

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



## SECOND ASSEMBLY

### THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

*No. 23 of 2019*

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### **Address to the Assembly by the Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe, Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa pursuant to Standing Order No. 26.**

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**Hon. Members**, I have the following communication and directions to give;-

#### ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY BY A VISITING DIGNITARY.

Hon. Members, this is a further communication on the anticipated address by **the Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa, Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe** Pursuant to the Provision of Standing Order No. 26 on Address by the Senator or visiting dignitary.

Hon. Members, the Gauteng Provincial Legislature is the legislature of the South African province of Gauteng. It is a unicameral body of 73 members elected every five years. The current legislature, the sixth, was elected on 8 May 2019 and has an African National Congress majority of 37 members. The legislature is housed in Johannesburg City Hall in central Johannesburg and today we are privileged to have the **Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Speaker, Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe here with us today.**

#### ABOUT OUR GUEST

Hon. Members, Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe started her political activism during her teen years, participating in the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) while in high school, and subsequently extended her activism to the South Africa Youth Congress (SAYCO) and later Africa National Congress (ANC) Youth League.

Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe remains a dedicated and active member of both the ANC, and the Women's League where she served as Regional Secretary. She has served as a chairperson of the Regional Executive Committee in Ekurhuleni. In May 2010, she was elected as Provincial Treasurer of ANC in Gauteng.

At the dawn of democracy, she was elected as Mayor of the Nigel Transitional Local Council serving from 1995 to 2000. When the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality was established, she was elected as a ward councilor as well as **the Speaker of the**

**Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality Council from 2001-2006.** She was subsequently re-appointed as the **Speaker of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality Council in 2006 a position she held until July 2008.** She then served as an Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, until the time she was appointed Gauteng Member of the Executive Council - MEC for Health and Social Development in November 2010 and MEC for Local Government and Housing in 2012. Her excellent work in the public sector saw her being elected as the Speaker of the **Gauteng Provincial Legislature, a position she held from 2014 to date.**

Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe holds various tertiary qualifications which include a certificate in Municipal Development Programme, a Diploma in Local Government, a Diploma in Human Resource Management, a Diploma in Adult Basic Education and a Diploma in Public Management. She has obtained a graduate certificates Degree in Leadership and Governance from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and a Project Management Degree from the University of Cape Town. She is currently studying towards a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration.

Her sterling performance has earned her an award for being the **Best Woman Councillor in Local Government in Gauteng in 2007.** She has been involved in several major projects and campaigns, such as the renaming of the O.R Tambo International Airport.

Hon. Ntombi Mekgwe is also serving in the following Organisations of Committees:

- i) Trustee of Mpho Modi Trust and Ntombi Mekgwe Foundation Board;
- ii) President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Gauteng Branch;
- iii) Chairperson of the Gauteng Speakers Forum;
- iv) Member of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians;
- v) Executive Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature Multi-Party Women's Caucus;

Now therefore, Hon. Members, it is my privilege and honor, to invite **the Hon. Ntombi L.H Mekgwe, Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa** to address this Honorable Assembly of the Nairobi City County.

Welcome Madam Speaker.

**The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, CBS**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**