



LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH: EXECUTIVE MAYOR SEBENZILE NGANGELIZWE ON 22 AUGUST 2016

Speaker

Honourable Cllr K Phukuntsi

Honourable Mayors, Speakers & Councillors from other municipalities

Leaders of Political Parties

Dignitaries present

Special guests present

Municipal Manager, Ms Palesa Lekoata

Managers, Heads of Departments and staff members

CoGTA Representatives

SALGA Representatives

Honourable representatives of traditional leaders

Religious and community leaders

Members of the community

Members of the media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Friends and Family

Honourable Speaker

It is an honour for me to accept the nomination as Executive Mayor of Lejweleputswa District Municipality.

Let me first congratulate Cllr. Phukuntsi for having accepted the position of being the Speaker. I would also like to congratulate all Councillors who have been elected to represent various political parties represented in our Council.

It would be appropriate to start by reaffirming my commitment that I solemnly pledge to perform my functions as Executive Mayor of the Lejweleputswa District Municipality to the best of my ability.

I thank the African National Congress, the ruling part in Council, for the opportunity to serve as Executive Mayor.

The renewed electoral mandate the ANC received from voters in the Lejweleputswa District will be reciprocated by the acceleration of service delivery in line with key priorities outlined in the Election Manifesto 2016.

Speaker

We have seen significant progress in Lejweleputswa District under the leadership of previous Executive Mayors and the successive Mayoral Committees that served our District with such distinction.

The task for this leadership will be to build on this legacy and take the achievements of the district to a higher level.

The ANC-majority in Council has a firm mandate from the people of Lejweleputswa to proceed on the road of growth and development.

None of us in this Council underestimate the enormous developmental challenges facing Lejweleputswa District.

We are confronted by stark realities of poverty and unemployment that influence livelihoods and the economy of our district.

Lejweleputswa District Municipality, under the leadership of the African National Congress, is committed to respond with determination to all these challenges.

We, as this Council, will focus strongly on the Manifesto of the ruling party to address issues of social exclusion and underdevelopment.

As District Municipality it is our duty to ensure that we not only address these challenges, but that we pro-actively set preventative measures. We need to manage our functions efficiently and effectively, within the framework of our constitutional mandate to ensure social cohesion.

It is equally important that we strengthen partnerships and good relationships with Local Municipalities in our District, and actively promote cooperation and support amongst each other, our communities and our respective stakeholders. This will be done within the context of pursuing the core function of the district especially facilitation, co-ordination and support where necessary.

We, as guided by the Constitution, will promote a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic environment where people can prosper.

Speaker

As Council we will continue to pay special attention to programmes that alleviate endemic poverty and unemployment.

Lejweleputswa District municipality has identified the tourism sector as a priority area for development.

We are determined to see district tourism making a greater contribution to the economy of our district and the province as a whole.

Speaker

We are ready to move Lejweleputswa District on to a new developmental growth path.

To achieve this, it is of critical importance that we need to start preparing for the needs and demands of future generations and put initial measures to reposition the institution.

This municipality will continue to play its role of supporting local municipalities in the district to change the living conditions of our people.

We will redouble our efforts to improve the quality of interaction with our residents and voters. We will do so in the spirit of Batho Pele. The management must at all times provide technical and strategic support to Council for the institution to remain relevant to voters.

We will constantly improve on good governance, public participation and service delivery in the best interest of our communities and stakeholders.

All of this will be done within the context of strict financial management measures we have set ourselves.

Speaker

We therefore invite all stakeholders and other social partners to identify concrete bankable projects that will realise economic growth; reduce poverty and create the much needed jobs.

The time has come for Council and all employees of Lejweleputswa District Municipality to roll up their sleeves and dedicate themselves to the task at hand and complement local municipalities to sustain the following values: integrity; high work ethics; respect; transparency; honesty and professionalism.

The IDP for Lejweleputswa District Municipality for 2016-2017, together with national and provincial service delivery objectives, will honour this commitment.

Let us accept full and collective responsibility of making local government the centre of gravity in service delivery.

Thank you

CLLR S NGANGELIZWE
EXECUTIVE MAYOR