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Our ref: Ms JL Bhengu
Your ref: Committee Secretary, Mr Vhonani Ramaano

Date: 18 September 2019

**THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
CAPE TOWN**

Per email: Dppvacancy@parliament.gov.za

Dear Sir

RE: NOMINATION OF ADV. FEZEKA MAGANO FOR A POSITION OF A DEPUTY PUBLIC PROTECTOR

1. I am Janet Lungile Bhengu, the Managing Director at Mahlathi Dlamini Bhengu Inc. I am a practicing attorney of the High Court of South Africa and senior attorney of over 15 years experience in the practice of civil litigation; arbitration; Conveyancing and Notarial Practice etc. I am also a member in good standing of South African Women Lawyers Association (**SAWLA**), Black Lawyers Association (**BLA**) and Legal Practice Council, Gauteng (**LPC**).
2. I am responding to publication by the Portfolio Committee on Justice & Correctional Services calling on nominations of suitable candidates for appointment as Deputy Public Protector.
3. It is a pleasure and honour for me to nominate Advocate Fezeka Magano, a practicing Advocate and a member of the Johannesburg Bar Counsel of Advocates. I met Ms Magano in 2014 in Johannesburg High Court where she was arguing a matter for a client. I was quite impressed by the display of professionalism, eloquence and due regard for the law displayed in that matter so much so that I had to ask for her contact details.
4. Since then I and my other colleagues started briefing her on various matters ranging from family law, personal injury litigation, commercial litigation and human rights matters. She has a passion for human rights and has represented asylum seekers and under-privileged members of the community.

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In one of our matters she represented an under privileged woman in a case for custody of a minor child. The child had been separated from his mother due to a previous court order awarding custody to his father. In this matter she showed so much dedication even though the client did not have money, but she was prepared to fight for a just cause, and she did that successfully.

5. Advocate Magano is also an activists for equal access to justice for all. She also has been championing together with BLA the fight of South African Black legal practitioners who are suffering as a result of racial inequity in the legal profession, and inadequate representation of historically disadvantaged lawyers in South Africa. Adv Magano is also a Chairperson of South African Lawyers Association where she is still fighting for equal representation of female lawyers in government work and commercial work. She is also working very hard to mobilise us women lawyers to organise ourselves so that we can have a voice in the male dominated legal profession.
6. In my engagement with Advocate Magano, I have come to have a better understanding of her qualities. Not only her exceptional intelligence and her being a wise counsel, but also her integrity, her thoughtfulness and her consideration of others. Advocate Magano is held in high regard by colleagues, attorneys and the clients she represents.
7. Adv. Magano has strong work ethic and continually searches for ways to improve herself. Whatever she undertakes to do, she does it whole heartedly. She is a person of vision, determination and rare courage. I am aware of the responsibilities in the Public Protector's Office and I am comfortable in endorsing her name. I have complete trust in her both professionally and personally. I have no doubt that if she is appointed; she will make a positive difference for South Africans.
8. I attach hereto her acceptance of nomination, resume, ID copy and educational qualifications.

Yours faithfully



**PER: Ms LUNGILE BHENGU
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The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services
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Sir

RE: **ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT FOR VACANCY OF DEPUTY PUBLIC PROTECTOR**

1. Kindly be advised that I hereby accept the nomination for appointment for the vacancy of Deputy Public Protector.
2. Kindly further do not hesitate to contact writer for any queries herein.

Yours faithfully

Adv Fezeka Magano

LEADERSHIP: AL PLATT SC (GROUP LEADER), APS NXUMALO (DEPUTY GROUP LEADER)
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Adv. Fezeka Magano (née Nzuzo)

	<i>CURRICULUM VITAE</i>
BIBLIOGRAPHY	Born 09 December 1978 Black Female Married South African Citizen
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	Valid Driver's Licence Self Employed John Bisseker Secondary School Senior Certificate 1996 IBN computer school Computer software – 1997 Damelin Business School Marketing and business management – 1999 Walter Sisulu University (WSU, formerly UNITRA) LLB Degree – 2006 Admitted Advocate – 2010 Pupilage – 2011 CCMA Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation certificate – 2012

<p>RELEVANT EXPERIENCE</p>	<p>Tshiki & Sons Incorporated (Eastern Cape) Candidate Attorney April 2004 to April 2007 (registered for a 5yr term of articles of clerkship while studying part-time.)</p> <p>Transport and Allied Worker’s Union of South Africa Legal officer (July 2008 - August 2009)</p> <p>Admitted, advocate - 17 February 2010</p> <p>Independent Advocate, member of Group Level 4 Advocates March 2010-January 2011</p> <p>Pupilage (2011)</p> <p>Member of Johannesburg Bar Council since 2011- todate</p> <p>Appointed, part –time CCMA commissioner (2012-2015)</p> <p>Appointed, chairperson of Tax Board (2013 to 2018)</p> <p>Member of the General Council of the Bar Human Rights Committee (2013 – 2014)</p> <p>FAIS OMBUD Assisting with determinations - 2013 (6 months)</p> <p>Special Investigating Unit (SIU) investigations (Forensic investigations) Forensic Lawyer – 2014 (5 months)</p>
<p>EXPERTISE</p>	<p>Civil Litigation with core areas of practice being High Court litigation in the following areas of law: Labour law Immigration/Refugee law Delictual Claims</p>

	<p>Administrative action</p> <p>Tax</p> <p>Contracts</p> <p>Commercial</p> <p>Property law</p> <p>Forensic investigations</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>Chairperson: SAWLA (South African Women Lawyers Association) GAUTENG</p> <p>Deputy Chairperson: BLA (Black Lawyers Association) GAUTENG</p>
<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>Good written and verbal skills</p> <p>Excel under pressure</p> <p>Sober minded</p> <p>Focused</p> <p>Independent thinker</p>
<p>References</p>	<p>Thandeka Duma Office Manager and Attorney Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme Durban Lawyers for Human Rights [Formerly Head of Detention Monitoring Unit and Attorney at the Johannesburg Lawyers for Human Rights office]</p> <p>Boniswa Nkoana Attorney: State Attorney-Johannesburg</p> <p>Ismail Hussain Retired Judge of the High Court of South Africa</p>