

EIGHTEEN TWELVE MOVEMENT (1812)

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION MANIFESTO

"THE TIME IS NOW"

Building a Safe, Prosperous and United Nelson
Mandela Bay



FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Residents of Nelson Mandela Bay,

For too long our people have endured failing service delivery, unemployment, corruption, crime, gangsterism and political leadership that has too often placed party interests ahead of community needs.

Families continue to experience water shortages, deteriorating roads, unreliable electricity, neglected public facilities and communities living under the threat of crime and violence. Many residents have lost confidence that local government can deliver on its constitutional responsibilities.

The Eighteen Twelve Movement was founded because we believe Nelson Mandela Bay can do better.

Our vision is simple: a municipality that works for everyone. A municipality that delivers reliable services, creates opportunities, manages public finances responsibly, and governs with honesty, transparency and accountability.

This manifesto sets out our commitments to the people of Nelson Mandela Bay. It is a practical plan based on listening to communities, understanding their daily challenges and focusing on solutions.

We invite every resident to join us in rebuilding our city.

Julian Julies

The President of Eighteen Twelve Movement.

OUR VISION

To build Nelson Mandela Bay into South Africa's safest, cleanest, best-managed and most economically vibrant metropolitan municipality where every resident enjoys dignity, opportunity and quality municipal services.

OUR MISSION

The Eighteen Twelve Movement exists to:

- Restore public trust in government.
- Deliver quality municipal services.
- Create economic opportunities.
- Build safer communities.
- Promote honest leadership.
- Put communities before politics.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Respect
- Service
- Unity
- Fairness
- Community Participation
- Constitutional Democracy
- Responsible Leadership

OUR 15 PRIORITIES

1. FIXING SERVICE DELIVERY

Reliable municipal services form the foundation of every successful city.

The Eighteen Twelve Movement commits to restoring efficient service delivery by:

- Repairing ageing water pipelines.
- Reducing water losses caused by leaks.

- Upgrading electricity substations.
- Improving maintenance planning.
- Repairing potholes within reasonable service standards.
- Maintaining stormwater systems before the rainy season.
- Introducing rapid-response municipal maintenance teams.
- Improving municipal call centres and digital reporting systems.
- Publishing service delivery performance reports.
- Residents deserve municipalities that solve problems not create them.

2. FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Corruption steals from every resident.

Money intended for roads, housing and public services must never end up in private pockets.

1812 will:

- Strengthen procurement oversight.
- Publish municipal tenders.
- Conduct independent forensic investigations where warranted.
- Protect whistleblowers.
- Recover public funds lost through corruption where legally possible.
- Ensure transparent appointment processes.

Every cent belongs to the people.

3. GROWING THE ECONOMY

Economic growth creates dignity.

Nelson Mandela Bay possesses enormous economic potential through its automotive industry, manufacturing sector, logistics network, tourism opportunities and small businesses.

1812 will:

- Support local procurement.
- Create municipal public works programmes.
- Encourage investment.
- Develop township economies.
- Support informal traders.
- Reduce unnecessary administrative barriers for businesses.
- Expand skills development.
- Partner with industry to create apprenticeships.

Young people deserve opportunities not unemployment.

4. SAFER COMMUNITIES

Every family deserves to live without fear.

We will work closely with SAPS, Metro Police, Community Policing Forums and neighbourhood watches to strengthen crime prevention.

Our priorities include:

- Increased visible policing.
- Better street lighting.
- CCTV expansion.
- Safer parks.
- Improved emergency coordination.
- Stronger by-law enforcement.
- Community safety forums.

Crime cannot become normal.

5. MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure creates economic growth.

1812 will invest in:

- Roads
- Bridges
- Sidewalks
- Stormwater systems
- Public buildings
- Libraries
- Community halls
- Sports facilities
- Public parks

Preventative maintenance saves money and protects infrastructure.

6. HOUSING AND BASIC SERVICES

Every family deserves dignity.

We commit to:

- Fair housing allocation.
- Upgrading informal settlements.
- Improved sanitation.
- Better refuse collection.
- Basic services for all communities.
- Transparent housing waiting lists.

7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Young people are Nelson Mandela Bay's future.

1812 will:

- Upgrade sports facilities.
- Expand arts and culture programmes.
- Promote entrepreneurship.
- Increase learnerships.
- Create digital innovation hubs.
- Support youth- owned businesses.
- Improve access to training opportunities.

8. HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

Healthy communities build stronger cities.

Although healthcare is primarily a provincial responsibility, municipalities play an important supporting role.

1812 will support:

- Better municipal clinics.
- Mobile healthcare services.
- Health awareness campaigns.
- Mental health support.
- Drug rehabilitation programmes.
- Emergency preparedness.

9. EDUCATION SUPPORT

Education changes lives.

We will:

- Improve safety around schools.
- Maintain roads surrounding schools.
- Expand municipal libraries.
- Create study centres.
- Improve internet access where feasible.

Support after- school programmes.

10. BUILDING A CLEAN CITY

Clean cities attract investment and improve quality of life.

1812 will:

- Increase refuse collection efficiency.
- Remove illegal dumping.
- Expand recycling.
- Beautify neighbourhoods.
- Protect green spaces.
- Improve environmental education.

11. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Every taxpayer deserves value for money.

We will:

- Reduce wasteful expenditure.
- Improve budgeting.
- Protect maintenance budgets.
- Increase financial transparency.
- Publish understandable financial reports.
- Strengthen internal financial controls.

12. GOVERNMENT THAT LISTENS

Communities deserve a voice.

1812 will:

- Hold regular community meetings.
- Strengthen ward participation.
- Publish councillor performance reports.
- Encourage public oversight.
- Improve communication with residents.
- Introduce digital engagement platforms.

13. CARING FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Our elderly built our communities.

They deserve dignity, respect and care.

1812 will:

- Prioritise municipal services for elderly households.
- Improve accessibility at municipal facilities.
- Support mobile healthcare initiatives.
- Promote senior citizen centres.
- Protect elderly residents from abuse and crime.
- Partner with community organisations to provide support services.
- Encourage programmes that connect younger generations with senior citizens.

A caring society respects those who came before us.

14. ENDING GANGSTERISM AND PROTECTING INNOCENT LIVES

Gangsterism destroys families, undermines communities and robs young people of their future.

1812 believes that every child deserves to grow up free from violence and every family deserves to live in peace.

We will:

- Work closely with SAPS, Metro Police and Community Policing Forums to combat gang-related crime.
- Advocate for specialised anti-gang operations in affected areas.
- Improve street lighting, CCTV coverage and environmental design to make communities safer.
- Support initiatives to reduce the circulation of illegal firearms.

- Expand youth development, sports, arts and employment programmes to reduce gang recruitment.
- Strengthen drug prevention and rehabilitation programmes.
- Support victims of violent crime and their families.
- Promote anonymous reporting of criminal activity and encourage stronger community partnerships with law enforcement.

We reject the idea that gangsterism should define our communities. We are committed to restoring peace, protecting innocent lives and creating safe neighbourhoods for future generations.

15. PROTECTING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN FROM ABUSE

Violence and abuse have no place in our homes or communities.

The Eighteen Twelve Movement believes every person has the right to live free from fear, intimidation and violence.

We will:

- Work with SAPS, social workers, shelters and community organisations to strengthen protection for victims of abuse.
- Advocate for the effective investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, sexual offences, child abuse and elder abuse.
- Promote awareness campaigns to prevent domestic violence and gender-based violence while recognising that abuse can affect women, children and men.
- Support counselling, trauma care and safe accommodation for survivors.
- Strengthen child protection programmes in partnership with schools, faith-based organisations and civil society.
- Encourage confidential reporting mechanisms and ensure victims are treated with dignity and respect.
- Support programmes that promote healthy relationships, responsible parenting and conflict resolution.

Protecting families is essential to building stronger communities.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE

The Eighteen Twelve Movement is committed to governing with integrity, transparency and accountability. We believe public office is a public trust and that every decision must place the interests of residents first.

We will work tirelessly to restore confidence in local government, strengthen municipal institutions and create opportunities for every community.

Together, we can build a municipality that is safe, clean, financially responsible and responsive to the needs of its people.

OUR PLEDGE

We pledge to:

- Put Communities First.
- Deliver Quality Services.
- Fight Corruption.

Create Jobs.

- Restore Safety.
- Support Families.
- Care for the Elderly.
- Protect Women, Children and Men from Abuse.
- End Gangsterism.
- Build an Inclusive Economy.
- Govern with Honesty and Transparency.

Leave Nelson Mandela Bay better for future generations.

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- Together We Rise. - Together We Build. - Together We Deliver.

- By The People
- For The People
- Nothing without the people

