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Matjhabeng Junior Council



Youth Participation in Democracy

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Introduction

Of the MJC

The Matjhabeng Junior Council (hereinafter referred to as the MJC) was established as a forum for high school learners (Grade 10 to 11) to broaden their knowledge of local government, with special reference to municipal matters, and also to understand the scope and extent of the functions performed by local authorities.

The MJC is not a political structure and participation by schools (state and independent high schools) in the Matjhabeng area is voluntary. The MJC is the responsibility of the Speaker's Office due to the governance focus of this forum.



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**Number of Members
of MJC**

The Matjhabeng Junior Council will exist out of twenty-seven (27) members, which will include seven (7) members as part of the Executive Committee, four (4) members as committee chairpersons and sixteen (16) members as part of council.

Overview

of the MJC

Vision

The Matjhabeng Junior Council (MJC) is committed to fostering a sense of civic responsibility among Grade 10 and Grade 11 learners in all 36 wards of Matjhabeng. Through our non-political programme, we aim to develop young people's skills, self-image, and leadership abilities, so that they can represent their communities as Ambassadors for the Matjhabeng Local Municipality. We provide opportunities for our members to enhance their community project management skills, broaden their knowledge of local government, and cultivate a culture of active citizenry. By doing so, we empower young people to become agents of change in Matjhabeng, creating a better future for all.

Mission

The Matjhabeng Junior Council (MJC) envisions a Matjhabeng where youth are empowered to become confident leaders, active citizens, and positive change-makers in their communities.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a platform for young people within the jurisdiction of Matjhabeng to be heard and participate in policy processes
2. To mobilise the active participation and support of its members and the broader community to rally behind the vision of the MJC
3. To design, organise and implement programs and projects aimed at facilitating youth development and support
4. To promote goodwill and networking between the schools within Matjhabeng and general public
5. Facilitate the creation of a learning environment in which young people interact freely under safe conditions
6. Attempt to mold and develop its members and leaders into future responsible citizens and leaders that will contribute to the nations building and well-being of South Africans

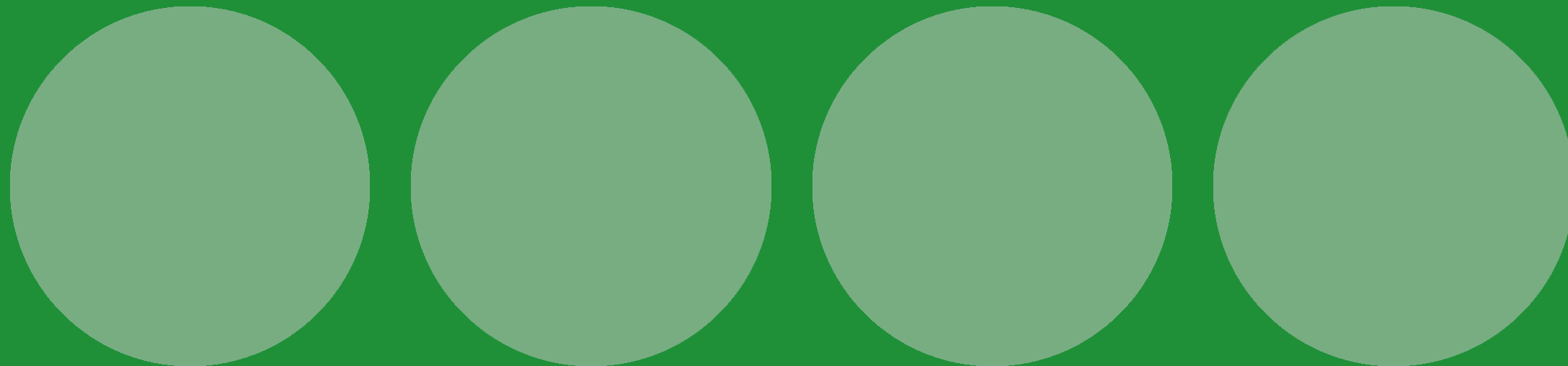


AIMS & OBJECTIVES

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7. Promote and encourage passion for and commitment to one's educational advancement as a mechanism to achieve the previous aim.
8. To design programs that promote positive and responsible lifestyle among youth
9. To attend various identified workshops and conferences which develop leadership capabilities and enhance intellectual development
10. To promote/help a culture of engaged and active citizenry in youth affairs
11. To raise funds and/or to support activities and charities of Matjhabeng



COMPOSITION

& Term of Office

- Change of membership shall be implemented at the end of every school year
- Participants will start term of office in either Grade 10 or 11, which junior council members will be in Grade 10 and senior council members in Grade 11

As outlined in the Constitution, Subsection 4.

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- Executive Mayor
- Deputy Executive Mayor
- Speaker
- Chief Whip

Auxiliary Committees

- Chairperson of Committees (4)

Administration

- Municipal Manager
- Secretary
- Financial Officer

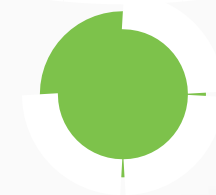
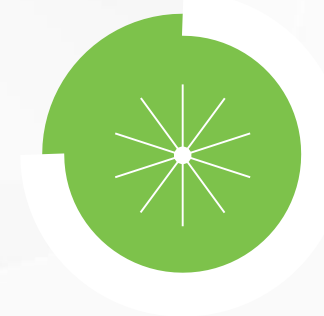
Members

- Senior Council Member
- Junior Council Member

MJC MEETINGS

Advancements in Agriculture

- The meetings of the MJC Executive Committee must sit twice (2) a month, or as directed by the mayor and/or mentors
- The meetings of the general membership shall sit once (1) a month, or as directed by the mayor and/or mentors
- The decisions of the meetings shall be based on a simple majority (50%)
- Absence – valid apology and reason can be awarded with the secretary
- The meetings will be conducted in a universally friendly language, which is English



CRITERIA

MJC Criteria

1.1 Criteria for panel of selection of MJC Members:

Introduction (5)	Ideas (5)
Public Speaking (5)	Environment Awareness (5)
Experience (5)	School Participation (5)
Neatness (5)	General Knowledge (5)

1.2 Criteria for panel of selection of MJC Floating Members:

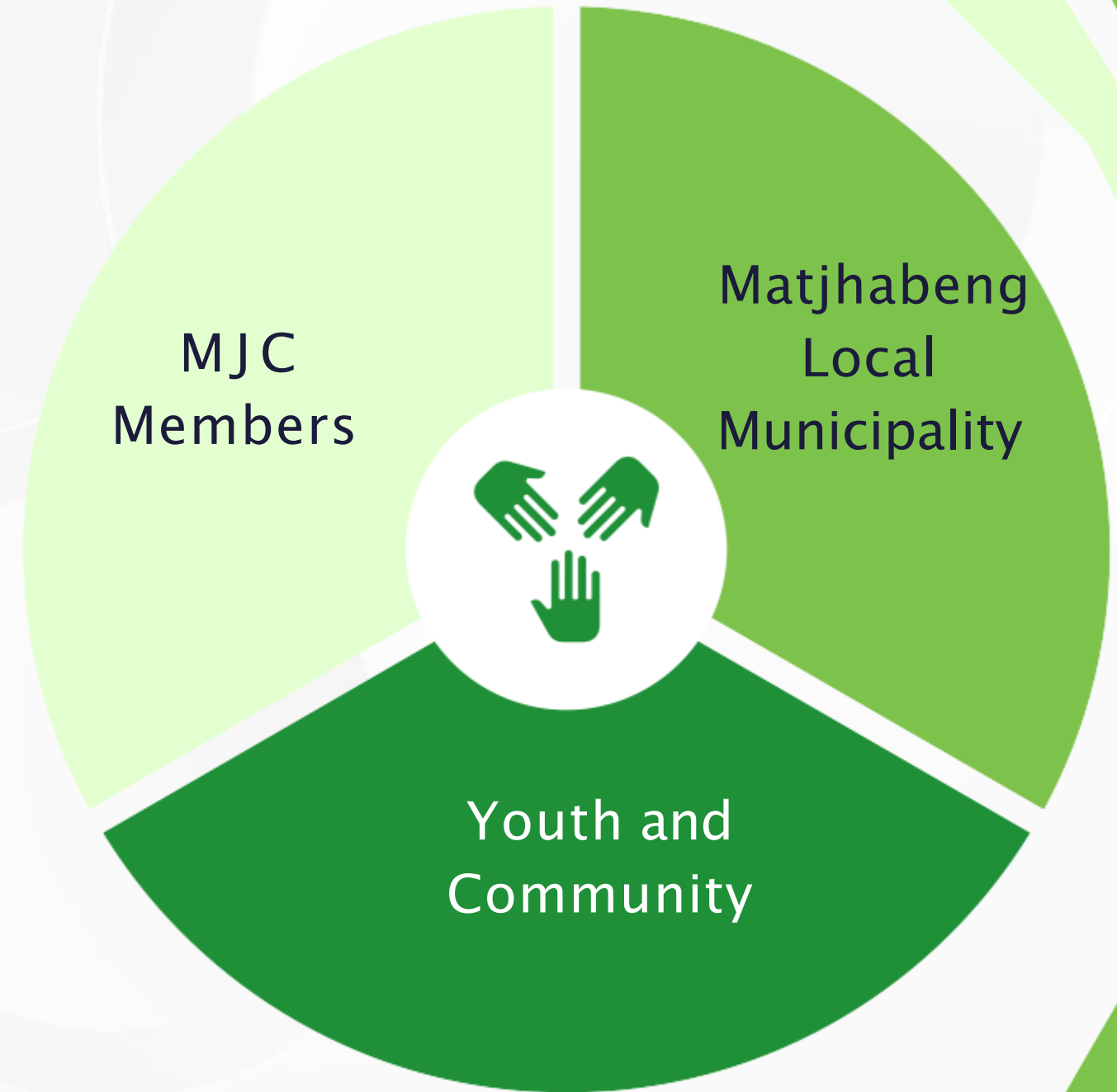
Introduction (5)
Public Speaking (5)
School Participation (5)
Ideas (5)

1.3 Criteria for voting of Executive Council Members:

Leadership Skill
Public Speaking
Appearance
Public Awareness
Administrative Skill
Organising Skill
Authority
Empowering

1.4 Criteria for voting of Chairpersons of Committees:

Leadership Skill
Public Speaking
Appearance
Administrative Skill



Q&A Session

Open to Questions and Discussion



Thank You

For your attention



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