



## EFF STATEMENT ON SAFA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND PROCESS

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The Economic Freedom Fighters has noted the announcement of the final list of eligible candidates for the position of the President of the South African Football Association (SAFA).

After a prolonged process, which has been characterised by the intimidation of candidates and limiting of time to canvass for the position of President of SAFA, Ria Ledwaba, Danny Jordaan and Solly Mohlabeng have emerged as candidates.

The EFF reiterates its support of Ria Ledwaba for the position of SAFA President against the patronage and incompetence that has characterised the institution over the last decade. Ledwaba represents an opportunity to move away from the political meddling and lack of grassroots football experience, which has led to unequal pay between the women's and male soccer teams, and stagnation in the world of soccer by South Africa.

As we note the announcement, the EFF must register its concern on how the process itself has unfolded. First and foremost, the list of approved nominations was disclosed to the public before nominees themselves were notified, a breach of SAFA's own statutes in terms of its constitution.

The fact that candidates had to submit their candidacy documents to an incumbent, namely Danny Jordan who is also contesting the position of the President of SAFA, reeks of a tainted process where an individual has an undue influence over a contest he is participating in.

The EFF will closely monitor the process and ensure that there is no unfair advantage given to anyone. This election is an opportunity to revive football in South Africa and ensure that the youth of South Africa participates meaningfully with the necessary infrastructural support.

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