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# ***MEDIA STATEMENT***

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## **SALGA expresses its sincere condolences on the passing of Emalahleni Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Linah Malatjie**

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) expresses its sorrow and condolences for the death of Emalahleni Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Linah Malatjie and her husband, Esau Malatjie, who passed away in a car crash on Monday morning, 3 January 2022.

Mayor Malatjie served on the SALGA National Executive Committee and was the Chairperson of the Rural Development and Public Works Working Group. She was re-elected as the Mayor of Emalahleni Municipality in Mpumalanga following the 1 November 2021 local government elections, made an indelible contribution not only to the communities she served in the municipality but also to the local government sector at large.

Serving as a member of the SALGA Mpumalanga provincial executive committee (PEC), Mayor Malatjie was an amazing and inspirational leader. Thanks to her rigour, professionalism and immense body of knowledge about local government affairs, which she generously shared, the organisation, municipality and the broader municipal government sector benefited considerably from this, and her passing is a profound loss.



She will be dearly remembered as a strong and committed leader with a clear vision for Emalahleni, who always kept her door open to her colleagues and local government stakeholders.

SALGA once again expresses its deepest condolences to her friends, family, and colleagues at this difficult time. She will be sorely missed.

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