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LOWER TOWN WATCH

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|| LOWER TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

29 Marsh Streett

Mossel Bay

26 February 2020

CID ENLARGEMENT PROJECT – VOTING TIME

The Committee circulated the letter below to our members regarding the proposed Enlargement of the CID, to our members last year.

Since then, the management of the CID emailed letters to all property owners, who they had contact details of.

Some emails were returned undelivered, and we are not too sure that enough property owners in the LTNW area, has been reached. We therefore URGENTLY request, that you please convey the content of this letter to any property owners in the LTNW area.

- If you are a tenant of property in the LTNW area, PLEASE supply your Landlord with a copy of this letter.
- If you are an employee of a Business in the LTNW area, PLEASE supply the owner with a copy of this letter.
- If you have children who attend creches, or school in the LTNW area, PLEASE supply the Headmaster with a copy of this letter.
- If you are an active member of any private street Whats App Group, PLEASE supply your neighbours with a copy of this letter.

WITHOUT THE ATTACHED VOTING FORMS WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS.

By now, al of South Africans Citizens must realize that we cannot depend on government alone to provide us with services. It is TIME for US to take hands and CONTROL of our own SAFETY, within the LAWS of South Africa. Each contributing a little, can go a FAR way.

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The CID hosted a successful public participation meeting, in the Mossel Bay Town Hall last night.

It was well attended, by the public as well as Deputy Mayor Dirk Kotze, Mr Neil Prins and Melanie Smit from Municipal Legal Services, Leon Van Dyk - CPF Chairperson and our entire LTNW Committee.

We thank our Chairperson Andre Nel, and Executive Committee member Johan Van Rensburg for their absolute transparency, and explaining the reasons for the proposed enlargement of the CID. Although concerns were raised regarding the notice of the meeting, the we constantly assured the audience, that a thorough communication action plan to inform property owners are being developed. This plan will include door to door visits. Some very important points were cleared out, and are as follows:

1. The CID Levy is NOT a municipal tax. **It is a levy agreed to by citizens within the proposed geographical location, to spend as they see fit, to preserve their property values by supplying additional/ top-up services.** This levy is charged and collected via your municipal account, but is paid over directly to the CID.
2. The CID is a registered NPO who is compliant to all relevant governance laws. In addition, they supply financials to the Municipality who plays an oversight role, further insuring good governance and protection of CID members interest.
3. The CID is managed by a board of directors, and an executive committee, currently all on a VOLUNTARY basis. All property owners who pay the levy **and** has completed the CID membership application form, have input in how the levies are spent. Proposed action plans by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors are presented to members of the CID on their AGM's and is approved through the normal voting procedures.
4. The Mossel Bay CID's 5 Year Implementation Plan is available on their website: www.mosselbaycid.co.za. Their plan includes services under the following main objectives:
 - Management and Operation
 - Security and Law Enforcement
 - Cleaning Initiatives
 - Urban Renewal Initiatives
 - Marketing Initiatives
 - As well as various other issues, including action plans regarding vagrants, and co-operative agreements with Department of Social Development, The Haven, etc. which is aimed at minimising the influx of the homeless, and successful rehabilitation of such individuals.
5. Alderman Deputy Executive Mayor Dirk Kotze, gave valuable information to help the audience to take an informed decision regarding the decision of voting for, or against the proposed enlargement. He strongly advised attendees to vote positively, and explained how politics and the current of state of the country's finances, as well as a fantastic track record of the Mossel Bay CID, since its inception in 2012, are all reasons, why he is for the enlargement of the CID. He further informed the audience, that the Municipality welcomes public partnerships and is currently in advanced stages of a project that includes CCTV camera's and a Control Room, to further stimulate Mossel Bay's Economy, as SAFETY is the corner stone of economic growth in any area.
6. Leon Van Dyk, Chairperson CPF and Upper Town Neighbourhood Watch, explained how the CID is currently playing a crucial, pro-active role in crime reduction, and also explained some of the challenges that the SAP are battling on a daily basis. And as

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concerned citizen, he strongly encourages residents in this area to become actively involved, and to take control of their own future in such a manner.

7. The proposed cost has been established as R45 per month, per R1 000 000.00 municipal valuation of your property.
8. We are very sensitive regarding additional levies and costs, and we know that making decisions which affect your finances, are difficult. We will continue in the weeks to come to give you all the necessary information to make a well-informed decision. We urge you to do your own homework, do not base your decision on "hear say" or wild uninformed comments of others, especially on social media platforms.
9. We will provide you with all the Pro's and Con's as well as our proposed new safety plan that will have to be put in place, should this Enlargement materialise.

If you have any questions unanswered, please contact one of the following people:

Neil Prins of the Municipal Legal Services – Tel 044-6065000

Johan Van Rensburg – CID Tel: 044-6913699

Arthur Riordan – CID Cel 082 702 2607

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Kindest regards

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