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ANCYL Ekurhuleni Rejects Motion of No Confidence Against Executive Mayor Alderman Nkosindiphile Xhakaza

We, the ANCYL Ekurhuleni, outrightly reject and oppose the baseless motion of no confidence against our Executive Mayor, Alderman Doctor Nkosindiphile Xhakaza. This desperate attempt is not about the interests of the people but rather the personal ambitions of Cllr. Dr. Joe Mojapelo, a failed politician trying to claw his way back into relevance.

A Motion Driven by Self-Interest, Not Public Good

It is no secret that Joe Mojapelo is politically homeless, having recently donated his party, ICM, to SARA after its humiliating failure to secure even a single seat in the national elections. With his political career in shambles, he is now attempting to force his way back into the City of Ekurhuleni through the back door, hoping to reclaim the Chief Operating Officer position he was removed from due to corruption allegations.

Mojapelo's track record is one of greed, betrayal, and jealousy. His last political stunt was a failed attempt to become an MMC, driven by sheer envy of MMC Ngodwane, whom he worked tirelessly to remove. His history proves that he is a self-serving individual who has never cared about the people of Ekurhuleni—only his own political and financial survival.

The Proven Leadership of Mayor Xhakaza

Since assuming office, Mayor Xhakaza has demonstrated visionary leadership, prioritizing financial stability, accelerated service delivery, and good governance. One of his key early decisions was appointing a young and dynamic leader, Cllr. Mzayifani Ngwenya, to the Mayoral Committee. Under EMs leadership, the City successfully stabilized its finances, addressing delays in company payments by the finance department and ensuring efficient service delivery. This is proof that an ANC-led government remains the best vehicle to champion the interests of the people.

Today, Ekurhuleni stands as a stable and functional government, delivering tangible results to communities. The proponents of this motion are engaging in a cynical political game, seeking to exploit perceived weaknesses for their own narrow interests. However, we remain resolute in defending the progress made under Mayor Xhakaza. His administration has been guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and ethical governance.

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We, the ANCYL Ekurhuleni, also recognize that certain senior management officials within the City are deliberately working to bring instability to our government. These technocrats thrive on constant political changes, using the instability to sabotage service delivery and weakening the ANC's standing in local government. They actively fund political parties with state resources to maintain control over government operations and hoping to secure permanent senior management positions, including those of HODs and DHs. We will not allow this corruption to persist. We call on the ANC Caucus to collaborate with all political parties in the council in the best interest of Ekurhuleni's residents, rather than for personal gain.

Key Achievements Under Mayor Xhakaza's Leadership

Since assuming office in April 2023, Mayor Xhakaza has prioritized service delivery, financial prudence, and community engagement. His inaugural State of the City Address 2024 was anchored on building:

"A Responsive City Working with Agility to Restore Services to the People."
This vision is being realized through six strategic pillars:

- Provision of quality, equitable, and sustainable services
- Repairs and maintenance of infrastructure
- Rebuilding the City's finances
- Investment in critical infrastructure through private-sector partnerships
- Economic development, focusing on the Aerotropolis, SMMEs, and job creation
- Good, ethical, and effective governance

Community Engagement & Service Delivery

To enhance accountability and improve service delivery, Mayor Xhakaza re-established the Mayoral Service Delivery War Room, a multi-departmental platform designed to fast-track service delivery interventions. In just eight months, he has led extensive Mayoral Outreach Programs in communities including Tembisa, Daveyton, Etwatwa, Tsakane, Duduza, Katlehong, and Kwa-Thema, ensuring a rapid response to community concerns.

Additionally, the revival of Mayoral Izimbizo has created platforms for direct engagement between residents and leadership, ensuring grievances are addressed effectively. The Service Delivery Fridays program has further reinforced this commitment, deploying Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs) to various wards to engage directly with residents and address service concerns.

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Service Delivery & Infrastructure Impact

Ekurhuleni, with a population of 4.2 million people, continues to see remarkable improvements in service delivery:

- 94% of residents have access to piped water
- 93.08% of households have access to electricity
- 91.21% have access to flush toilets
- 8,283 km of tarred roads have been developed

Investment & Education Initiatives

Mayor Xhakaza has also championed economic development, hosting the Ekurhuleni Investment Conference to attract foreign direct investment and drive local economic growth. The City continues to position itself as a premier destination for investment, innovation, and opportunity.

Furthermore, progress is being made on the establishment of the University of Ekurhuleni, a critical initiative announced in the State of the Nation Address. On 20 August 2024, the City hosted a delegation from the Department of Higher Education's Project Steering Committee to advance this landmark initiative.

In addition, Mayor Xhakaza has partnered with the private sector to restore bursaries that were unfairly taken away by the DA-led administration. This critical initiative ensures that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to higher education and the opportunity to build a brighter future.

Reject Opportunism, Support Stability

We urge all councillors to reject this motion and focus on working together to address the real challenges facing our municipality. The ANCYL Ekurhuleni stands firmly behind Mayor Alderman Nkosindiphile Xhakaza, and we will not be intimidated by opportunistic political games.

Let us remain united and continue building a prosperous Ekurhuleni. We stand with Mayor Xhakaza!

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