

MANIFESTO FOR THE 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - RAND WEST CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY Theme: *MOTSE KE WARONA - Bringing Government Back To The People*

PREAMBLE

We, the people of Rand West City Local Municipality - from Randfontein, Westonaria, Mohlakeng, Toekomsrus, Bekkersdal, Brinvlei, Droogheuwel, Afrivillage, Dan Tlome, Simunye, Zuurbekom and all our farming communities

- have resolved to govern ourselves.

We are tired of career politics, bureaucracy, empty promises and tenderpreneurship. For decades, our municipality has been run for politicians and not for the people.

The Randwest Peoples Party is not a career vehicle. It is a civic movement born from the streets, the churches, the stokvels, the taxi ranks and the households of Rand West. Our politics is simple: **Pure service delivery to every household.**

On 4 November 2026, we contest not to occupy offices, but to return the municipality to its rightful owners: the residents.

PART A: REFLECTION ON THE STATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Local government in South Africa is in crisis. The 2023/24 Auditor-General Report confirms it:

- Only 38 of 257 municipalities received clean audits.
- Over R5.3 billion in Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure.
- R74 billion owed by municipalities to Eskom and Rand Water, resulting in throttling and blackouts.
- Collapse of billing systems, leading to a culture of non-payment.
- Cadre deployment, bloated political offices, and outsourcing of core functions to mafias - water tankers, security, fleet, and refuse.

Rand West City is a perfect example of this collapse. Our municipality is financially distressed, unable to pay creditors, losing over 40% of its water and electricity through leaks and theft, with a roads infrastructure backlog of over R1 billion. Our people have lost confidence. Our manifesto is our contract to fix it.

PART B: OUR CONTRACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF RAND WEST CITY

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND LEAN GOVERNMENT

The Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and National Treasury norm states that employee costs should not exceed 25-30% of total operational budget. Rand West City currently exceeds 45%, spent on salaries and political patronage.

RPP Commitment:

- We will immediately reduce political staff in the Offices of the Executive Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Speaker and Chief Whip from 6-8 staff to a maximum of 3 per office.
- We will cut outsourcing of non-core services and insource critical skills.
- We will implement consequence management. All savings, estimated at over R30 million per annum, will be redirected directly to Water, Electricity and Roads.

2. WATER AND SANITATION - WATER IS LIFE

Rand West faces a man-made water crisis. The Municipality owes Rand Water Board hundreds of millions, leading to deliberate throttling. Secondly, the "water tanker mafia" has become a business model where infrastructure is sabotaged to create demand for tankers. Thirdly, AGSA reports show we lose over R30 million annually due to unreported leaks and illegal connections.

RPP Commitment:

- **End the tanker system.** We will terminate all water tanker contracts and invest in fixing the infrastructure. Tankers will only be used for genuine emergencies.
- Fix aging infrastructure, replace asbestos pipes, and establish rapid leak response teams in each town.
- Ring-fence water revenue and ensure Rand Water is paid on time to restore full water pressure.
- Upgrade wastewater treatment works in Randfontein and Westonaria to prevent sewage spillages.

3. ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY SECURITY

We lose over R100 million per year due to cable theft and illegal connections, despite paying private security companies millions. Our substations are vandalized and our streetlights are dark.

RPP Commitment:

- Terminate ineffective private security contracts and hire **Municipal Security Officers** directly under Public Safety, accountable and vetted from local communities.
- Roll out smart pre-paid meters to stop electricity theft and improve revenue.
- Provide **50kWh Free Basic Electricity per month** to all qualifying indigent households, registered unemployed and pensioners - because a mining town that lost its mines cannot punish the unemployed.
- Install solar backup for all municipal critical infrastructure and clinics.

4. BILLING, RATES, CREDIT CONTROL AND REVENUE

Our billing system is in tatters. Estimates are wrong, accounts are not delivered, and pensioners are billed millions. Residents have rightly stopped paying.

