



## **PRIMROSE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM TO SAPS**

**When :** Saturday, 22 July 2023  
**Where :** Primrose Police Station

**Memorandum delivered by the Primrose Rate Payers Association for the attention of, respectively, the South African Police Services. EMPD, Liquor Board Germiston, Primrose.**

**To SAPS Primrose, we say:**

- **No progress can take place in unsafe and insecure living conditions.**
- **No development can take place in circumstances of rampant crime and criminality.**
- **No investment can be sustained in conditions of criminal impunity.**
- **No stable and thriving community life can take place in situations of permanent violence.**
- **No law enforcement can claim legitimacy if it is corrupt or complaisant.**
- **No law enforcement can have credibility if it is manipulated for political motives.**

Every facet of life in working-class communities in Primrose is choking under the stranglehold of crime, which continues unabated to this day. Gang bosses and other criminal masterminds have their tentacles in every facet of the community. The most dangerous manifestation of this infiltration is in local law enforcement, as epitomized by the general police's inability to respond due to the resources at their disposal.

The infestation of public drinking in broad daylight and the liquor establishments being allowed to continue to trade outside of the law, together with the taverns, restaurants, and bottle stores with minimal law enforcement available, has contributed to the lawlessness currently pervasive within Primrose.

In what we have characterized as the nexus between the criminal underworld, and business elites, we observe symptoms that paralyze communities. Extortion syndicates have become a prevalent feature, in particular in the townships, where shopkeepers, salons, hawkers, and ordinary workers are targets. This also brings about a climate of increased poverty, as business' are thinking twice about whether to invest in Primrose.

The frustrations regarding the efforts of hardworking and ethical men and women in blue with our local security companies and CPF and neighbourhood watches, who now have to carry the burden of filling in gaps to assist due to our police station not being equipped appropriately. The response times to assistance required, crimes reported and not having enough working vehicles patrolling our streets is also at a low level.

These issues are further compounded by the operational competition between the South African Police Service and the Metro Police, which is not in the best interests of the safety and security of the majority of people in Primrose.

Furthermore, it is clear that the Provincial Community Safety Department is a spectator in the unfolding of criminality in communities. Working-class communities are being terrorised and innocent lives are endangered while there is no evidence of the implementation of the safety plan.



Consequently, basic principles articulated in the Freedom Charter and fundamental constitutional guarantees such as safety, security, and comfort; freedom of trade; and freedom of movement have been severely threatened. Based on the foregoing, it stands to reason that the police system needs to be overhauled through a comprehensive policy shift. Primrose requires an ethical police force with professional and technical capacity that is effective and accountable. Only professional police service will be able to rid our communities of the insidious criminality plaguing them.

1. **We demand police and law enforcement services that are adequately resourced and demand the provision of more resources to Primrose SAPS, including SAPS manpower, working cell phones and running vehicles.**
2. **We demand police and law enforcement services that are free from corruption.**
3. **We demand police and law enforcement services free from political motivations.**
4. **We demand an independent vetting of all police officers.**
5. **We demand an end in extortions in our communities.**
6. **We demand an immediate team to be formed to control the Primrose Zama Zama issues.**
7. **We demand an immediate probing of the Liquor establishments in Primrose which breed crime, followed by the actual closure of businesses to repeat offenders by liquor board and officers**
8. **We demand sufficient reporting of these investigations of non-law-abiding establishments be made available for Chairperson of the CPF and PRA.**
9. **Scrap yards must be monitored – stolen infrastructure is sold to these establishments**
10. **We demand more operations to be carried out on the local internet cafes as these have become hide outs.**

Whilst we fully understand that crime is a structural problem with deep social roots that requires a comprehensive approach, we must emphasise that the starting point is, that there is no excuse for police inefficiency and our SAPS STATION and CPF must have the much needed resources that Primrose deserves.

For this reason, our demands are justified, and we will fight for these demands and mobilise communities across the spectrum in order to ensure safety, security and comfort for all.

We look forward to your response to the above in 2 weeks from date of delivery.

### **Issued on behalf of the Primrose Ratepayers Association**

Signed by:

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