

## PROFILE – CLLR PULE JOSIAH SHAYI

Cllr Pule Josiah Shayi was born on 30 June 1972 in Mashishimale village where he grew up and attended school. After completing his Grade 12, he enrolled at Mapulaneng College of Education, where he acquired a Senior Primary Teaching Diploma. He furthered his studies and obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Honours in Media Studies from the University of South Africa (UNISA) and a Certificate in Local Government Law and Municipal Administration from University of Pretoria. He recently graduated from the Wits Business School. He is currently enrolled with UNISA for an LLB.

He cut his political tooth at Mapulaneng College of Education and was an active member of South African Student Congress (SASCO). He was elected SASCO Political and Education Officer of the college in 1994. After completing his Teaching Diploma, he became an active member of the African National Congress (ANC) and its Youth League (ANCYL) at Mphiko Malatji respectively.

His youth activism includes serving as the District Deputy Secretary for the South African Youth Council (SAYC), ANCYL Ba-Phalaborwa Sub-Regional Secretary from 2001-2003. He was later elected to serve as the ANCYL Ba-Phalaborwa Sub-Regional Chairperson in 2004-2007. In 2005, he was elected as ANCYL Mopani's Regional Secretary. He also served in numerous trade unions and alliances such as South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO), South African Democratic Teacher's Union (SADTU), South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) and South African Communist Party (SACP).

He diligently served in the ANC where he is currently a member of the REC and RWC. He has vast experience in the Local Government Sphere and Public Service acquired from several institutions including Department of Basic Education, Mopani District Municipality, and Office of the Minister for Public Service and Administration, Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

In 2015, he visited Beijing in China on a Political Development Programme at Party School with Communist Party of China. He served as the Mayor of Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality from the 16th of August 2016 until 07th June 2019. He is currently serving as the Deputy Secretary of SACP Lawrence Phokanoka District. He is the current ANC Norman Mashabane Regional Chairperson. Cllr Shayi also serve as the Provincial Chairperson of SALGA. He is the former Mayor of Ba-Phalaborwa local municipality and the current Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality.