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AL JAMA-AH welcomes the no confidence vote in CoJ Speaker

The Al Jama-ah Party welcomes the good news that the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) council speaker, Vasco Da Gama, has been booted out of power in a no-confidence vote. Da Gama was voted out in the early hours of Thursday morning during a CoJ council sitting.

Party leader and Member of Parliament Honourable Ganief Hendricks says “this is a sign of future success of small parties with deep roots in liberation movement being kingmakers”. Mr. Hendricks states that twenty odd years into democracy and the entire landscape in politics have changed.

“Never in our wildest dreams did we ever think those small parties with deep roots in the struggle will remove apartheid style big parties from power. Al Jama-ah is a small party with deep roots in the liberation movements. It has just been instrumental in removing an apartheid-based regime in a democratic SA. A victory for the people indeed and a victory for humanity” says Hendricks.

This country is ready for coalition governance and Al Jama-ah is taking the lead. The motion of no confidence was settled with 136 votes for the motion and 132 against it, resulting in Da Gama’s ousting. The no confidence vote was brought by the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) and seconded by the African People’s Congress (APC), the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and Al Jama-ah.

The party says wide consultations by the new co-governing structure will take place to ensure a Speaker who will be fair, impartial and not violate good governance practices. The previous Speaker carried out orders from a DA federal council.

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