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DA must revise their attitude on Kleinfontein – CDP

“In a heterogeneous country where polarisation is rife, one must be extremely careful not to do things that will increase tensions with misplaced interpretations of the constitution,” says Rev Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), responding on the Kleinfontein uproar.

“Although we regard the constitution as deficient in many ways, and largely promoting liberal values, there are also some stipulations, such as section 235 that gives rights to, and protects minorities. These are in line with international law, designed to curb dictatorship of the majority.

“We find it unacceptable, that the DA’s youth wing has responded, in the way that it has, by politicizing a sensitive matter, such as the Kleinfontein issue. Especially, accusing the community of acting unconstitutionally.

“The CDP advises the DA to do whatever it takes to ensure that damage control is done, as increased polarisation is in no-one’s interest.”

DA moet ommekeer maak oor Kleinfontein

“In ‘n heterogene land waar polarisasie hoë vlakke aanneem, moet ‘n mens uiters versigtig wees om nie die spanningsvlakke met misplaasde interpretasies van die grondwet nog verder aan te blaas nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) in reaksie op die Kleinfontein-ophef.

“Al beskou ons die grondwet as ontoereikend in baie opsigte, wat oorwegend liberale waardes bevorder, is daar ook sekere bepalings soos artikel 235 wat regte aan minderhede toeken. Dit is in pas met die internasionale reg, en is ontwerp om ‘n diktatuur van die meerderheid teen te werk.

“Ons vind dit onaanvaarbaar dat die DA se jeugvleuel so op die Kleinfontein-kwessie gereageer het deur die kwessie te verpolitiseer, deur die gemeenskap se optrede as ongrondwetlik te beskryf.

“Ons moedig die DA aan om alles in sy vermoë te doen om skadebeheer toe te pas aangesien verhoogde polarisasie in niemand se belang is nie.”