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PRE - ELECTION MEMORANDUM

To

ALL RECOGNISED POLITICAL PARTIES CONTESTING IN
TAMIL NADU ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

Sub : Pre-Election Memorandum seeking written commitments on long-pending civic, environmental, and governance issues affecting Kodungaiyur and surrounding areas of North Chennai

Respected Leaders of Political Parties,

On behalf of the residents of Kodungaiyur and neighbouring localities in North Chennai, represented by the Ever-Vigilant Citizens Welfare Associations, we would like to place before you this Pre-Election Memorandum in the context of the forthcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections.

For decades, the people of North Chennai have endured environmental degradation, civic neglect, and governance apathy despite repeated assurances from successive governments and elected representatives.

As voters, we believe this election is a critical opportunity for political parties to demonstrate sincerity, accountability, and respect for people's voices.

This memorandum outlines non-negotiable demands that directly affect public health, mobility, safety, and democratic participation. We seek clear, written commitments from political parties willing to address these issues within defined timelines.

I. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC HEALTH:

- Immediate stoppage of garbage, debris, and construction waste dumping at the Kodungaiyur Dump Yard.
- Time-bound relocation of the Kodungaiyur Dump Yard, with scientific remediation of contaminated land, air, and groundwater.
- Restoration of the land originally demarcated as an Educational Institutions Zone, in accordance with statutory planning norms.
- Strict enforcement against illegal waste segregation and burning near residential neighbourhoods.
- A publicly disclosed environmental audit of pollution and health impact in Kodungaiyur.

II. URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE & MOBILITY:

- Widening of the surface-level bridge connecting the 60-foot road and the 80-foot road to meet current and future traffic needs.
- Removal of illegal road encroachments that have narrowed arterial roads and worsened congestion.
- Preparation and publication of a traffic and road-safety improvement plan for the locality.

III. PUBLIC TRANSPORT & RAIL CONNECTIVITY:

- Introduction of additional direct suburban railway services between Tondiarpet and Avadi.
- Establishment of a suburban railway station near MKB Nagar.
- Reduction of forced interchanges at Basin Bridge Junction, which disproportionately affect daily commuters.

IV. PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS & PUBLIC SPACES:

- Immediate clearance of footpath encroachments and misuse of pedestrian pathways as vending zones.
- Restoration of footpaths exclusively for pedestrian use, especially for senior citizens, children, and persons with disabilities.

- Regulation of street vending through designated zones without compromising pedestrian safety.

V. PARTICIPATORY URBAN PLANNING & GOVERNANCE:

- Mandatory, meaningful public consultations under the North Chennai Development Plan and the forthcoming Third Chennai Master Plan.
- Ward-level consultations with advance notice, local-language communication, and documented responses to public objections.
- Incorporation of residents' inputs into final planning documents, with transparency.

VI. RESIDENTIAL SAFETY & RULE OF LAW:

- Closure and relocation of illegal wooden workshops and warehouses operating in residential zones.
- Protection for residents and association office-bearers who face threats for raising civic concerns.
- Coordinated enforcement action by Fire Services, Pollution Control Board, Labour Department, and Local Bodies.

VII. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC ROADS & ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Removal of illegal private occupation of public roads and restoration of original road alignments.
- Fixing responsibility for prolonged inaction despite escalation to senior levels of the administration.
- Appointment of a nodal senior official to ensure inter-departmental coordination and compliance.

VIII. COMMITMENTS SOUGHT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES:

- We call upon political parties to:
- Provide written commitments on stamp paper addressing the above demands with clear timelines.
- Include these commitments in their election manifestos or constituency-specific assurances.

- Nominate a single point of contact for post-election engagement with residents.
- Agree to periodic public review meetings after assuming office.

IX. DEMOCRATIC ASSERTION:

- The residents of Kodungaiyur wish to place on record that electoral support will be extended only to those political parties and candidates who demonstrate genuine intent to resolve these long-pending grievances. Silence, token assurances, or post-election inaction will be viewed as a breach of public trust.

CONCLUSION:

This memorandum is not adversarial in spirit. It is an appeal rooted in constitutional rights, lived experience, and democratic responsibility. We urge political parties to engage constructively and respond in writing, recognising that governance begins with listening to the people.

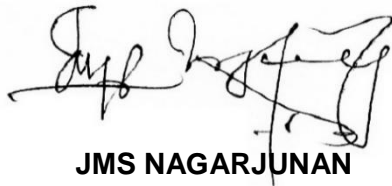
This charter of demands is being issued by the Tamil Nadu Alliance of Residents Welfare Associations on the behest of the members from Ever Vigilant Citizens Welfare Association, Kodungaiyur in anticipation of the forthcoming Assembly Elections.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,



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