



2021 Local Government Election **Summary Manifesto**

*The highlights of our record of action,
and promise of more.*

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complete manifesto booklet.

“The facts speak for themselves: the DA governs fewer than 10% of South Africa’s municipalities, but the top five best-performing municipalities are all DA-run.

This summary manifesto outlines our to-do list for running towns and municipalities moving forward.

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DA Leader John Steenhuisen

Our to-do list for local government

The DA will get the basics right



- Ensure there is clean water and a sanitary environment for every community. This includes ensuring that every community has access to reliable, clean, running water.
- Provide a hygienic environment to live and play. This includes bringing regular waste collection and rubbish disposal to every community, and improving recycling and integrating waste-pickers.
- Give residents their power back. This includes helping to free residents from Eskom load shedding.
- Create and maintain public spaces for all to enjoy. This includes investing in the cleaning and upgrading of public parks and spaces, cutting grass and maintaining pavements, and investing in sports and recreation facilities and libraries.

The DA will build world-class roads and public transport



A DA government will invest in safe, reliable, and affordable public transport, and well-maintained roads. This includes introducing a smart ticket across buses and taxis.

Be tough on crime, tougher on the causes of crime



A DA government will invest in localised law enforcement and tackle the local conditions which give rise to crime in the first place. This includes launching specialised local policing units, like gang and drug units; introducing body cameras for law enforcement personnel; and installing crime information systems, more CCTV and gunfire detection systems.

The DA will bring jobs and investment to the local economy



A DA government will focus first on getting the basics right, as the foundation to bringing in investment and jobs. Beyond that, we are committed to improving the business environment by making it easier to do business. This includes reducing the time it takes to get building plans approved and get electricity connections, and keeping unemployment the lowest in South Africa where the DA governs.

The DA will collaborate for sustainable housing



A DA government will increase the scale of housing delivered through private initiative, diversify housing options, and ensure more people own their homes. This includes releasing unused government land for housing developments, helping the homeless to get off the streets with socioeconomic assistance, and taking legal action against illegal land invasions.

The DA will adopt a holistic approach to keeping communities in good health



A DA government will ensure that all departments are equipped and work together to minimise the risks which lead to poor health, to respond effectively to health emergencies, and to achieve overall positive health outcomes. This includes helping residents to replace unsafe paraffin stoves with safer means to help prevent fires, and introducing more by-laws to stop pollution.

The DA will govern in the interests of the people



A DA government will be committed to governing in the interests of the people by eliminating corruption, adopting best practices in good governance, and ensuring the resilience of communities through effective disaster risk management. This includes keeping staff costs down to spend more on service delivery, introducing e-government services so that residents can transact with their municipality online, and ending cadre deployment.



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