

DA-led coalitions survive despite ANC's desperate power grabs

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This motion is an exhibition of a spectacular lack of political foresight by the ANC.

There is no doubt that it was initially tabled with the intention to be a chest-beating festival following its short-lived efforts to remove DA Mayors in Johannesburg and Ekurhuleni.

As fate would have it, it has now become a major source of embarrassment for the ANC. So much that even the original sponsor of the motion, Honourable Hadebe, has now ducked like a skilled purse-snatcher to dissociate himself with this motion.

The miserable task of defending his party's failed political thuggery to collapse DA-led coalition governments has now been dumped on the shoulders of a hapless backbencher, spewing hot air.

Honourable Members, the events of the past two months have exposed the desperation of the ANC to loot these metros.

They are now collaborating with political gangsters in the Patriotic Alliance to return to power by hook or crook.

In Johannesburg, they were dazzled by the tantrums of the Queen of Chaos, Colleen Makhubele, to launch the shortest political coup in history, only for the courts to restore the DA-led coalition to power.

In Ekurhuleni, the ANC had one mission and one mission only: to disrupt service delivery by destroying a coalition government led by the DA without a tangible plan to establish a functional government.

All of these failed attempts to return to power in these metros reveal the real character of the ANC.

It does not care about service delivery to residents.

Its primary obsession is to regain access to municipal funds to pay salaries for Luthuli House staff and for the 2024 elections campaign. So broke is the ANC that it now wants the media to pay to cover its national conference.

The DA remains faithful to working with parties who share values to form coalitions that deliver services to all residents.

For as long as we are in power, we will strive to keep the taps running. We will collect your refuse on time. We will clean your neighbourhoods consistently. And we will account openly for every single cent we spent to improve the quality of life in these metros.

To our coalition partners who were loyal to the coalition agreement to restore a government that delivers to its residents, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve with you in Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Tshwane and Nelson Mandela Bay.

To the people of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Tshwane and Nelson Mandela Bay be rest assured that DA-led coalition governments will serve you diligently and with integrity.