



Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the on the event of the burial of Florina Mosele Maphalla, mother to MMC Simon Maphalla on the 15th January 2011, in Orange Farm, Johannesburg Metro

Programme Director,

Comrade Simon Maphalla & the entire Maphalla family;

Sedibeng Members of Mayoral Committee;

Fellow Councillors;

Reverend;

Representatives from the ANC;

Alliance Partners & Leagues here present;

Fellow mourners le setjhaba seteng kwano;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Distinguished Guests;

It is said that when a man or a woman is separated from any of his parents through death, it becomes a defining moment in that person's life. It becomes defining in the sense that one does not have the benefit of counsel and advice from a reliable and ever-present source. A feeling hits you that

you now have nowhere else to go. Ka Sesotho re ye rere “Raka le shwetswe ke Molebo”

To our colleague, Comrade Simon Maphalla and Family, we say “it is indeed not so because some of are still here and would play that role though no she would have done. It is a defining moment in that we really find the opportunity to celebrate a life well lived”.

This community which has come here today, is proof enough that you have support and people you can look up to for advice. We in the Sedibeng District Municipality are here to stand by you in this hour of need and beyond.

In our interaction with you, Ntate Maphalla, it was evident for all of us to see that you indeed come from a strong upbringing. This could only have been possible with a mother, a pillar of strength, a provider and a mentor which Mme Florina Mosele Maphalla could have been.

Fellow mourners, our engagement with Ntate Maphalla has come to show us where his wisdom and strength of character comes from. The passing of our mother, Mme Mosele has robbed us of our anchor and guiding light. It is in her passing that we are expected to preach her teaching and guidance. It is her passing that we are afforded the opportunity to come forth and spread her teaching.

We take comfort in her Christian teaching. We know that she is at one with her Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. This is so because her trust in the Lord was her central message throughout her life. We are blessed by the presence of her children and grand-children amongst us. They serve as a reminder that we indeed had our own angel among us.

Proagramme Director, allow me to remind the Maphalla Family and neighbours, to find solace in the Father, God the Provider. He will in his mercy and grace, find a way to console us. For it is in Him that we will find everlasting peace. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Mme Mosele has been called upon to fulfill her role and duties in heaven above. She has completed her responsibilities here on earth. She raised her children and family in the respect and fear of God. There are many rooms in my Father's mansion, if it were not so, why would I tell you so, Jesus Christ our Saviour tells us.

Mme Florina Mosele Maphalla, your room in the Father's mansion was prepared and is waiting to receive you. The reception committee of the angels is waiting for you. Your well deserved rest and peace is waiting for you.

I am very much sure that you will agree with me when I say that, having realized that Mme Maphalla gave birth to a leader like Comrade Maphalla here, she will convey our regards to our ancestors asking them to be with us we enter the electioneering mode.

To the Maphalla Family, I call on you to trust in the Lord, let his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. His will has been done, He loved and loves us enough to lend us Mme Mosele for the beautiful life she has lived. Let us allow her to return back to her Father, God the merciful.

Morena Modimo one a adimile, mme o latile. Tshedisehang ke hona.

May her soul Rest in Peace

Ke a leboha