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To: The Executive Mayor Hon. Clr. Yandiswa Vara

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Municipal Manager Mr. Kate

Chief Financial Officer Ms. Ntsangani

SUBJECT: Urgent Request for Clarity on Temporary Withholding of Makana Municipality's **July 2026** Equitable Share.

Dear Executive Mayor, Speaker of Council, Municipal Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Chairperson of MPAC,

It has come to our attention through a National Treasury media statement that the July 2026 Local Government Equitable Share allocation due to Makana Municipality has been temporarily withheld.

This development is of grave concern, particularly because Council has never been formally informed that National Treasury had initiated a process that could ultimately result in the withholding of one of the municipality's most critical revenue sources.

It is our understanding that before such drastic action is taken, National Treasury would ordinarily engage the municipality and communicate its concerns well in advance, affording the municipality an opportunity to make representations or implement corrective measures. If such correspondence was indeed received, Council should have been informed and afforded the opportunity to exercise its oversight responsibilities.

Considering this, we request urgent written clarification on the following:

1. When did the municipality first receive correspondence from National Treasury regarding the possible withholding of the equitable share?
2. Why was Council not informed of this matter at the earliest opportunity?
3. What were the reasons advanced by National Treasury for withholding the allocation?
4. What remedial steps, if any, were taken?
5. What immediate intervention plan has been developed to ensure that service delivery and the municipality's financial obligations are not compromised?
6. Has National Treasury indicated what corrective actions are required before the equitable share can be released?
7. When will Council receive a comprehensive report on this matter?

Given the seriousness of the situation, we further request that this matter be treated as one of urgency and that a special Council briefing be convened without delay to allow councillors to fully understand the implications and the municipality's recovery plan.

The withholding of an equitable share allocation has significant implications for service delivery, employee obligations, creditor payments and financial sustainability of Makana Municipality. Council cannot fulfil its constitutional oversight mandate if critical developments of this magnitude are not communicated timeously.

We therefore expect a comprehensive written response and urgent action plan.

Yours faithfully,



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(By email)