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Name changes: CDP will take matter further

“The ANC, in spite of strong opposition, has gone to great lengths to add to the Metropolitan Municipality those areas where they have majority representation. It is obvious that the ANC is continually working to a hidden agenda which only becomes clear once an issue arises and the outcome is imposed by them.” So says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“Changing of street names in Pretoria is not the way the ANC should go if they are to create an environment conducive to harmony and healthy growth. Instead of introducing the new names in less controversial areas, the ANC has decided to employ their weight of numbers to run rough shod over the sensitivities and dignity of other groups of people. They say, with one breath, “we are one”, but with another they try to convince us that they are the conquerors, and this, in spite of an amicable and negotiated settlement.

“The area known as Pretoria and which forms a specific region in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality is predominantly Afrikaans and its history is made up of many strong God fearing men who sacrificed themselves in building up this city. Pretoria is a major part of South Africa, whether one is prepared to accept this or not. To now impose their will on the city through sheer weight of numbers, without due regard to others, and by forcing name changes after they have altered the law that requires public participation, they have gone out of their way to effect the dignity of the very people whose financial contributions are the only safe guard against the city falling into economic chaos.

“The present mayor and his cohorts are placing the citizens of this city on a collision course which won't benefit anyone. The CDP appeals to him to let common sense prevail and not allow his Marxist ideology to dictate his actions.

“Should the ANC persist on taking this route, the CDP is determined to take the matter further.”

Naamsveranderinge: CDP sal saak verder neem

“Die ANC het ten spyte van sterk opposisie tot groot uiterstes gegaan om areas waar hulle oorweldigende steun het, by die Tshwane Metropolitaanse area aan te las. Dit is ooglopend dat die ANC deurlopend 'n verskuilde agenda inspan, wat slegs duidelik wanneer 'n kwessie opduik en deur die ANC afdgedwing word.” So sê die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha.

“Die verandering van straatname in Pretoria is nie die koers wat die ANC moet inslaan as hulle 'n omgewing gunstig vir harmonie en groei wil skep nie. Eerder as om die nuwe name op areas van minder kontroversie van toepassing te maak, het die ANC besluit om sy getalle in te span om roekeloos op die sensitiwiteit en waardigheid van ander te trap. Hulle sê ‘ons is een’, met die een asem, maar somer met dieselfde asem tree hulle soos oorwinnaars op, in weerwil van 'n wedersyds ooreengekome skikking.

“Die area wat as Pretoria bekend staan is 'n gedeelte van die streek wat deur die Tshwane Metropolitaanse Raad beheer word, en is oorwegend Afrikaans. Pretoria se geskiedenis is deur menige Godvresende manne gevorm wat baie opgeoffer het om die stad te ontwikkel.

“Pretoria is 'n belangrike deel van Suid-Afrika, of mens dit besef of nie. Om die ANC wil af te forseer word getalle ingespan en regsreëls wat openbare deelname vereis, mee weggedoen. Hulle het uit hul pad gegaan om die waardigheid te skend van die mense sonder wie se finansiële bydraes die stad in ekonomiese chaos sal verval.

“Die huidige burgemeester en sy kornuite stuur die burgers van die stad op ‘n botsing af wat tot niemand se voordeel is nie. Die CDP doen ‘n beroep op hom om gesonde verstand in te span en nie toe te laat dat Marxistiese denke sy optredes bepaal nie.

“Sou die ANC daarop aandrang om dié koers in te slaan, is die CDP vasberade om die saak verder te neem.”