

30 November 2018

- To: Speaker of Council City of Cape Town Municipality Cllr. JD Smit
- Per: E-mail (<u>Dirk.Smit4@capetown.gov.za</u>)
- And to: The Executive Mayor City of Cape Town Municipality Cllr. Dan Plato
- Per: E-mail (<u>mayor.mayor@capetown.gov.za</u>)
- And to: The Municipal Manager City of Cape Town Municipality Mr Achmat Ebrahim
- Per: E-mail (achmat.ebrahim@capetown.gov)

Dear Sirs.

ORGANISATION UNDOING TAX ABUSE: A LOCALLY RECOGNISED COMMUNITY ORGANISATION OUR REF: L9CA/01 YOUR REF: UNKNOWN

- 1. The Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA) is a proudly South African nonprofit civil action organisation, comprising of and supported by people who are passionate about improving the prosperity of our nation. OUTA Local was established to challenge the abuse of authority, in particular the abuse of taxpayers' money in Local Government and more particularly in Municipalities.
- OUTA was approached by members of the City of Cape Town community for assistance in resolving, amongst others, municipal service delivery issues.
 OUTA – City of Cape Town Local Branch was subsequently initiated during November 2018.
- 3. OUTA Local Government Division is a properly established community-based civil rights organisation forming part of OUTA, under its national Memorandum of Incorporation, and which acts on behalf of the community in the form of its supporters.



- 4. As you may be aware, a municipality has a legal obligation to develop a culture of community participation through, among other things, consultative sessions with locally recognised community organisations¹.
- 5. In light of the above, we believe OUTA City of Cape Town Branch to be a locally recognised community organisation as referred to in s17(2)(d) read with s 1 of the Systems Act.
- 6. In the spirit of engagement and cooperation, we would like to be formally recognised by you and wish to establish a communication platform through which OUTA City of Cape Town Branch can actively participate and engage with the Municipality.
- 7. Kindly contact writer in the event of any queries.
- 8. We trust that you find the above in order and look forward to our future engagements.
- 9. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Holenstein Provincial Manager OUTA Local Government Division E-mail: <u>michael.holenstein@outa.co.za</u>

¹ Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 – hereinafter referred to as the Systems Act.