



**CITY OF JOHANNESBURG**  
**COUNCILLOR EUNICE MGCINA**  
MEMBER OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE  
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

**Media Statement**

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**MMC MGCINA WELCOMES SAPOA HIGH COURT JUDGMENT**

The Member of the Mayoral Committee for Development Planning in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Eunice Mgcina, has welcomed the judgment delivered on 22 November 2023 by the Gauteng Local Division of the High Court against the South African Property Owners' Association (SAPOA).

SAPOA's interdict application against the City to implement the Development Contribution Policy was dismissed with costs, which included the cost of two counsel.

In applauding the judgment, MMC Mgcina said it affirmed the City's long-held view that the policy was approved after due process and that in its current form, the policy was lawful, rational and reasonable.

"The City is grateful that the court agreed with the City's standpoint that the purpose of the policy is to introduce a single development contributions policy and not to introduce an entirely new approach as was incorrectly suggested by SAPOA.

"The purpose of the policy is to create uniformity across the City in levying contributions, to provide legal certainty and to regulate the applicability of development contributions," said Cllr Mgcina.

The City will implement the policy after publication of a notice in the Gauteng Provincial Gazette.

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