

**28 OCTOBER 2018**

**STATEMENT BY FORMER DA COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS: SUZETTE LITTLE, SHAUN AUGUST, SIYA MAMKELI, THULANI STEMELE AND GREG BARNARDO**

***MMUSI MAIMANE IS DISHONEST AND NOT TO BE TRUSTED.***

***WE HAVE INSTRUCTED AN ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE ACTION AGAINST HIM AND THE DA FOR DEFAMATION***

On Thursday 25 October 2018, and during a meeting of the Cape Town city council, we announced our resignation from council and as members of the Democratic Alliance.

We did so individually and after each of us had taken a long considered personal decision about our future in the DA.

Each of us did so for our own reasons.

However, it soon became clear that there is significant commonality in what brought us to make our decisions.

The party is racist, dishonest and unethical. It is a total sham.

On Friday 26 October our conclusions about the party were confirmed when Mmusi Maimane was reported, by the media, to have said that the reason we left the party was because the Bowmans investigations had implicated us.

In fact he is reported to have said the Bowmans report “*made serious findings against these people. They must be investigated.*”

Later on Friday he released his newsletter Bokamoso. In that Bokamoso Maimane writes (our emphasis):

*“But now that a credible forensic investigation by credible legal firm has allegedly implicated them in tender irregularities, the DA is suddenly a racist party.”*

*These five councillors have resigned, claiming racial victimhood. Can it be coincidence that they have suddenly decided the DA is racist now that they stand accused of maladministration?”*

Maimane and the DA are just as unethical and dishonest as we found them to be whilst inside the party.

There are two Bowmans report. Neither of them make any findings against any one of us.

In fact neither of the reports even mention our names.

Maimane, and the DA, have launched a dirty tricks campaign against us.

This is surprising given that they said our leaving the party was of no consequence to them and that they wished us well.

Clearly they intend to use the might of their media machine and money to try and destroy us.

As unemployed former councillors, without an income, we will have to be the brave Davids standing up to the bullying Goliath.

On Saturday 27 October we instructed an attorney to assist us take action against Maimane and the DA for his false and defamatory statements.

Our attorney demanded that he retract the false and defamatory allegations against us in the same manner in which he made them:

1. By issuing a media statement; and
2. By publishing another Bokamoso newsletter.

In both cases he is to apologise unequivocally for making false and defamatory allegations against us.

Maimane has until 18h00 on Monday 29 October 2018 to comply failing which we intend to sue him and the DA.

See attached copy of our letter of demand.

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