



IRASA

Independent Ratepayers Association of S.A.

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IRASA - THE FACTUAL TRUTH

The Independent Ratepayers Association of South-Africa (IRASA) is the consolidated and united voice of ratepayers throughout South Africa in the 2011 Local Government elections. IRASA acknowledge the achievements of ordinary South Africans that worked hard over the past 16 years for a better country with communities enjoying a better quality of life.

Unfortunately, ordinary South Africans have trusted the political parties and have left the work for better local governments and well managed municipalities to them. Politicians only served their own political agendas and political parties to the detriment of the communities they serve. It is a known fact that political party councillors must obey the party line by pushing the agenda of the party above the interests of the community and ratepayers, neglecting the voter who voted for them and who they were elected to serve.

As can be seen by everyone this has resulted in the collapse of service delivery in local governments across South Africa. High rates and taxes, poor service delivery, high electricity cost and low quality drinking water. IRASA, with the help of all ratepayers' organisations in South Africa, can stop this, but then IRASA needs the commitment of you, the ratepayer. VOTE IRASA!

IRASA, through its independent councillors, is committed to fight for the rights of ratepayers and residents and to depoliticise local government. It is currently our collective responsibility as ratepayers to exercise our democratic right and civil duty by being the watchdog over politicians and political parties that govern our cities and towns. VOTE IRASA!

IRASA - ACTION NOT POLITICAL RHETORIC!

IRASA and ratepayers across South Africa can no longer take a back seat as municipalities are deteriorating. We demand value for money, fair rates and taxes, affordable electricity and clean drinkable water AND WE DEMAND IT NOW! IRASA and ratepayers will no longer pay for the political agendas in municipalities that are crippled by corruption, wasteful and fruitless expenditure. IRASA is the guardian of value for money, local government and service delivery. IRASA will spearhead the fight against corruption, wasteful and fruitless expenditure. VOTE IRASA!

A VOTE FOR IRASA - IS A VOTE FOR YOURSELF

Remember, IRASA is NON POLITICAL: It serves only the community interests! IRASA will be represented in municipal councils through ratepayers like you. Our candidates are ratepayers like you, people that share your concerns and feel the effect of high municipal rates and taxes in their own back pocket just like you. IRASA will serve the community and subscribe to one agenda that is in the best interest of the community and ratepayers. IRASA will ensure you are represented in local government by like-minded ratepayers.

Your vote for IRASA will secure stronger opposition by bringing responsible and accountable councillors to be guardians of your hard earned tax monies by constantly keeping our sights on municipal funds, budgets and political party actions! Why waste your vote on a politician from a political party, rather support your own cause support your IRASA candidate! Action speaks louder than words and our success are proof that ratepayers can play an effective role. Even one person can make a difference! VOTE IRASA!

We will actively fight for fair municipal rates and taxes, value for money, service delivery, affordable electricity and quality safe drinking water. By exercising responsible citizenship putting the ratepayer first - IRASA will restore the dignity and service quality to cities and towns in South Africa. Strong independent ratepayer representation can only strengthen our municipalities ensuring that we get what we pay for while going forward to build better communities VOTE IRASA.

IRASA - MANDATE

The mandate voters will give IRASA in 2011 will ensure responsible local government and will advance our democracy by responsible, independent ratepayer supervision of council governance. IRASA envisage that responsible governance will improve service delivery for ratepayers and it will create a well managed local government environment that can stimulate local economic development. This is the only way to address the sick economy of our municipalities. IRASA will ensure municipalities create an environment that promotes vigorous economic activities and makes development a reality to attract investment and create jobs for our communities. VOTE IRASA.

IRASA - THE LAST WORD

IRASA is the choice for you and the ratepayers that want local government to work in South Africa. If you are satisfied that your current councillor is serving the community and fighting for ratepayers' interests, irrespective of that councillor's political affiliation you should support that councillor. If however, you feel that your councillor does not serve you and ratepayers in your community, or that councillor has not delivered on past election promises and lived up to your expectation VOTE IRASA! IRASA! - IRASA serves the community and the ratepayers - no one else! VOTE IRASA

IRASA needs your vote on all ballots - not just for your IRASA ward candidate. IRASA also need your vote on the second ballot for Metro Councils and the third ballot for District Councils if applicable to your area.

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