

# CCISSA

## Chicago Committee In Solidarity with Southern Africa

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Dear Endorser;

We have recently received word that two activists of the Grahamstown Rural Committee, Glen Thomas and Robert Nogula, have been detained by the South Africa police, under the Internal Security Act. Mr. Thomas is also an elected official of the ANC, which makes his detention even more disturbing. Enclosed please find a copy of a fax we have received from the Grahamstown Rural Committee, as well as a copy of a letter I sent to de Klerk on behalf of the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project, protesting the detention of these activists.

Since the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community relationship is part of a wider network of such contacts between U.S. cities and South African community-based organizations like the Grahamstown Rural Committee, it is urgent that we protest the detentions of activists from such organizations. As endorsers of the Sister Community project, please take action by sending a fax, telegram, or letter in protest to:

FAX: President de Klerk, FAX# 011-27-21-461-1848  
Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Justice, FAX# 011-27-21-461-2594  
Mr. Wessels, Asst. to Pik Botha, Foreign Affairs,  
FAX# 001-27-21-461-8090

TELEGRAM: State President                      Minister of Law & Order  
Pretoria, South Africa                      Pretoria, South Africa

WRITE: President F.W. de Klerk                      Mr. Adriaan Vlok  
State President's Office                      Minister of Law & Order  
Private Bag x213                      Private Bag x463  
Pretoria, 0001                      Pretoria, 0001  
South Africa                      South Africa

Now that the city of Chicago has officially declared its Sister Community relationship with Alexandra, you may also wish to exert pressure on the City Administration and City Council (through your alderperson) to officially respond to this matter by asking them to protest to the South African government themselves, as well as to the Bush Administration and Congress. In light of de Klerk's planned visit to the U.S. in June to gain support for his policies, this situation must not be overlooked.

Thanks for your support and action.

Sincerely,



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