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The Committee Secretary
The Office of the Chief Justice
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Constitutional Hill
Braamfontein, 2017

Dear Mr Sello Chiloane,

**Re: NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ELECTORAL
COMMISSION**

In response to the call for nominations of a person to fill a vacancy of Member of the Electoral Commission to serve on a part-time basis, I hereby nominate Mr. Nkosikhulu Nyembezi.

Mr. Nyembezi is a South African citizen, fit and proper to hold the office, and is not at this stage holding a high party-political profile.

His involvement in the election observing and monitoring as part of civil society formations dates back to 1994 when he was part of a team that coordinated voter education, dispute resolution and election monitoring in the violence-stricken provinces of KwaZulu-Natal. He is a policy analyst, a researcher, and a human rights activist.

He has strength in Communications, Stakeholder Relations Management, Community Development, Conflict Management, and Research. He is a respected political and economic commentator who also serves as a studio resident analyst for Ukhozi FM, Umhlobo Wenene FM, and TruFM. He has written a number newspaper opinion articles and has been interviewed on radio and television on a wide range of issues. He has also published peer-reviewed work in academic journals such as *The Orbiter* on issues such as food security and class action against price-fixing by bread companies in South Africa. He has presented papers in national and international conferences on Human Rights, Anti-Corruption, Local Economic Development, HIV/AIDS, and Early Child Development.

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Between 2007 and 2013 he was the Advocacy Programme Manager and Spokesperson for the Black Sash. During this period he was also actively involved in policy and legislation development on a wide range of issues -- as part of a consultative process with NGOs, CBOs, research and academic institutions.

He has a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of the Western Cape, has research interests on election campaigns and voter trends, and has contributed articles into the Compendium of the Electoral Advancement Institute of South Africa. He enjoys spending time with young children that he serves by organizing educational toys, Graduation and Christmas Parties, and nutrition programmes through several agricultural projects. He enjoys spending time with family, friends, participating in annual cultural events and outdoor sport events such as The Big Walk.

Yours sincerely,



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On October 26, 2015, at 15:37, Nkosikhulule Xhawulengweni NYEMBEZI
<nyembezi.nkosikhulule@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ntuthu,

Re: Acceptance of Nomination to the Electoral Commission

Thank you very much once more for the nomination as a candidate to fill a vacancy of a Member of the Electoral Commission. I am honoured that your organisation has decided to submit my name and I accept the nomination. In accepting this nomination, I also declare my commitment to avail myself to attend and contribute in all meetings of the Commission, to serve impartially and independently, and to perform my functions as such in good faith and without fear, favour or prejudice. I am currently pursuing doctoral studies in political studies focusing on electoral democracy, and I if confirmed, I commit to serve the full term of office in order to contribute to stability and efficiency of the Electoral Commission. Please find attached my CV and ID copy, as requested.

Kind regards,

Nkosikhulule Xhawulengweni NYEMBEZI

Researcher, Policy Analyst, Human Rights Activist.

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CURRICULUM VITAE OF NKOSIKHULULE NYEMBEZI

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SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC HISTORY

NAME OF INSTITUTION: University of Western Cape
PROGRAMME: Masters of Administration in Political Studies
NAME OF INSTITUTION: University of Western Cape
PROGRAMME: Bachelors of Administration Honours in Political Studies

REFERENCES

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SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: Human Sciences Research Council
POSITION HELD: Research Assistant
RESPONSIBILITIES: 2015 to date participation in various research studies.

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Black Sash (www.blacksash.org.za)
POSITION HELD: National Advocacy Programme Manager
DURATION OF SERVICE: October 2007 to March 2013
RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible for managing programme on Consumer Protection and Social Security Services. Part of an organising team of a civil society national conference of consumer protection, debt and credit held in December 2008. Preparing for and participating in the National Poverty Hearings as part of the National Civil Society Forum's contribution to the hearings. Prepare and present submissions on various issues to Parliamentary Committees. Participating on various policy-making processes as part of a consultative process with NGOs, CBOs, research and academic institutions on a wide range of issues including; National Credit Act, Company Act, Consumer Protection Act, Social Assistance Amendment Act. Serve as a community representative in the Development Chamber of NADLEC. Serve as a key spokesperson for the Black Sash and responsible for writing op-ed newspaper articles and media interviews. (I have published in newspapers such as *The Witness*, *The Mercury*, *CapeTimes*, *Daily Dispatch*, *City Press*). Serve in Western Cape security forum chaired (May – September 2008) by the Provincial Police Commissioner to deal with xenophobic attacks. Prepared and presented position papers at various national platforms including various seminars in Parliament, Human Rights Institute of South Africa, Isandla Institute, Competition Tribunal, Human Science Research Council, etc. Published articles in various newspapers (such as *The Witness*, *The Star*, *The Mercury*, *CapeTimes*, *Daily Dispatch*, *City Press*) on education, health, socio-economic rights, unemployment and poverty alleviation programmes.

