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Mr. Labuschagne,

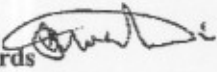
**Re: THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE MERAUFONG CITY
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (MCLM) FROM THE KENNETH
KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY (KKDM) TO THE WEST
RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
(WRDM)**

1. The aim & purpose of this letter is to raise certain objections & concerns regarding the proposed transfer of the MCLM.
2. As the proposed transfer is not merely a shift between District Municipalities, But also a shift between provinces, the issues at stake are more complex.
3. As a resident of Wedela, whose family has been living for 25 years, I am Obligated to oppose the transfer of the MCLM on the basis that my constitutional rights are infringed. Several practical, legal & procedural aspects have been ignored, as to facilitate an unrealistic & unpractical political decision.
4. The following aspects have to be noted as definite concerns & objections:
 - a. Fochville, Kokosi, Greenpark & Wedela have never been a part of Gauteng. These areas have historically always been part of the North West Province & the old Western Transvaal.
 - b. The residents of Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark & Wedela have not at all been informed in detail of their proposed transfer to the WRDM & Gauteng Province. Nobody in National, Provincial or local government Has seen the need to publicly inform us of the proposed transfer, the Advantages & disadvantages, as well as the related consequences & costs.
 - c. A political decision made by the African National Congress (ANC), Endorsed by the Mr Gwede Mantatshe (Secretary General of the ANC) & the Premier of Gauteng Province in the Public, regarding all position of Khutsong & its residents are now forcibly applied to all residents of MCLM.
 - d. The lack of recognition of the interests of the residents of Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark & Wedela are a fundamental infringement of their

Constitutional rights & shows a definite disregard for our countries Democratic basis.

5. Due to lack of open & honest communication, as well as public participation, The views & concerns of the following people are totally ignored:
 - a. All residents of Fochville, Kokosi Greenspark & Wedela: this equals to About 40% of the residents of MCLM.
 - b. All businesses in Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark & Wedela: this equals to about 35% of all business activities within the MCLM.
6. Although most residents & businesses supported the basis & fundamentals of The struggle of the residents of Khutsong, they have never expressed their desire or wish to become part of Gauteng Province. The Khutsong – struggle was only aimed to Khutsong, Carletonville & Welverdiend back to Gauteng Province.
7. It seems to me that the ANC & the respective government departments are Again following the same illegal & non-democratic avenues to enforce a political decision, which lead the way for & initiated the struggle of the residents of Khutsong. The only difference this time around is that it is now being applied to Fochville, Kokosi, Greenspark & Wedela.
8. Certain public political statements made by the ANC & National Government not to go against the wishes of the people of an area or region, are again in danger of being ignored or totally neglected. Smart words, with no meaning.
9. I therefore urge you to reconsider the following:
 - a. The decision to transfer the whole MCLM from the KKDM to the WRDM.
 - b. The application of an open & honest public participation process.
 - c. The application of an open & honest public information process.
10. The time frames as publicized by Government & the ANC for the completion of the transfer are also based on impractical & unrealistic promises, that will eventually again leave the people of the MCLM, & especially Khutsong disillusioned.
11. We eagerly await you quick & positive feedback & response.

Regards


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