

MEC Maile writes to city of JHB executive mayor CLLR Geoff Makhubo

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MEC for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and CoGTA Lebogang Maile, has written a formal letter to the City of Johannesburg's Executive Mayor, Cllr. Geoff Makhubo, concerning mutual separation of employment between the City and outgoing City Manager Dr. Ndivhoniswani Lukhwareni.

The City of Johannesburg issued a public statement announcing Dr. Lukhwareni's departure. MEC Maile, has this morning, Wednesday 03 March 2021, dispatched a formal letter requesting written representations from Executive Mayor Cllr. Makhubo, on the terms and conditions on the "mutual separation of employment".

"As the MEC responsible for local government in the Province of Gauteng, I take patent cognisance of the said media statement and to that end, I hereby kindly request your goodself to provide me, within three (3) days of receipt of this letter, with a comprehensive response on what the terms and conditions of the "mutual termination of employment" between the City and the former City Manager entails. It will also be appreciated if the initial contract of employment entered into between the City and the former City Manager, as well as any settlement agreement entered into between the parties that provides for the "mutual termination of employment", be presented to me as well. The City's response must, amongst others, clearly spell out the reasons that led to the said mutual termination", wrote MEC Maile. MEC Maile is expected to receive a written and comprehensive response within the next coming 3 days.

"The public deserves to know the underlying circumstances of the mutual termination of employment, including the quantum to be paid to the outgoing City Manager. Elected public representatives have a duty to account for all their actions, including on matters that involve public funds", said MEC Maile.

MEC Maile remains committed to the stabilisation of the City of Johannesburg, and all municipalities within the province for that matter in order to ensure that they adequately respond to the service delivery expectations of the residents in the Province. In the coming few days MEC Maile will publicly release the much-awaited findings by Committee of Inquiry headed by Prof. Trevor Fowler.

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