



***MONTSHIWA RALLY***

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***SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT***

Ladies and gentlemen, our country has come to a cross road and now, you have the power to change the political landscape of South Africa. As I said at the Federal Council and Thanksgiving, held on the 26/02/2011, that now is the time to face the challenges of THE United Christian Democratic Party, and deliver on the mandate given by you, the UCDP members on the 29/01/2011.

We need to model change in the leadership values, work hard to earn people's trust especially in the upcoming local government elections. Should we win this municipality we'll ensure that your needs are met day in and day out across the municipality.

I am here to bring forth a message that is clear and concise because I'm not interested in political jargon, political manipulations and lies. My interest is people, and those people are all of you gathered here today to listen to me. I shall speak on what I know and what I stand for. I will make commitments on things that I believe you all deserve and that I know UCDP is capable of delivering. I will not be afraid to pledge accountability because if I'm able to stand and pledge delivery in return for your votes, then I shall be accountable to you.

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Today I am here in my capacity as woman, a compassionate woman, a servant of the people, a mother and lastly as the President of UCDP. I'm here to say "Yes indeed, the UCDP is ready to deliver where others have failed. Others have failed in an embarrassing way. Yes, the UCDP pledges affordable and dependable service delivery. Yes, the UCDP has its feet sunk deep into ensuring that at all time we display a model of leadership that is accountable, accessible, responsible and morally correct. We are firm in our patriotism, South Africa is our home, we have no where else to go, we want the best for you, for South Africans, because when you live the best lives possible, our children live better lives and we all benefit.

➤ of unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape.

The building of RDP and low cost houses must be a well planned process by qualified Mafikeng Local Municipality is one of the five municipalities that fall under Ngaka Modiri Molema Municipality. It has 31 wards, 102 villages and suburbs. The total area of the Municipality is 3 703km<sup>2</sup>. This research was conducted by stats SA 2007 and the population of the Municipality is estimated at 290 228 people. Besides the support and interventions made by the North West Provincial Government, the MLM was previously(2003/2004 financial year) under intervention in terms of section 139 (1)(b) of the constitution relating to the matters of poor governance, financial management, administration and service delivery.

In 1996, the retail supply of electricity and gas was assigned to MLM, however the licence agreements were withdrawn and handed to Eskom. Some of the powers and functions which were allocated to MLM, in 2000 were shifted to the District municipality in 2003. These included the provision of potable water supply, domestic waste-water and sewage disposal. the municipal health services were shifted to the District municipality in 2004. A further shift occurred in 2005 when the roads function was moved to the district municipality.

Financial challenges that are facing the municipality are :

- Revenue collection for services rendered and property rates levied are extremely low.
- Need to address significant amount of outstanding consumer debts.
- Significant under-provision for bad or irrecoverable debts
- Grants for capital expenditure being used to fund operating expenditure.
- Adopted budget for 2010/2011 is structurally imbalanced.
- Salaries and administrative costs are extremely high.
- 2008-2009- 11,7 million negative net cash in financial year
- 2009-2010- 60.9 million negative net cash in financial year

The state of roads in Mahikeng are intollerable, potholes are every where. One needs a PHD to drive around (potholes doging skills). Refuse removal remains a challenge in this municipality, the question is if we have general workers who are being paid to do this why aren't they doing their work, and what is the municipality doing about this? These very same people are drawing salaries from the municipality every month.

There are villages like Ramosadi and Seweding that are plagued by high levels of crime such as ; cable theft, house breaking and rape. If in the IDP document of Mahikeng installation of high mass lights was prioritised we wouldn't be addressing this issue. There is also money that is transferred from the Department of Transport, Roads and Community Safety, that is aimed at addressing crime prevention project in Mahikeng. The money has been allocated to the CPF( Community Police Forum) of Mahikeng. Our challenge in Mahikeng is accountability.

Should we gain control of this troubled municipality we shall:

- Empower local citizens and allow them to participate in the planning and implementation of development policies.
- We aim at ending the top-down governance and really give an ear to what people want.

- We shall build the capacity of those elected in positions.
- Development funding must go directly to local government and avoid creation people and not just comrades and cronies. We'd like our people to have beautiful planned houses and not the ugly shapless things that the ANC has insulted us with

UCDP, presents men and women of integrity, who understands the value of human lives, who honours and respects mankind as our candidates today. We are saying to you that *For Affordable, Dependable, Service Delivery, Vote UCDP.*

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