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Pikitip crisis: DA calls for urgent council meeting

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The DA has today written to the Speaker of Council of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Constance Bontle Bapela, requesting she urgently convene a special council meeting to discuss the Pikitip strike, and resolve an immediate solution.

Residents across the city are in desperate need of relief from this horrendous health risk, and council needs to make a binding resolution to bring the strike to an end.

The discovery of dormant bubonic plague in a dead rat near Midrand should serve as a stern warning of a potential health catastrophe to Mayor Parks Tau's administration.

Council must immediately implement a no-work, no pay policy, and immediately fire striking workers who can be positively identified breaking the law, vandalising public and/or private property and carrying out intimidating behaviour.

Mayor Parks Tau has shown an enormous vacuum of leadership and must now categorically put resident's needs before ANC-alliance partnerships.

Unions cannot hold the health of Joburg to ransom.

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