

FINAL ANC CAUCUS RESPONSE TO THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S  
SPEECH ON 26 JULY 2018 BY: Cllr. Lindiwe Ngoasheng

**Thank you very much Madam Speaker;**

**Greetings to Fellow Councillors and all present in the house**

**Revolutionary greetings**

On behalf of the ANC Caucus we welcome the speech of Executive Mayor's which is providing assurance that we still presiding over an institution that is still capable of delivering on the local government mandate.

The Executive Mayor's address has assured not only us, but Ekurhuleni household and residents in general that we continue to make tremendous progress in providing sustainable basic services along with the expansion of other community services, this is indeed welcomed, and it is a sign towards a right direction. Our focused approach to infrastructure development particularly roads and storm water is begging to yield results especially in our local townships.

We are pleased to note that there are efforts to validate the existence of employees who are drawing salaries through the employee's verification. We call upon for more productive and accountable workforce, whose contribution must complement our efforts of providing quality and impactful service celery and development.

Although we note the re-ignited effort of using technology to enhance our service delivery response, such innovative initiatives must be effective and efficient from the onset. We will certainly monitor the implementation and functionality of this mobile application.

We are pleased to note a positive feedback by the National Treasury, this is indeed confirming that we are also presiding over a financial stable municipality and on the same note urge that we must do by all means to ensure that remain capable of honouring our financial obligations, to rebuild and re-strengthen our financial reserves.

We have certainly closed our financial with a notable improvement in the performance in comparison with the previous financial year and we should be inspired to do better in this financial year.

**Madam Speaker**, this positive performance should also be rightfully attributed to a stable and working coalition and it is befitting that we express our sincere appreciation to our principled coalition partners.

We should upscale our efforts of ensuring that there is discipline of implementation with regards to our economic empowerment programme in its totality, including land re-distribution in our terrain. In this regard we welcome the political will by the ANC in Ekurhuleni to commit itself to the rapid land distribution programme and the eminent release of farms to capable prospective farmers.

Beyond the address, we have noted the great work done the Executive in giving meaning to the Nelson Mandela Day by refurbishing a house in Ward 14 (Tembisa) to a quality condition.

The African National Congress in Ekurhuleni and country-wide will continue to celebrate Madiba's legacy through making impactful service delivery to our people. On the 18th of July 2018, the Caucus of ANC through its Taking Caucus to People Programme also mobilised for the delivery of a newly constructed and beautiful house in Daveyton, fully furnished and with a state of the art landscaping. Executive Mayor, this was a direct response by ANC Caucus to the call of "Be the legacy"

**Madam Speaker**, is befitting to congratulate all Councillors who recently graduated on a course namely, Leadership in Municipal Governance programme from Wits University. We commend SALGA and the ANC led local government for ensuring that development and capacity building of Councillors is a priority.

The ANC will continue to put education as its apex priority amongst its ranks and across - let us cease the moment.

We also want to congratulate the ANC in Ekurhuleni for hosting a successful and peaceful Regional Conference and we equally congratulate the elected leadership under the political stewardship of the Executive Mayor. On the same note, we want to congratulate the ANC Gauteng for yet another successful 13th Provincial Conference and it's elected leadership collective.

**Madam Speaker**, we further commend President Cyril Ramaphosa's collective efforts of working hard in trying to get the South African economy back on track. We must not despair, there is hope in the new dawn, the confidence is being gradually restored.

We are optimistic that the BRICS Summit will build stronger and balanced trade relations, to the extent that South Africa as a member of BRICS will indeed benefit significantly and that our economy shall grow exponentially.

**In conclusion**, Madam Speaker,

We are pleased with the efforts by the ANC Executive Mayor and his collective of ensuring that we improve on the provision of basic, sustainable and quality services. We are urging you and your team to focus on impactful service delivery and development - the tone is impactful Executive Mayor.

We must continue to strengthen our good governance processes as well as to ensure the efficiency of our service delivery processes. We must be unapologetic in confronting fraud, maladministration, corruption and official irrespective of his or her position must be immune.

**Executive Mayor**, we are on the side of governance responsibility and ours should not be political rhetoric and slogans which seeks to deter our people's focus as well as tempering with their emotions.

Ours is to better their lives practically, honestly and with credibility, Because our commitment to serve the people of Ekurhuleni is a standing commitment.

Thumani Thina!!!!

**I Thank you!!**