

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**by CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDP)**

**14 APRIL 2011 (2)**

**Misleading the Voters?**

“Within hours of signing the Electoral Code of Conduct at an IEC event at Gallagher Estate on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, that was broadcast live on Television, DA telephone canvassers are still targeting mainly Vodacom cellphone users, with their deliberate false statement that “there are only two parties namely the DA and ANC to vote for”. This is clearly prohibited by sections 67 and 69 of the Code.”

“Voters must realize that South Africa has got one of the best voting systems in the world allowing for an absolute Multi-Party Democracy where every vote counts. This is already clearly demonstrated in the fact that no less than 13 different political parties are currently represented in the Johannesburg Metro Council, working together as the Multi Party Forum”, according to Councillor Linda Pretorius, Gauteng Leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“Figures released by the IEC indicated that no less than 121 political parties will be contesting the elections on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, allowing for intensifying of our Multi-Party Democracy and allowing voters greater freedom in voting their values. Big strong opposition (not that the DA’s 16% support justifies the term a “strong” opposition), does not count when it comes to Municipal Elections as minority parties have demonstrated in the past five years that they can and do work together for the sake of the citizens, allowing voters freedom of association and upholding of values. If you don’t vote you lose your right to complain.”

**Misleiding van Kiesers?**

“Ure na die ondertekening van die Gedragskode by ‘n OVK geleentheid by Gallagher in Midrand, mislei DA-telefoonbemarkers hoofsaaklik Vodacom selfoon gebruikers steeds met ‘n verklaring dat daar “net twee partye is om voor te stem”. Dit word duidelik verbied deur artikels 67 en 69 van die Kode.

“Kiesers moet besef dat Suid-Afrika een van die beste kiesstelsels ter wêreld gebruik wat voorsiening maak vir Multi-party demokrasie, waar elke stem tel. Dit word alreeds bewys deur die nie minder nie as 13 politieke partye verteenwoordig op die Johannesburgse Metroraad wat die afgelope vyf jaar saamgewerk het as die Multi Party Forum tot voordeel van die inwoners van Johannesburg”, aldus Raadslid Linda Pretorius, Provinsiale leier van die Christen Demokratiese Party.

“Die OVK het bekend gemaak dat 121 politieke partye aan die verkiesing op 18 Mei vanjaar gaan deelneem, wat die proses van veelpartydemokrasie geweldig versterk. Groot sterk opposisie tel nie wanneer dit kom by munisipale verkiesings nie. (Nie dat die 16% steun van die DA enigsins ‘n groot opposisie verteenwoordig nie). Kiesers kan en moet met vertroue stem vir hulle persoonlike en morele waardes sonder kompromie. As jy nie stem nie verloor jy jou reg om te kla!”