

**SPEECH OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF RANDFONTEIN AT  
THE STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS ON 22 MARCH 2007 AT  
14H00 IN THE JUDES KLASS HALL**

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MADAM SPEAKER AND SPEAKERS FROM NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

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ALL MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

ALL COUNCILLORS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATION WING OF THE MUNICIPALITY

HONOURABLE LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

OUR CBO'S AND NGO'S PRESENT HERE TODAY

HONOURABLE GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN

MADAM SPEAKER,

IT IS AN HONOUR FOR ME TO BE STANDING ON THIS PODIUM REPRESENTING MY PARTY IN THE TASK OF LEADING RANDFONTEIN TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IT IS AN HONOUR BECAUSE IT SYMBOLIZES A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE AS A COLLECTIVE DEPLOYED BY OUR PARTIES MUST CARRY AND ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHANGING, NOT ONLY THE ECONOMICAL REVULSION OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM, BUT THE HORRENDOUS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SCOURGE THAT DEHUMANIZED OUR PEOPLE FOR DECADES.

IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN 13 YEARS IN THE FREE SOUTH AFRICA 10 YEARS FOR OUR SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THIS MONTH WE ARE ONE YEAR IN OFFICE AS NEW COUNCILORS SINCE THE ELECTION OF 2006, YET ALL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AT ALL LEVELS ARE FOCUSED IN REVERSING THE INJUSTICES OF THE CRIMES OF RACE-BASED POLITICAL ORDER REPLACING THIS WITH NEW PRINCIPLES BASED ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM.

FOR RANDFONTEIN THIS HAS BEEN A PERIOD TO FIND PEOPLE WITH THE HEART, MIND AND THE SKILL AS WELL THE COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION FOR THE REALIZATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'THREE DOCTOR'S PACT' SIGNED IN 1947 BY DR. AB XUMA, DR GM NAICKER AND DR YM DADOO, THEN PRESIDENTS OF THE ANC, THE NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS AND THE TRANSVAAL INDIAN CONGRESS RESPECTIVELY, THAT CALLED FOR CO-OPERATION AMONG ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE AGAINST APARTHEID AND .THE ATTAINMENT OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL.

I WANT TO USE THE SAME SPIRIT THAT THE DOCTORS CALLED FOR YOU TODAY. TO SAY ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TOWN MUST USE ALL THEIR RESOURCES AND ENERGIES, TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE. THE TIME IS NOW FOR ALL OF US, IN ALL OUR CORNERS TO UTILIZE ALL AT OUR DISPOSAL IN UNITY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND ENJOYMENT OF THE FRUITS OF FREEDOM.

TODAY I STAND BEFORE YOU WITH HUMILITY, RISING WITH A SINCEREST PLEDGE, IN EXCHANGE FOR MY WORD OF HONOR THAT 'AS THIS COUNCIL WE WILL NOT FAIL YOUR CONVICTION IN US, WE WILL WALK WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND WE WILL KEEP OUR PROMISE OF IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN THAT WILL MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADVOCATE AN EQUALLY SINCERE PLEA, THAT YOU WILL, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WALK WITH US. IT IS TIME. KE NAKO!

TOGETHER WE WILL WALK CARRYING THE VISION OUTLINED BY OUR PRESIDENT THAT OF NON RACIAL, NON SEXIST AND FREE SOUTH AFRICA, MARCHING FORWARD WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR PREMIER THOSE OF A SMART PROVINCE AND CARING GOVERNMENT, AND IN OUR HEARTS AND MIND HOLDING THE ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS OF OUR PEOPLE, THOSE OF A BETTER LIFE.

LIKE THE THREE DOCTORS, I URGE THE CORPORATION FROM ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO MOBILIZE AGAINST THE PLAGUE OF CRIME THAT IS PARTICULARLY TARGETED AT OUR GIRL-CHILDREN, SISTERS, MOTHERS AND WIVES TO ERADICATE IT FROM THE ROOTS.

JUST LAST WEEK, WE AS THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISITED THE FAMILY OF MS PIENAAR, WHO WAS BRUTALLY VIOLATED AND THEN MURDERED IN WHAT SHE THOUGHT WAS THE SANCTUARY CALLED HOME. BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY KNOWN TO HER TOOK HER LIFE IN THE MOST VIOLENT MANNER OUR TOWN HAS EVER SEEN.

SAME DAY, WE VESTED A HOME OF A YOUNG MAN BORN, BRED AND WORKING IN THIS TOWN. THE REASON IS THAT SOME MALICIOUS MAN SAW IT FIT TO MOLEST THIS FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD AT SCHOOL. LIKE MS PIENAAR, THE YOUNG GIRL WAS WHERE SHE WAS MEANT TO BE SAFE AND PROTECTED, BUT NO, SHE WAS NOT. FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE SHE WILL CARRY THAT SCAR, FOR MOMENT OF SATISFACTION OF A SICK GRATIFICATION AND THE FULFILLMENT OF A REPULSIVE FANTASY OF A GROWN UP MAN.

