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by Jacques Cupido



There is no doubt that the forthcoming Local Government Elections on August 03, 2016 will be very hotly contested amongst the various political parties and the increased number of independent candidates. The ANC-led Alliance are facing challenges of its own and the threat to our revolution, internally as well as externally, are also contributing factors that will make this one of the most important elections since the first democratic local government elections in 2000.

Local Government Elections are about issues at a local level and more importantly, who determines the content, pace and direction in transforming our communities. Since the first local government elections which saw the demarcation of various communities into single municipalities, districts and metros, a lot have happened to transform local government to address the needs of communities.

Our society is still in transition from where we were 22 years ago since the dawn of democracy after many years of struggle led by the liberation move-

ment, the African National Congress partners, including progressive forces within society such as students, churches, professionals and workers.

Before 1994, workers was on the receiving end of the brutal onslaught by the apartheid regime but through many struggles and solidarity having managed together, with other forces in society, bring an end

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to the tyrannical apartheid rule to ensure that we achieved freedom in 1994. Thousands of workers have made sacrifices and struggled that today we can join trade unions, organise freely, right to strike and collective bargaining. The ANC led the liberation struggle to liberate the country and commit to a united, democratic South Africa.

Still more needs to be done as we are a country in transition and still facing with apartheid legacies in many of our communities. Workers must not be misled by parties that are anti-worker that want to reverse the gains we have made. These parties are pro-business and want to take away our rights as workers, even want government to do away with collective bargaining. There are also those parties that pretend to be on the side of workers, but it's the same party who threaten to overthrow the ANC-led government with the barrel of the gun. Workers must never trust these parties who collide with big business and multinational companies to erode the rights of workers as enshrined in our Constitution.

The African National Congress remains the only reliable organisation that will champion the cause of workers and as workers we have achieved a lot under ANC government:

We have ensured that the Taxation Amendment Act was not implemented.

We joined the students for a zero percent increase in uni-



versity fees, and the ANC government have listened.

We have demanded that our communities should get affordable and quality health care not based on profits and thus today the NHI implementation is a reality.

Workers called for a National Minimum Living wage and the ANC government are dealing with the implementation thereof.

We have ensured that sectorial determination for domestic and farmworkers have been legislated and have ensured that those workers are covered under the Unemployment Insurance Fund.

Workers need to ensure that we sustain our campaigns of oust labour brokers, e-toll, outsourcing, youth unemployment, affordable and reliable transport, amongst our daily campaigns focussing on community issue. The ANC have committed through their Local Government Manifesto on the following issues which we as workers have direct interest in:

- Reducing outsourcing of municipal services and improves service delivery capacity within the municipality.
- Promotion of local procurement of goods and services which will increase local production thus ensuring more local employment.
- Targeting youth in employment opportunities.
- Hold councillors accountable through performance

agreements.

- Communities must also demand that councillors have mandatory feedback sessions.



- Communities to play a more active role in fighting crime and corruption.

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organisation that has done and will continue to be biased towards the interest of workers than the African National Congress. We must be able to say out loud that the ANC-led Alliance is the only formation who understands the plight of workers. We need to defend our own revolution and the

gains made as we are advancing the second stage of our transition. Our primary task is to build our organisation and strife for ultimate unity as it is only united workers who can achieve more going forward.

As workers we must not be complacent after the elections and struggle to ensure that all commitments made by the ANC are implemented and policies are geared towards transforming our communities to better the lives of the people. As we campaign for an overwhelming ANC victory this must also be linked to our campaigns on the NHI, comprehensive Social Security, against labour brokers, outsourcing and other campaigns that will take forward the rights of workers and the poor.

The revolution must continue and no challenge facing workers must be too big enough to overcome. Workers have done it in the past and we have to resolve to address any new challenges that is coming in our path.

Let's go out on the 3rd of August 2016 to vote for an overwhelming election victory for the ANC.

We need to transform our country and communities - Protect the gains made through struggle and sacrifice - We must ensure people centred development. Amandla!

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ANC Victory is Certain

by Allister Jack



WEmancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds” – Bob Marley.

We are in the final straight of our election campaign for the 2016 LGE and the ANC led alliance structures are hard at work in all branches, regions and provinces to secure a overwhelming victory to change our people's lives for the better. Since the dawn of our democracy in South Africa I've been part of elections. In 1994, during the election campaigns the song "sekhonjalo ke nako" was all over and it was really now the time for change and it did happened. A people's government came to power and from then there was no stop in changing people's lives for the better.

