

'Security risk'

House
owner
says
the
school
is
a
security
risk
to
their
property

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

College
direct
at
the
house

Some
of
the
house
is
used
as
a
storage
area
for
the
school
and
the
owner
is
concerned
that
the
school
is
a
security
risk
to
their
property

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

The
house
is
situated
on
Lansdowne
Road,
opposite
Civic
Road.

Wanza dismisses campaign funding claim

TAMMY PETERSEN

CLAIMS that Proudly Manenberg funded its election bid to become a ward councillor from the salaries of its workers have been dismissed by the independent candidate.

Mario Wanza stood for election in three wards, including R6000 on T-shirts, posters and registration with the Independent Electoral Commission.

He stood as a candidate in wards 47 and 48 after being elected by the organisation through a nomination process.

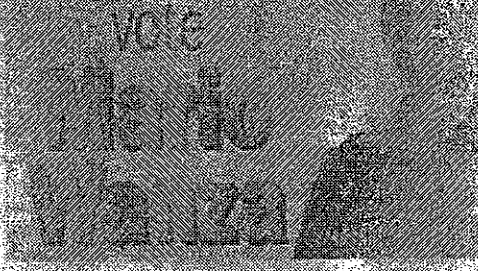
He received a total of 111 votes.

Last week, residents contacted *People's Eye*, claiming that workers involved in a cleaning and greening project were paid \$100 on their May salaries, which is less than half of their R120 monthly pay. "The people must suffer while he sits on the posters trying to get votes," one woman told *People's Eye*. "His posters don't put food on the people's tables. Is this how a community worker acts? Shouldn't he be more worried about the wellbeing of the residents?"

Another woman who contacted the newspaper claimed money allocated to the workers was being used for "big glossy posters, t-shirts and T-shirts with his face on it". She further claimed the first-time candidate was also paying for cars and hakkies to be spray-painted and that Proudly Manenberg workers were told to raise R50 000 to cover the costs of the campaign. "Workers got food only R120 as a bonus in April to buy posters and pickled fish, and R300 in May. Where did the other money go? Is he campaigning on the backs of the poor people in Manenberg?" she asked.

But Wanza responds that the organisation does not have access to the workers' money, as the project locals are involved in forms part of the Extended Public Works Programme, which is run by national government. "Workers' salaries are deposited straight into their bank accounts. The money used for the Proudly

Wanza dismisses campaign funding claim



FAMILIAR FACE: One of Proudly Manenberg son Mario Wanza's election posters.

Manenberg election campaign via donations and other organisation," he says.

Caroline Chubb, the project's local development NGO, by the Department of Cooperatives, said she had not seen the public work programme, claiming that workers are paid directly into their accounts. "In November last year, while I was appointed chairperson of Manenberg, *People's Eye* reported the existence of committees of the kind also declared to have a reputation for ward councillor. "I have no idea if this is true," she says.

Wanza says the organisation's project throughout the election, and that a number of workers' election bid would cost R6000.

"The money was taken out of Proudly Manenberg and a fund can be held by the various zones so money can be pushed back into the account. Private partners also gave money for the campaign," Wanza says.

He adds that complaints surmounting the organisation's movement in the area are being made by people "trying to cause divisions within Manenberg". "We are not here to cause individuals spinning theories about us. If they have questions, can come take it up with us. There is much work to do to waste anything."

Who are you going to call?

DO YOU have a problem, you would like your ward councillor to fix?
Residents living in Ward 66, which comprises Crawford, Kenwyn, Lansdowne, Rondebosch East and Sybrand Park, can phone Councillor Anthea Green on 083 519 6269.
Those living in Ward 46, which consists of the western part of Manenberg, a section
Ward 47 residents, who live Park, can phone Antonio van der Merwe on 081 751 3056.
People living in Ward 48, part of Sherwood Park and certain parts of Village and Gugulethu, can phone Councillor Mario Wanza on 083 329 4110.
If you live in Ward 49, which is part of Village and Gugulethu, can

Advertisement for a business or service, featuring a large image and text. The text includes 'LIONA', 'AFRICA', and 'SOUTH AFRICA'. The image shows a person in a dark setting, possibly a portrait or a scene from a performance.