WHAT HAS OUR TOWN COME TO, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HUMAN VALUES THAT USED TO DISTINGUISH US FROM THE REST OF THE ANIMALS CREATED BY GOD. UBUNTU BETHU BUYEPHI NA? NDIYABUZA.

TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE CONSCIENCE AND UBUNTU, TO MY FELLOW MAN, ON MY KNEES I MAKE THIS PLEA AGAIN, LET US, LIKE THE THREE DOCTORS PLEDGE TO COOPERATION WITH ALL FORCES AND MOBILIZE AGAINST CRIMINALS WHO HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY. NOT DOING ANYTHING WHEN YOU COULD HAVE SAVED A LIFE IS IN ITSELF A CRIME AND A SIN. LET US ALL DO SOMETHING

TO ALL OF YOU MY FELLOW CITIZEN, PEACE LOVERS AND RESPECTERS OF HUMAN LIFE WHATEVER RACE, RELIGION OR CREED. I WANT TO RESONATE THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT DURING THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT THIS YEAR WHEN HE SAID: 'AFTER ALL, WE ALL SUBSCRIBE TO THE NOBLE SENTIMENTS CONTAINED IN OUR CONSTITUTION WHICH COMMITS THE COUNTRY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT HUMAN DIGNITY, TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM....TO PROMOTE NON RACIALISM AND NON SEXISM"

IT HAS NOT BEEN DIM AND GLOOM FOR OUR TOWN IN THE LAST YEAR, WE CALL TO ALL OF YOU TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN WHETHER THESE ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A TEAM, THESE ARE APPRECIATED BY OUR COMMUNITY. WHEREVER OUR PEOPLE GO THEY PLACE OUR TOWN ON THE MAP OF THE WORLD AMONG THE BIGGER AND BETTER TOWNS. YOU ARE ALL AMBASSADORS OF OUR TOWN.

AMONG YOU THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THIS GALLANT ACT OF PATRIARCHY. THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE THREE DOCTORS PLEA FOR THE COOPERATION AMONG ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE AGAINST UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE IBF JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD AND BOXER OF THE YEAR FOR 2006, MR. MALCOLM KLAASEN, AND AS YOU CAN ALL SEE HE IS PROUDLY RANDFONTEIN. GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS, AND CONTINUE BRINGING IT HOME. ON APRIL THE 20<sup>TH</sup>, MR KLAASEN WILL BE DEFENDING HIS TITLE AGAINST MZONKE FANA IN CAPE TOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW, RIGHT HERE, IN FRONT OF YOU PARENTS, SISTERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN THAT FIGHT.....MAY THE BEST MAN WIN, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE BEST MAN.

ALSO WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WORK DONE BY THE GOOD DOCTOR VANGA SIWISA AS HE WON AN INTERNATIONAL AWARD IN THE PROMOTION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/ AIDS IN RURAL AREAS. TO HIM WE SAY. MODIMO A MO HLONOLOFATSE WITH MORE WISDOM SO THAT THE

CURE FOR THE DREADFUL DISEASE THAT WITH NO REGARD DRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OUR SOCIETY. HE WILL NEED TO REALIZE THE PROPHECY FROM THE BIBLE MATTHEW 2:6 IF THE GOOD AUDIENCE CAN ALLOW ME TO REPHRASE THE SCRIPTURE AS 'RANDFONTEIN IN THE LAND OF GAUTENG, YOU ARE BY NO MEANS THE LEAST OF THE LEADING CITIES OF GAUTENG , FOR FROM YOU WILL COME A LEADER WHO WILL GUIDE MY PEOPLE OUT OF AIDS'.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST THE PRIDE OF OUR TOWN, REPRESENTING AND BECOMING THE SHINING EXAMPLE OF VUKUZENZELE PRINCIPLE, MR. VUS' KHUZWAYO WHO WON THE TITLE OF THE FIRST REALITY SHOW "CUT'. I HOPE OUR YOUTH HAVE EMULATED HIS EXAMPLE OF INTELLIGENCE, HUMILITY, HARD WORK AND ZEAL. MAY GOD BLESS HIM AS HE ENTERS INTO THE REAL WORLD OF BUSINESS AND MANHOOD. KUTHIWA NGESINTU, UBUDODA ABUKHULELWA, UBUDODA YIMISEBENZI.....NGENXA YEMISEBENZI YAKHE, UYINDODA KE.

MADAME SPEAKER,

I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT MEANS TO HONOUR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PLACED OUR TOWN AND PEOPLE IN THE MAP OF THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR WORK. WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH A PROJECT KNOWN AS 'HONOURING OUR HEROES.

