEW UNITY MOVEMENT

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**NOT TO VOTE
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SYSTEM!**

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DO NOT VOTE!

WHY WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD NOT REGISTER OR VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The New Unity Movement calls on people to exercise their democratic right by **NOT** registering or voting in the municipal elections in November. As long as a government is dictated to by local capitalism and international imperialism, no change can be brought about by elections that will make life easier for the majority of people of South Africa.

This government may be in office but it is certainly not in power, as the real bosses are the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WF) and capitalists countries. These powerful agencies and countries dictate how South Africa must be managed so that the capitalists can benefit. It is they that are responsible for the condition that we find ourselves in. The lack of jobs, housing, poor health services and education can be laid at their doorsteps, as much needed money that could be used on social services leave the country in the form of debt repayment and profits.

We are asking all citizens who love South Africa not to vote. This is not the South Africa we struggled for – colonialism, racism, oppression and exploitation are still alive.

WHAT IS THE SITUATION TODAY?

Crime!

- South Africa has become the crime capital of the world. Serious crime such as murder and rape goes unpunished by an impotent and corrupt police system.
- Every 32 seconds, a woman is raped in South Africa.
- South Africa has become the paradise for International syndicates – blatantly in cahoots with the authorities.
- Vicious spiralling of crime and violence is threatening the very fibre of South African society.
- Daily life has become more unsafe for the most South Africans.

Standard of Living!

- People who suffer the most are the poor – those who have a small income or no income at all, and for them there is no light at the end of the tunnel.

- Rapid rise in the prices of essential items has resulted in the poor not able to afford the basics.
- For a number of years, the difference between the rich and poor in South Africa is the highest in the world.

Unemployment!

- The official unemployment figure in South Africa is 34.4% (~8 million people), probably much higher in reality.
- Data gathered from 200 countries puts South Africa at the top for the highest number of unemployed youth. 74.5% of youth between 15 and 24 are unemployed.
- Workers are being sacked daily in the State and private sector.
- COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown continue to devastate the economy, entrenching extraordinarily high unemployment and poverty.
- Retrenchment is the greatest fear of workers today.
- Millions of people lose their jobs from one election to the next. Among them are teachers, doctors, nurses, civil servants and workers who do not form part of the profit making schemes of the local and international masters.
- The loss of jobs, housing and inferior education and low wages are the main cause of crime, which has become uncontrollable. By-and-large, the millions who were economically “disadvantaged” in the apartheid days remain downtrodden in the ‘new’ South Africa.

Welfare!

- Welfare grants are not in line with increased cost of living, continuing the increase in poverty levels of the majority of people.

Education!

- Education has become a privilege – real education can only be afforded by the rich.
- Overburdened citizens must subsidize our children's education when education is supposed to be free.
- The government is robbing the majority of our children of proper education and in the process destroying the country's economic and social future.
- Recent statistics show that more than 80 000 classrooms and 24 000 teachers are needed to normalise a shortage of educational facilities and staff.
- The Government has repeatedly failed from one election to the next to provide proper educational needs for the majority of our children.

Corruption and Nepotism!

- Corruption and nepotism in South Africa in government Departments, both at national and local levels, are rampant.
- Even now, corruption continues unabated. COVID-19-related procurement corruption worth R3 billion involves many national and provincial departments. Yet many implicated officials are not charged for any crime.
- In many instances, this corruption is viewed to be justified by those believing that ex-liberation fighters are entitled to benefits.
- This is affecting directly on the poor – especially where funds are misappropriated meant for the well-being of the people of the country.

Health!

- As with education, proper health care is only available to those who can afford it.
- The country has two "Systems of Health Care":
 - One that caters for the rich and is administered by private Medical Aid schemes for those who can afford it.
 - A Public Health System, run by the State that does not even provide sufficient primary health care –

hospitals are overcrowded, understaffed and under resourced.

- Patients are dying at public hospitals while waiting to receive medical treatment.

Housing!

- Millions of people in South Africa live in shacks and are deprived of decent affordable housing.
- Shack dwellers live like refugees in the country of their birth.
- Pathetic dwellings are built that are also of an extremely poor and unhealthy standard.
- A minority of people live in leafy suburbs while the majority of oppressed people live in overcrowded, unhygienic, crime-ridden areas.

It is clear from the above that the government at all levels lacks both the will and intention to deliver on promises made during every election campaign. The bosses along with government are only interested in enriching themselves by grabbing the major share of the wealth produced by the workers. That is why there is not enough to meet the basic needs of all South Africans.

It does not matter which party stands for elections, it will NEVER be able to deliver on its promises of providing housing, jobs, healthcare, education and fighting crime. It will never achieve this as long as the money that should be spent on improving the lives of the people is controlled by, and going to the pockets of the minority. The minority is the very wealthy foreign and local bosses.

To vote for any party is therefore not the answer because none of them provides an alternative for a better South Africa. Our so-called democracy is a hoax. The New Unity Movement calls on all to reject and boycott the upcoming municipal elections in November and in so doing expose the fraud. We must continue with the struggle for a true democracy and true liberation by building the organisations of the people and building the unity of the nation. We must fight the system of exploitation and continued oppression.

The New Unity Movement urges that

- * **We must build a single, undivided, independent, non-racial and democratic South Africa free from foreign domination.**
- * **The interest of the workers and the rural poor shall be paramount.**
- * **The land and its wealth belong to the people.**
- * **We must bring about a new society in which we will all be truly free.**

"REAL VOTING IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN A NORMAL SOCIETY"