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COGTA CONDUCTS VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN DIPALESENG

On the 12th July 2016, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs conducted a Voter Education Programme for local residents at the Grootvlei Community Hall, led by the Member of Mayoral Committee for Infrastructure Services & Corporate Services, Cllr Ahmid Nazeer Carrim as delegated by the Executive Mayor.

Community members listened attentively as the different speakers took to the podium to address them. The Independent Electoral Commission rendered an informative presentation its mandate as an organisation.

Sustaining the gains of democracy achieved back in 1994, taking ownership of local government and electing public representatives into the municipality were some of the reasons stated by Mr. John Nkosi, the IEC's Outreach Coordinator why individuals should exercise their constitutional right and democratic duty.

He went on to further outline the requirements to be eligible to vote such as; being a South African citizen, be 18 years and older, be in possession of bar coded ID/ smart card or temporary ID and appear on the voter's roll.

He concluded with taking the house through the voting process from the point of entry where your identity documentation gets checked against the voter's roll, getting inked, issuing of three ballot papers, the actual voting done behind the voting booth. Each step was clearly explained to the community and the reasons behind them.

Mr Micheal Ntuli, Regional Manager from the Department of Home Affairs was also in attendance to share information on the acquisition of appropriate documentation as required by the IEC for the upcoming elections.

Communities are further encouraged to exercise their constitutional right and vote on the 3rd August 2016.

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