

Media Statement by RISE Mzansi Gauteng

RISE Mzansi once again forces dud Mayor Morero to do his job

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Following sustained public pressure by RISE Mzansi National Chairperson, Vuyiswa Ramokgopa MPL, alongside residents and local businesses, the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero, has once again come out of hiding. This time to deal with Sandton's "Big Hole" on the corner of Pretoria and Catherine Avenues, in the heart of the economic hub's CBD.

While we welcome the long overdue move to deal with the long-standing issue, we want to caution the Mayor against treating service delivery as a public relations exercise – only reacting when residents, political parties and the media apply pressure. Service delivery is the Mayor's job, and residents from Regions A to G deserve to receive quality services.

The decay of Johannesburg is not an accident - it is deliberate and the direct result of uncaring and negligent politicians, and a Council too busy to hold the Executive to account. Service delivery cannot be switched on only when foreign dignitaries visit; it must be the daily reality for ratepayers and residents who keep this city afloat.

The Bomb Squad and Presidential Johannesburg Working Group have clearly failed to make an impact on the service delivery needs of Joburgers; and such an admission must be made.

RISE Mzansi is building a movement of residents who refuse to accept the rapid decay of Joburg as a normal part of life. We say: enough with the rot; enough with the stunts.

Johannesburg needs new leaders with a plan — not comrades with a plate. We therefore call on Johannesburg residents to hold the Council and the Mayoral Committee to account in the 2026 Local Government Election.

Joburg needs new leaders who put people before politics, restore accountability, and rebuild this city.

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