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Mayor Cllr Mzimkhulu Thebolla  
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Dear Mr Mayor

## Open letter to the Mayor

It is with a heavy heart that we write this open letter to you.

You invited us to a meeting with you on the 26 June 2020. We were hopeful to hear what you would address us about. However, Mr Mayor when you addressed us by stating that if we are politicians pretending to be members of the public then you would meet us at the polls at the next election this came as a total shock. A Mayor to a City is like the father of all the citizens he has living there. Your words to us Mr Mayor gave us the impression that you do not see us as your children whom you must always hear out and look out for their best interests but rather as political adversaries.

We assure you that we are neither politicians nor your adversary if you have the best interest of your citizens at heart.

You called us to a meeting Honourable Mayor but left straight after and never got to hear the cries of your people. Despite us putting their cries on paper you still failed to get back to your children explaining why you are putting them in an even more financially burdensome situation by increasing the tariffs. You still went ahead Mr Mayor knowing your people are suffering. Why? Why are you not being a father to your children of Pietermaritzburg and protecting them? You are not a father to a selected few in Pietermaritzburg but to all who reside in it.

We don't anticipate you replying Mr Mayor because history has shown us that you won't. We have written to you four times now and still you failed to hear us.

All we ask is that you take heed of the cries of your people and put right what has been wronged. Revise your budget Mr Mayor and you will soon see your children /citizens flourish rather than deteriorate. This will be beneficial to Pietermaritzburg as a whole. Which we are sure is your aim too.

Yours faithfully

**Msunduzi Association of Residents, Ratepayers and Civics (MARRC)**  
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