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Register now!

Our vote will still be secret!

No-one will be able to see where we put our cross or tick

We will vote the same way as we did it before

Why should we vote in October?

- We should vote so we can choose people we trust to work hard in our local council – people we trust to make sure the community gets clean water, rubbish removal, land for houses, sewerage, roads, pavements, electricity, clinics ...
- We should vote because if we do not vote for the political party we like it will lose our vote and perhaps a party we do not like will win the election and be in charge of our local government.

But remember

- **If we are not on the voter's roll (the list) ... we will NOT be able to vote**

Please register now

Registration forms are at the offices of the municipality or council in your area

They may also be at a magistrate's office, in shopping centres,
taxi ranks, advice offices and churches

The forms are easy to fill in and there will be someone to help you
if you cannot manage to do it yourself

REMEMBER

you need your ID number to register so take your ID along with you
or write the number down before you go

**If we want to vote in October we have to register
before the 27th April**

Our freedom day!

Local government elections

October 1995

Why do we have to register if we want to vote?

Many people are asking this question because they don't want to put their name on any list

They say we voted last time without being on a list

The reason is that this time we are voting for our **local governments**

Last year we voted for the national and provincial governments. We now have a non-racial and democratic national parliament and non-racial and democratic legislatures (parliaments) in the nine provinces

But we do not have non-racial and democratic local governments yet

That is why we will vote again in elections in October 1995

Local government elections are very important because the RDP is going to be organised through all the local governments

After the elections all our local councils will be non-racial and democratic. There will be no more 'white' councils or 'black' local authorities or 'coloured' or 'Indian' councils and management committees

How will it work?

- The whole country will be divided up into local government areas which include cities and towns and rural areas
 - Each local government area will be divided into small areas called **wards**
- Our names go on the list (called the Voters' Roll) of all the people who live in our **ward**.
This is the reason we have to register
 - On election day we will have to vote in our own ward
 - We will vote for people who have been nominated in our ward
- We will be able to nominate the people we want to represent us on our local council through our political parties or other organisations
 - The people who are nominated are called **candidates**
- All the **candidates** for our **ward** will be listed on a special ballot paper (the voting paper). This ballot paper is for our ward only
- When we go to the voting station in our ward on election day we will make our cross or tick next to the name of **the person** we want to represent us on our local council
 - There will also be another ballot paper for us to choose **the party** we like

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