RPP Commitment:

- **Introduce a Flat Rate Interim Billing System** for residential households until a credible, meter-reading based system is fully restored and audited.
- Clean the valuation roll and indigent register.
- Open billing help desks in all municipal offices - Mohlakeng, Toekomsrus, Westonaria, Simunye, Afrivillage, Droogheuwel and Dan Tlome- not just Randfontein.
- No more disconnections without proper verification and engagement.

5. ROADS AND STORM WATER

Our roads are death traps. Potholes, no road markings, blocked storm water drains causing flooding every rainy season.

RPP Commitment:

- Launch *Operation Tsoga - Fix Our Roads* - in-house pothole repair teams per region.
- Prioritize grading and tarring of township and rural roads neglected for 10 years.
- Clean and rebuild all storm water drains and channels before the rainy season.

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING

Refuse removal is irregular, illegal dumping is rampant.

RPP Commitment:

- Weekly refuse removal without fail. Replace broken fleet and hire local drivers.
- Establish transfer stations and introduce community-based recycling cooperatives.
- Enforce zero tolerance on illegal dumping with fines and community cleanup campaigns.

7. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN & TOWNSHIP ECONOMY

Rand West wealth leaves Rand West. Tenders go to people outside.

RPP Commitment:

- **70% of all municipal tenders below R10 million will be reserved for Rand West residents.**
- Implement the Preferential Procurement Policy to empower youth, women and people with disabilities.
- **Spaza Shop Economy:** Spaza shops and small trading spaces will be reserved and licensed for South African locals. We will train locals in retail and provide start-up support.
- Create a Local Business Database and abolish the practice of paying bribes to get on the supplier database.

8. SPATIAL PLANNING, LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Housing allocation is a provincial competency, but registration, land identification and beneficiary verification is municipal. The waiting list is corrupt.

RPP Commitment:

- Audit and publish the housing waiting list. Fast-track allocation for backyard dwellers, pensioners and child-headed households.
- Release serviced municipal land for housing and for small-scale farming.
- Stop land invasion through proactive land release, not eviction alone. Apply SPLUMA fairly in favour of our people.

9. PARKS, RECREATION, CEMETERIES, LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Our parks are overgrown, halls are broken, cemeteries are not maintained, libraries have no books.

RPP Commitment:

- Rehabilitate all parks, sports fields and community halls. Allocate them to community structures for management.

- Maintain cemeteries with dignity and ensure a free basic grave for indigent families.
- Stock libraries and provide free Wi-Fi at municipal facilities for learners.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY, TRAFFIC, BY-LAWS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

By-laws exist only on paper.

RPP Commitment:

- Bolster Public Safety. By-laws will be **implemented, not negotiated**.
- Restore traffic enforcement, roadworthy enforcement and stray animal control.
- Establish a professional Disaster Management Centre for fires, floods and shack fires, especially in informal settlements.

11. MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RPP Commitment:

- Revive municipal health inspections for food outlets, spaza shops and crèches.
- Enforce environmental by-laws against air and water pollution from mines.
- Rehabilitate mined land and hold mining houses accountable for rehabilitation.

12. JOB CREATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The Municipality has over 300 critical vacancies, especially artisans, plumbers and electricians. Yet youth are unemployed.

RPP Commitment:

- Fill all critical service delivery vacancies within 100 days, with **priority for Rand West residents**.
- Launch the RPP Skills Academy to train youth in plumbing, electrical, bricklaying and solar installation.
- Support SMMEs with business registration, CIPC, and compliance to make them tender-ready.

13. ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CORRUPTION AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

RPP Commitment:

- Implement Section 32 of the MFMA fully: all Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure will be investigated.
- Establish an independent Anti-Corruption Hotline reporting directly to Council.
- All forensic reports will be made public. We say Zero Tolerance to Corruption.

CONCLUSION

This manifesto is not a promise. It is a contract. If we fail to deliver, remove us.

On 04 November 2026, vote for dignity. Vote for water in the tap, lights in the house, roads that are drivable, and a municipality that belongs to you.

Vote Randwest Peoples Party. Motse ke Warona.

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