

Some ANC councillors 'giving false hope of jobs'

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THE DA-led administration in Tshwane has warned of "unruly" ANC councillors who were out to hoodwink communities into believing they had powers to employ them.

Mayoral spokesman Samkelo Mgobozi said the councillors collected CVs from people in Mabopane, Winterveld and Princess Park, and promised them Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) jobs.

The councillors were exploiting an undertaking made by mayor Solly Msimanga during the state of capital address, that he would create 23 000 EPWP jobs within the next financial year, he said.

According to Mgobozi, the councillors were misleading communities because the recruitment process for the EPWP jobs had not yet started.

He said the city wished to place it on record that it was not presently accepting CVs for the promised jobs.

"The city is alive to the fact that ANC councillors are misleading vulnerable people and collecting CVs in areas such as Mabopane, Winterveld and Princess Park with the false promise of placing applicants in the programme," Mgobozi said.

But the ANC regional deputy chairperson and leader in council, Mapiti Matsena, challenged the DA to disclose the names of the accused councillors.

"The ANC is not aware of any party member who is collecting CVs. The responsibility of the recruitment process is not the work of councillors.

"The DA must just give the ANC the names of councillors so that we can deal with them," he said.

Matsena said the DA could liaise with its council chief whip who would in turn communicate to the party.

MMC for Economic Development and Spatial Planning Randall Williams said the latest stunt by ANC councillors was nothing but a malicious gimmick to confuse the residents of the city, and had to be condemned in the strongest terms.

"Access to opportunities like jobs offers people a chance to improve their lives and provide for their families. The ability to work is key to personal dignity, and the city is committed to creating opportunities for more people to find jobs, earn money and support their families. In so doing we endeavour to make cities and towns drivers of job creating growth," Williams said.

He said creating EPWP job opportunities for the city people was at the top of the city's priority list to ensure a growing economy.

He said if the objective was to be achieved, the city would require a conscious society to identify when they were being misled by unscrupulous councillors.