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The Public Servants Association (PSA) condemns the behaviour of a senior politicians in Limpopo for hosting parties during the lockdown period in contravention of lockdown regulations.

The Ward Councillors in Limpopo's Vhembe and Capricorn Districts acted irresponsibly and in oblivion of the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the country. The Vhembe Councillor is also part of the Executive Committee as Head of Corporate Services at the Department of Corporative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs. It is furthermore deplorable that the one of the Councillors even recorded a video clip of her illegal party in which the Minister of Police, whose efforts to curb transmission of the virus are well known, is mocked. The Greater Letaba Municipality Mayor and his entourage also allegedly held a party where alcohol was flowing. The conduct reckless and irresponsible conduct of these individuals is unpardonable, considering their positions. Their celebrations were in contravention of COVID-19 Regulations and the President's lockdown declaration.

Persons who are tasked to demonstrate exemplary leadership cannot be allowed to flout rules and regulations and go unpunished whilst other citizens are heavily punished. The PSA is aware that the Councillors are currently suspended but believes that more stern action should be taken against them. The Mayor should also do the honourable thing and hand himself over to the police.

The fact that more than 130 public officials have already been arrested across the country for flouting COVID-19 regulations, demonstrates that too many persons entrusted with ensuring proper governance are not fulfilling their duties. An admission of guilt fine of R1 000 in such cases is a mere slap on the wrist.

Failure to act against these public servants will send a wrong message that certain individuals, by virtue of their positions, are above the law. Their actions are a brutal insult to all workers who are risking their health and safety whilst rendering critical services. The PSA calls upon the Premier of Limpopo to act decisively against these Councillors who have made a mockery of the country's costly battle against the virus.

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