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To Whom It May Concern

We are aware of the intention, by the City of Cape Town, to develop portions of the open space on the banks of Cape Town's Liesbeek River for commercial purposes, and that this decision potentially contravenes the constitutional rights of a number of First Nation groups as well as having significant adverse ecological consequences.

While questions of economic development are undoubtedly important given the current economic crises it is even more important to ensure that decisions with significant and irreversible long-term consequences are fully tested and are not taken only on the basis of short-term returns. We therefore wish to register our support for the actions of the Observatory Civic Association and the First Nation groups (including the Goringhaicona Council) asking for a High Court review of the planning process.

Yours faithfully

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