



THE GOOD WAY FORWARD

Cape Town's best days are still ahead. GOOD is ready to build a city that actually cares.

An Affordable City

We pledge to build a Cape Town that is affordable for everyone, not just the rich.

GOOD was the only party to support the court battle against the DA's unlawful "tariffs." We won a major victory against the DA's illegal taxes and for affordability. In government, we'll finish that fight with fairer rates and tariffs.

- **Adjusted rates that consider income, not just property value alone**. A high property value doesn't mean a household is wealthy.
- **Raise the rates relief threshold**. Stuck at R7500/month for years - which is so low a couple both on minimum wage don't qualify.
- **Protect your prepaid electricity**. The City shouldn't take your units to recover a debt your landlord owes. Revise the Credit Control Policy so that it protects the right to basic services like electricity.
- **Free off-peak public transport**. Buses and trains run whether they're full or not - so let's fill them.
- **Establish a Rental Fairness Compact**. The City will establish a Rental Fairness Compact for keeping rent increases at or below a threshold percentage.

A Housed City

We pledge to end spatial Apartheid.

The Constitutional Court recently confirmed what GOOD has always said: Where people live matters, and public land must serve the public good

- **We pledge to build what was promised**. R382.6 million in housing grants sat unspent in 2024/25 while families waited.
 - **We pledge to stop relying on national grants alone**. Cape Town has the skills and balance sheet to do more.
 - **Make land release real**. 6 of the last 7 parcels released for affordable housing got zero responsive bids.
 - **Build City-owned, rent-stabilised flats** on public land - dignified, affordable and well maintained.
 - **Stop selling public land**. Use it for housing, clinics, sports fields and community facilities - not profit.
 - **Turn hostels into homes**. Transform apartheid-era migrant labour hostels into dignified family units.
 - **Upgrade informal settlements in place**. Provide services to settlements not serviced and upgrade led by, and in consultation with, the communities who live there.
 - **Regulate short-term rentals**. A string of one-week lets is not a home.
 - **Revive the Inclusionary Housing Policy**: require private developers to contribute affordable housing in exchange for extra development rights they currently get for free.
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An Equitable City

We pledge to end the “Tale of Two Cities”. Basic service delivery isn't a favour. It's the bare minimum.

- **One standard, for every community.** Streets, sidewalks, parks, sports facilities, lighting - the same standard everywhere. No more tale of two cities.
- **Fix it fast, everywhere.** No potholes, no dark streets, no month-long waits in some areas while others wait hours.
- **Emergency services that respond everywhere.** No matter the postcode.
- **No patchwork fixes, no press-release politics.** Good press cannot replace real progress.
- **Sport and recreation field development.** A dedicated Youth Recreation & Cohesion Fund to refurbish and build sports fields, courts, and multi-purpose recreation centres.
- **Invest in every community.** Build public spaces and facilities, and upgrade those that have been neglected.
- **Expand and increase free basic services.** Thousands of eligible households currently get no free water, electricity or sanitation. We'll fix that. We will also increase the amounts that eligible households receive, because the City can afford to.

A Safer City

We pledge to build a safer city. More boots on the ground won't solve violent crime. We've tried the army. We have LEAP. Murder and violence persist.

Violent crime isn't random - it's concentrated where housing is inadequate, overcrowding is rife, and community amenities are neglected. Poverty and inequality drive crime. Heavy-handed policing alone isn't the answer; addressing the social issues at the root is.

- **Professionalise and demilitarise law enforcement** - trained, community-centred, human-rights-driven.
- **Prioritise GBV and femicide** - prompt investigations, survivor support, education for young men, and more safe spaces. .
- **Reclaim public spaces** - target hotspots near schools, clinics, parks and transport hubs. Use open public spaces for community projects like food gardens
- **Design for children's safety** - lit parks, traffic calming, supervised crossings.
- **Revive abandoned buildings** into mixed-use housing and community assets.
- **Invest in communities.** Upgrade neglected public spaces and facilities. Build community halls, sports fields and recreation facilities where they are needed.
- **Invest in young people.** Use public facilities to run recreation and skills programmes.

A Trusted City

We pledge to build a city with a say. For most Capetonians, government is something done to them - not with them. Residents need real say over their communities and their city. Public participation has become a box-ticking exercise. What communities say is just ignored.

Sub-Councils are expensive to run but hold no real power.

- **Give Sub-Councils real power and responsibilities over community budgets,** in consultation with residents, to bring decision-making closer to the people.
- **Strengthen Ward Committees into Community oversight committees** with direct lines to Sub-Councils - corruption can happen around every corner.



- **Make decisions in the open.** Real public consultation that counts. Open Municipal Public Accounts Committees and Bid Adjudication Committees to the public - sunlight is the best disinfectant against corruption.
- **Let Sub-Councils receive petitions.** The City does not have a petitions committee, but we will encourage residents to present petitions directly to their sub-councils
- **Ward-level participatory budgeting.** You should have a say in how your money is spent.
- **Procure from local businesses to drive socio-economic development.** Support breadwinners - don't shut them down.
- **End shadowy Municipal Planning Tribunals.** Review and amend the Municipal Planning By-Law. Access to information will be open to all.

A Working City

We pledge to build a working city. Jobs must come from Cape Town's own economy - not just headsets and call scripts.

- **Insource City jobs.** Bring outsourced City functions - cleaning, security, maintenance - back in-house, with fair pay and stable conditions.
- **Reinstate the Women's Road Repair Teams.** Expand a proven jobs-and-service-delivery programme offering women a dedicated path to jobs, including jobs usually regarded as for men only.. We'll bring it back and expand it.
- **Beyond the call centre.** The City's job strategy leans almost entirely on call-centre business process outsourcing. Our people deserve more. Infrastructure investment should create construction-related jobs. We will unleash and support the untapped creative economy, digital economy and care economy.
- **Support cooperatives.** We'll fast-track their registration, connect them to City tenders, and give them access to start-up finance and mentorship.
- **Incubate survivalist businesses and small scale traders** with public workspace, real partnership and not enforcement raids. Industrial land should be used for industrial purposes, like manufacturing, motor repairs, welding.
- **Local, worker-focused procurement.** City contracts must build the local economy, not just tick a compliance box. We'll set targets for hiring from the surrounding community, and require fair wages on any contract that gets City money.
- **A permanent, publicly tracked City workforce.** Fixing what the City already owns, offering a real ladder from entry-level work into a trade, a business, or a permanent job