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### Civil Society to hold a public meeting on the Electoral Amendment Bill

Several civil society organisations will convene a lunch time Electoral Amendment Bill public meeting on Wednesday, 2 November at the Groote Kerk Church in Cape Town. The speakers of this public meeting include Rachel Fischer from Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA) and Mudzuli Rakhivane from Independent Candidates Association (ICA).

This meeting comes after the decision by the National Assembly to pass the Electoral Amendment Bill. Organisations, including Defend our Democracy, hope to raise awareness amongst members of the public on the implications of the Bill.

The Bill makes minimal changes to the electoral system, allowing independent candidates to run for provincial and national elections, however making it extraordinarily challenging for them to compete on an equal footing with political parties.

By including independents through minimalist changes to the current system, mathematical quotas to calculate seat allocation produce somewhat warped results, which could actually benefit political parties.

Furthermore, the Bill is short-sighted and does not foster meaningful accountability of public representatives.

This public meeting forms part of a series of activations to educate people on the Bill and its flaws. We urge Cape Town residents to join us, and take it upon themselves to understand and interrogate the Bill more meaningfully, as it will affect how we vote, and our ability to hold our public representatives more directly accountable.

#### **Event details:**

Date: 2 November 2022 Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Venue: Groote Kerk Church

45 Adderley Street

Cape Town

Youtube link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3Daec1S">https://bit.ly/3Daec1S</a>

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# **Lunch Time Public Meeting**

## Wednesday

November, 2

12:30 - 13:30 Groote Kerk Church 45 Adderley Street Cape Town



Virtual viewing:

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## **Speakers:**



Mudzuli Rakhivhane Independent Candidates Association



Rachel Fischer Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse



























