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A GROUP of EPWP (Expanded Public Works) traffic warden/patroller trainees have accused the MMC for Public Safety and Gauteng Transport Department officials of side-lining them from possible employment as part of the Joburg Metropolitan Traffic Department (JMPD) recruitment process.

The outcry comes just a week after the Public Safety MMC in the City of Joburg, Dr Mgcini Tshwaku, announced the appointment of 200 pointsmen and women, recruited to manage the seven regions of Joburg's traffic-logged intersections due to load

shedding and vandalism of traffic lights.

The bulk of those who did not make the cut, and whose contracts are ending this Friday, include 14 young people from the coloured community and about 60 members from black communities who said they were promised permanent jobs at the end of their one-year term.

"We feel let down by the MMC and HOD. We underwent interviews and when it was time to be shortlisted, we were told that we did not make it," said one candidate, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Another recruit from Soweto said: "We were trained and promised that

once permanent vacancies are available, we would be considered. However, this time around, only a few of us made it through the mandatory criminal and fitness checks."

Bishop Dulton Adams, at the centre of negotiations, protests and pickets with the JMPD last year over the exclusion of coloured youth from government jobs, said he would be meeting with the affected young people this week to find a solution to their plight.

City of Joburg spokesperson Nthatisi Modingoane said: "All JMPD EPWP interns' contracts end on January 31. The employee/employer terms do not allow for the contract terms to be discussed with the media."