



THE COMMUNITY BASED PLANNING – BUSINESS SECTOR

Greetings to our Chair of Chairs in the Legislature – Cllr Salphina Mulauzi
MMC for Economic Development, Cllr Lawrence Khoza
All Business Sector Stakeholders present on the Platform
All City Officials on the platform
Ladies and Gentleman,

Good Afternoon,

We continue to meet under the new normal which was created by the Covid-19 pandemic and the regulations of the lockdown, resulting in the virtual meetings that we have been holding for the Community Based Planning consultations.

The participation of communities in the formulation and implementation of development plans is important for service delivery and deepening democracy in the City of Johannesburg. This is because participation is a key planning tool that ensures the fulfilment of community needs and interest.

Most of us will know, that the constitution requires local government to include its local communities in the planning process of the future of the city, and this planning process begins with Community Based Planning (CBP).



The CBP establishes a participatory process to mobilise communities in what is meant to capture what they see as their desired outcomes on issues that are affecting them in their community, and in this instance in their sector. The CBP processes are an important contributor to the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Business is the backbone of our economy, and we note the myriad of challenges faced by the sector, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. In a city that continues to attract people from all provinces, the continent and the world, who are looking for better economic opportunities and quality of life - strengthening partnerships with the business sector is an imperative for the sustenance of the sector, our City and for improved Integrated Development Planning.

Therefore, participation of the business sector, in this planning process remains key, as this ensures that Local Economic Development issues are fully reflected in the Integrated Development Plans of our metropolitan municipality. I wish to encourage robust input today as it is through your active engagement that we can create better conditions for businesses and plan better for the prosperity of our communities.

With that said, you are all welcome, MMC Khoza, over to you....