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Dance4Life (www.dance4life.com)
POSITION HELD: Schools Project Coordinator
DURATION OF SERVICE: June 2006 – May 2007
RESPONSIBILITIES: Dance4life is the youth component of the World AIDS Campaign. Develop content of the Life Skills programme that is implemented in schools through peer groups. Develop content of the Mobilisation programme that is implemented in schools through peer groups. Recruit schools and maintain contacts with schools involved in the Dance4Life programmes. Write/Edit overall reports for Board of Directors, donor organisations and other stakeholders. Organise an event/cultural programme for between 6000 and 9000 learners. Prepare content and participate in the bi-weekly radio show with LOTUS FM, a partner of Dance4Life. Produce and edit for the local and international website. Contributed in various research studies focussing on issues such as:- a) innovative methods to promote behaviour modifications for the youth in the fight against HIV/AIDS and teenage pregnancy which involved the use of dance and drama materials from the popular TV series called Tsha-Tsha.

NAME OF INSTITUTION: U.S. Consulate General - Durban
POSITION HELD: Political/Economic Advisor
DURATION OF SERVICE: May 2000 – April 2006
RESPONSIBILITIES: Assist in arranging visits by the Embassy Officers and U.S. Government officials to meetings and conferences. Provide briefings and oral/written reports on topics of interest to the U.S. Mission. Prepare KZN reports for the SA Chapter of the U.S. Department of State *Annual Human Rights Report*. Co-ordination of election monitoring projects for both national and municipal elections. Coordination of exchange programmes of up to 40 participants a year coming from various sectors such as education, health, justice, political parties, parliamentarians etc.

NAME OF INSTITUTION: XIII International AIDS Conference
POSITION HELD: SkillsBuilding Convenor
DURATION OF SERVICE: September 1999 – April 2000
RESPONSIBILITIES: Part of an organising committee for the conference attended by 9000 delegates. Involved in logistics on transportation, accommodation, conference presentations, exhibition stands, media kioski, and off-site meetings. Actively involved in setting up and running of the AIDS 2000 Development Programme (ADP), a community project of the XIII International AIDS Conference. Worked in partnership with the National Community Radio Forum to organise a workshop for 40 community radio stations, held in April 2000, on HIV/AIDS related issues.

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: Independent Newspapers (*Independent on Saturday*)
POSITION HELD: Reporter/Photographer
DURATION OF SERVICE: July 1996 – September 1997
RESPONSIBILITIES: Extensive reporting on health, education, and economic issues.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: NEDLAC Development Chamber
RESPONSIBILITIES: 2008 to 2014 participation legislation development as a representative of the Community Constituency.

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: National Anti-Corruption Forum
RESPONSIBILITIES: 2008 to date participation in development and implementation of programmes as a Community Constituency representative.

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION: National Coordinating Forum Elections 2014
RESPONSIBILITIES: February 2013 to date serves as Co-Chairperson in co-ordinating programmes for the 2014 election

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS: Journal Title: **Obiter**; Volume: Volume 33; Issue: Issue 2; Publication Date: 2012; Pages: 367 - 379; Authors: **Tshepo Herbert Mongalo; NkosikhululeNyembezi**. Also edited *Assessing pre-election political space in the 2011* local government elections by **Cherrel Africa and Gerry Lynch**

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<http://repository.uwc.ac.za/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10566/758/AfricaPoliticalSpace2012.pdf?sequence=3>

ABRIDGED BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION

Nkosikhulule Xhawulengweni Nyembezi is a policy analyst, a researcher, and a human rights activist.

His research interests are in the areas of Electoral Democracy and Good Governance, Socio-Economic Rights, Anti-Corruption Institutional Frameworks, and Early Childhood Development.

He is a respected political and economic commentator who also serves as a studio resident analyst for Ukhozi FM and Umhlobo Wenene FM, and TruFM. He is a Columnist for *Isolezwe lesiXhosa* and has written several newspaper opinion articles and has been interviewed on radio and television on a wide range of issues. He has also published peer-reviewed work in academic journals such as *The Orbiter* on issues such as food security and class action against price-fixing by bread companies in South Africa. He has presented papers in national and international conferences on Human Rights, Anti-Corruption, Local Economic Development, HIV/AIDS, and Early Child Development.

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