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### **Al Jama-ah reaffirms its commitment to service delivery in City of Johannesburg**

The Al Jama-ah party vehemently rejects accusations from the SA Jewish Board of Deputies that it is depriving Johannesburg residents from service delivery by refusing to form a coalition with the DA in the City of Johannesburg (CoJ).

The DA was not in need for a coalition with Al Jama-ah but wanted to create a perception that there is wide support for the party and its position on Israel. Now that the PA (Patriotic Front) has signed a coalition with the DA, AL Jama-ah will remain in strong opposition to ensure the CoJ does not become an apartheid municipality where forced removals become a daily occurrence. Parties who form coalitions with the DA support Israeli occupation of Palestine and human rights violations of Palestinians.

The Al Jama-ah party leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks says the party has an agreement with a special envoy of the ANC that programmes and projects of 49 government departments will be at its disposal for the benefit of the party's growing constituency.

Al Jama-ah believes that the DA-run CoJ has run the suburb, Lenasia to the ground over the past 10 years resulting in thousands of residents voting for the party to give it a chance to correct the situation. The party maintains its priority is service delivery and views tantrums by SAJBD as mere rhetoric! Although the CoJ has a mayor who supports Israel, Al Jama-ah will continue to work in the interest of the people of Johannesburg. The party further plans to turn the CoJ into a "Smart Municipality".

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