

Cindy-Joy Balie - POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING - SOUTH AFRICA

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal.

I am Pastor Gavin Ferrier of u21church - COOL Youth Church being a South African from birth in 1957 and been in ministry since 1997 after serving in many leadership positions in business.

u21church - COOL Youth Church is a voice for all CHILDREN, as we place "CHILDREN 1st" who are the future of our country and world. We started u21church on 6th September 2014 in Albert Park, Durban to unite all our children of all nations living in our community and beyond. I am also a executive board member of Diakonia Council of Churches South Africa so I am very involved in social justice and have a vested interest in the future of our country.

Overall consideration;

Before any funding can be considered it is always wise to establish what is the actual need of funding, and then provide for that need. Just giving funding without any clear understanding of the purpose of funding is irresponsible and not wise at any level. We must address the Political Party Funding in the same manor of establishing what is the need of funding, and be accountable and transparent of all funding received.

Our proposals are the following;

- All public and private political party funding must be regulated and audited.
- All public and private political party funding must be fair to all political parties elected to office by the South Africa votes at national, provincial, municipal level making funding available to all based on representation with a minimum and maximum level on control.
- All political parties audited accounts must be made public and published for all to review.
- All political parties must only have a South African bank account and close all foreign bank accounts and transfer monies back into South African bank account.
- All assets owned by political parties must also be disclosed and audited earning must be disclosed.
- All private funding or donations over R100 000 must be granted and allocated to a project or need. Donors details must accompany all donations over R10000 or R100000 per year from a donor must be disclosed.
- All public and private funding must have ceiling limits and all foreign donations must go into a central funding account that will be allocated to all parties based on projects of need and equal distribution of funds per party.

The reason for our proposals are the following;

- Regulation and audits enforce good governance of all funding.

- Equal funding gives all political parties a fair stable financial foundation.
- Audited accounts made public allowing for accountability and transparency of all funding.
- Only having South African bank accounts limits foreign influence and better governance of accounts and allowing transparency of actual financial status of political party.
- Disclosure of all assets also provides a true account of the political parties financial status.
- Disclosure of donors over R10000 or R100000 per year limits corruption of funding and allows for transparency.
- Allocation of foreign donations into a central funding account limits foreign influence in domestic affairs.

Our proposals will allow for accountability, transparency, inclusiveness and limit wasteful spending of funds received as most funds will be project allocated without foreign or business influence limiting future corruption and mismanagement of public funds.

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Regards
GOD Bless

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