

## **WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR DURING INDUCTION OF WARD COUNCILLORS AT MOGOL CLUB ON 17 JANUARY 2017.**

- Programme Director
- Representatives of Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs. (COGHSTA).
- Representative of Waterberg District municipality.
- Councillors
- Sector Departments and other stakeholders
- Municipal Officials led by Municipal Manager, Mme Tukakgomo.
- Ward Committees
- Distinguished guests
- Media houses
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning and welcome to this important service delivery induction event. As municipality we view this event as very important as it is the formal orientation of our newly elected ward committee members. We are still fresh from local elections where our people gave us fresh mandate. The mandate of our people was very clear: They want improved service delivery. They want government to put people first. As politicians we made promises during our campaigns. All political parties that are represented in the council of our municipality made different promises during campaigns. Based on those promises, the people of Lephalale voted three political parties into the office; the ruling party which is the African National Congress (ANC), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and the Democratic Alliance (DA). Now that elections are over, all these political parties speak one voice in the council, the voice of service delivery. We work together as a collective political leadership to implement our service delivery mandate.

In order to fulfil our service delivery mandate, our government has put structures in place to assist councillors and municipal officials with service delivery commitments. One of those statutory structures is the Ward Committees. Ward Committees are the ears and eyes of our municipalities. They are our government's foot soldiers They assist our government to deliver services to our people. They don't replace councillors and Community Development Workers (CDWs); they should supplement them. They should assist our Councillors to implement "Back to the Basics" programmes. We don't expect any competition for political space between CDWs, Councillors and Ward Committees; we expect co-operation.

We hope this induction programme will assist to orientate our ward committees about their roles and responsibilities as well as their reporting structure.

I THANK YOU

**MOLOKO MAEKO**

**MAYOR**