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Cyril RAMAPHOSA

ANC President, President of the Republic of South Africa

“The most important reasons for voting ANC are about the future.”

In the 25 years since South Africans first voted for the ANC, the lives of the majority of our people have vastly improved. Millions have been lifted out of poverty, provided with housing, electricity, water and sanitation. The size of the economy has doubled and millions more people have jobs. Access to education and health care has been massively expanded, particularly for the poor.

Yet, although these achievements demonstrate the capabilities and the commitment of the ANC, the most important reasons for voting ANC are about the future. More than any other party in South Africa, the ANC is able to unite all South Africans behind a programme to grow the economy and create jobs, to reduce poverty and fight crime.

Over the past year, the ANC has shown that it is able to accept its weaknesses, admit its mistakes, and take bold steps to correct them. It has a bold plan, based on real experience, to draw young people into employment, build a more inclusive economy, develop the skills that our people need now and into the future, and build safer communities.

Working together, we can – and we will – grow South Africa.



"A better world is possible."

Ashraf
MOHAMED

*Attorney and former President
of Cape Law Society*

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“Despite stumbling in the past several years, I now believe that we once again have the right leadership at the helm.”

I will be voting ANC because it is the only party that stands for and represents the non-racial future that we all yearn for. All other parties have yet to either shed their racist past or fully and unambiguously embrace non-racialism and non-sexism.

Despite stumbling in the past several years, I now believe that we once again have the right leadership at the helm. Ramaphosa will return the ANC and the country back to the founding values of the Freedom Charter and the South African Constitution.

A better world is possible, and the ANC is the only party that can and will bring it about.

Ayanda
PATOSI
Footballer

WHY I'M VOTING ANC



“I am voting for the ANC because now we live in a free country where we can play football locally and internationally.”

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“A strong mandate for Cyril Ramaphosa gives him and his party a powerful hand to put the best administration in place to drive efficient government.”

Colin
COLEMAN

Businessman and patriot

Ticking the ballot next to Cyril Ramaphosa's picture is a vote to save South Africa's democracy. That vote will support the President's anti-corruption drive, and gives strength to his campaign to grow the economy, create jobs and end racial inequity in South Africa.

A strong mandate for Cyril Ramaphosa gives him and his party a powerful hand to put the best administration in place to drive efficient government. Let's vote to give democracy and non-racialism a shot in the arm. Cyril Ramaphosa's leadership is the best chance South Africa has to move the country forward.

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“The ANC under Cyril Ramaphosa is willing and able to deliver on its promise.”

Dileedi
TSUKUDU

ANC supporter and health activist

I am voting ANC on 8 May because I believe that the ANC needs more time to continue with the mission of creating a better life for all South Africans.

Yes, more could have been achieved and, yes, there is a need for the ANC to urgently and decisively address some major challenges it is experiencing, like areas of poor performance and corruption. However, there is no doubt that the ANC under Cyril Ramaphosa is both willing and able to deliver on this promise.

Having temporarily lived and worked in the DA-run Western Cape and City of Cape Town, I am more convinced that the ANC is the only party that is serious about a non-racial, non-sexist and equal society. All other parties have demonstrated that given the opportunity, they would reverse the nation-building agenda that the ANC has been championing for the past 25 years.

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Dean
ROBBERTZE
Environmental activist

The truth will set us free. The truth of the enormous scale of corruption and collusion, not just in government but in big business too, became an epidemic that is now being exposed for all to see. I believe we need bold, decisive leadership for all the citizens of South Africa. We need leadership to ensure we learn from the mistakes and injustices of our past. We need a leader who isn't there for the few but for the ALL.

I believe there is only one leader who can reignite our Rainbow Nation – that leader is President Cyril Ramaphosa. He has a shared vision for us to effect positive social, economic and environmental change in South Africa. We will rise from the ashes of corruption; we will hold our heads high as proud South Africans again.

I believe he knows he is a servant of the people, entrusted by us to leave this country in better shape for our children and their children. He has taken on an enormous task, not to abuse it, but to listen and act with integrity, dignity, empathy and wisdom. We should all support him in any way we can. I know I will. Thuma Mina!

“We can and we will build the nation of Mandela's dreams.”

