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STREET NAME CHANGES IN PRETORIA AND ACROSS SOUTH AFRICA

The African Christian Alliance – Afrikaner Christelike Alliansie (ACA) only wants what is most beneficial to the residents of Pretoria-Tshwane, as they want for all residents of South Africa. As regards the streetname-changing policy, roughly 100 names of streets just in Pretoria have been forwarded to the Provincial Legislature for proposed name changes, together with an unknown number of street names due for renaming across South Africa. A list of about 27 names had already been submitted to the Pretoria-Tshwane Metro Council for discussion and it was hoped that the changes could be implemented without any resistance during the course of a meeting to which the public had been invited. The meeting however, was very poorly attended and ended with some of the attendees resorting to abusive language and fist fighting, with several of the groups of people ending up hitting each other with chairs. The details of the outcome of this meeting together with the proposed name changes will shortly be forwarded to the Streetnaming Commission for consideration and possibly, approval. (The Streetnaming Commission is totally dominated by the ANC.)

The African Christian Alliance - Afrikaner Christen Alliansie (ACA) is totally opposed to the renaming of all changes to the names of streets, for the following reasons:

- God's Word, the Bible, and human progress were introduced to South Africa – and Pretoria by Europeans. Subsequently, several World and other wars, including those fought on South African soil, were fought by white South Africans for amongst other reasons, to protect what was rightfully theirs. They paid dearly for what was theirs, with their own blood. Homesteads and indeed, entire farms were burnt and razed to the ground. The white population had no option but to start afresh to re-establish the structures which had taken them decades to build. It is now a part of South African history, and the white population and their descendants are fully entitled to be recognized for what they had achieved.
- Any name changes come with serious financial implications, something South Africa can ill afford during these times of a World recession which has already had a severe impact, also on the South African economy.
- Businesses have to change names on all their stationery, signs and advertising boards etc., at great cost.
- The tourist industry for instance, will have to have all their brochures reprinted, and have their obsolete material destroyed, locally and abroad.



- Businesses and the private sector will have to forward details of their new addresses to all instances with which they have dealings and / or agreements.
- Road maps will become obsolete overnight and electronic equipment like GPS units will have to be updated and modified at tremendous cost and inconvenience to the consumer.
- New street name signs will have to be made and installed, all for the account of the overburdened tax payers who are already in many cases battling to keep up with their ever-increasing electricity and tax bills, unless they are registered to receive a special concession as one of the poorest of the City's residents.
- The labour force required to perform the task of removing and replacing hundreds of street signs can be utilised much more efficiently – and economically - elsewhere.
- A very real possibility exists for businesses across South Africa to institute claims for the re-imbursalment of the costs incurred against the Metro Council of Tshwane or that of any other town or city in South Africa.
- The funds set aside for street name changes in Pretoria-Tshwane can be utilised far more effectively by spending it on raising the living standards of pensioners, orphans, the homeless and the poor in general. Better health services, tarring and the repair of roads, lowering of taxes and electricity costs will all serve a far greater purpose than to squander the tax payers' money on street name changes. The upgrading of living conditions of residents in poorer areas where the repair of existing municipal houses, hostels and flats is sorely needed, is of far more importance to the local population.
- Closed circuit television should be installed as a preventative measure in high-risk areas where crime is a major problem, in an attempt to provide more safety for residents.

*****According to Mr. Lucas Magadagela of the Pretoria-Tshwane City Planning Office, the costs involved "will not even exceed R 5,000,000!! (Five Million Rand)" (For "only" 27 street names). He can be contacted at one of the following numbers for further enquiries pertaining to the costs involved: Mobile: 082 839 5798 (Pvt); Tel. 012 358 4832, and his fax numbers are 086 697 3207 and 086 605 6400.

- The above criteria should apply across South Africa.

If South Africans who really deserve the distinction are to be honoured with having streets or any other public places named after them, or for that matter plants / birds / animals etc., by all means do it in new areas duly approved and registered in the Databank for street names by the relevant Streetnaming Committees of the various Metro Councils and municipalities.



- Apart from a local databank for street names, there should be a Provincial, as well as a National databank operating on the same basis.

The African Christian Alliance - Afrikaner Christen Alliansie (ACA) will vigorously support any action against the renaming of streets anywhere in South Africa.

Genesis 1:26, 1:28. Man was placed on earth by God to rule over His entire creation, meaning the fish in the sea, birds of the Heavens and all livestock and other animals – *but not to rule over, or oppress his fellow man.*

Mankind has completely rejected this order by oppressing and manipulating his fellow man, all in the interests of personal gain.

God will be victorious "Change for the Good" ... "A Change we Need."

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