

# FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY TRANSFORMATION CHARTER

## BRIEF VERSION

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WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE FRANSCHHOEK VALLEY are a community; we live in the same geographical place. We therefore have an effect on each other and on our collective future.

It is not easy for us to work together and experience a sense of being one community. We are not used to it. This is because our relationships remain damaged by the past, which divided us by race and other things.

As a result of our past we are in different worlds. We do not know each other, yet we have strong opinions about each other. We do not feel like a united community. The stark reality is that we frequently do not act in each other's best interests.

We are not only divided, we are also unequal. Our resources are very unevenly spread, even though our valley is not short of resources.

These things pass down from generation to generation.

The consequences affect us all: crime, greed, alcoholism, drugs, domestic violence, neglect of children, feelings of superiority and inferiority, begging, selfishness, xenophobia, loss of hope, and lack of concern for the future.

In a democratic country we expect our elected representatives to tackle these issues, but they are not the responsibility of the government alone. We as citizens also need to assume responsibility for solving them.

We therefore now dedicate ourselves to these three things:

1. We want to bridge the divisions between and among us.
2. We want to become a more equal, united, prosperous, educated and inspired community.
3. We want to be more ethical and to have fairer access to opportunities for education, money, housing, jobs and other resources.

In aiming for these things, we recognize that we need each other. Our valley belongs to all who live in it. We all want to live with dignity in a healthy, productive, and caring place. We have to protect each other's right to be free, safe and happy.

This should not take us decades to achieve. We therefore commit ourselves to these things in our lifetimes, and thus to laying the foundations for a better future for all the people of our valley.