Feb
**POTGIETER
 -GOUBULE**

*General Manager, Luthuli House
 and first female Secretary General
 of ANC Youth League*

"I will vote for the party with the ability to self-correct and renew."

I will vote for the party that has fought for freedom for all since 1912.

I will vote for the party that has worked to create a better life for all South Africans since 1994.

I will vote for the party that believes in the emancipation of women.

I will vote for the party that has confidence in its young people.

I will vote for the party that is concerned about the environment, and for the responsible use of resources, for current and future generations.

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“ I will vote for the party that has worked to create a better life for all South Africans since 1994.”

I will vote for the party that admits to making mistakes, but with the ability to self-correct and renew.

I will vote for the party that is Pan-African, committed to Agenda 2063 and the creation of a peaceful, prosperous, people-centred and integrated Africa.

I have voted ANC since 1994.

On 8 May 2019, I will vote ANC.

Filile
MBALULA
Head of ANC elections

"My blood is black, green and gold."

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“ The ANC is the only party committed to addressing the challenges faced by our people.”

Twenty-five years into our democracy, the ANC-led government has created a better South Africa. We are far from where we were, but not where we want to be. That is why the ANC has a realistic plan to improve the lives of all South Africans, unlike other political parties with unrealistic rhetoric.

It is the only party committed to addressing the challenges faced by our people. For these reasons, I will forever vote for the ANC – it is the beacon of hope for all South Africans. My blood is black, green and gold.



WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“We were given homes by the ANC where we can care and look after ourselves and others.”

If we talk about people living in RDP houses, we come from all walks of life. Some used to live in informal settlements and others lived in people's backyards and all over the place.

We were given homes by the ANC where we can care and look after ourselves and others. There are children here without parents, like my grandchildren. My late daughter's children still receive social grants from the government.

I will continue fighting for the ANC and other people should continue voting for the ANC as they have been a source of support.

Francinah
Pensioner

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WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“Free higher education means that I can change my life and my family's life for the better.”



I'm extremely hopeful for the future because I feel like having a tertiary education can open many doors for me and different opportunities as well.

We found out about the NSFAS bursary and we knew that we should probably apply for that. I was lucky enough to receive it.

Free higher education means that I can change my life and my family's life for the better. And that is why I am voting ANC.

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Hannah
ADAMS

2nd year student,
University of the Western Cape



*Communications specialist and
former President, South African
Students Press Union*

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programme has
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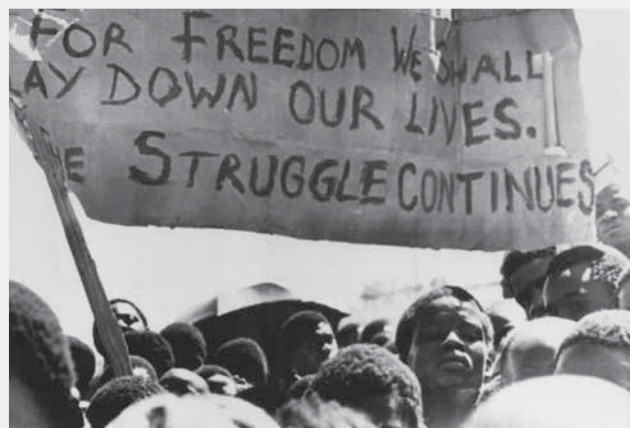
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and our country.”

From the days of its foundation, the ANC has steadily held the mast high in pursuance of the interests of good for all South Africans.

True, the past few years have been characterised by conduct that is alien to the culture and value system of the ANC. Nevertheless, the emergence of Cyril Ramaphosa as ANC President and head of state has heralded a new dawn for the ANC and our country.

A determined programme has been set in motion, designed to rid both state and party of the evil demon of corruption and incompetence. I fully support these efforts and will, for these and other reasons, be voting for the ANC in the May 8 election.



WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“I will vote for the ANC.
I have looked at the ANC's
history and have full
confidence in its future.”



The work the ANC has done over the last 25 years cannot be denied. I have seen schools, roads, clinics and electricity where there were none. The ANC also made tools available and created opportunities for people like me to get to where I am.

At the same time, I am aware of the mistakes that the ANC has made, but it has got many things right, as proven by the visible and tangible change in many people's lives.

