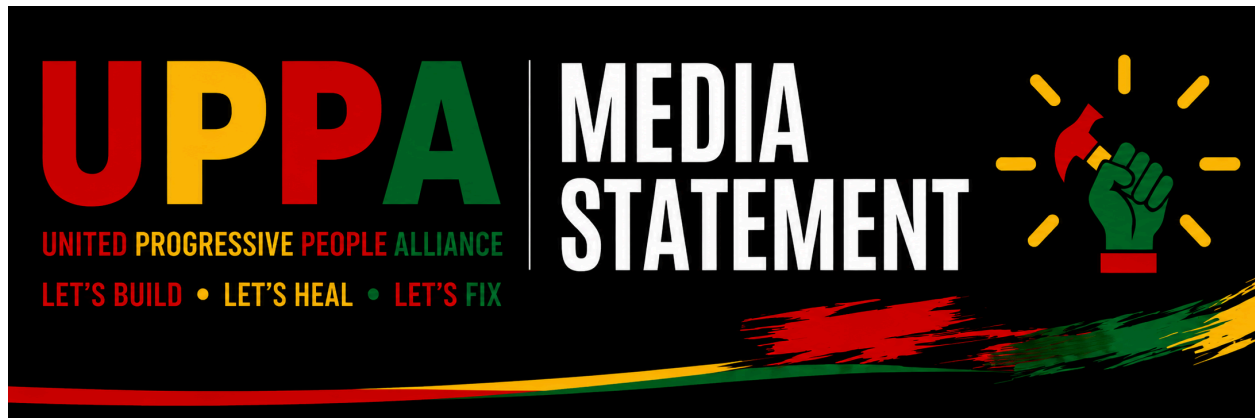




MEDIA STATEMENT

UPPA MEETS IEC DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLOR NOMINATIONS AND NOW GOES INTO FULL CAMPAIGN MODE

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For Immediate release

The United Progressive People Alliance (UPPA) is pleased to announce that the party has successfully met the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) deadline for the submission of its councillor nominations for the upcoming Local Government Elections.

This achievement marks an important milestone for UPPA and demonstrates the party's commitment to participating meaningfully in the democratic process and offering South Africans a credible alternative at local government level.

Following the successful completion of the nomination process, UPPA is now officially going into full campaign mode.

Our candidates, activists, volunteers and campaign teams across the country are being mobilised to take the UPPA message directly to communities. The focus will now shift decisively towards door-to-door campaigns, community engagements, voter mobilisation, public meetings, service-delivery campaigns and intensive grassroots organising.

UPPA entered this election with a clear mission: to build municipalities that work for ordinary residents. We are contesting for power in Tshwane, Capricorn, Polokwane, Molemole, Lepelle-Nkumpi, Nelson Mandela Bay and Knysna.

South Africans are tired of municipalities characterised by poor service delivery, dysfunctional administration, corruption, unreliable billing systems, failing infrastructure and a lack of accountability.

UPPA believes that the local government must return to its fundamental purpose, serving the people.

Our councillor candidates have been selected to become active representatives of their communities, not career politicians who disappear after elections.

We are therefore challenging every UPPA candidate to remain visible, accessible and accountable to residents before, during and after the election.

The next phase of our campaign will be about listening to communities and understanding their daily struggles.

Our teams will be engaging residents on issues including:

- Water and sanitation;
- Electricity and reliable municipal services;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Housing and informal settlements;
- Waste management and clean communities;
- Safety and public lighting;
- Jobs and local economic development;
- Municipal billing and revenue collection; and
- Accountable and corruption-free local government.

UPPA will not simply tell communities what we intend to do. We will listen to them, document their challenges and take their concerns into our municipal governance programme.

UPPA's campaign is guided by our commitment to Build, Fix and Heal our communities.

We want to build municipalities that create opportunities, fix those systems that are failing residents and heal communities that have been neglected for far too long.

The election is no longer just about political parties. It is about the future of our communities and whether residents will continue accepting the same failures or choose a new direction.

UPPA is ready.

Our candidates are ready.

Our activists are ready.

The campaign starts now.

We call on residents across the municipalities where UPPA is contesting to engage with our candidates, attend our community meetings and join us in building a new political future.

UPPA has met the deadline. Now we take the campaign to the people.

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