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ANC NOT PLEASED TO BE TOLD THAT THEIR HOUSING PROMISES WERE ALL LIES

“The incompetence and corruption of the housing department has left City residents vulnerable.

These residents continue to wait in shacks, backyards and overcrowded homes, with hope that they are listed on the RDP housing list.”

In last week’s Council meeting ANC members lashed out at DA PR Cllr Sizwe Mnguni when he presented his speech in which he referred to the ANC as a “BIG FAT LIE”.

“The ANC have always been big on false promises but I am glad that the people of South Africa will finally see what a *BIG FAT LIE* the ANC is,” said DA PR Cllr Mnguni.

“Free electricity and water was a LIE, food and security for all is A LIE, million jobs promised by President Jacob Zuma was a LIE, ANC is a lie!” he said.

Mentioning the ANC as a lie in his speech angered ANC members who demanded that he retract his statement, supported by the Speaker, he was forced to retract his statement.

Cllr Mnguni had to shorten his speech, as his mention of ANC’s flaws caused quite a commotion and stir in Council on Thursday, November 27.

The DA feels that if the ANC-led government had listened to them in making the housing list transparent there would be less corruption.

Cllr Mnguni asked a bold question which he had to rephrase for the sake of not being called to order again. “Was the RDP just a lie for the ANC to win votes, or ridiculously revised as, ‘was the RDP not the truth, for ANC to win votes’?”

The MMC for housing did not attend two previous committee meetings, but was present at Council. However kept dodging the bullet by giving a long irrelevant history lesson on politics, instead of answering the questions he was meant to.

Cllr Mnguni along with community members want to know how long the Kliptown Golf Course residents will remain without water, despite paying for services?

What will happen to children who lost their parents in the long wait for an RDP house? Is it okay for them to continue living in shacks?

And what about the elderly people, who are still waiting to get into their RDP houses, will they ever live to see that day?

The DA is set to see leadership, integrity, discipline and transparency implemented in the housing department.

The DA is also of the opinion that the only way an optimistic future can materialise for the many hopeless homeless people, is if the DA is in power to help make this happen.

“If the DA was governing, we would build RDP houses for the elderly and give young people better housing opportunities and jobs,” concludes Cllr Mnguni.

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