

Democratic Alliance statement by
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DA seeks relief for Cosmo City housing beneficiaries

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The DA today gave report-back to the impoverished people of the Itsoseng informal settlement in Cosmo City, who are still waiting for the City of Johannesburg to complete the Malibongwe Ridge housing development.

The development was launched in 2013 with great fanfare, and is supposed to comprise over 5000 housing units.

To date, only 1500 units have been completed, and the project has stood still since 2014 because of a lack of funds – while people in the adjacent Itsoseng are forced to live in squalor.

Following a visit to Malibongwe Ridge and Itsoseng, the DA wrote to Johannesburg mayor Parks Tau demanding an explanation as to why the development has not been completed, and why the empty 1500 units cannot be occupied.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

During today's report-back I told residents how a DA-led City of Johannesburg would fast-track major housing developments such as Malibongwe Ridge, and how it would be completed on time and within budget.

I shared the DA's Vision of a City that puts the people first through our "Service with Pride" ethos, and how, like we do in Cape Town, we would spend the majority of the city's budget on the most comprehensive basket of services to uplift the poor.

Change is coming to Johannesburg, and soon residents will experience the DA difference which creates jobs, provides housing and delivers cost effective services.

Because where the DA governs, life is better.

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