

Concerned Citizens Committee to Save Makana

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Makana Municipality: Conditional suspension of lawful actions (including proceedings for specific Administration: Section 139 (5) of the SA Constitution).

The CCCSM membership strives to ensure the lives of the people of Makana are protected and enhanced through ensuring the constitutionally mandated obligations of 1) elected representatives and 2) government structures are timeously delivered.

During July 2017, the Concerned Citizens Committee to Save Makana (CCCSM) placed the Makana Municipality and the Eastern Cape Premiers office on terms to dissolve the Council, implement full Administration and appoint a turnaround specialist. Critically, the CCCSM specified the attributes and aptitude required for this leadership position; including commercial turnaround experience and expertise. In addition, the CCCSM insisted on R47 million in emergency funding to ameliorate the dire position of the Makana municipal finances, drought conditions and fund critical payments and capital requirements.

This resulted in a meeting on 28 July 2017, represented by branches of Local and Provincial government. Proposals and reports were tabled by the Makana Mayor's office and Eastern Cape Premiers office including:

- 1) Claims by the Makana Executive that the necessary political will and stability existed to manage the municipality correctly.
- 2) That the Makana municipality has discretion to allocate whatever funds it receives and will defend their independence. Critical creditors such as Eskom had been partially paid and there was no immediate risk of either power or water supply disruptions.
- 3) The Premiers office acknowledged the need for a specialist turnaround administrator who would be sourced and paid for by National government as soon as possible.
- 4) Funding totalling R150 million had been allocated to Makana recently. Some R6 million has already been spent on emergency needs such as funding required for the NAF and critical repairs and maintenance.

The CCCSM cautiously acknowledges the Premier's Office initiatives and would like to work together with the Makana Executive to concentrate their minds on the urgent need for decisive leadership, action and deliverable outcomes.

However, given past assurances and ongoing disappointments, the CCCSM has given the parties until September 27 2017 to appoint a suitably skilled turnaround specialist to lead the Municipality in

providing a balanced budget, service delivery, appointment of suitable management and addressing the critical needs of the Makana populace.

The CCCSM has advised the Premier's Office, as well as the various constitutional role-players to set a deadline for this of no later than 27 September 2017, failing which the CCCSM reserves its rights to fall back on any available remedies, including, but not limited to pursuing demands for specific Administration under Section 139 (5) of the SA Constitution.

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