I don't and cannot trust the ANC to always make the right call as it is led by mere men and women. We have to distrust our leaders for our own sake, which is why we have institutions to do with checks and balances – institutions that were set up by the ANC to guard the country from the ANC.

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"Lives have improved in many fundamental ways since the advent of democracy."

As a villager from the rural village of Mvenyane in the Alfred Nzo District, I have had opportunities to study through the support of a bursary and loan from the Tertiary Education Fund of South Africa (now the National Student Financial Aid Scheme). I've been given these empowering opportunities through the ANC-led government.

Thanks to the work of the ANC government, my village now has access to electricity, water, telecommunications, infrastructure and services such as a clinic, post office, state-of-the-art high school, with a cyber lab, and several other benefits for the poor, like social grants, free health care and free education.

The lives of the people of Mvenyane and other rural villages have improved in many fundamental ways since the advent of democracy. For these reasons, I shall be giving my vote to the ANC, for them to further improve the lives of our people.

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There are times when we have to rise and soar above the chains that tie us down, when we have to think beyond the moment where our anger blinds us to the meaning or possibility of the future.

Voting for the ANC is not voting for one man or woman; it's not for the corrupted among us or the saint striving to save us from our basest instincts. Voting for the ANC today, when the stakes are so high, is to give the future a possibility, a chance to surge forth and be of service to the most vulnerable among us.

Today there are attempts to roll back the decade that rendered us incapable of moving forward; of putting in place measures to punish the guilty and give strength to men and women of integrity; to move forward and staunch the blood of the innocent shed through the weakening of prosecutorial agencies; to ensure the fiscus contributes to the betterment of the lot of all God's children and to spread justice to all.

“ No one but the ANC has the historical muscle to unite a society that is writhing under the boot of deceit and demagoguery.”

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“I'm confident that President Ramaphosa is determined to follow through, and clean up without fear or favour.”

Professor **Mary METCALFE**

Former MEC for Education then Agriculture, Conservation, Environment and Land Affairs in Gauteng from 1994-2004; Head of School of Education at Wits University 2004-2009

“I believe President Ramaphosa has acted decisively and strategically.”

Like many South Africans, I have been deeply disappointed by the depth and extent of the corruption evident across the country and at all levels of governance. I have been disappointed that values of service have been replaced by greed and that resources meant for development have been squandered.

I believe that President Ramaphosa has acted decisively and strategically by instituting systematic judicial processes for all allegations to be examined (the Zondo, Mokgoro, Nugent and Mpati Commissions).

These processes are open and transparent, and will re-build confidence in the State as it acts decisively against those identified through a strengthened NPA with its new Investigating Directorate. These processes are the starting point.

I will be voting for the ANC at national and provincial levels because much more needs to be done at all levels of government and across all sectors, and I am confident that President Ramaphosa is determined to follow through and clean up without fear or favour.

Mavuso
MSIMANG

ANC veteran, Chief of Communications, MK High Command during the time of the Wankie and Sipolilo operations

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“I believe Ramaphosa is the best-suited person to lead South Africa as its President at this point in the history of our country.”

“I know Ramaphosa will deal ruthlessly with corruption.”

Because I intend to exercise my right to vote, I will put the cross in the space allocated for the ANC voter. I do this more as a South African than as a member of the ANC. I do this in the belief that President Ramaphosa will complete the process he has started of purging of corruption, not only in State institutions but also, more importantly, in our organisation.

All things considered, I believe Ramaphosa is the best-suited person to lead South Africa as its President at this point in the history of our country. I say this first and foremost as a South African, much less so as an ANC member.

“All things considered” refers, above all, to Ramaphosa's respectable leadership acumen, people skills, political and business experience and, not least, his integrity and moral standing.

I know that a Ramaphosa who receives the electorate's mandate to govern will deal ruthlessly with corruption, and that he will not spit in the faces of the people who give his party their vote in anticipation of clean governance.



Mondli
MSANE

Shop steward

The ANC and ANC-led government fought for so many years to deliver to us and provide for us – so voting is a right that should be exercised.

Workers should vote for the ANC because of the opportunities that can be continuously created by the ANC for others to share in the economy. Having a job is important to me and my family and that is why I'm voting ANC.

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“As a young, black and previously disenfranchised South African who is gay, I give the ANC a renewed and fresh mandate to continue improving the future of our country.”

