

FINAL BRANCH GENERAL ASSEMBLIES GUIDELINES TO ELECT EFF COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS:

A. INTRODUCTION:

Section 9 (7) of the EFF Constitution says, “Every member of the EFF shall belong to a branch, which is the **basic unit of activity for members. A Branch General Assembly** is a normal meeting of the general membership of the EFF in the branch and shall be convened every three months to receive reports on the state of the organisation, fill vacancies and deal with any other issue that affects the branch and its membership”.

It is the Branch General Assembly which will be a platform to designate potential Ward Councillor Candidates of the EFF for the purposes of the 2016 Local Government Elections. Ward Councillor Nominations will be confirmed once certain steps have been followed, Security and Criminal records have been cleared, and the Ward Council has satisfied itself that the nomination is in accordance with the EFF Constitution, Guidelines and Political considerations.

With this in sight, the following will be the process upon which the Branch General Assemblies are convened to designate possible Ward Candidates:

1. All branches should have 100+ membership and should be in good standing by no later than the 31st of March 2016. Membership in good standing means that all members of the branch must be registered voters.
2. Branches must have an elected Branch Command Team.
3. Branches without an elected Branch Command Team will not have a Councillor candidate.
4. Branches requiring the Headquarters 100% support are to have 1 volunteer per 10 voters.
5. Volunteers are to be 10% of registered voters in all voting districts (voting stations) in the ward and to come from all voting stations in the ward.
6. Branch Command Team shall write through **Branch Secretary** a letter to the Regional Command Team asking for branch Membership audit before the Branch General Assembly.
7. The Regional Secretary shall inform the Branch if they have passed the audit and ask them for a date to elect a Councillor candidate.
8. Once a date has been provided, the **Regional Secretary** shall deploy **RCT/RETF/PCT/PETF/CCT/CETF Member(s)** through writing 1 letter to the branch to preside over the Branch General Assembly to elect the Councillor Candidates.
9. The deployee(s) deployed by the Regional Secretary shall upon arrival present a letter of the deployment from the Regional Secretary and two copies of the attendance registers.
10. The branch shall elect Councillor Candidates only in a quorating Branch General Assembly (BGA), which is 50% + 1 of the branch membership, and the Ward Councillor elected must be a registered voter in the Ward where the election takes place.

11. The attendance register should be availed to the Branch General Assembly, and one copy should leave with the RCT, whilst a copy should be left with the BCT.
12. The BGA shall be presided by the deployee from the RCT/RETF, PCT/PETF, or CCT/CETF.
13. The BGA shall have the following Items of the Agenda:
 - a. Opening and Political Overview of the issues affecting the Branch and Ward: Branch Chairperson.
 - b. Overview of the Regional, Provincial and National political dynamics by the Deployee deployed by the Regional Secretary.
 - c. Election of **ONE** Ward Councillor Candidate for the Ward.
 - d. Election of the **ONE** PR Councillor Candidate of the Ward.
14. The Ward Councillor Candidates must be a member of the EFF in the designed ward and shall be a registered Voter in the Ward in question.
15. Each Branch shall elect ONE potential Ward Candidates for the Ward and ONE PR Councillor Candidate, one FEMALE and one MALE or Vice Versa. However, the WARD can have both candidates as FEMALES, and not TWO MALES.
16. Once elected by the Branch, the deployees shall submit the BGA report to the Regional Secretary and leave the other report with the Branch.
17. Once the Ward Councillor candidate has been confirmed, the branch shall collectively rally support behind the elected Candidate and work tirelessly for the victory of the EFF.
18. No structure of the EFF shall have the right to change the names of Councillors elected by branches, unless the CCT has identified and determined gross misconduct on the part of the selected Councillor candidates.
19. The EFF Deputy President shall preside over the Dispute resolution Committee, particularly as it relates to the candidates chosen by branches. Only a CCT sub-committee chaired by the Deputy President will decide on disputes and the decisions of this committee are final.
20. All Branches that have disputes must lodge the dispute with the National Dispute Committee within 48 hours of the Branch General Assembly, and disputes that are lodged outside this period will not be entertained.

B. LOCAL, DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN MUNICIPLAITIES PR LIST PROCESSESS:

From the pool of names that came from the Branch General Assemblies, the National List committee shall in consultation with the municipal deployees, PCT and RCTs s recommend the PR Councillors Lists for Local, District or Metropolitan Municipalities to the national list conference.

C. KEY DUE DATES FOR THE GUIDELNES:

- 1) RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS AND LAUNCHING OF ALL BRANCHES: **31 MARCH 2016**
- 2) MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE FOR MEMBERS WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN A BGA: **31 MARCH 2016.**
- 3) **BRANCH GENERAL ASSEMBLIES TO ELECT COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES: 1-30 APRIL 2016.**

- 4) MANIFESTO LAUNCH RALLY: 30 APRIL 2016**
- 5) National List Conference to conclude the PR Ward Councillors: 9 TO 10 MAY 2016**
- 6) DUE DATE FOR DISPUTES: 48 HOURS AFTER THE SITTING OF EACH BRANCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ELECTED THE COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES.**

D. CONCLUSION

All Members of the EFF will be expected to strictly adhere to these Guidelines and work according to them to the fullest. Such will guarantee organisational stability and progress in a manner that will take the EFF to Higher levels.