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SOLIDARITY ACTION COMMITTEE COLLECTIVE ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE & 2026 ELECTION PARTICIPATION

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1. Who we are

We are the Solidarity Action Committee Collective (SACC), a community-rooted collective active in Potchefstroom and the wider JB Marks Local Municipality in the North West province of South Africa. Our political outlook is socialist and informed by working-class solidarity, collective organisation and Marxist analysis of economic and social inequality. We work from the understanding that residents should participate in decisions affecting their lives, rather than being treated merely as recipients of decisions made elsewhere.

Our organising approach connects everyday concerns—including land, housing, water, electricity, employment and access to public services—with wider questions of economic power, inequality and public accountability. We understand community organising as continuing work, not an activity confined to election periods.

2. Why we exist

We exist because working-class communities experience material pressures that require collective attention: insecure access to land and housing, uneven basic services, unemployment, inequality and limited influence over public decisions. Our response is to build solidarity, create opportunities for residents to discuss shared problems, and organise collective action around issues identified within communities.

We regard dignity, meaningful participation and accountability as central to this work. Our objective is to connect immediate community concerns with sustained organisation and political education, while recognising that no single election or councillor can resolve structural problems alone.

3. Our principles and organisational character

Working-class solidarity: We focus on the shared concerns of workers, unemployed residents and communities affected by economic hardship.

Grassroots participation: Our action committee approach emphasises collective discussion, local knowledge and direct community involvement.

Social and economic equality: Our political analysis challenges exploitation and systemic inequality and supports struggles for dignity and equal treatment.

Democratic accountability: We recognise the need for transparent municipal decision-making, accessible public information and public scrutiny.

International solidarity: Our association with Potch for Palestine reflects an internationalist orientation alongside our local community work.

4. Why we participate in the 2026 local government elections

We are participating in the 2026 local government elections in JB Marks Municipality as an extension of our community and working-class organising. Municipal institutions make decisions affecting essential services, local planning, public resources and residents' daily lives. Participation in elections provides an additional public and institutional forum in which community concerns can be represented and debated.

We do not regard electoral participation as a replacement for grassroots organisation. The work of building community structures, encouraging participation and raising concerns with public institutions continues whether or not a candidate is elected. Our participation is therefore one component of a broader political and organisational project.

5. How we conduct our public campaign

Our supplied 2026 candidate materials present the campaign under the name SACC and the phrase "Lead Local". They display the messages "Nothing About Us Without Us", "We Represent the Community, Not a Political Party" and "Our Community. Our Future." These statements reflect the community-centred identity presented in the campaign artwork.

Our campaign activity is described through public-facing candidate information, community engagement and communication about municipal issues. In keeping with our action committee approach, we place emphasis on listening to residents, discussing local concerns, sharing information and encouraging public participation. Specific event schedules, campaign operating procedures and outreach figures have not been supplied for this submission and are not claimed here.

Although we use the language of a community collective in our public messaging, SACC is registered as a participating electoral organisation for the purposes of the supplied IEC candidate nominations.

6. Municipal issues within our scope of concern

Our established areas of concern include land and housing, water and sanitation, electricity, employment, inequality, community participation and public accountability. These are themes arising from our political outlook and organising activity, rather than a representation that we have adopted a fully costed municipal implementation plan.

We recognise that practical municipal programmes must operate within applicable law, the municipal budget, and the division of responsibilities between local, provincial and national government. Detailed delivery commitments and timelines require separate organisational approval.

7. Leadership and 2026 candidate participation

Chairperson: Sikisi Gift Mashaba, as identified by SACC. Our supplied IEC nomination certificates identify the following ward candidates in JB Marks Municipality:

Ward	Candidate
5	Suliman Rajah
9	Doctor Abel Molefe
13	Ntobeko Ruffus Mbambani
18	Angeline Mathabiso Sekano
20	Papi Meshack Molotsana
26	Gabriel Sikisi Mashaba (public name: Sikisi Gift Mashaba)
27	Thapelo James Mobetwa

The supplied documentation also includes proportional representation candidate nominations. The ward list above is based on the provided IEC certificates, not solely on campaign artwork.

8. How we intend to develop beyond the elections

Our organisational purpose does not end with the announcement of election results. We intend to sustain the community-based approach on which our collective is built, irrespective of the electoral outcome. The following are directions for continued development, not claims that each measure has already been formally adopted or implemented:

- Maintain and strengthen community action committees around locally identified concerns.
- Continue public discussions and political education about municipal responsibilities, residents' rights and economic inequality.
- Document community issues and follow up with the responsible public bodies where appropriate.

- Encourage continuity of community participation between municipal election cycles.
- Develop relationships and dialogue with civic, labour and other community organisations where there are shared concerns.
- Build internal capacity for transparent record-keeping, organisational communication and accountable decision-making.
- Review experience gained during the 2026 election period to inform subsequent organising priorities.

Any detailed organisational growth plan, governance arrangements, membership targets or resource commitments will require approval through SACC's own decision-making processes.

9. Engagement with other organisations and the public

We recognise that community struggles often intersect with the work of civic bodies, labour organisations, informal settlement structures and other groups. We are open to principled discussion and exchange of information about matters of common concern, while retaining our own political identity and collective decision-making processes.

This profile is intended to provide an accessible account of who we are, the reasons for our existence, the nature of our electoral participation and our intention to remain active beyond the 2026 elections.

10. Closing statement

For us, community organisation is a continuing process. Elections create a particular opportunity for public engagement and institutional participation, but they do not define the beginning or end of our work. We seek to develop a collective that remains rooted in working-class communities, attentive to local conditions and committed to solidarity, democratic participation and accountability.