



## **YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF SOUTH AFRICA**

### **FREE STATE PROVINCE**

### **JOSIE MPAMA DISTRICT**

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL DECLARATION**

**25 June 2017**

*One step forward two steps backwards Document by Vladimir Lenin*

*'When a prolonged, stubborn and heated struggle is in progress, there usually begin to emerge after a time the central and fundamental points at issue, upon the decision of which the ultimate outcome of the campaign depends, and in comparison with which all the minor and petty episodes of the struggle recede more and more into the background'. Taking steps towards constructive achievements but ending up take steps towards deconstructive idea which of lastly we taking takes steps to deconstructive mode.*

We, the delegates representing branches of the Young communist League of South Africa (YCLSA) Josie Mpama District convened at our district council from Friday 23 June to Sunday 25 June 2017 at Mimosa Gardens (Parys), to engage on the work and tasks confronting the YCLSA under the theme: "Building Fighting Soldiers for Socialism". The District Council was graced by the presence of Acting Provincial Secretary of the YCLSA in Free State, Provincial Spokesperson of the SACP and the District Leadership of the Party, COSAS, and ANCYL. The Council received revolutionary support through the messages delivered by leaders representing these organizations.

We Welcome the President's pronouncement to establish a commission of inquiry on corporate capture of the State. We hope for speedier implementation since non-implementation of his pronouncement will take the efforts to fight improper influence and corruption two steps backward. The commission must get to the facts around this matter which has created a dark cloud around our movement and its leaders.

We welcomed the message of the ANCYL in Fezile Dabi Region and their call that the YCLSA must rescue and guide the current weak PYA relations. As YCLSA we commit to this call of guiding and leading this process to ensure that youth development is on the agenda of all spheres of government. We will ensure that the PYA convene a meeting within a week to engage and share the programmatic resolutions arrived at in our commissions a part of basing our relations on a common programme. A strong PYA will resonate well in honour of the late Cde Sthembiso Dabi who was passionate about youth development and always preached the unity of the PYA.

We the YCLSA in Josie Mpama District we are committing to the call of cease fire by the Acting Regional Secretary of the ANCYL in Fezile Dabi Region. However, it must be clear that it is our primary task to defend and protect the SACP/YCLSA and its Leaders. We are therefore reiterating in this year of unity in action as inspired by the life of OR Tambo, that the call to remove the Provincial Secretary of the SACP as a Speaker of Matjhabeng Municipality is opportunistic and factional and fly in the face of building the unity of the alliance.

The SACP as the political organization was formed as a party of power, the council reiterated and put it very clearly that we will do everything in our power to ensure that the calls being made by workers and the communities for party to contest elections as an independent political organisation is resolved on at the coming 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SACP. The need for SACP to contest state power is arrived at after analysing the state of the national democratic revolution. The Council is closing on 25 June, the same date the Freedom Charter was adopted.

The Council agreed of the need for YCLSA to work tirelessly for the building and strengthening of structures of the YCLSA in all areas in the district and give practical meaning to building popular power by ensuring that we vibrate in our communities and play an active part in all sectors of the society. YCLSA will strive for and seek to influence various youth formations in our communities.

As YCLSA we want to commit to mobilize LGBT community and jointly champion their interests in this sector. We stand with women as we know there can never be a revolution without women. As young people we have a responsibility of being in the forefront in exposing and isolating all criminal elements among us who abuse women and children and squander the future of society. We agreed that our branches are to convene branch meetings that will discuss and implement practical solutions as agreed upon in the council on how to make their communities safe, as well as strengthening community policing forums, not only to condemn gender based violence and rape culture but to stop such. This gathering must also involve community members to further engage on what causes this problem in society and what more can be done to stop them. We reiterate the call that killing our women and children can't be fashionable and moral regeneration is a necessity in our society.

We are disappointed by the Council of Metsimaholo Municipality for not adopting the budget and the IDP for 2017/2018. These imply service delivery to community, majority of whom are young people will be negatively affected. We are further disappointed by some councillors of the EFF for openly agitating community for supporting their populist and illegal call of free for all society. We urge our community not to buy this populist call of no budget. We want to urge the council of Mafube Municipality to permanently resolve issues of workers to avoid the Mangaung metro situation.

We supported the call for free quality education for the poor. We however want to put things in correct perspective for our fellow comrades in PYA, that they need to stop misleading young people that minister of higher education is the only one responsible for Free Education. We are committed to free education for the poor as part of our commitment, and we want to call our PYA comrades to arrange a March jointly to Treasury Department to redirect the budget of Nuclear to higher Education. If willingness to fund the unnecessary nuclear power is there, surely willingness to fund the important free education must get political will and support.

### **Conclusion**

As Council delegates we commit ourselves to the struggle for socialism in our lifetime and will continue to adhere to the political guidance of the SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY .This is our revolution; we will defend it, because it is only us young people who can liberate ourselves

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