

7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Election Contestant

**Your position on the River Club Development – information for voters in the Local Government Election**

On the eve of our upcoming local government elections, we write to you as active civil society organisations, indigenous Khoi-Khoi groups and environmental activists, opposed to the River Club redevelopment in Observatory, Cape Town. We oppose this development because of its enormously adverse impact on heritage and our local environment. Others equally support our opposition and our campaign (over 56 000 people signed our petition) because it represents an important matter of civic democracy.

We understand that your participation as candidate / party in the forthcoming election signals your intention to serve the public interest. Given the intense public interest in the River Club development and your candidacy for local government elections, we believe it is appropriate that the voters of Cape Town and of local wards have all the information which will enable them to make informed choices as to whom they wish to support in the elections.

We, therefore, ask that you state publicly (in writing) whether you support or oppose the River Club redevelopment. You are welcome to elaborate on why you hold that view and indicate what you plan to do about this, should you be elected.

We plan to publish this information so that voters can make use of this information in deciding how best they wish to exercise their votes.

We will be releasing this information publicly on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> October and ask that you reply to us by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October for this purpose. Please reply to [Info@Liesbeek.org](mailto:Info@Liesbeek.org)

Transparency and accountability is a hallmark of our Constitutional Democracy and we hope that you and your party will recognise the importance of a public declaration on the River Club, which is currently a critical matter of public debate and contestation.

We hope to hear from you timeously about our concerns.

Yours sincerely



Tauriq Jenkins: High Commissioner, Goringhaicona  
Khoi Khoin Indigenous Traditional Council



Leslie London: Chair, Observatory Civic  
Association

