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Gordhan living in ANC Utopia?

“One wonders, where Pravin Gordhan has been living after listening to what he had to say regarding the unacceptability of rate boycotts,” says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP). “He states that if you live in South Africa you are a citizen of South Africa using municipal services and you should pay for them. Nobody objects to paying for service, but if that service is lacking and in some instances non-existent, there are very few options left to you-one of them being to refuse to pay for services you haven’t received. He called on ratepayers to resolve issues ‘the South African way’. We would like to remind him that not everyone in South Africa will toi-toi down the streets, smashing shop windows and setting motor vehicles alight.”

“The Christian Democratic Party, however, agrees with him that due to the fiscal restraints faced by the government, political and administrative leaders must deal with improper procurement practices and fraud and corruption. We would however, add nepotism to this list, as the ANC’s nepotistic and cadre-deployment policy which sees unqualified and incompetent people placed into key positions, has had a far reaching and negative affect on effective service delivery.

“To approach this matter in an officious and threatening manner will also not help solve this problem.”

Woon Gordhan in die ANC se Utopia?

“Van waar gehasie?, wonder ‘n mens oor Pravin Gordhan wat sy mond oor dienstebelastinge uitgespoel het,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Hy stel dit as jy in Suid-Afrika woon, dan is jy ‘n burger van die land wat munisipale dienste gebruik en ‘n mens moet daarvoor betaal. Niemand het besware om vir dienste te betaal nie, maar as daardie dienste erg gebrekkig is of in sommige gevalle nie bestaan nie, dan bly daar min opsies oor as om te weier om vir dienste te betaal wat nie gelewer word nie.

“Hy het op heffingspligtiges ‘n beroep gedoen om probleme op ‘die Suid-Afrikaanse manier’ op te los. Maar ons moet hom daarop wys dat nie almal in Suid-Afrika in strate sal toyi-toyi nie, en nie winkelensters sal breek en voertuie aan die brand steek nie.

“Die CDP stem egter met hom saam dat, weens die fiskale beperkings, die owerhede die onbehoorlike verkrygingspraktyke, bedrog en korrupsie moet aanspreek. Ons wil egter ook nepotisme en kaderontplooiing by die lysie voeg, aangesien hierdie praktyke daartoe gelei het dat ongekwalifiseerde en onbekwame mense in sulke poste ‘ontplooi’ is, omdat dit ‘n verreikende impak op doeltreffende dienslewering gehad het.

“Om hierdie saak op ‘n dreigende manier aan te spreek sal nie tot die oplossing van die probleem bydra nie.”

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