CAPE TOWN COLLECTIVE
RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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AN INVITATION TO RATEPAYER & RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

When communities act alone, they are ignored.
When they act together, they are heard.

The Cape Town Collective Ratepayers' Association unites resident and ratepayer associations across the metro into one coordinated, credible voice on rates, municipal charges, the City budget and spatial planning. We would like your association to join us.

45	~10%	~60%	Free
member associations across the metro	of Cape Town's residential properties	of residential rates paid in the city	membership for associations

WHO WE ARE

One voice, built from local ones

Officially constituted in August 2025, CTCRA is a non-profit federation of resident and ratepayer associations. Each member keeps representing its own community; CTCRA brings those voices together at city level.

We are **independent and non-partisan**. We do not support or endorse any political party or candidate. Our one test: **what is fair and sustainable for residents.**

We don't object for the sake of objecting. Our mandate is to be a robust and constructive discussion partner on all matters that affect the interests of our members.

OUR POSITION

We are not opposed to development.
We are not opposed to investment.
We are not opposed to change.

We are opposed to:

- Processes that exclude residents
- Policies that are unclear or unfair
- Decisions that make the city unaffordable over time
- Development that damages the character of our neighbourhoods

WHAT WE DO

Co-ordinated representation at city level

01 Represent

One voice for member associations with the City, so residents are treated as stakeholders.

02 Advocate

We build relationships with City Council to challenge policies that undermine affordability, fairness, neighbourhood character or transparency.

03 Support

Shared resources, guidance and coordination that make each association more effective locally.

04 Inform

We explain complex municipal issues so residents understand what they pay, and why.

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Stronger together

TRACK RECORD

What acting together has already achieved

2025 — Residents mobilised on the budget

Coordinated ratepayer opposition to steep proposed rates and tariff increases, backed by thousands of residents' signatures.

30 Apr 2026 — Court victory on fixed charges

CTCRA joined SAPOA's High Court challenge. The Court struck down the City's fixed charges for water, sanitation and city-wide cleaning linked to property values. The City did not appeal and reopened public participation on the 2026/27 budget.

2026 — Independent, evidence-based analysis

Detailed review of the 2026/27 draft budget, including electricity time-of-use tariffs and the additional rates in all 63 City Improvement Districts under GV2025.

2026 — Practical tools for residents

A municipal bill calculator (2024/25 to 2026/27), a GV2022 vs GV2025 valuation comparison from PAIA-sourced roll data, and guidance on valuation objections.

2026 — Workshops for members

Sharing of best practices between members on spatial planning and association communication tools and strategies.

Ongoing — A credible public voice

Regular coverage and op-eds in outlets including Daily Maverick, Cape Argus, CapeTalk, Infrastructure News, Sentinel News and Cape Town Etc.

ON THE AGENDA NOW

Valuations & rates | Budget & affordability | Spatial planning & participation | Short-Term Letting By-law

WHY JOIN

What your association gains

- **Weight.** Your concerns reach the City backed by 45 associations, not one committee.
- **Expertise.** Shared know-how on municipal finance, planning law and City processes.
- **Early warning.** Analysis of budgets, tariffs, valuations and draft by-laws before deadlines pass.
- **Network.** Access to fellow associations across the city to share concerns, expertise and experience.
- **Autonomy.** You keep full control of your own local affairs.
- **No cost.** Membership is currently free. A nominal contribution to legal and operational costs may be requested.

WHO CAN JOIN

Open to any formally constituted ratepayer or civic organisation within the City of Cape Town that:

- ✓ has a recognised committee structure
- ✓ represents property owners or residents
- ✓ supports fair, lawful and transparent governance
- ✓ will contribute to collective advocacy
- ✓ has no aims that conflict with ratepayers broadly

HOW TO JOIN

Join the collective in three steps

1. Complete the short affiliation form at ctcra.org/join-ctcra
2. CTCRA will be in touch within 5 business days
3. You join a city-wide network and keep your local autonomy

Scan to join

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