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DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS

CALL FOR ELECTION OF WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Public participation is a vital part of our democracy; it allows for citizens to get involved in how their communities are governed.

Section 73 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998(Act 117 of 1998), requires that municipalities must establish Ward Committees as a primary means to enhance participatory democracy.

These Ward Committees provide a vital link between Ward Councilors, the community and the municipality. They allow for members of communities to participate in municipal planning, monitoring and budgeting to address their direct needs. They also help improve communication between local municipalities and communities.

MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE FREE STATE PROVINCE WILL HOLD ELECTIONS FOR WARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE PROVINCE ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS.

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (CBOS, NGOS, CPFS, SGBS, FAITH BASED ORGANISATIONS, TRADITIONAL LEADERS, etc) ARE ALL URGED TO REGISTER ON WARD BASED MUNICIPAL DATABASE OF STAKEHOLDERS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS.

THESE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN DIFFERENT WARDS FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ELECTIONS OF WARD COMMITTEES AND ABOUT THE WORK OF WARD COMMITTEES, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF YOUR MUNICIPALITY.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS IN YOUR HANDS, LET'S MAKE IT WORK!