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**COPAC**  
CO-OPERATIVE AND POLICY ALTERNATIVE CENTER



CLIMATE  
JUSTICE  
CHARTER  
MOVEMENT



**SAFSC**  
SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD  
SOVEREIGNTY CAMPAIGN

TO:

The Observatory Civic Association (OCA) and;  
The Goringhaicona Khoi Khoen Traditional Indigenous Council

22 June 2021

**RE: Solidarity with organisations and communities in opposition to the development of the River Club Precinct**

The Co-operative and Policy Alternative Centre (COPAC), a 20-year-old grassroots NGO, the Climate Justice Charter Movement (CJCM) and the South African Food Sovereignty Campaign (SAFSC) stand in solidarity with the Observatory Civic Association, the Goringhaicona Khoi Khoen Traditional Indigenous Council and all affected individuals and communities in rejecting the planned construction of a complex on the sacred land of the Goringhaicona Khoi- Khoen.

This irreversible destruction of history violates the rights of the Khoi Khoen and perpetuates the colonial erasing of their history. The destruction of this sacred site commits intergenerational injustice as it will rob future generations of their identity and intangible heritage. Guided by our principles which are outlined in the Climate Justice Charter we reject this neo-colonial and imperial domination and dispossession of the land commons which will aggravate the climate crisis by destroying an essential wetland. We support the Khoi Khoen in fighting for their rights, heritage and spiritual wellbeing which is threatened by this project.

Yours Sincerely,  
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