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STATEMENT ON ARBITRATOR RULING

We welcome the Safa arbitrator's ruling that set aside the appointment of the tainted Electoral Committee and has directed that the Safa Cape Town Congress to take remedial action. We have been vindicated by the ruling. A new independent Committee will now have to be appointed so that the elections for the Regional Executive Committee can be properly conducted in accordance with their statutes, like it should be. We are confident that a truly independent new Electoral Committee will confirm that our nomination for President (Eric Gum), is indeed a valid nomination. We remain firmly of the view that a change is needed, and we know that many LFA's share that view. Mr. Gum who is a former Safa Cape Town Vice-President and former President of our LFA, is suitably qualified and highly respected in football circles. He has assured us that if elected, his priority will be Safa Cape Town and he will not be occupying positions in various other structures, while serving as President of the Region.

We will also be putting names forward of people who are suitably qualified to serve on our Electoral Committee, who are not currently involved in the DC structures of Safa Cape Town and in any way compromised by institutional, structural and operational conflicts of interest. We will submit names like Romaney Pinnock (former Safa Head of Womens Football) and chair of local Sasol League club, UWC executive, Myolisi Gophe who is a former President of Mandela Park LFA, Ryder Mkhutswana, City Councillor and former President of Khayelitsha LFA, Luvuyo Naphakade, senior Provincial Government official and former President of Crossroads LFA, PJ Williams former Tournament Director of Bayhill Tournament and former Executive member of Mitchell Plain LFA, retired school principal Isaac Arendse who is former PSL referee and former Safa Cape Town Appeal Board member, Goolam Allie, well-known long-time football servant at all levels of the game, Attorney Darryl Roelf who is a former professional footballer and

currently chair of Motsepe League club and Advocate Charles Simons at the Cape Bar, former referee and executive member of Northern Suburbs LFA and former chairman of Safa Western Province Appeal Board.

The above-named individuals are all respected members of our football community who will bring confidence to the electoral process. We call on Safa Cape Town to follow an open and inclusive process and give us members an opportunity to make input on this very important matter.


Langa-Ndabeni will also support the proposal by Athlone LFA that the REC should be trimmed to 22 members instead of the currently bloated structure with almost 40 members. This must be implemented immediately. That will make for better decision-making and more focused leadership. Our football can be improved with better leadership so that we once again regain the respect we once had.

 **Yours in Sport,**


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