



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG
Councillor Jack Sekwaila

MMC: Environment and Infrastructure Services

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MMC MEDIA STATEMENT

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PIKITUP employees are not on strike.

The Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department, Cllr Jack Sekwaila, wants to clarify that Pikitup employees are not on strike. We are concerned about the false allegations circulating on various social media platforms, especially TikTok, claiming that Pikitup employees are on strike.

A video posted on TikTok by Democratic Alliance leader Helen Zille falsely claims that Pikitup employees are on strike. This statement is misleading and false. We urge residents to ignore the content of that video.

These actions show a worrying trend where political leaders spread false information, causing unnecessary panic among residents. It is immature to use lies as a tool for political campaigning.

Cllr Jack Sekwaila described these claims as both irresponsible and misleading. "It is distasteful and irresponsible for high-profile political leaders to spread falsehoods for political gain at the expense of residents. Misleading the public in this way undermines their right to accurate and credible information," Sekwaila stated.

“The residents of our city deserve factual and reliable communication. I urge them to exercise caution and verify information before accepting claims circulated on social media, especially when such information is promoted for narrow political interests,” he explained.

Residents are also encouraged to verify any concerns by calling Pikitup’s call center at 010 055 5990 or reaching out to their local depots, the contact numbers for which can be found on the official website.

www.pikitup.co.za.

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Issued by the Office of the MMC for Environment and Infrastructure Services
Cllr Jack Sekwaila.