When we defend the African National Congress, we always do so while highlighting its failures (well, those that remain critical and appreciating the gigantic nature of the movement), and as such, we should also use this time to reflect on the beauty of this massive and broad church we call the ANC.

To those who continue to support (membership or not): soldier on, comrades.

We should allow ourselves an opportunity, without fear or prejudice, to celebrate the many achievements of the party (whether we are beneficiaries directly or indirectly). The Same-Sex Marriage Bill for instance, may not be a direct victory for me (maybe because I have no plans of getting married to my same-sex partner), yet this could possibly be the greatest undertaking by the ANC government.

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The numerous blunders (or by however you define them) do not overwhelm the efforts and strides of this government to make us better than the rest of our counterparts across the continent and many global references (socially, politically, economically and otherwise).

As a young, black and previously disenfranchised South African who is gay, and appreciates the beauty of loving without tremendous fear of public persecution, I give MyANC a renewed and fresh mandate to continue working on improving the future of our country – to do so while getting rid of factors that enable a situation leading to the clouding of the beauty of the past 25 years of ANC government.

I am entrusting the ANC with my vote, because I trust no other party to safeguard the progress made by the ANC over the last 25 years.



On 8 May, I will vote for the ANC. The struggle for freedom, led by the ANC, gave us a Constitution that enshrined a culture and made us part of the people of Africa and the world, who cherish, protect and defend the noble ideas of freedom, peace and security for all.

My vote, together with the votes of other South Africans who will vote ANC, will once more be a confirmation of those ideals, as it will once more enshrine the non-negotiable reality of our country: "South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white..."

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Crime and corruption have no place in a progressive society.

Ordinary South Africans can combat corruption by first understanding that corruption starts at the most basic levels. That means not bribing the police officer on the street. It means reporting corruption when you see it happening on a daily basis in the world around us.

I think the ANC has learnt from its past mistakes. What it has done for this country, as well as the potential it has for change, is why I will be voting for the ANC.

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“The rights and policies offered by the ANC government support my vision for an equal society that is non-sexist and non-racial.”

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Nicci Lee
WATSON
*Entrepreneur, model, actress
and voice artist*

The struggle for the liberation of our country was a long-fought one, the results being a liberated society with legislated opportunities for women to achieve their dreams.

The ANC government has gone a long way to ensure that women's empowerment is a priority in the policies and laws of this great country. Being raised by a strong woman and observing the unsung role of women in our society, I set out to be a champion of women's empowerment. The rights and policies offered by the ANC government support my vision for an

equal society that is non-sexist and non-racial.

Today, at 28, I am a business owner, model, actress and youth empowerment motivational speaker, and I will soon graduate with an International Relations Degree, with which I aim to become an ambassador representing our country and its great potential internationally.

All these achievements, dreams and opportunities would not be possible for a young black woman like me, from my background, in

the apartheid era. That is why I aim to keep every “impossible” dream alive for every girl and boy just like me, to prove that achieving our democracy was the key that unlocked our potential as a country.

The ANC has created and sustained a government that promotes equal opportunities for the marginalised sectors of society and that is why I am voting for the African National Congress.



"I believe in the growth of an inclusive, non-racial and socially integrated country."



Nina HASTIE

Comedian, writer, actor and voice artist

As a young citizen of the Republic of South Africa, it is not only with a sense of duty, but also with a sense of pride that I contribute to the maintenance of the movement to restore dignity to each and every South African by casting my vote in support of this.

To ensure that our Constitution – which is one of the most inclusive and democratic in the world – is upheld, I cast my vote in the faith that the liberation movement of the African

National Congress holds itself accountable to that task.

I believe in the growth of an inclusive, non-racial and socially integrated country. I believe the ANC is the only party that can take this country forward by continuing to uphold the values of our Constitution, as they have proven over the last 25 years.

That is why I'm voting for the ANC.

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Dr DLAMINI ROSAZANA-ZUMA

Minister in the Presidency for the National Planning Commission for Policy and Evaluation

"The African National Congress is the hope for our people."

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The African National Congress is the hope for our people. It is the only tried-and-tested party with a plan to fight poverty, inequality and unemployment.

Already, the ANC has laid a solid foundation for sustainable development by recording significant progress addressing the challenges confronting the masses of our people by, amongst others, ensuring better access to education, health care and social welfare. Under the ANC-led government, access to basic services has been extended to ALL South Africans, not just a few.

