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The persistent refusal of senior CPA official, Mr Naude, to see a delegation from the Langa community about their grievances is contemptuous in the extreme.

On Saturday 7th November, residents marched to the Western Cape Regional Offices of the CPA with a memorandum reflecting the problems they are experiencing in the area. The memorandum was received by a Mr Van Oirschoordt on behalf of Mr Naude who was not present.

The delegation made a second attempt to see Mr Naude this morning and were again told that he could not see them. They were, in addition, refused entry into the CPA offices which is a public building.

The memorandum relates to the unilateral restructuring of CPA departments and land sales that are taking place without consultation with the community. The community is, in addition, demanding that hostels in the area should be converted into family units and that houses for which they have been paying rents for many years should be handed over to the registered tenants. The overall demand is for the dissolution of the Ikapa structure and the appointment of an interim administrator to deal with the Langa Civic.

Currently all grievances from the Langa community are referred to the Ikapa offices in Guguletu, a situation which is unacceptable to the community on the grounds that it indicates an unwillingness on the part of the authorities to address issues specific to Langa with any seriousness or real attention.

The Langa delegation has made a third appointment to see Mr Naude on Friday morning at 10am. We call on Mr Naude to make himself available to receive a delegation representing the Langa community and to treat their demands with the attention they deserve.

Issued by Zou Kota, Member of the Regional Executive

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