NOW, TO ALL OF YOU FELLOW CITIZENS, I WANT TO APPEAL THAT YOU DO WHATEVER IT IS POSSIBLE AND LEGITIMATE IN YOUR FIELD, TO NOT ONLY SUCCEED AS AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT TO SUCCEED FOR YOUR COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT THROUGH YOUR ENDEAVORS , SO THAT YOUR PEOPLE CAN HONOUR YOU THROUGH THIS MUNICIPALITY'S PROGRAM.

WE ARE FURTHER PLANNING TO HAVE RANDFONTEIN PRODUCT'S FORUM, WHERE INTERACTION WILL BE INITIATED WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE THE HISTORY WITH THE TOWN LIVING IN OR OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS. WE HAVE LEARNT THAT THESE PROFESSIONALS WHO ORIGINATE FROM RANDFONTEIN WANT TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE BUT THERE IS NO FORUM TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THEIR IDEAS.

WE AS THE MUNICIPALITY ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD, EVEN IF THEY HAVE LEFT OUR SHORES. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE A LOT OF CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TOWN.

#### INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE ACHIEVED AS A COLLECTIVE. AMONG THOSE THAT ARE GLARING IS THE SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS, THE NEW BREED IS MORE DETERMINED, MORE FOCUSED AND EVEN MORE COMMITTED IN THE COOPERATION AMONG ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE AGAINST UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

WE HAVE AS THE INSTITUTION REARRANGED OUR INTERNAL SET UP TO FOCUS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE DONE ALL IN OUR POWER TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THE THREE DOCTORS FOR THE CORPORATION OF ALL OUR INTERNAL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE FOR THE RENDERING OF QUALITATIVE, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY.

THE INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION PROCESS HELPED WITH ALIGNING SKILLS THAT OUR PEOPLE HAVE WITH THE TASK OF SERVICE DELIVERY. WE HOPE THAT THIS ALIGNMENT WILL MAKE US TO WORK SMART TO ACHIEVE THE

SERVICE DELIVERY TARGET THAT WE PLACED ON OURSELVES AS AN INSTITUTION.

MADAME SPEAKER,

*COMMUNICATIONS RESTRUCTURING*

WE HAVE IDENTIFIED, IN SO MANY OCCASIONS, THAT GOVERNMENT RARELY SINGS ITS PRAISES, THIS WEAKNESS LEADS TO ANTI-PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS GRABBING THE COMMUNICATION GAP AND PASSING ON DAMAGING INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WORK.

AS A RESULT OF THIS, WE HAVE RESTRUCTURED OUR COMMUNICATIONS TO INCLUDE MARKETING ASPECT, WE HAVE REALIZED THAT THESE FUNCTIONS ARE INTER-DEPENDANT AND NEED PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL SKILLS, IN ADDITION TO THIS, THEY NEED TO BE PLACED IN DECISION MAKING POSITIONS SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE UNAMBIGUOUS IMPACT IN THE WORK DONE BY OUR LINE FUNCTION.

*MAYOR'S VISITS*

THE EXECUTIVE OF THIS MUNICIPALITY HAS HAD NUMEROUS INTERACTIONS WITH ALL THE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS IN JANUARY, WHERE WE VISITED ALL DEPARTMENTS AND HAD WHAT WE TERMED INTERNAL MAYORAL ROADSHOW.

AMONG THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS EXERCISE WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BRING EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE SERVICE DELIVERY AND THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THIS MUNICIPALITY ON BOARD AND RECEIVE A COMMITMENT FROM THE STAFF IN ITS ENTIRETY THAT, AS THE THREE DOCTORS PLEDGED, THEY WILL CO-OPERATE WITH ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE AGAINST LACK OF PROVISION OF SERVICE DELIVERY

TO OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE FURTHER COMMITTED OURSELVES TO MEET ALL STAFF TWICE A YEAR AS PART OF THIS PROCESS.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

MADAME SPEAKER,

- WE HAVE, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR EMPLOYED A NUMBER OF NEW SAFETY OFFICIALS TO REINFORCE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY.
  
- MORE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE URGENT RESPONSE WHEN EMERGENCY CALLS ARE MADE
  
- IN OUR QUEST TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASING PARKING VIOLATIONS IN OUR INNER TOWN, WE HAD TO INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF CURBING THIS UNLAWFUL ACT. WE HAVE INSTITUTED A PLAN TO INSTALL PARKING METERS DURING THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AS A WAY OF CURBING THIS VIOLATION.
  
- WITH THE NEW LICENSING PROVISION FROM THE PROVINCE, WE ARE HOPING TO LIMIT QUEUES IN THE LICENSING DEPARTMENT AND THEREBY PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE.
  
- IN THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE EMBARKED ON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS WITH SCHOOLS, THIS SEEMS TO HAVE YIELDED RESULTS AS ACCIDENTS INVOLVING YOUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ON A VISIBLE DECLINE.
  
- WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARTICULARLY IN THE RURAL AREAS THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA. AS A RESULT WE ARE

INCREASING TRAFFIC POINT OFFICERS IN THESE TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN EVEN FURTHER.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

MADAM SPEAKER,

AS PART OF OUR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN JANUARY, MYSELF AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE VISITED PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THE INTENTION WAS TO MAKE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AN EDUCATION FILLED DAY BY TAKING OFF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CLEANING THE PREMISES AWAY FROM THE YOUNG SHOULDERS.

THIS CAMPAIGN WAS THE MOST GRATIFYING SO FAR, BECAUSE IT HAS BROUGHT SMILES IN THE BEAUTIFUL FACES OF OUR CHILDREN, AND WE COULD FEEL BEING A DIRECT PART OF MAKING OUR A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL. A WORD OF THANKS TO ALL THE PRINCIPALS OF THE SCHOOLS THAT WE MANAGED TO VISIT. A SPECIAL WORD OF GRATITUDE GOES TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PRINCIPAL'S COORDINATING FORUM, MR. TLHALE OF MALERATO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MOHLAKENG, FOR ASSISTING THE MUNICIPALITY IN MAKING SURE THAT WE RECEIVE COOPERATION THAT LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS GENEROUS MISSION. WE HAVE AGREED TO HAVE THIS CAMPAIGN ANNUALLY AND WE ARE PLANNING TO INCREASE IT TO INCLUDE OTHER ASPECTS OF MAKING THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AN EDUCATION FILLED DAY.

#### HEALTH

##### *CANCER WEEK*

- IN FEBRUARY, WE TOOK AN INTERNATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO THE TOWNSHIPS AND RURAL AREAS. WE FOCUSED ON WOMEN, BY INVITING THEM TO HAVE A FREE CERVICAL CANCER

SCREENING. WE THANK THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN WHO RESPONDED TO THIS CALL, AND THAT OF THE THREE DOCTORS FOR THE CORPORATION OF ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.

- OUR COMMUNITY RESPONDED FURTHER BY PLEDGING WITH US NOT TO MAKE THIS EFFORT AN EVENT BUT PART OF THEIR PROCESSES OF REMAINING A HEALTHY NATION.

- *TB AND HIV:*

AS GOVERNMENT WE HAVE TAKEN SOCIAL VIEW ON T.B AND AIDS, THEY ARE NO LONGER DEALT WITH AS A PURELY HEALTH ISSUE BECAUSE THEIR IMPLICATION REACHES MORE THAN THE HEALTH FACET OF THE AFFECTED AND INFECTED. AS A RESULT OF THIS, WE HAVE MOBILIZED OUR PROGRAMS TO COLLECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES RAISED BY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE DISEASES. OUR SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, LABOUR, FINANCE, LED AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS MUST IN THEIR PLANS ACCOMMODATE EFFECTS CAUSED BY THESE KILLER DISEASES.

*SCHOOL PREGNANCY*

- THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE AT THE SCHOOL GOING AGE THAT FALL PREGNANT HAS BECOME A NEW CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE TO WRESTLE WITH AS PARENTS. IT HAS BECOME MORE OF A SHOCK WHEN WE FOUND THAT THE SCHOOL WHERE THIS HABIT HAS RISEN IS IN OUR NEIGHBOURING TOWN, THE SCHOOL IN BEKKERSDAL WITH 70% OF THE LEARNERS BECOMING PREGNANT IN ONE YEAR IS A REAL CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

THIS IS NOT A CHALLENGE PURELY TO BE ADDRESSED BY GOVERNMENT ALONE, NOT EVEN THE SCHOOL SHOULD STAND ALONE RESOLVING

THIS HIDEOUS CHALLENGE, BUT ALL OF US, OUR FAMILIES, CHURCHES AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE SAYING 'IT IS ENOUGH'.

ENOUGH THAT OUR CHILDREN EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO THE RISK OF AIDS BECAUSE OF POVERTY. ENOUGH THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO HAVE SEX AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT SEE A FUTURE. ENOUGH THAT OUR CHILDREN BECOME PARENTS WHEN THEY ARE CHILDREN THEMSELVES JUST BECAUSE THEY RAISED THEIR SIBLINGS AND THOUGHT IT WAS EASY. WE MUST ALL TAKE A STAND AND SAY, IT IS ENOUGH. GO LE KANE!

MADAME SPEAKER,

THE RATE OF ORPHANS IS INCREASING RAPIDLY IN OUR TOWN. I HAVE HEARD A MAN SAYING IT IS UN-AFRICAN TO ADOPT A CHILD. THESE FLY BY NIGHT EXPECTS ON AFRICAN CULTURE ARE NOT DOING JUSTICE TO THE CAUSE OF UBUNTU PERPETUATED BY OUR CHURCHES, MORAL REGENERATION MOVEMENT AND GENERAL CULTURE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE.

