

# Women's league vote for Masualle

## PEC 'overwhelmingly' supports third term

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**T**HE ANC Women's League in the Eastern Cape has endorsed a third term for Phumulo Masualle as party provincial chairman.

This follows their PEC meeting last weekend, which deliberated a wide range of social issues although the provincial succession battle took centre-stage.

With Masualle and Oscar Mabuyane frontrunners for the chair in July's elective conference, the women's league decided that Masualle's re-election would deepen unity.

Eastern Cape ANCWL secretary Nolitha Ntobongwana said: "The meeting overwhelmingly agreed that cadre Phumulo Masualle is the one capable of carrying the aspirations of the ANC in the province premised on unity in action.

"We agreed that, during his term as ANC provincial chairman, he has fulfilled his obligation of being the custodian

of unity, hence we agreed that his re-election to this same position in the upcoming ANC provincial conference is in the best interests of the ANC."

The ANCWL believes a Masualle-led ANC in the province will deliver a national democratic revolution centred on women.

The league further endorsed another term for finance MEC Sakhumzi Somyo as Masualle's deputy, and they want public works MEC Thandiswa Marawu to also keep her position as provincial treasurer. There was no decision on who should be provincial secretary and deputy other than both must be women.

"On the position of the secretariat we collectively agreed to bring in new faces, with specific preference to women coming from the ranks of the ANCWL in the province and further agreed to be considerate of young and energetic comrades as our country is getting younger every day," added Ntobongwana.

A favoured candidate of the WL for secretary is known to be

Ntobongwana. The pro-Masualle grouping now has at least five names to ponder for the position, with former ANCYL deputy president Andile Lungisa and former youth league provincial leader Mziwonke Ndabeni, Intsika Yethu manager Zamuxolo Shasha and Thembeni "Cashy" Samuels also in the running.

Other items deliberated at the meeting including the exit of General Motors from SA, "pseudo-pastors", and violence against women and children.

The league is organising a march protesting violence against women and children on June 8. It will start at Bhisho stadium and proceed to premier Masualle's office to hand over a memorandum addressed to him, provincial police commissioner Major-General Liziwe Ntshinga and acting Judge President Zamani Nhlangulela.

The ANCWL also endorsed the Molo Mmelwane (Hello Neighbour) campaign aimed at reviving ubuntu in communities.

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