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ANCYL Ekurhuleni Rejects Youth Exclusion and Corruption in City Opportunities

The African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) in Ekurhuleni notes with great concern the continuous exclusion of young people from economic and employment opportunities within the City of Ekurhuleni. While the council has adopted a 40% set-aside for youth, its non-implementation is a serious injustice. This situation is unacceptable, and we refuse to accept business as usual.

The City continues to appoint incompetent and unaccountable elderly individuals in key positions, such as Customer Care Centre (CCC) Managers, who fail to discharge their responsibilities. Instead of attending to community service delivery issues, they spend office hours idle and detached from the realities faced by residents. Their consistent absenteeism and lack of urgency leave communities frustrated, with no answers or assistance. The failure to appoint energetic and qualified young professionals in these roles is regrettable and must be urgently reversed.

Call for the Removal of the City Manager

We further call for the immediate removal of City Manager, Dr. Imogen Mashazi, who has proven beyond reasonable doubt that she lacks the vision and commitment to drive a progressive and youth-centered agenda. The City needs a young, dynamic, and forward-thinking City Manager who understands the urgency of youth inclusion in governance and economic participation.

The exclusion of young people from senior management positions deprives them of the necessary experience to govern in the future. It is time to open doors for youth leadership in the City's administration. We cannot continue being spectators in our own city – our time is now!

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We demand that Executive Mayor Nkosindiphile Xhakaza take young people into confidence and assist in removing corrupt administrators who serve their own interests instead of prioritizing youth empowerment. This requires political will from the Mayor and his committee to ensure youth participation in skills development, employment, and business opportunities within the City.

Planned Peaceful Picket for Youth Empowerment

As the ANCYL Ekuhuleni, we will embark on a peaceful picket on Wednesday to submit a memorandum of demands addressing the following:

- Immediate advertisement of positions within the Youth Directorate, to be led by young people.
- The Youth Directorate must be allocated its own budget to conduct meaningful programs for young people.
- Urgent intervention in the incompetence of CCC Managers, who have continuously failed to service communities, particularly in township-based CCCs.
- Supply Chain Management must account for which companies are benefiting from municipal business. Young-owned businesses must be prioritized, and the deliberate exclusion of young entrepreneurs must end immediately.
- Fast-tracking the building of a university in Ekuhuleni to equip young people with skills. Young people must be part of the advisory board overseeing the development of the university.
- An end to corrupt municipal tenders being awarded to companies from outside Ekuhuleni simply because they are connected to senior officials. Local businesses, especially those owned by young people, must be prioritized.

It is unacceptable that CCC Managers, who live in suburbs, are expected to understand the frustrations of township residents. Their failure to serve our people is further compounded by the City's practice of simply transferring failing managers from one township to another instead of holding them accountable.

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Furthermore, we strongly condemn the corrupt allocation of municipal contracts to companies from outside Ekurhuleni simply because they have personal relationships with senior officials. This undermines local economic development and keeps young people of Ekurhuleni locked out of opportunities in their own city. We demand full transparency and accountability in municipal procurement processes to ensure that the youth of Ekurhuleni benefit from the City's economic activities.

The ANCYL Ekurhuleni stands firm in its demand for a youth-centered approach to governance and the full implementation of policies that prioritize young people in employment, skills development, and business opportunities. We refuse to be ignored!

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