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Your Ref:	Our Ref:
Room 201, Bram Fischer Building	Date: 29 March 2021

Clr AP Terblanche
Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

Dear Councillor Terblanche

RESPONSE TO RULE 38: UNFAIR REMOVAL OF FAMILIES AT ALPHA FLATS IN HEIDEDAL

Your letter dated 25th March 2021, with regard to the above-mentioned matter refers.

- 1. What is Mr. John Matlali's job description in Mangaung Metro Office in Heidedal?
 - To oversee the rental office in Heidedal
 - Responsible for the transfer of properties in Heidedal
 - To oversee rental stock of Heidedal and to keep order thereof.
- 2. Who gave him the right to put a pregnant Michelle Comhout and Sherman Cornellessen out of their flat? While there are other illegal youngster who are illegally occupying the flat. Why are they not removed?
 - As indicated above, they occupied the flat illegally. The office is currently dealing with the challenge.
- 3. Why the councilor is never informed regarding these evictions and problems?
 - This is administration work and not political
- 4. Why was Metro Police called without the councilor knowing?
 - It was administrative and they were called to maintain law and order.
- 5. Who gave them the right to move people out as well their furniture? What is happening to their furniture?
 - There was no furniture. They only had blankets.

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- 6. The councilor did ask Mr. John Matlali urgently for the list of people who are eligible to move into the flats. Why is the list not available?
 - The waiting list is only available for administrative purposes
- 7. Why did John Matlali call SANCO (South African Civic Organization) for this eviction and not the councilor?
 - No official called SANCO
- 8. What is going to happen to the couple and their unborn child? As far as I know they were sleeping on Norman Doubell Hall steps on the Friday evening?
 - It was by choice, there is accommodation at Alpha number 32 where they have been residing all this time.

9 and 10. The office will contact the Councillor to arrange for a meeting as requested.

Yours faithfully.

Adv. Tankiso Mea



COUNCILLORS

25 March 2021

To: THE CITY MANAGER: Adv. T Mea Mangaung Metro Municipality.

Further To: THE SPEAKER Mr. MA Siyonzana

Further To: THE ADMINISTRATOR TEAM Adv. Mofokeng

Further To: HOD Human Settlements Adv. Phaladi

BY E-MAIL

BRAM FISHER BUILDING, BLOEMFONTEIN 9301

Dear Public Officials

RE: Unfair removal of families at Alpha Flats - Heidedal

I refer your attention to Rule 38 of the Standing Rules and Orders that states:

38.1 Any member may submit a question requiring a written reply from any political office bearer, the municipal manager or senior manager of the municipality, concerning any matter related to the effective performance of the functions of the municipality and the exercise of its powers, provided that a written notice of such a questions has been submitted to the Speaker or chairperson and the municipal manager at least 10 (ten) days prior to the councillor committee meeting and the political office bearer and the City Manager shall ensure that the member receive a written reply at the meeting.

38.2 If after the question has been replied to, a member is of the opinion that the reply is not clear or satisfactory, he or she may with the permission of the speaker or chairperson, request a follow-up question, follow -up question should be in writing.

38.3 All questions duly given notice of and all responses submitted shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

I am referring you to an article in the Volksblad dated 16 March 2021 (see attached).

Could you please answer the following question?

- 1. What is Mr John Matlali's job description in Mangaung Metro Office's in Heidedal?
- 2. Who gave him the right to put a pregnant Michelle Cromhout and Sherman Cornelissen out of their flat? While there are other illegal youngster who are illegally occupying the flats. Why are they not removed?
- 3. Why was the councillor never informed regarding these evictions and problems?
- 4. Why was Metro Police called without the councillor knowing?

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- 5. Who gave them the right to move people out as well as their furniture? What is happening to their furniture?
- 6. The councillor did ask Mr John Matlali urgently for the list of people who are eligible to move into the flats. The councillor is still awaiting these lists of
 - people who applied for accommodation,
 - the existing tenants as well as the
 - 2room houses in Heidedal that belongs to the Municipality, why is it not available?
- 7. Why did John Matlali call SANCO (South African National Civic Organisation) for this eviction and not the councillor?
- 8. What is going to happen to this couple and their unborn child? As far as I know they were sleeping on Norman Doubell Hall steps on the Friday evening.
- 9. Appointments were made with Adv. Phaladi and Mr Mzingisi Nkungwana, but still awaiting feedback. Can they please contact me urgently so that we can discuss the matter?
- 10. Numerous Appointments with Adv. Phaladi was made by councillor to discuss the radio interview regarding housing in Heidedal, but to no avail.

Looking forward in having a written reply at our next council meeting.

Sincerely.

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