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**SUBJECT: EXTERNALLY-FUNDED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC
SERVICES OFFICERS**

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1. DISCUSSION

In terms of section 17 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000, the public and interested parties or groups are given the opportunity to submit comments, recommendations or input to the municipality in respect of the policy relating to the contracting of externally funded members of the City's Law Enforcement and Traffic Services Departments by the private sector and other interested organisations

There appears to be a fundamental flaw in the thinking of this document. In Political Science one of most important purposes performed by the state in modern times is the maintenance of law and order in order to promote common welfare. In most parts of the world it has been the aim of the state to protect the individuals, to ensure the security of their life and to maintain law and order among them. The state is badly needed for the public good, maintenance of law and order, establishment of justice, economic, etc. In the absence of the state anarchy will prevail and there will be chaos and confusion in society. ¹

In Economics, the main purpose of taxation is to accumulate funds for the functioning of the government machineries, such as for the implementation of various socio-economic development projects including the construction of roads and bridges, schools, health facilities and provision of social services like national security, provision of salaries for civil servants including the police, the army, judges, doctors, nurses and teachers. ²

That this document seeks private funding for normal law enforcement duties points to an inherent flaw in the setting of spending priorities by the City of Cape Town. As stated above, existing taxation (and tariffs) should cover law enforcement expenses. Otherwise, the City is failing its citizens.

We do agree that cooperation between agencies could be improved, not only between the City's Law Enforcement and private agencies, but perhaps more importantly, that the City's Law Enforcement be given arrest authority for its own detention cells as SAPS deployment appears to be political in nature.

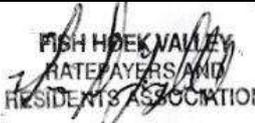
¹ <http://www.politicalsciencenotes.com/articles/7-important-purpose-preformed-by-the-state-in-modern-times/258>

² <https://www.ukessays.com/essays/economics/explaining-the-primary-purpose-of-taxation-economics-essay.php>

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, that:

- The City of Cape Town reprioritises its budget to adequately fund Law Enforcement Services; and
- The City of Cape Town works towards achieving the necessary legislation to allow the City's Law Enforcement Services to have power of arrest and detainment.

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