



2026/010 – MVC Coalitions

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Good day Mr Jeenah

RE. REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE OF THE FREEDOM FRONT PLUS'S (VF PLUS) APPROACH TO COALITION GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Your letter regarding the above-mentioned subject bears reference. Kindly find the response of the Freedom Front Plus to the posed questions below.

1. The Freedom Front Plus is fully committed to participating in stable, accountable, and resident-focused coalition governments. Without sacrificing our independent identity or core principles, we will cooperate with other political parties and organisations if we are convinced that such a partnership will advance the community's objectives and our party's manifesto. We believe that coalition negotiations must focus on finding common ground and establishing a shared governance model that embraces the values and policy directions of all partners, rather than solely negotiating for positions. This agreed-upon governance model must direct all future decision-making by the coalition government. Carefully negotiating and finalizing this model at the start of the municipal term will effectively mitigate instability caused by future differences of opinion. From the outset, there must be absolute certainty regarding the coalition's negotiated positions on critical aspects such as municipal appointments, budgets, rates and taxes, and spatial development. Ultimately, coalition governments must be built on responsible power-sharing, collective decision-making, and joint accountability. Parties that share this vision and these principles will be considered favourably as partners.

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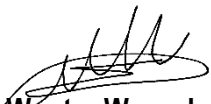
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2. In a coalition government, no single party holds a majority mandate for its individual manifesto and policies. Consequently, no single partner's platform can be entirely decisive in shaping the municipality's governance programme; a shared programme must be negotiated. The non-negotiable principles for the Freedom Front Plus in these negotiations include:
 - **Merit-based appointments:** Appointing the most qualified officials who can serve residents with professional expertise.
 - **Fiscal discipline:** Cutting operational expenditure and increasing capital expenditure specifically for infrastructure development and maintenance.
 - **Streamlining administration:** Reducing superfluous senior and administrative positions in favour of appointing more technical experts and artisans, such as engineers and electricians.
 - **Tariff restraint:** Ensuring that municipal tariff hikes do not exceed the inflation rate.
 - **Fair taxation:** Implementing a fair, standardised rates system alongside uniform service tariffs.
 - **Property protection:** Protecting property rights and safeguarding property values.
3. The Freedom Front Plus will not enter into coalitions with parties that do not share our commitment to the rule of law, equality and the promotion of a free-market system. This explicitly excludes parties such as the EFF and the MKP.
4. Yes.

The positions detailed above form part of our local government manifesto. You can find such at:
<https://www.vfplus.org.za/municipal-elections/municipal-elections-manifesto-2026/>

We appreciate the opportunity to clarify our stance on coalition negotiations and agreements.

Kind regards,



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