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PRESS STATEMENT

MARCH BY LEPHALALE YOUTH

The Mayor of Lephalale Local Municipality today 16 March 2017 received a memorandum of grievances from the local Progressive Youth Alliance at the Municipal Park next to the police station. The memorandum was also directed to investors which include Eskom Medupi, Matimba, Exxaro, and Lowveld Bus Services who were in attendance.

The Youth Alliance led by Chairperson, Marcus Madube, tabled a number of demands and that all companies in Lephalale must be part of a radical economic change that will unlock job opportunities and improve the lives of local communities.

Amongst their demands are that local communities should be the first to benefit from economic development taking place locally, companies doing business in Lephalale should not only concentrate on profit making but also on local entrepreneur development, companies to transfer skills to local employees, Companies like Eskom and Exxaro to avail land for implementation of radical economic transformation and address local unemployment challenge, proper accommodation for learners near their learning institutions, companies to contribute funds towards the Mayoral Bursary Fund which will assist students from disadvantaged communities especially in rural areas, Wi-Fi in all secondary schools and other strategic areas to assist disadvantaged communities to access the internet, scholar transport for students travelling long distances to education institutions, free sanitary quality towels to female learners and an investigation in to the recent SRC election which were reportedly not free and fair.

The Youth Alliance gave all company representatives fourteen (14) days to respond and outline plans on addressing their demands.



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In respond the Mayor, applauded the youth for exercising their right to march and following all legislative requirements of applying for a march and conducting themselves in an orderly manner “We did not hear any reports of disturbances of schooling or burning of infrastructure during the march. No looting of shops has been reported. That is an indication of political and civic maturity and no political leader can ignore you if you continue to conduct yourself in this progressive”

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