



OBSERVATORY
Civic Association

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To the Mughammadiyyah Masjid

Amendment of the noise and nuisance by-law

We write as the Observatory Civic Association in support of the call for the City of Cape Town to reconsider its position on the Noise and Nuisance by-law, where the bylaw interferes with the rights of people to practice their religion and culture.

The environs of Woodstock, Salt River and neighbouring suburbs have long heard the call to prayer as part of the religious make up of local communities. It is a practice deeply ingrained in communities and one we are used to. We welcome the diversity of co-existence in our communities and commit to collaborative ways to resolve social problems where different community practices may be felt to impinge on others' privacy.

It would be both unfortunate and an unfair restriction on cultural and religious rights if the City bylaws were to treat religious practices in the same way as it treats noise nuisances.

For that reason, we welcome and support the call for a more rigorous, participatory democratic public process to amend the bylaw, and make it consistent with our constitution.

We are pleased to extend a message of support to the Masjid and would welcome engaging further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie London".

Leslie London
Chairperson