My vote will empower the ANC to further change the material conditions of our people and is a step towards the emancipation of women and the girl child.

Women and the youth will benefit from the skills revolution so they can lead in our economic development in areas like infrastructure, rural development and the 4th Industrial Revolution.

On 8 May, I will vote to defend the gains of a democratic and prosperous South Africa.

I will vote to Grow South Africa. I will vote ANC.

“My vote will empower the ANC to further change the material condition of our people and is a step towards the emancipation of women and the girl child.”

I shall be voting ANC because as a black woman, running my own business, I have the ANC to thank for creating black- and women-friendly policies.

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

Although more needs to be done, a number of entrepreneurial opportunities have been opened for black women to thrive and drive their own businesses. I know for a fact that were it not for the ANC, I would never have been able to fulfil my dream of running my own business. I owe much of my success to the policy spaces opened by the ANC government.

For this reason, I am voting for the ANC in the hope that the arrival of Cyril Ramaphosa on the scene will lead to even better things for the vast majority of South Africans. The future is bright with the ANC and Ramaphosa as head of state.

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Nobuthula **SAM**
Businesswoman

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Montsihelelo
JONGILANGA

Gender activist

I am giving my vote to the ANC because this country has the best policies to protect women and children – and these were brought to life by the ANC.

I am giving my vote to the tried-and-tested movement of the people because I believe we can still do more to better the lives of women and children in our country. I am certainly not spoiling my vote by giving it to anyone other than the ANC.

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"The new dawn is indeed upon us.
Thuma Mina!"

Oscar
Dr **VAN HEERDEN**

*Author and scholar of
International Relations*

Over the last 25 years, the ANC government has made sure that we had five successive free and fair general elections, the hallmark of any mature democracy.

They have christened the first democratic Parliament, where the first world-class Constitution was adopted and signed into law. Yes, in that chapel of democracy in Cape Town, where a Bill of Rights was also signed into law. A democracy where opposition parties are free to function and fulfil their erstwhile tasks, a free media and all general basic rights assured. An independent judiciary. Where gays and lesbians, in fact all sexual orientations, are not only guaranteed in law, but any and all persons caught violating such laws are dealt with harshly, unlike in other parts of the world.

This is an ANC that has recognised, in the absence of meaningful jobs, to restore our people's dignity, to roll out the most comprehensive social security network for the poorest of the poor in our society. Where primary health care is free.

Is there crime? Yes. Do we have an ailing economy? Yes. Is there load-shedding? Yes. Do we have a world-class banking and financial system? Yes. Have we managed over the years to build up a handsome foreign reserve? Yes. Do we still stop at red traffic lights? Yes.

The ANC might have lost its way over the last nine years, but we have managed to capture it again. The new dawn is indeed upon us. Thuma Mina! We have our challenges. No South African is oblivious to this, but we have come a long way since the dark days of petrol bombs, sabotage, explosions and death squads.

So, for me, the question is not whether I should vote ANC. It is what can I do, after I have voted ANC come May 8, to further participate in this amazing transformation project in South Africa. In other words, how can we grow South Africa together?

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Oshido OSCAR
MDLONGWA

*DJ, musician, record label owner,
entrepreneur, radio presenter
and philanthropist*

"We live in a democratic state
that is alive with possibilities."

With the birth of democracy came
the birth of kwaito, which gave the
youth a voice and identity, which
gave rise to an industry that employs
thousands of youth.

We formed Kalawa Jazmee, an
independent record label, which gave
rise to various stars in South Africa. I
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the arts sector, particularly the music
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Pam YAKO
Businesswoman

"The ANC has
restored dignity
to our people."

I am voting ANC in the upcoming
election as it is the only party that
has ensured access to water for 9 out
of 10 South Africans. This restores
dignity to our people and frees up
many women to concentrate on other
tasks, whilst ensuring safety from
gender-based violence.

The ANC government has recently
adopted a Water Master Plan, which
addresses issues of access and
future security. With the threat of
climate change, the existence of such
a plan ensures sound short-term
investment decisions. It also ensures
integrated planning by all sectors so
that the future social, economic and
environmental needs of the country
and future generations are met.