THEY PRONOUNCE ON THEIR PERSONAL SENTIMENTS ON NATIONAL ISSUES, THEY CONFUSE THE NATION FURTHER BY MAKING THESE UN-AFRICAN STATEMENT. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A STREET CHILD IN AN AFRICAN TRADITION. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MOTHERLESS CHILD IN OUR SOCIETY BECAUSE AS THE COMMUNITY, WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ORPHAN. IN ACTUAL FACT, TO BE CALLED AN ORPHAN IN OUR CULTURE WAS AN INSULT. NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE IS SOME WESTERNIZED AFRICANIST WHO PRONOUNCES ON AFRICANISM. LET US ALL TAKE OUR NEIGHBOUR'S CHILD AS OUR OWN, LIKE OUR PARENTS DID BEFORE US AND THEIR PARENTS.

HAVING SAID THIS, AS THE MUNICIPALITY WE ARE SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE GROWING NUMBER OF ORPHANS THROUGH HIV AND AIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AS A CARING GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE TRAINED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO (182) STAFF MEMBERS IN HIV/ AIDS CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT. 13 WARD COUNCILORS, INCLUDING MMC'S 40 WARD VOLUNTEERS TRAINED ON THE SAME CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT OF HIV/ AIDS.

86 WARD VOLUNTEERS WERE TRAINED ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND POLIO PREVENTION.

#### *MEN'S DIALOGUE*

IN OUR EFFORTS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF MEN AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILD ABUSE, THERE WERE DIALOGUES SPECIFICALLY FOR MEN TO ADDRESS THE SIDE OF THE MALES IN THE DEBATE. MEN ATTENDED IN NUMBERS AND THEIR VIEWS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURB INHUMANE ACTS ARE APPRECIATED AND WILL FORM PART OF THE ALL INCLUSIVE RANDFONTEIN STRATEGY THAT WILL MANAGE THESE DEEDS OF COWARDICE.

#### *FOOD GARDENING*

WE HAVE FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED FOOD GARDENING PROJECTS IN YA RONA CLINIC, MOHLAKENG CLINIC, ZENZELE CLINIC, PJ MARAIS CLINIC IN TOEKOMSRUS, PLOT 59 PELZVALE AND PHAHAMA SECONDARY SCHOOL TO ADDRESS THE PLIGHT OF POVERTY TO PEOPLE

AFFECTED AND INFECTED BY HIV/ AIDS, ORPHANS THROUGH THIS DISEASE, THE ELDERLY AND THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

MADAM SPEAKER,

THE SAME APPLIES WITH THE ELDERLY. IT HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE THAT A SPECIAL PLACE IS BUILT FOR THE AGED TO LIVE SEPARATE FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PART OF THE FAMILY TO IMPART WISDOM, ENSURE CONTINUITY OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY VALUES BY INCULCATING THEM IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION, AND SOMETIMES HELP WITH THE UPBRINGING AND CARING FOR THEIR GRANDCHILDREN IN AN EXTENDED FAMILY UNIT.

BUT BECAUSE OF THE STRESSES THAT ARE BROUGHT ABOUT BY OUR LIFESTYLES, WORK AND GENERAL SOCIETAL PRESSURE TO SUCCEED AND ACQUIRE MORE, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO HAVE THESE FACILITIES, SO THAT AS GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT OUR ELDERLY, ARE TAKEN CARE OF IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS REASON THAT WE HAVE ASSISTED THE OLD AGE HOME IN MOHLAKENG TO GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FRAIL UNIT.

*THANKING NGO'S*

WE ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING AND SUPPORTING OUR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION THAT WORK WITH US, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MASUPA TSELA IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO SEE THE NEED AND ANSWER THE GOVERNMENT'S CALL OF MAKING SURE THAT IT IS NOT ONLY JUST THE GOVERNMENT THAT MUST HEED THE CALL OF THE THREE DOCTORS OF COOPERATION AMONG ALL THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO MOBILIZE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

FINANCE

MADAM SPEAKER,

YOU WOULD KNOW THAT, AS GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO HALVE THE LEVELS OF POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITIES BY 2014. AS RANDFONTEIN, WE WANT TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS IN THIS NOBLE TASK. WE HAVE DEVELOPED PLANS AND PROGRAMS ALIGNED TO THE REALIZATION OF THE BIGGER PLAN.

*BEE*

OUR POLICY ON PROCUREMENT IS ALIGNED WITH THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICIES ON PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT AND COMPLIES WITH THE BEE PRINCIPLES. THROUGH THIS POLICY, WE HAVE OPENED A UNIT, CALLED SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PURELY TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY'S PROCUREMENT TRENDS ARE IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE REST OF GOVERNMENT.

FURTHERMORE WE HAVE TAKEN IT UPON OURSELVES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESSES OF ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN AND CHALLENGES OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE DISABLED.