Pre 1994

For most of us apartheid had a bitter taste in the mouth by means of no electricity, no water and second class education. We had to cope, as it was the words of the few beneficiaries who benefited from the apartheid regime, so the struggle for freedom was the only route to take and hence I start this article with the words of

Bob Marley. Most of us just had to cut the chains of oppression because it gave you a bitter taste in the mouth at times. The segregation of our broader black people was being justified by the apartheid regime and some of our people who was beneficiaries used education to brain wash us and tried to made us understand that it

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must be like this. Bantustans and coloured reserves was created and still today people want to praise the apartheid regime for being good to them in the dark days.

Post 1994

2016, after 4 victorious LGE for the ANC led alliance, the wind of change is still blowing and the majority of our under privileged people still benefit from the gains of our well deserved democratic system. Although a

few narrow minded people will disagree that democracy is not working for the majority of our people because they can't get material gains from the system, the ANC led alliance government has build houses, electrified the same houses, and the beneficiaries are proud to vote for the ANC.

Let us who are the defenders of this unfinished revolution make sure that the ordinary person out in our towns and streets understand why they must vote for the ANC for a overwhelming election victory, and let us walk hand in hand with them to the ultimate freedom, that we call the national democratic society. Let us not forget our historical past that was full of bad and good memories and make sure come the 3rd of August, the cadres of our glorious movement lead our people to the voting stations for a desicive ANC electoral victory.

"Together we fought apartheid. Together we can fight unemployment, poverty and inequality."

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Defend the

ANC

by OJ Fourie



Once again it will be required from the working class to unite and deliver the ANC to victory in the upcoming 2016 local government elections. The impact of the working class cannot go unnoticed in any election campaign and will never go unnoticed. It remains the working class, in their millions, on the ground that are the force behind the election's machinery of the ANC time and again. It is our ANC, and as the working class, we will therefore continue to defend and vote ANC. We did so comprehensively and decisively in all previous election campaigns and we will do so again in 2016.

The working class must give their full participation and support for the election programmes of the ANC from branch level to national level. We must engage our neighbours, co-workers and friends on the importance of casting their vote for the ANC. When we are engaging we don't need to speak about the opposition. The reason for this is very simple – the opposition did not fight against apartheid; the opposition were not there when our people were forced to live

under pass laws; the opposition were not there when our children were shot while dressed in school clothes; the opposition were not there when leaders, for the sake of their lives and for the revolution, had to flee into exile; the opposition were not there when many revolutionaries were murdered and executed by the brutal security forces of the apartheid

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regime; it was not the former leaders of the opposition that served life sentences; the opposition were not there when our people were disposed of their land, possessions and dignity.

It is the ANC government that has passed the 1996 Constitution; it is the ANC government that has built houses for millions, and connected millions of households with water & electricity; it is the ANC government that has been paying grants to millions of the most poor and vulnerable people; it is the ANC government that

has given back land to those that have been disposed; it is the ANC government that has given access to higher education to the majority of our youth.

That's why we don't need to speak about the opposition during any election campaign. Let's engage our neighbours, co-workers and friends on what the ANC has done for us both pre-1994 and of all what has been done post-1994 as well.

Of course, we can't deny that some leaders within the ANC have disappointed the electorate. We can also include the failure of those deployed leaders to the various spheres of government. These leaders whether at national-, provincial-, or local level have lost their focus on what it truly means to serve as a leader in the oldest liberation movement in Africa. Let us therefore not be distracted by the opposition that wants us to remember, only the mistakes of those leaders and therefore forget what the ANC has done for us. Let us remember what the ANC has done and is doing for us as the working class.

When we needed the ANC most, the ANC was there for us; now that the ANC needs us



let us be there for the ANC. South Africa needs to remain firm in the hands of the ANC if we want to secure a good future for all South Africans. The ANC public representatives that will emerge after August the 03rd elections must serve the people whom have elected them to represent their

interests and not serve their own interests. Leaders that are found serving their own interests should be un-deployed and not be re-deployed. Our representatives must remain conscious of the plight of the working class. It remains, as it has always

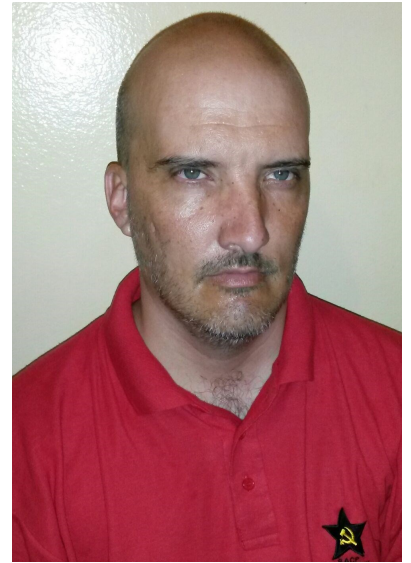
been, the revolutionary duty of the working class to defend and build the ANC! Let's vote ANC on 03 August!