Knowing that I live in a water-scarce
country, it gives me a great sense of
confidence that the ANC is serious
about water access and security.

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Phuti
**MAHANYELE-
DABENGWA**

Businesswoman

I will vote for the ANC because, in the last 25 years, they have built a diversified nation with a unified purpose and independent voice.

Recent examples of our diverse nation with a unified purpose could be seen in the national support for Caster Semenya and the unified joy when Bafana Bafana won recently.

The resilience of our nation surpasses many. Notwithstanding the economic difficulties we have faced, the corporate sector and government are unified in working together towards a better future for South Africa.

South Africa remains an attractive destination and a good financial destination. In the last 25 years, we have seen tremendous growth in our middle class.

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I have a lot of expectations for women as we go to elections this year. We demand a listening government that elevates issues of women's emancipation in a radical way. Only the ANC has that capacity among all political parties. The ANC-led government has delivered many victories for women.

We need to give the ANC another chance to improve the quality of women's lives. Women want to be free of gender-based violence and all forms of abuse; women want to buy and own property without difficulties; women want to own land and produce food. We want one woman, one hectare; we want to be at the helm and centre of activities of all industries and trade. We want to have a say in the direction our education system is taking; we want to be in governance and leadership.

Women want a government that will structurally fight patriarchy. Women must dream and aim higher as our democracy matures and it's the ANC that can create an atmosphere for that.

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Precious
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*ANC Women's League Young
Women's Desk National
Convenor*

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“Only the ANC-headed alliance is capable of taking our country and its people to unimaginable heights socially and economically.”

René FOURIE
Head of SACP Central
Committee Secretariat

“We need unity and patriotism now more than ever as we fight to keep a progressive government in power.”

Many South Africans are disappointed at the current state of affairs. Strong action was taken to end wrong practices within our organisation and in government. Such interventions will be ongoing until our organisation regains the confidence of our people.

Our despondency must never allow us to forget that the ANC-headed alliance, together with the mass democratic movement, has led us to liberate this country and that many lives were lost during this process. We cannot allow our history and their deaths to be in vain, for surely the opposition will reverse all gains made to date.

We must acknowledge that the ANC-headed alliance has delivered electricity, water, sanitation, houses and social services at a pace that is unmatched globally. Despite glaring governance failures, there were remarkable government-driven achievements in the fields of technology, health and science.

We must also never forget that many would like to see the ANC, which unfailingly challenges big capital, the USA and its allies, out of power.

We need unity and patriotism now more than ever as we fight to keep a progressive government in power. This requires that everyone votes ANC, becomes active citizens, and defends the gains of freedom. Only the ANC-headed alliance is capable of taking our country and its people to unimaginable heights socially and economically.



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Roelf MEYER

Politician and businessman



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Since 1994, millions of hectares of land have been redistributed and restored via restitution claims. The ANC is determined to accelerate this process so as to stimulate our country's economic revival, bring land ownership to more black people and use land holdings to create more jobs.

There is a process of rapid land release underway. Land is required not only for agricultural purposes, but also for urban settlements because of rapid urban migration.

It is indisputable that historical land dispossession is a major source of racial inequality in the South African economy. For this reason, government remains committed to accelerated land redistribution, but we are determined to do this in a manner that stimulates jobs and economic growth.

The ANC will not tolerate land grabs, or the kind of corrupt and disorderly processes that would threaten growth, food production, jobs or investment in the wider South African economy.

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

I will vote for the ANC because I trust the leadership of President Ramaphosa. The next five years will be critical for South Africa and I believe he is the person who can lead us into a better future.

The critical issues are numerous, but most importantly, the country needs economic growth to generate opportunities and jobs. That will require confidence by local and international investors and President Ramaphosa is the person who can and should be allowed to inspire that confidence through tough and clear decisions, based on the support of the electorate during these elections.

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Lawyer and ANC NEC member

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Over the past several years, South African state institutions have been severely compromised. With the notable exception of a few (notably the judiciary), many of these institutions had been corrupted and repurposed in pursuit of nefarious objectives.

Within no time, Ramaphosa set in motion a determined plan to overhaul the state system. A number of commissions are hard at work, investigating and uncovering the sources and drivers of corruption in the State.

Furthermore, Ramaphosa has promised to overhaul the system in order to improve capacity, competence and performance. There is a plan to reduce the number of departments and ministries for improved efficiency and better coordination and implementation of policies.

