



WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS

THE RIGHT OF ALL TO WORK

Trade unions are essential organisations of worker democracy and economic transformation. An SACP-led municipality will stand with workers, defend collective organisation and rebuild public capacity.

IN-SOURCE AND BUILD CAPACITY

End unnecessary outsourcing of municipal functions. In-source and restore internal capacity. Use public provision as the default for services. Employ and equip municipal workers.

STRONG, INDEPENDENT UNIONS

Encourage every worker to join a trade union. Membership remains voluntary. Municipal resources must never be used to divide unions or interfere in their internal affairs.

END PRECARIOUS WORK

Stop labour brokers, casualisation and all exploitative sub-contracting. Protect workers' benefits, including parental leave, family responsibility and sick leave.

GIVE WORKERS A REAL SAY

Municipal labour forums must focus on employment creation, workers' rights and upgrading informal work. Trade unions must have real opportunities to shape local economic development, government budgets and investment decisions while retaining their independence.

DECENT WORK AND RIGHTS

Equal and decent pay for work of equal value. Safe working conditions. Social protection. Freedom to organise and collective bargaining. Continuing work must become permanent work, with no worker kept temporary for longer than six months.

WORKER SUPPORT AND EDUCATION

Establish Trade Union and Worker Support Centres providing advice on labour rights, unemployment benefits, disputes and occupational injuries, with fair access to municipal facilities for worker education and organising.

PROTECT WORK AND LIVELIHOODS

Intervene early when workplaces face closure or retrenchment. Advance collective worker ownership and co-operatives. Adopt Municipal Decent Work Plans. Make municipal investments to create decent work. Build local economic development and productive capacity.

A MUNICIPALITY ON THE SIDE OF WORKERS

The right of all to work. Municipal Decent Work Plans. Collective bargaining.

Protection against retrenchment. Strong, independent trade unions.

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION MANIFESTO

BUILD PEOPLE'S POWER WHERE WE LIVE

FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK, WATER, ELECTRICITY, ROADS, LAND AND SAFETY FOR ALL

A Municipality that Works. A Councillor Who Answers to You.

A Community with the Power to Shape its Future.

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