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DEDICATION

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ABSTRACT

From the 18th century, a considerable element of legislative democracy has been that of national budgeting. This has been substantially critical in assuring legislative statute over the government which has been controlled by kings. Predictably, the notion of public participation in budgetary processes has been disparate by governments in Africa. Due to its technocratic and elitist design, it is mostly a complex issue to recognise the making of national budgets by ordinary citizens in South Africa. However, topical developments have shown that the processes of creating national budgets should consider civil society's role particularly in evaluating the impact of budgets on the poor. It is against this technocratic and elitist architectural backdrop of the state, regarding public budgeting and implementation, which this study employs the People's Budget Campaign as a unique civil society organisation advocating for an alternative budget process in South Africa. This research has used a qualitative method in analysing data collected from primary and secondary sources, semi-structured interviews, as well as direct and participant observation of PBC activities.

Key Words: Mobilisation, Participation, Budget, Civil Society Organisations, campaign and advocacy.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

BIG - Basic Income Grant

CBOs - Community Based Organisations

COSATU – Congress of South African Congress

CSOs - Civil Society Organisations

ESSET - Ecumenical Service for Social and Economic Transformation

NALEDI - National Labour and Economic Development Institute

NGOs - Non – Governmental Organisations

PBC - People's Budget Campaign

SACC - South African Council of Churches

SANGOCO – South African Non-Governmental Coalition

LIST OF INTERVIEWEES

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