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Mayor Mashaba is ignorant – MEC Uhuru Moiloa.

Gauteng MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlement Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa, has accused Mayor of the City of Johannesburg Herman Mashaba of ignorance about the law and application of it. This is after Mayor Mashaba accused MEC Moiloa of abuse of power after the MEC launched a section 106(1)(b) investigation into the City of Johannesburg.

“An accusation of abuse of power by Mayor Mashabas is reflective of his ignorance about law and application of it. The two of us are bound by the oath of public office to protect, to uphold, to respect the constitution and the rule of Law. As the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, I am in position of two files, one is from the Councillors from City of Johannesburg and the other one is from the municipality,”said MEC Moiloa

The MEC said the first file received by the MEC found serious allegations against the municipality and the second file is a response by COJ and its Mayor against each of the allegations in the first file.

“The contents of the two files are of such a serious nature as such as determined by the law, as the MEC I have no other option but to invoke Section 106 as provided for in law to put matters to rest. I have referred the two files to the capacity of national treasury as it is provided for in the Municipal Systems Act. As the MEC I’m making a determination of whether allegations are of such a nature as to warrant Section 106B of the Municipal systems Act which state that as an MEC, I must appoint a person or persons to investigate and report the results of such accusations to NCOP, the Minister of CoGTA, the premier and his cabinet including the two opposing parties,” MEC Dikgang Uhuru Moiloa

Subsequently the MEC engaged with the Executive Mayor on the allegations whereby it was agreed the municipality will respond to the allegations which the municipality has since responded to.

“This is just an investigation, No one has been found guilty including the Executive Mayor. In fact the investigation might clear everyone who has been implicated and is investigated,” he said.

Moiloa said corruption is the cancer that continues to erode the trust between custodians of the constitution and the public.

“When I set out to tackle corruption head on in the City of Johannesburg following sensitive desktop investigations conducted by my office into property fraud amongst other cases I knew that the task would require the assistance and intervention of the SIU. From the onset I made it apparent that this was a fight against corruption and not target shooting at the current mayor as our investigations cover periods that strength beyond the mayors current administration.

MEC Moiloa said that Mayor Mashaba has asserted that he will be fully cooperative during the investigations that my administration will be conducting and that his office was pleased to the SIU has seen merit in its investigation and will therefore be assuming a leading role into rooting out maladministration and corruption in the COJ.

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