

ANTI - EVICTION CAMPAIGN

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To Management:

The Development of the proposed 'Gugulethu Square Mall' on the destruction of informal trading in Gugulethu, is a cause for deep concern for residents of Gugulethu.

The Development has caused many problems, pain and suffering for local traders and has destroyed many local family businesses that have existed for decades. The Eyona traders have now found that their businesses will be excluded from the new shopping centre despite promises to the contrary.

While big outlets such as Shoprite, Spar, Pick 'n Pay, Cashbuild, PEP, ABSA, Foschini, etc, are the first to be offered space while local businesses are excluded. The developers have refused to open up their plans for community consultation and refuse local traders access as they are labeled 'illegitimate' and sometimes 'criminal'.

We have seen what has happened to local traders in places such as Vangate Mall and Khayelitsha CBD where they have been prohibited from trading while big businesses have had their developments subsidised. This is not democracy and this is not development! This is legalised corruption supported by local councillors who set up undemocratic 'development forums' to push their agenda..

At our most recent mass meeting held every Sunday at 2pm at the Gugulethu Sports Complex, Gugulethu residents decided to invite all businesses who have reserved space to operate in the new mall to attend our next mass meeting and listen to residents concerns and demands.

If you do not comply with us, you are not welcome to operate your business in Gugulethu and take the money of the poor. We are ready to defend and fight against any unjust practice in our township. We are ready to fight against anything that is done without us. We are ready to defend our livelihood.

Forward with community control and ownership of development!

Mncedisi Twalo – Elected Chairperson
The Gugulethu Anti-Eviction Campaign

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