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**The Congress of the People (COPE) welcome the resignation of Johannesburg Executive Mayor, Cllr Kabelo Gwamanda.**

For immediate release:

His decision to step down comes in response to persistent demands from Joburg residents and various political parties, who have expressed concerns about the deteriorating condition of the Metropolitan Municipality under his leadership.

COPE appreciates its working relationship with Mayor Gwamanda and extends its best wishes for his future endeavors.

As we move forward, COPE is committed to collaborating effectively with the incoming Mayor. Our priority is to see Johannesburg's financial stability restored and to place the city on a trajectory toward long-term prosperity.

We look forward to the new Mayor's leadership in addressing the challenges facing Johannesburg and hope the new administration will work diligently to restore the city's image.

Our vision is for Johannesburg to emerge as a world-class African city, reflecting the values and aspirations of its diverse population.

COPE remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that enhance the city's growth and development, ensuring that the needs and aspirations of all Johannesburg residents are met with urgency and commitment.

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