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Vote Responsi- bly

by Quentin von Berg



The local government elections is on August 03, 2016 and this again is an opportunity for every citizen to participate and contribute to our hard-fought democracy. But this places an enormous responsibility on each citizen; the vote you make will inevitably impact on the community at large. Based on this every citizen should be urged not just to make a carefree judgement, but take a conscious decision as to whom they want them to represent, not just them but the ward and community they live in, in local government. Our appeal is that people of all races, creeds and cultures should firstly go to the voting

pole and vote, but secondly and more importantly vote for the African National Congress, insuring a huge victory for the people. The question that now should come to mind is what is the plea based on?

...why should the youth be urged to vote for the ANC?

Firstly one has to remember where we as a country come from. If it was not for the African National Congress and its alliance partners, which via many campaigns and through decades of fighting against apartheid, we would not have overcome and abolished that

evil apartheid system. But 22 years after the historic 1994 elections, and with this election having many youthful first or second time voters, why should the youth be urged to vote for the ANC?

To answer this question we need to look at the political parties' manifestos and track record to date, after which one should make an objective and unemotional decision about whom to vote for. Using this political and democratic method of analysis in relation to the three leading political parties in South Africa, the African National Congress, the Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters, it becomes clear that any rational thinking,



sober minded South African have only one option for whom to vote for on the 03rd of August 2016, and the resounding answer to this question is the African National Congress.

The EFF's manifesto claim of expropriating South Africa's land without compensation for equal redistribution, raises many questions. When we look at neighbouring Zimbabwe where land was expropriated, but no skills transfer took place, we can learn lessons. If the land owner is not willing to sell, he won't be willing to transfer skills to the new land owner, whom then is likely to fail. South Africa is already facing food insecurity, but to the EFF it is more important to impress people than take into account the fact that this action might very well starve the citizens. In this regard logic and responsible citizenship dictates that every citizen has to vote for the ruling ANC. The ANC has taken many steps to ensure food security and has not taken in a populist position just to gain votes.

The Democratic Alliance has made bold claims about lowering unemployment in Cape Town to 20.5%, but in the wards that they govern in the Northern Cape they have failed dismally, with unemployment in certain wards being as high as 92%.

The DA is not worried about the poor and rural communities, they only have the capitalist's interest at heart. It is endorsed again by their claimed successes in the Western Cape, which only occur in the towns, suburban areas, and central business districts. Delivery to the areas where the

majority of South Africans live is not on the capitalist agenda of the DA. Once more it is the governing ANC that has deliv-

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ered services in rural and remote areas, and has continually strived to ensure that all South Africans, no matter where they live, experience quality service delivery. While this has not yet been fully achieved, the ANC Manifesto



clearly indicate the intent of the ruling party to continue improving the lives of all South Africans and not just those living in urban areas.

The EFF claims that economic freedom will be achieved by, amongst other things nationalising mines. The critical question they do not address is how this economic freedom will be

achieved if, in the face of nationalisation of assets, investors lose their confidence in our country and trading partners do not buy our mined minerals and steel anymore. Once more the by pushing a populist agenda the EFF ignores facts and only want to get into power without any concern for the real impact their manifesto promises will have on ordinary South Africans.

The EFF also makes a lot of claims about people still do not have their dignity and that they will restore it if in power. If we look at their current actions though they make it clear that power and not dignity is the only thing on their minds. They are disrespected full to everybody, elders included, though it is our common African practice to respect our elders and others. Further and more disturbing than this is the fact that while they complain about Nkandla, they blatantly advocate and insight violence. To

assure peace and dignity there can be no other vote than a vote for the ANC.

Both the DA and EFF have in their track records and manifestos a not so subtle racial undertone. In the current racial intolerance the only party practicing and striving to instil non-racialism and living together as one human race is the

ANC. The DA further claims that they will ensure safety and security, but their budget allocation to safety in the Western Cape has been 1% showing that the safety of our people is the least of the concerns of the DA.

To add to these facts the ANC has supplied electricity to 86% of the people, free basic water



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services to 90% of the people, build houses for about 12, 5 million South Africans, and in the fight against corruption 203 cases, involving 1065 persons, were opened, leading to the conviction of 234 government officials. Based on the above, without attaching any emotion to the decision, every citizen that are serious about a government

creating a better life for all can make no other decision on August 03, 2016 than to vote for the ANC.

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