

People's Revolutionary Movement

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To

:Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke.

Date

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Subject

: Free and fair elections (Local Government elections 2021-PRM proposal)

Dear Sir / Madam

The people's Revolutionary Movement (PRM) is a registered political party since November 2015. We have participated in all the elections in South Africa since our registration with the IEC. We intend to participate in the local elections on the 27th of October as pronounced by the President of the Republic of South Africa.

There are different views regarding the 2021 local government elections. Other views say the elections be postponed by three to six months and other views say the elections should be postponed until 2024 to synchronize with the national and provincial elections. Our honorable deputy Chief Justice is mandated to look into the possibilities of whether free and fair elections would happen as announced by the President of Republic of South Africa or any later date outside the Five year mandate term of councillors due to corona virus variants. Our question as PRM is that will it be possible to determine the duration of the Corona Virus variants or not?

The PRM offers the following **OPTIONS**:

Option 1. The PRM believes that the way elections are conducted in South Africa consolidates participatory democracy of the citizens i.e. that is every two and half years people of South Africa vote (which is the way of sustaining people's participation). That is a constitutional mandate of the Republic of South Africa for its citizens. We fully agree with it. Any deviation will be unconstitutional and abortion of democracy. Elections should continue as agree to by President of the Republic of South Africa. These elections can take two to three days.

Option 2. On the 27th of October all councillors loose their mandate as per the constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the right to represent the citizens and their political parties should be terminated with immediate effect. However South Africa has once experienced a negotiated democratic breakthrough on local government set up. We would therefore consider appropriate to declare all counsellors invalid. All

political parties who have been participating in the previous elections be allowed to submit their new representatives to facilitate service delivery to communities. Those political parties should have been at least been voted to by not less than 1000 voters.

Option 3. All the current councillors be terminated and political parties submit the new names or resubmit the names of councillors for a short term office until the later date of running the elections is agreed upon by the society. This excludes ward councillors which means there shall be no ward councilors in this case. Only interim party political councillors chosen by parties themselves have a fresh mandate. Then therefore they shall be an agree date and time for fresh election for communities to select both the ward and Party Representative Councillors for a period of five years.

Thank you

Yours in Revolution from below

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