



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Member of the Mayoral Committee

Councillor Mlungisi Mabaso

Human Settlements

Media Statement

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MMC Cllr Mlungisi Mabaso warns public of impersonation scam.

The Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Human Settlements in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Mlungisi Mabaso, has issued a strong and unequivocal warning to the public regarding a scam involving a fake WhatsApp voicenote and a falsified identity document bearing his image.

The scam falsely purports to be a message from Cllr Mabaso. It alleges that he is nearing the end of his term of office and solicits payments from residents in exchange for housing opportunities. The message further makes reference to a construction company purportedly owned by the MMC.

"This is a scam. Neither I nor the Department will use non-existent accounts or WhatsApp for Human Settlements business. There's no construction company owned by me." says Cllr Mabaso.

The MMC categorically dispels any existence of this voicenote and fake identity document.

Residents are strongly advised not to engage with, respond to, or act upon any such messages. All official communication from the MMC is disseminated strictly through recognised departmental platforms and verified personal accounts.

All incidents relating to this fraudulent activity have been formally reported to the relevant authorities. Cllr Mabaso has called for an urgent and thorough investigation to safeguard both his reputation and the interests of residents. The public is urged to report any suspicious messages or activities associated with this scam to local law enforcement agencies without delay.

Cllr Mabaso urges the public to be vigilant and exercise caution, as such scams often target vulnerable citizens seeking housing assistance.

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