Above all, however, in a political environment awash with crooks and thieves, Ramaphosa is a reassuring presence. He is believable, for the first time in a while, and he makes the objective of building national unity – across racial divides – a real possibility. I can think of no other party that can achieve all of this, and more, apart from the ANC.



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Thabo MBEKI

*ANC President 1997 – 2007 and
President of SA 1999 – 2008*

There is a section of the ANC manifesto which does a very good thing. It says that the ANC has made many mistakes; that it has also veered off course and talks about the consequences of that which include corruption, loss of integrity and lawlessness. It was very important that the ANC should say this. For many years we have had a different approach to this issue. We have had people saying we've got a good story to tell. As they were busy veering off course, they were saying we have a good story to tell. There was a period when I could not personally in all honesty come to a person and say 'please vote for the ANC' knowing very well the wrong things that were happening.

The current election manifesto poses a challenge to the ANC. The fact that we admit that we veered off course means we are making a commitment to the public that we are going to have to deal with those matters. There is a degree of accountability of the ANC to the public of South Africa which the ANC cannot run away from. So, it's not just a matter of these elections on 8 May.

There are consequences to the commitments the ANC makes in its election manifesto. The leadership of the ANC now has an obligation to live up to the commitment it's made to the people to ensure that we correct what has gone wrong during these years when the ANC has been the government of SA.

That is why it becomes possible now for me to say VOTE ANC on 8 May.

Thabo
MNISI

*Patriotic citizen and
community leader*

WHY I'M VOTING ANC

“The ANC's foreign policy is anchored on building world peace and encouraging fraternity among different nations.”

I shall be voting for the ANC because it is the only party with a foreign policy that actually makes sense. The ANC government's foreign policy is anchored on building world peace and encouraging fraternity among different nations.

True, there have been some setbacks, but life for the vast majority of South Africans has improved tremendously. And so too has access to health care, education and opportunities for entrepreneurship.

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In the time when the ANC was running the city, the gentrification and all that nonsense stopped for a while. The Bo Kaap that I want to see is the Bo Kaap that we were born into. The streets were drug-free, crime-free and everybody lived like one happy family.

It's important to vote because you're part of a process, you know, but if you don't vote, you can't complain because you didn't participate.

Yusuf
BOSCH

Bo Kaap resident



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WHY WORKERS SHOULD VOTE ANC

“We have concrete evidence that under the ANC government things have improved for the working people.”

“Do not be blinded by the challenges of the moment and end up allowing Political Power to slip out of the hands of the Progressive Forces!”

Zingiswa
COSATU President

As the final hour of the National General Elections approaches, many workers are asking which political party to vote for, from all the registered political parties who have come forward with various promises for these 2019 General Elections.

Our starting point is that elections are about the relationship between class struggle and state power. Each class constantly seeks state power because invested in such power is monopoly over the police, army and intelligence structures which can be used for repressive purposes, power to levy a tribute in the form of taxation, print money and to engage in borrowing on behalf of the country.

State power also guarantees that the class that wields it has access to national productive resources and to determine their use. So voting means a continued access to state power to advance the National Democratic Revolution as a direct route to socialism or the discontinuation of that process.

We have observed that some individuals representing employers 'interest are deceiving our people and calling on them to boycott elections. Boycotting elections is the same as voting Employer biased Political Parties. Employers will take their families to vote to protect their own interests.

Given the challenges of unemployment, inequality, poverty and hunger, we are likely to be caught and blinded by anger and end up dropping our guards and forget that we are involved in a class struggle which we conduct under conditions which are not of our own choosing.

It is easy to forget that the victories we have secured as COSATU and as the workers were not as a result of our strength only, but we have secured these victories working with the ANC led democratic government, a government that we are able to influence through debate and through protest action at the same time.

We have concrete evidence that we can show that in South Africa, under the ANC government, things have improved for the better in favour of the working people.

There is more which still need to be done and as COSATU we are clear that, many of our demands will be advanced and secured through struggle. The 1994 democratic breakthrough did not mark the end of struggle but marked the creation of new conditions in which our struggle could be waged on various fronts including through using access to the levers of the state to advance the revolutionary agenda.

Vote ANC on the 8th May.

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