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THROUGH OUR LED PROGRAMS WE HAVE TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN AND THE DISABLED IN AREAS WHERE THEY CAN USE AND TRANSFER THE SKILL TO OTHERS FOR THE NOBLE GOAL OF ALLEVIATING POVERTY AND UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

*PARTNERSHIP WITH HARMONY*

WE HAVE, THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH HARMONY AND GAUTENG ENTERPRISE PROPELLER ENCOURAGED ONGOING BUSINESS VENTURES AND LEARNERSHIPS THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE AS WELL CONTRIBUTING TO THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY AND LONG TERM JOB CREATION.

IN MOHLAKENG, WE HAVE FINALIZED THE FIRST PHASE IN THE BUILDING OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, WHICH WILL BRING RESOURCES, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE HOPE THAT OUR PEOPLE WILL USE THESE RESOURCES TO EMPOWER THEM IN THEIR QUEST FOR A BETTER LIFE AND NEVER ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO BE A WHITE ELEPHANT.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS HIVES IN TOEKOMSRUS. WE WANT TO URGE OUR COMMUNITY TO USE THESE FACILITIES TO EMPOWER THEMSELVES. AS A MUNICIPALITY WE ARE WORKING ON A STRATEGY TO REVERSE THIS SITUATION IN TOEKOMSRUS AND WE HOPE THE COMMUNITY WILL CO-OPERATE WITH US IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS STRATEGY.

MADAM SPEAKER,

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE IN INFORMING OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE FINALLY COMPLETED WITH THE UPGRADING OF THE RAMOSA HALL. WE KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN NUMEROUS DELAYS IN THIS PROJECT BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF MARCH 2007, ALL UPGRADES THAT WERE INTENDED IN THIS VENUE WILL BE COMPLETED AND THE HALL WILL BE READY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO USE.

## DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

WE HAVE, THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, STARTED AND NEARING COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- REHABILITATION OF TOWNSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING TARRING OF ROADS,
- BUILDING OF THE SCHOOL IN MOHLAKENG IN EXT 7.
- 350 COMPLETED HOUSES IN MOHLAKENG EXT 7 & 8
- MOHLAKENG EXT 3, 337 FAMILIES TO BE SETTLED IN BY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE THIS YEAR
- BADIRILE RURAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: FUNDS FOR SEWER AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN SECURED THROUGH MIG.
- MIDDELVLEI AND DROOGHEUWEL, AT THE MOMENT FUNDING FOR MIXED DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SECURED.

THESE ARE AMONG THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR PEOPLES LIVES.

AS PART OF IMPROVING OUR CLEANSING PROGRAM, WE HAVE AGREED TO ABSORB THE 34 VUKUZENZELE PROJECT WORKERS INTO THE MUNICIPALITY. THIS WILL ASSIST US IN OUR ENDEAVORS OF SUSTAINING CLEANLINESS IN OUR TOWN.

MADAM, SPEAKER,

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID, THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE WITHOUT A DISADVANTAGE, TODAY I SAY, THERE ARE NO MEANINGFUL SUCCESSES WITHOUT CHALLENGES. WE ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES AS THE MUNICIPALITY. WE WORK HARDER EVERYDAY TO LEARN FROM OUR FAILURES AND CONVERT THEM TO BE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR TRIUMPHS.

WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED CHALLENGES, SOMETIMES DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE PLANNING FROM OUR SIDE AND SOME OTHER TIMES INTERRUPTION BY SOME SECTORS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

AMONG THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH ARE:

- STANDSTILL PROCESS OF HANDING OVER OF THE STADIUM IN TOEKOMSRUS
- THE DELAYED BUILDING OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX OF TOEKOMSRUS
- DELAY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSES IN MOHLAKENG EXT 8 DUE TO DAMAGES THAT WOULD BE CAUSED BY THE BLUE GUM TREES
- MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE
- INFRASTRUCTURE DUE FOR REPLACEMENT / REFURBISHMENT
- ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING- CONSTANT ELECTRICITY CUT OFFS
- CABLE THEFT
- ILLEGAL DUMPING
- UPGRADING OF HOSTEL- DUE TO DELAYED NEGOTIATIONS FOR HANDING OVER BY THE CURRENT OWNER.

HOWEVER, HAVING ENCOUNTERED THESE CHALLENGES, WE ARE SAYING AS THE INSTITUTION, WE ARE NOT GOING TO FOLD OUR ARMS AND GIVE UP BECAUSE WE DID NOT MEET OUR DEADLINES AND FULFILL OUR PROMISES TO THE PEOPLE WHO DESERVE THEM THE MOST. LIKE THE THREE DOCTORS WE ARE GOING TO CALL FOR COOPERATION AMONG ALL OUR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DEMOCRATIC RESOURCES, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE, TO MOBILIZE AGAINST FAILING TO DELIVER ON THE PROMISES WE HAVE MADE.

