



## **EFF NOTES THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT JUDGEMENT TO DISMISS THE APPLICATION BY THE IEC TO POSTPONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

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The EFF notes the Constitutional Court judgement which has dismissed the Independent Electoral Commission's application to postpone Local Government Elections. The judgement comes after an unnecessarily lengthy period, which has fostered confusion and uncertainty in society. We register our displeasure with the emerging tendency of the Constitutional Court to give judgements late and when they are of no consequence.

The EFF has long called for the postponement of the elections, on the basis that the political terrain has been closed and hindered the ability of political parties and citizens to engage with those who seek to lead in municipalities and councils. We were vindicated by the recommendation by the inquiry into the feasibility of local government elections, which emphasised the points raised by the EFF.

We are however bound by the decision of the Constitutional Court and will proceed to participate in a vigorous campaign to win these elections and deliver services to the people.

We wish to warn the IEC not to misinterpret this court judgement and the instruction to open voter registration as an opportunity to reopen the process of candidate submission forward and proportional representation submission.

All political parties were afforded the same amount of time to submit their candidates by the 23rd of August 2021, in the same platform and under the same deadline. Any attempt to reopen that process would confirm that the IEC operates on the whims and needs of the ruling party and lacks independence and partiality.

To reopen the candidate submission process would be unfair on political parties who have their houses in order and have met the necessary deadline, notwithstanding that there is precedence in refusing to allow political parties that have missed the deadline from submitting.

The EFF calls on all of its structures and ground forces to activate the elections machinery towards total victory. We must begin an aggressive program of engaging our people in every street and works tirelessly to remove incompetence and corruption in Local Government.

Forward to EFF Victory Forward!

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