NEWS

PROUDLY MANENBERG AND ZION PULSE COMMUNITY PROJECT SPEAK OUT

There has been no wrong doing on our part

From page 1

Spokesperson to the group, Kostasida Pascoa, said the group represented former workers from Zion Pulse and Proudly Manenberg.

"We have been battling since 2010 to have the allegations of financial mismanagement investigated. At the workshop committee meeting, the IPT confirmed that in June last year they extended their internal audit service mandate to include the review of the Proudly Manenberg project.

"The chairperson questioned whether fraud was detected, and the chief financial officer replied yes. The internal audit report unearthed a number of irregularities including duplicating and invalid identity numbers for beneficiaries, differences between monthly beneficiary reports and site attendance registers, and the reported numbers for job opportunities created, did not reconcile with the maintained portfolio of evidence.

The report was forwarded with recommendations to the Department of Public Works Internal Audit Department.

"The community is questioning why when discrepancies were first detected by IPT in the audit, changes were not had with SAUS as

per the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). We are now awaiting the outcome of the investigation," Ms Pascoa said.

Both organisations have denied the allegations.

The Athlone News sent a list of questions to Mario Wanza, chairperson of Proudly Manenberg, but instead of responding to the individual questions, he replied "we have read the allegations and the response submitted by the IPT. The outcome of the portfolio committee hearings is that "the parties involved would get together to resolve the matter as further discussion would only lead to more confusion".

"Proudly Manenberg has consistently maintained that there has been no wrong doing on our part and have submitted all documents requested by the IPT when it conducted its investigation.

"We will await the meeting to be held by the portfolio committee and will answer all questions needing clarity.

"In the meantime we have a responsibility towards the people of Manenberg and will continue our work of building a new Manenberg.

There were also accusations that beneficiaries were being used for door-to-door campaigning for Mbuzwa, who was running as an

independent candidate for ward councillor in Manenberg, being exempt from deducting membership benefits.

"It was also explained to them that the beneficiaries could not claim money for public holidays as they were paid for each day they worked," Mr Thwain said.

Responding to allegations that he bought new furniture, a Plasma television set and a new car, Bonga Tshepo said "When these people think about the beneficiaries, Mr Thwain said, "When these people don't understand is that I am renting a property from a church, and our agreement is that I don't have to pay rent, but I have to take care of the maintenance of the house myself.

"As far as my car is concerned, I drive a 20-year-old vehicle. It is very unfortunate that people make these allegations, which are only dividing the community.

"Our government funding stopped in January this year but we will keep on working with the community. Although these allegations are just personal issues people want to pursue.

At the moment Zion Pulse has 20 people doing voluntary work. Maviana Catherine Mabuzwa, chairperson of the Parliamentary Public Works Portfolio Committee, confirmed that an investigation is under way.

She explained that IPT needed

to give their financial audit report to the Department of Public Works, which will conduct an investigation and then present their findings to the committee.

She said that the main allegations raised at the meeting were the mismanagement of funds and that Proudly Manenberg funded Mario Wanza's campaign as an independent candidate before the local government elections.

Dr Nonhlanhla Gumede, acting regional manager for IPT in the Western Cape, said that they only funded Proudly Manenberg for the financial year 2009/2010 and Zion Pulse for the financial year 2010/2011.

"We only had one-year contracts with them and we only fund the wage components of the projects which they propose," Dr Gumede said.

But as what Ms Mabuzwa told the Athlone News about IPT's investigation of an audit report, Dr Gumede explained that the audit was merely an internal one and not a forensic audit.

Ms Mabuzwa said that she had issued the report to the Department of Public Works and they had to decide whether or not there is a need for a forensic audit to be conducted, which will determine whether the allegations carry any weight.