



“A City That Delivered”

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## A City that delivered — A Joburg that deserves excellence every day!

Dear Residents of Johannesburg,

As Johannesburg proudly hosted the historic G20 Leaders' Summit — the first on African soil — our City rose to the moment with dignity, discipline and pride. But I want to reassure every resident: we did not work hard because the G20 was coming. We worked hard because Johannesburg deserves this level of excellence every day. The improvements seen across the City — cleaner streets, revived public spaces, reliable services, stronger safety operations and improved mobility — were not sudden or superficial. They were the continuation of work that had been underway for months before the Summit. The G20 allowed us to intensify, coordinate and showcase the progress Johannesburg has already been making.

In the months before the G20, the City had already begun stabilising its operations. Pikitup increased regional cleaning, cleared illegal dumping hotspots and strengthened waste-removal routes. City Parks revived parks and green corridors. JRA repaired potholes and improved road markings. Joburg Water and City Power had already started maintaining pressure zones, fixing leaks, protecting substations and improving response times. These were ongoing programmes — not last-minute actions. In the run up to the Summit, this work was amplified.

Our streets were consistently clean, our corridors well-maintained, and our services more reliable because we had already returned to the culture of planning, discipline and accountability. Residents noticed the difference, and the world did too. Safety operations also strengthened significantly. JMPD had already increased visibility, SAPS partnerships were improving, and emergency services had enhanced readiness. The G20 brought these efforts into even sharper alignment, ensuring a safer and

more organised city. Mobility across Johannesburg improved as Rea Vaya and Metrobus stabilised operations and traffic-management teams ensured smoother flow across key corridors. These were the results of structured preparation, not one-off interventions.

Now that the Summit has concluded, many residents want assurance that the positive changes will continue. My answer is firm: **YES!** The work is ongoing — because it never began with the G20. Daily corridor cleaning, mechanised waste removal, regional deep-cleaning teams and faster illegal-dumping responses remain in the whole operation. Our long-term shift from reactive to proactive maintenance is also underway, with structured repair cycles for roads, substations, water networks, stormwater systems and public facilities.

Safety improvements are here to stay. CCTV expansion, targeted JMPD hotspot deployments, stronger SAPS–JMPD coordination and improved emergency services will continue to grow. These are long-term safety strategies, not event-based tactics.

Greening programmes launched earlier in the year, such as park upgrades, tree planting and corridor beautification, will continue across all regions. These efforts form part of a broader urban-renewal plan aimed at restoring pride, dignity and environmental resilience. Our social-support work also remains a central priority. The City will continue assisting homeless individuals with dignity, improve informal-trading management, strengthen partnerships with NGOs and faith-based organisations, and create more opportunities for youth. These are commitments to our communities, not to international guests.

Everything we achieved during this period aligns closely with the Joburg 2040 Growth and Development Strategy. The Summit did not shift our priorities — it reinforced them. Our work strengthens infrastructure resilience, improves governance, boosts economic competitiveness and supports the vulnerable. The G20 lasted a few days, but its momentum will shape Johannesburg's development for years.

Johannesburg now stands at a critical moment. We have shown that we **CAN** deliver excellence. The next step is making that excellence permanent. This requires partnership — with residents, communities, civic organisations, businesses, religious institutions and especially our youth. Together, we can turn this moment into a movement of lasting renewal.

To our residents — thank you for your patience and resilience. To our workers — thank you for your dedication and long hours. To our partners — thank you for believing in Johannesburg. We did not rise because the world was watching.

We rose because we were already working.  
Johannesburg delivered for the world.  
Now, together, we will keep delivering for you.

*Until next time,*

**Johannesburg Executive Mayor Councillor Sello Dada Morero**