*LOOKING FORWARD*

AS WE SAID IN OUR MANIFESTO, WE HAVE A PLAN TO MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU. OUR PLAN IS ALIGNED TO THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS OUTLINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC IN THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN PARLIAMENT LAST MONTH AND THAT OF THE GAUTENG PREMIER AS OUTLINED IN HIS STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PLANNED PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT 2007/8 FINANCIAL YEAR:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

WE ARE COMMITTED IN THE IDEALS OF DEEPENING DEMOCRACY. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE SAME REASON THAT ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2007, WE AS THE COLLECTIVE PRESENT HERE TODAY AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS WILL FURTHER DEBATE THE SPEECH OF THE MAYOR TO FIND COMMON GROUND ON ISSUES RAISED.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMUNITY REALIZES THAT THE COUNCIL IS COMMITTED IN WORKING, NOT JUST WITH WARD COMMITTEES, BUT THROUGH THEM TO REACH OUT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND TO OTHER FORMALIZED ENTITIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.

WE HAVE FINALIZED PHASE ONE AND TWO IN CAPACITATING OF BOTH COUNCILORS AND WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THIS WILL ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREEDOM CHARTER PRINCIPLE "PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN", BUT THE PEOPLE SHALL HAVE TOOLS TO GOVERN.

TOGETHER WITH PROVINCE, WE ARE ALIGNING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS AND THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES SO THAT THEY RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CALL OF BRINGING SERVICES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE AND TO AVOID DUPLICATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY HOLDING A PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, IMBIZO'S AND CONTINUOUS WARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

WE TAKE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE SERIOUS POSSIBLE LIGHT. AS A RESULT OF THIS WE ARE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES IN THE QUEST FOR TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENCES:

- ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO CONTROL ROOM WITH NATIS CONNECTIVITY.
- INSTALLATION OF A CAMERA SYSTEM FOR SPEED MEASURING.
- INSTALLATION OF ROBOTS – AT INTERSECTIONS OF R28 & R559.
- INSTALLATION OF SPEED POINT MACHINES FOR OVER THE COUNTER ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AT THE LICENSING OFFICE.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

MADAME SPEAKER,

WE HAVE, AS PART OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IDENTIFIED AND SECURED FUNDING FOR THE SEWER, ELECTRICAL, WATER RETICULATION,

CEMETERY, SIDE WALK PAVING, PARKS AND ADDRESSING ILLEGAL DUMPING IN MOHLAKENG AS PART OF THE 20 PRIORITIZED TOWNSHIPS:

#### FINANCE

TOGETHER WITH THE PROVINCE, WE ARE LOOKING AT IMPLEMENTING THE "INDIGENT POLICY BASKET", THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED IN A FAMILY AFFECTED BY THE POLICY. FOR INSTANCE, WE WOULD LIKE A SYSTEM WHERE IT WILL BE EASY SHOULD A MEMBER OF A FAMILY BE CLASSIFIED AS INDIGENT BY SOCIAL SERVICES, THE FAMILY DOES NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FILLING OF FORMS FOR INDIGENT SUPPORT OF EITHER EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND SO ON. IT WILL BE EASY TO TRACK DOWN AND GIVE NECESSARY INDIGENT SUPPORT IN A BASKET OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

MADAME SPEAKER,

WE HAVE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE MORE IN THIS DEPARTMENT IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, AND WE ARE PLANNING TO INTENSIFY OUR STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN THIS ASPECT SO THAT WE REACH MORE PEOPLE DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. AS A RESULT OF THIS, WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE GOING TO BE A CONTINUATION OF OUR PLANS FROM LAST YEAR:

- BAGOLO BA RONA CELEBRATION SHOW IN APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY ELDERLY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/ AIDS,
- IN JUNE WE WILL HAVE THE YOUTH DEBATING ABOUT HIV/ AIDS AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL HEALERS WALK AGAINST AIDS.
- IN JULY WILL HOST A MEN'S DIALOGUE AGAINST AIDS AND IN AUGUST THE WOMEN WILL HAVE THEIR DIALOGUE AGAINST THIS DISEASE AS WELL.

- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, WE WILL BUILD TWO EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN MOHLAKENG.
- AS THE MUNICIPALITY, WE WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE ELANDSFONTEIN CLINIC TO SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY AT THE END OF MAY 2007.
- WE WILL FINALIZE THE REFURBISHMENT, AS PART OF THE 20PTP, A WELL RESOURCED LIBRARY IN MOHLAKENG.

IN OUR SPORTING DIVISION, WE HAVE SOURCED FUNDING FROM THE 20 PRIORITIZED TOWNSHIPS FOR THE IMPROVING OF THE FACILITIES IN THE MOHLAKENG STADIUM, THIS WILL INCLUDE RENOVATION OF THE TENNIS COURTS AND THE MOHLAKENG SPORT COMPLEX.

