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PART THREE: Item 11 - Municipal Demarcation Board proposals on the re-determination of the Kungwini Municipal Boundaries.

There are a lot of unanswered questions in this report. We were told at the programming committee that this change has already been finalized. Also that this is a political decision! The CDP's concern is for Kungweni itself, which has benefited from the income from Silver Lakes etc in the past and could be impoverished if we take it away from them. As this item has not been debated in a committee there has been no opportunity to thoroughly consider and anticipate the results from this decision and therefore make an informed ruling. If this is in anticipation of a future new Provincial and Municipal concept then the CDP must place its opposition on record to this item. After all we are in the dark and therefore can do nothing about any possible future plans.

Annexure A.1 number 2

Reviving the City of Tshwane's Contractual Election Obligation to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)

Stalin has been quoted as saying that it is not the voting which is important but it is the counting of the votes that matters. In other wards there are ways and means of controlling the outcome of elections other than through the voters.

To me it is interesting that at Polokwane certain delegates expressed their concern with the electronic system for the counting of votes. Is this not significant?

If one examines the past Local and National elections there have been some interesting discrepancies in more than one or two voting districts. When something happens once it is an accident. When it happens twice it becomes negligence but when it happens five or six times it takes on a whole new meaning and becomes purposeful and not by accident but by design.

There were Voting Districts where there were no votes for the ANC but the figure had been placed next to a new obscure party that no one really knew anything about. This served to manipulate results. When things like this happen one needs to question our system and ultimately the final results. This was picked up in the National Election and there were at least three that I know of and it happened in our Local Election in an insignificant voting district in Temba. There would have been no way that one would have seen it normally unless one was actually looking for it.

When the head of the IEC visits our Executive Mayor, and when we receive a report in the Annexure A that has not gone through a committee, and the City Manager has been given authority through the report to put in place a committee to assist with the elections at local level - we need to question this. There is too much political interference with our elections as it is. But when it is so blatant it must be pointed out.

The reason why the CDP (a member of the Christian Democratic Alliance) is concerned is because the City Manager is an ANC appointee and the Executive Mayor is a member of the ANC. Doesn't it look to you as if the ANC has been given the authority to set up the Election structures of the City?