

To Mr Thomas Walters, Deputy Chairperson of Federal Council of the DA
Cc Mr John Steenhuisen, DA Federal Leader
Representatives of ActionSA, IFP, VF Plus, ACDP and UIM
Date 04 May 2023

Dear Mr Walters,

I write this letter on behalf of ActionSA, IFP, VF Plus, ACDP and the UIM following engagements held between these parties over the past few days.

During a meeting this afternoon the DA communicated a condition for the PA to re-join the coalition that they must publicly distance themselves from all coalitions with the ANC countrywide. The PA responded by rejecting this, thereby leaving the DA Mayoral Candidate without a majority of support in council.

At this point the above-mentioned parties raised the alternative proposal of aligning a majority behind the ActionSA candidate. This proposal was met with support from the above-mentioned parties and the PA confirmed their openness to the proposal. It was apparent that the DA would not support such a proposal.

This evening, following the conclusion of the meeting, Dr Corne Mulder, a representative of the FF Plus in our grouping of parties, received the following whatsapp message from you in which you suggested that our grouping of the above-mentioned parties should consider the DA's proposed conditions.

We record that the DA produced conditions for the negotiations that placed demands upon the PA. The above-mentioned parties have no control over the DA's producing conditions in a negotiation nor do we control how the PA responds to such conditions. Your request that we should, somehow, consider the DA's position is illogical.

The above-mentioned parties reiterate to you, once again, that as a result of the DA's conditions it is impossible for a DA candidate to achieve a majority to be elected as the Mayor of Joburg tomorrow. We record that a majority is possible if the DA supports the ActionSA candidate for Mayor because the PA is open to joining the above-mentioned parties to support the ActionSA candidate.

It must be placed on record that the DA has become the only barrier to electing a coalition aligned candidate from one of our parties that can stop the ANC and EFF from governing Joburg. Effectively the DA is referring an ANC/EFF aligned Mayor to one from its former coalition.

We urge you to reconsider this position which fails the residents of Joburg.

Kind Regards,

Michael Beaumont

(Sent electronically without signature on behalf of ActionSA, IFP, VF Plus, ACDP and UIM)