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Candidate Integrity Pledge

As a candidate for public office in the upcoming elections in South Africa, I voluntarily pledge to uphold the highest standards of **ethical conduct, integrity, and accountability.**

By affixing my signature below, I commit to the following principles:

- Ethical Conduct and Integrity:** I will conduct myself with honesty, transparency, and the highest ethical standards throughout my tenure in public office. I will refrain from engaging in activities that compromise the trust and confidence of the public.
- Rule of Law:** I will uphold the rule of law and abide by all relevant legal frameworks governing elections, government operations, and public service. I recognise the importance of a just and lawful society and will work towards its realisation.
- Representation of the People:** I will diligently represent the interests of the people, actively engage with constituents, and prioritise the well-being of the community. I commit to being accessible, responsive, and accountable to the public.
- Accountability:** I will be transparent about my actions, decisions, and the use of public resources including public funds. I understand that public office is a privileged public trust, and I will willingly subject myself to scrutiny and oversight by relevant authorities and the public.
- Voluntary Commitment:** I acknowledge that signing this pledge is voluntary and reflects my personal commitment to the principles outlined herein. I undertake this pledge freely and without any external coercion.
- Consequences for Violations:** I understand that failure to uphold the commitments outlined in this pledge may impact public trust and confidence. While the pledge is voluntary, I recognise the potential consequences for my reputation and public standing if I violate its principles.
- Public Disclosure:** This pledge allows voters to assess my commitment to ethical conduct and accountability as they make informed decisions during the election. I agree to the public disclosure of this signed pledge.

Candidate's Name: _____ **Party:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness Signature: _____ **Witness Name and Ph No.** _____

By signing this pledge, I affirm my dedication to the principles of ethical governance, accountability, and the rule of law, contributing to the advancement of a just and responsible democratic society.