

Office of ActionSA Provincial Chairperson & Caucus Leader Gauteng Provincial Legislature

To: Hon. Solly Msimanga, MPL - Leader of the Official Opposition Democratic Alliance –
Gauteng

From: Funzi Ngobeni, ActionSA Gauteng Provincial Chairperson & Caucus Leader Gauteng
Provincial Legislature

Date: 24 October 2025

Subject: *Re: Proposed Motion of No Confidence in Premier Lesufi*

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 23 October 2025 regarding your intention to table a motion of no confidence in Premier Panyaza Lesufi.

ActionSA welcomes all initiatives that seek to strengthen accountability and improve governance in Gauteng. However, as a matter of principle, we believe that any motion of this nature must be guided by a clear and credible plan for what happens after it succeeds. A motion that lacks a defined governance alternative risks being reduced to symbolism rather than a genuine solution for the people of this province.

It must also be said that many of the shortcomings you highlighted in your letter, from maladministration to poor leadership, could have been avoided had the Democratic Alliance not supported Mr Lesufi's nomination to the office of Premier in June 2024. That decision placed Gauteng under the very leadership your letter now seeks to remove.

While we recognise that political parties may, from time to time, reconsider earlier positions, such reconsideration must be approached with transparency and sincerity. The DA must use this moment to apologise to the residents of Gauteng for its historic misjudgement in that moment of GNU euphoria. Only then can your proposed motion carry the moral authority required to correct what your party helped create.

Should this motion represent a genuine attempt to correct that course, ActionSA will engage it constructively but our position will depend on the substance and feasibility of the proposal, not on political convenience or media optics.

From a purely arithmetic standpoint, it must be acknowledged that a motion of no confidence requires at least 41 votes to succeed in an 80-seat Legislature. The current balance of forces makes this outcome highly unlikely without broader consensus among major opposition parties. For that reason, we encourage the DA to first pursue serious engagements with the numerically decisive blocs, including the EFF and MK Party before seeking the participation of emerging caucuses such as ActionSA. Building consensus among the primary opposition forces would demonstrate seriousness of purpose and strengthen the credibility of any proposed motion.

For the record, our organisation's name is **ActionSA**, and is expressed as such in full and when abbreviated not "ASA." This is not a trivial distinction - it represents the identity and integrity of a movement that has earned public trust through principle and performance. We therefore expect that all future correspondence reflects our correct name, as a matter of accuracy and professional respect.

ActionSA remains committed to working with all parties that share our vision of ethical, lawful, and people-centred governance in Gauteng. Our focus remains on solutions, not theatrics; principle, not political point-scoring.

Yours sincerely,

Funzi Ngobeni, MPL



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