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### **Media Statement**

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#### **City launches public participation process to rename William Nicol Drive after Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela**

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Geoffrey Makhubo today, paid respects to the free woman of the City of Johannesburg, the late Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela by leading a wreath-laying ceremony.

Today would have been Mama Winnie Mandela 84th birthday. In her honour, the Executive Mayor also launched the start of the public participation process which is intended to lead to the renaming of William Nicol Drive after Winnie Mandela.

“As the City of Johannesburg, we wanted to pay our respect today and officially launch the start of the public participation process to rename William Nicol drive after a motion of council was passed a year and a half ago, in order to honour Mama Winnie,” said Mayor Makhubo

Mama Winnie Mandela was a struggle icon, one of the first black social workers in South Africa who dedicated her life to the betterment of this

country. She was bestowed with the Freeman of the City award - the City's highest civilian honour. Until her last day, Mama Winnie was a resident of this World Class African City.

"The renaming of one of the City's iconic landmark is a result of council's commitment, which symbolises the immeasurable commitment of Mama Winnie to the struggle for humanity and liberating this country", added Mayor Makhubo

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