WE HAVE FINALIZED THE UPGRADING OF THE TOEKOMSRUS SPORTS STADIUM. HOWEVER AN ADDITIONAL R1.2 M WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PROVINCE FOR FURTHER UPGRADE, INCLUDING ALLOCATING CLUSTER HUB OFFICES IN THE STADIUM. ALL THESE FINAL UPGRADING WILL BE DONE BY SEPTEMBER 2007.

BY 2008 WE ARE INTENDING TO DEVELOP A SPORTING COMPLEX IN FINSBURY. WE HAVE SOURCED FUNDING FOR THIS TASK AND ALL THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENT ARE IN ORDER..

MADAME SPEAKER,

AS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, WE ARE CONTINUING ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE MINING COMPANIES IN OUR TOWN TO ENSURE REHABILITATION OF INACTIVE SLIME DAMS TO PREVENT DUST POLLUTION.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT AS GOVERNMENT, IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UP KEEP AND CLEANLINESS OF OUR TOWN. WE HAVE TAKEN A DECISION TO HIRE A CONTRACT THAT WILL CLEAN ALL THE PRIVATELY OWNED STANDS AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE SHOULD OWNERS NOT KEEP THEIR STANDS IN THE STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS SET OUT BY OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNIT.

MADAME SPEAKER,

DUE TO DELAYS CAUSED BY GEO-TECHNICAL SURVEYS AND BUYING OF LAND, RELOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY OF ZENZELE HAS TAKEN LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATED. AND AS THE MUNICIPALITY WE DO NOT WANT TO BE IN BRIDGE OF THE CONSTITUTION BY NOT PROVIDING BASIC SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE. WE ARE THEREFORE GOING TO EXTEND PROVISION OF TEMPORARY SERVICES TO INCLUDE STREET LIGHTS AND DOMESTIC ELECTRICITY. THIS WILL NOT JUST BE FULFILLING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION OF PROVIDING SERVICES, BUT IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN ADDRESSING CRIME CHALLENGES THAT THRIVES BY EXPLOITING THE CURRENT SITUATION.

PHOMOLONG DEVELOPMENT,

AS THE MUNICIPALITY WE FULLY GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING OF THE PHOLONG CULTURAL VILLAGE.

WE ARE COMMITTED IN PROMOTING OUR TOWN AS A TOURIST DESTINATION HENCE WE SUPPORT ANY REALISTIC EFFORT TO REALIZE THIS OBJECTIVE. IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT WE SUPPORT THE PHOMOLONG CULTURAL VILLAGE.

DISCUSSIONS ARE AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL TO LOOK AT OUR ROLE AS THE MUNICIPALITY IN MAKING THIS OBJECTIVE A REALITY.

THIS VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES AND PLATFORM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE FOR OUR YOUTH TO SHARPEN THEIR ARTS SKILLS IN DIFFERENT AREAS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, THIS FACILITY WILL HAVE CONFERENCE CENTRE, RESTAURANTS, AMPHI THEATRE AND ACCOMMODATION FOR THE PEOPLE WHO VISIT RANDFONTEIN. IT WILL INCREASE TOURISM REVENUE AND CREATE MORE SUSTAINABLE JOBS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.

## CONCLUSION

IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO REITERATE OUR PLEDGE AS A COUNCIL NEVER TO FAIL YOUR CONVICTION IN OUR ABILITY TO DELIVER.

THIS YEAR IS GOING TO SET THE STANDARD FOR THE REST OF THE TERM FOR NEW COUNCILORS. AS THE PREMIER HAS SAID ON SO MANY OCCASIONS, WE NEED TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. THE BALL IS IN OUR COURT, IT IS UP TO US TO PLAY THE ACE OR AN OFFSIDE WE WILL NOT BE DETERRED. WE WILL KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL, THAT OF A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL. I HAVE SAID SO MANY TIMES THAT THOSE AMONG US WHO ARE NOT READY TO COOPERATE WITH ALL THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY, MUST TAKE THEIR BAGS AND LEAVE US TO DELIVER.

THIS TERM WE WILL NOT STAND ASIDE WHEN ANTI-DEVELOPMENT FORCES ARE DERAILING THE WHEEL OF TRANSFORMATION. WE WILL BE HARD ON

THOSE WHO MAKE IT THEIR BUSINESS TO FRUSTRATE OUR PEOPLE. WE WILL DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO SEE THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NOBLE PLANS.

IN THE SAME VEIN I STILL PLEAD, WORK WITH US. DO NOT KEEP QUIET WHEN YOU KNOW OF SOMETHING THAT COULD FACILITATE SERVICE DELIVERY. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD AGAINST CHILD AND WOMEN ABUSE, BLOW A WHISTLE AGAINST CORRUPTION, LET'S DISCUSS YOUR INNOVATIVE METHODS OF IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY. TALK TO US, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE THINKING IN AN AMICABLE AND RESPECTFUL MANNER. LET US HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE ABOUT OUR TOWN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DURING THIS TIME OF LENT.