



## **BRETT HERRON**

MSc in Cities, LL.B, BA

[Lawyer / Urbanist / Member of Parliament](#)

Brett is a lawyer by profession and an urbanist by passion and experience. Herron served in executive city office, in Cape Town, South Africa, for almost a decade. In 2010, he was appointed to the Executive Mayor's Mayoral Committee (the equivalent of the Mayor's Cabinet) as the Member for Community Services. In 2011, he was re-elected to the Council and was appointed the Mayoral Committee Member for Transport. Between 2011 and 2016, he led the implementation of Africa's most successful Bus Rapid Transit system, the MyCiTi Bus. Following the August 2016 local government elections, Herron was re-elected to the Council and appointed to the Executive Mayor's Mayoral Committee as the Member responsible of Transport & Urban Development. He was responsible for Transport, Spatial Planning and Housing. He championed a new approach to urban development which included a new spatial form, spatial integration, and what he called a "180-degree about-turn on housing delivery". In May 2019, he was elected a Member of Provincial Parliament in the Western Cape. Herron is a passionate champion of integrated affordable housing, efficient and sustainable urban forms, and urban connectivity. He has substantial experience in governing a rapidly urbanising city in the developing world.

Brett, along with each of his partners at ComplexCity, holds a Masters Degree in Cities from the London School of Economics, the leading international centre informing global urban practice areas of design, finance and politics.

### **EDUCATION**

London School of Economics, MSc in Cities

University of Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal), Bachelor of Laws (postgraduate)

University of Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal), Bachelor of Arts, Specialization in Sociology and Legal Studies

### **REGISTRATIONS**

Attorney of the High Court of South Africa

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

### **2019**

- Keynote Speaker, International Development and Public Policy Appliance (IDPPA) Conference. Stellenbosch, South Africa
- Speaker, Land Conference. University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

### **2018**

- Speaker, CoCreate Design Festival New Deal for Public Transport Discussion. Cape Town, South Africa
- Speaker, Planning Africa 2018 Conference. Cape Town, South Africa

### **2017**

- Keynote Speaker, Affordable Housing Conference. Cape Town, South Africa
- Panelist, South African Transport Conference. Pretoria, South Africa
- Keynote Speaker, WWF/Green Trust TOD Conference. Cape Town, South Africa
- Speaker, Urban Mobility Summit. Cape Town, South Africa
- Speaker, African Real Estate and Investment Summit. Johannesburg, South Africa

### **2016**

- Speaker, USA City Planners Conference, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Cambridge, USA
- Guest Speaker, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Land Use Law Class, Harvard University. Cambridge, USA
- Speaker, South African Transport Conference. Pretoria, South Africa

### **2015**

- Speaker, UATP African Union of Public Transport. Cape Town, South Africa

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Member of Provincial Parliament (*Leader of a Minority Party*)
- Member of the Mayoral Committee: Transport and Urban Development
- Chairperson of the Naming and Nomination Committee
- Member of the Mayoral Committee: Transport
- Member of the Mayoral Committee: Community Services
- Chairperson: Social Development Committee
- Director: South African Law School