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SALGA pays tribute to the late SAMWU icon

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) would like to convey its deepest condolences upon passing of the South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) Founding President Petrus Mashishi who passed away this week at the age of 72.

Mr Mashishi passed away at his home in Soweto on Thursday, 05 July 2018. Mr Mashishi was elected SAMWU President at its inaugural congress in 1987 following a merger of a number of unions. After his election as SAMWU President, Mr Mashishi served the union with distinction for over two decades and played an immense role in laying a solid foundation for the creation of a developmental local government system which was established in 2002.

As SALGA, we would like to remember Mr Mashishi for his eternal contribution and commitment to improving the living standards and quality of life of those who have chosen to serve the local government as workers and ambassadors. His efforts and dedication has not been in vain. As part of his enduring legacy, he has contributed immensely to the improvement of working conditions of workers in the local government sphere and the labour peace and stability. His leadership is the epitome of a selfless “worker leader”, the one who puts the interests of workers first, before his own personal interests.

May his family find strength and courage, knowing that his life was a life well lived.

SALGA would like to convey its condolences to his loved ones, family, friends and comrades.

May his soul rest in peace.

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