



Date:	06 May 2025
To:	The President of the Republic of South Africa Mr Cyril Ramaphosa The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa The Minister of Finance Mr Enoch Godongwana
From:	CJ Steyl MPL
Subject:	Second request to expedite Section 139(7) intervention in the Ditsobotla Local Municipality

Dear Sirs,

Following my letter dated 05 March 2025, attached, requesting your urgent consideration to place the Ditsobotla Local Municipality under Section 139(7) national government administration, the matter refers:

1. On Sunday, 04 May 2025, at around 04:00 am, there was a shootout in a confrontation between Lifeways Security Company, contracted by the former Municipal Manager, Olaotswe Bojosinyane, and the legitimately appointed municipal security company, Eagle and Springbok Security, resulting in the injury of one individual;
2. The standoff ensued following a High Court order and a Supreme Court of Appeal rejection to appeal this High Court Order rejecting the reinstatement of Olaotswe Bojosinyane. The altercation occurred to evict the private security from the municipal premises;
3. On 05 March 2025, former MM Olaotswe Bojosinyane called an urgent Special Council meeting in Mahikeng to consider the removal of the Speaker and Mayor, and where Cllr Cllr Molefe Morutse (ANC) was illegitimately elected mayor, and Cllr Manana Bogatsu (EFF) legitimately elected Speaker;
4. Since then various court judgements have confirmed the legitimacy of the Cllr Mazwi Moruri as the mayor, Cllr Jairus Modisakeng as the Speaker and Rasupang Mooketsi as the municipal manager.

As you would appreciate, the situation in Ditsobotla is untenable and continues to deteriorate resulting in a second violent confrontation and shootout while basic service delivery continue to deteriorate.

We called for the permanent employment of public order police units to maintain order, the public peace and to protect critical municipal infrastructure subject to vandalism. Sadly, this request has not been considered. We have today written to the National Police Commissioner to deploy public order police units to secure the municipal buildings.



Our request under Section 139(7) include:

1. A fully funded financial recovery plan administered by National Treasury;
2. An independent financial forensic audit;
3. An independent skills audit of all management;
4. Lifestyle audits of all elected political office bearers and municipal management;
5. Disciplinary action to remove compromised politicians and municipal officials from office and prosecution of all individuals complicit in criminal activity;
6. The recruitment of skilled, qualified and experienced officials through a fair and transparent process without any political influence; and that,
7. The Asset Forfeiture Unit must recover all losses identified in the forensic audit.

It is our submission that the national government's intervention under section 139(7) can no longer be delayed.

We look forward to your urgent and favourable consideration in the interest of Ditsobotla residents.

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North West Provincial Legislature
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