

MEC Maile congratulates municipalities for successful inaugural council meetings and welcomes the election of new mayors, speakers and chief whips

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MEC for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and CoGTA, Lebogang Maile, congratulated the municipalities in the Province of Gauteng for holding their inaugural council meetings successfully following the local government elections held on 1 November 2021. MEC extended his congratulatory message to the newly elected Executive Mayors, Speakers and Chief Whips.

"We look forward to having an audience with the new Mayors to reaffirm the Gauteng Provincial Government's commitment towards supporting municipalities during this new term of local government. It remains important that we work together to ensure quality services are delivered to the citizens of Gauteng." Said MEC Maile

The MEC further commended all the unsuccessful candidates who had raised their hands and contested the positions of Executive Mayor, Speaker and Chief Whip; who accepted the outcomes with grace. This peaceful transition of power affirms the position South Africa's vibrant democracy is maturing.

"We also extend appreciation to officials, the IEC and all stakeholders who put in effort in ensuring that the first meetings of the municipal councils were a success. Finally, we also wish to acknowledge the exemplary conduct displayed by all the councilors in the various municipal councils across the Province during the inaugural meetings. Decorum was maintained throughout and we trust this shall be the case going forward thus enabling councils to function optimally in the execution of their constitutional obligations." Concluded MEC Maile

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