



DUKE ATTORNEYS

OUR REF: G Duke/M357

YOUR REF:

DATE: 20 March 2019

Concerned Residents of Joburg
PER EMAIL

Dear Concerned Resident,

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE: JOBURG UNITED FOR SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

We have been mandated by the Steering Committee of **JUST** (Joburg United for Sustainable Tomorrow) to communicate with all those who were present at the meeting held on 7th March 2019 at the Bryanston Country Club to keep you informed of progress made since that meeting and to communicate a summary of that meeting to all those who could not attend but have asked to be kept informed.

MEETING OF 7 MARCH 2019

The meeting was attended by more than 400 concerned residents (with many apologies). The power point presentation by Steve Bayliss (town planner) and myself is annexed hereto marked A for those who were not able to attend the meeting and for the many who did attend and have asked for a copy). Additional speakers gave testimony of how they are already being negatively affected by this legislation. City officials were also given an opportunity to address the concerns. They dismissed all concerns raised, stressing the need for densification. Due to a lack of time, questions from the floor could not be put to and answered by the City officials. Those questions have been collated and a copy thereof is annexed hereto marked B. A video summarising the meeting is being created which will be distributed to all on this email list as soon as it becomes available.

Based on the presentations by all parties it was evident that the new policies will have a substantial impact on all residents in the City. Of greatest concern is the failure to provide adequate infrastructure to service this radical densification of the City (water, sewage, electricity, roads and waste disposal) and the callous disregard for how this legislation will affect existing communities. The impact of the legislation is substantial and will change the character of many suburbs.

There has been a great deal of support communicated to us since that meeting, from which it is evident that there are a lot of frustrated, angry residents who were

completely unaware of the scale of the proposed changes about to be implemented by the City of Joburg.

What was also clear from the correspondence was that there are lot of Joburg residents who are committed to this City, realistic about the need for change and growth but deeply concerned at the substantial defects in the legislation which has the potential to damage the future of the greatest City in Africa. A further concern is the arrogant attitude of the City in dealing with residents and the disdainful disregard for meaningful public participation in this process.

It was evident from the above that there is both a need and a desire for an organisation to be formed that will be the mouthpiece of the residents of Joburg to engage with the City and, if necessary, hold it to account.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Last week Friday a steering committee was formed to create a Non Profit Company for that purpose, consisting of Advocate Peter Buirski, Rosemary Sandison (Kyalami) Charmaine Zambeti (NORFED) Rob Lage (Hurlingham Manor) Markus Scheuermaier (JUFA) Jannie Potgieter (Ferndale). Together they have skills in NGO's, town planning, legal, finance and in Residents Associations.

The name **JUST** has been reserved and the intention is to have the company in place within the next few weeks. It will then open a bank account and start actively engaging with you.

A letter has been sent to the City asking them to respond to the questions raised by residents at the meeting. A copy of that letter is annexed hereto marked C.

JUST is not opposed to change, nor is it opposed to densification. It's vision is to engage with residents to formulate an alternative, rational proposal which will serve the need for growth and change but in a sustainable manner where development is appropriate, phased in and which doesn't negatively affect property values, ensuring the adequate availability of schools, parks and the public amenities that make a liveable City.

JUST is committed to a long-term vision for a dynamic, energetic, sustainable Joburg for all its residents and desires to play a role in ensuring that vision is realised.

YOUR VOICE COUNTS

JUST is there to represent you, the residents of Joburg. But **JUST** can only do this with your support, your input and your contribution.

Tired of being railroaded by the City?

Tired of being ignored at hearings with the City?

Tired of sitting in traffic for hours on end?

Tired of failing infrastructure?

Tired of being tired?

Become part of the solution. Let your voice count.

JUST will need your voice, your time and your money.

JUST will be communicating with you in the next few weeks to provide a further update and to tell you how you can get involved. **JUST** needs you as much as you need **JUST**.

If you are willing to contribute your time and skills to this initiative, please reply to this email with your details. We would love to hear from you.

If you are willing to contribute financially to this initiative, please effect payment into the following bank account:

Duke Attorneys Trust

Absa Fourways

Branch code: 632005

Account number: **409 467 7972**

And send us your proof of payment (with your contact details: we would love to thank you!)

AND WATCH THIS SPACE..... !!!!!

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GARY DUKE', written in a cursive style.

GARY DUKE
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