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Report on IEC Commissioner Candidates Released

IEC COMMISSIONER CAMPAIGN

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My Vote Counts and the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC) have compiled a comprehensive report on the 26 shortlisted candidates who have been shortlisted for interview for the three vacancies as Commissioners for the Electoral Commission (IEC).

A panel consisting of Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission Prof Bongani Majola, the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission on Gender Equality Ms Tamara Mathebula and the Public Protector Adv Busisiwe Mkhwebane will interview the candidates from **25 to 29 June 2018**. The panel has whittled down the 119 applicants to a shortlist of 26 candidates for interview.

The report highlights skills, experiences and any relevant interests the candidates may have. The information has been garnered by a team of researchers drawn from the CV's submitted to the Office of the Chief Justice, as well as desktop research on the candidates.

The report is intended to assist the panel conducting the interviews and to facilitate public comment on the candidates ahead of the interviews. These are the prospective commissioners who will oversee the 2019 general elections. It is therefore critical that these appointees be independent, impartial, and exercise their responsibilities with the utmost integrity.

Section 6(2) of the Electoral Commission Act, 1996 provides that:

(2) No person shall be appointed as a member of the Commission unless he or she:

(a) is a South African citizen; and

(b) does not at that stage have a high party-political profile

To view the report, visit the link: <http://www.casac.org.za/campaigns/electoral-commission/>

The public has until 11 June to comment on the candidates. Comments should be sent to Mr Sello Chiloane at chiloane@concourt.org.za or Ms Tebogo Phaahlamohlaka on tphaahlamohlaka@judiciary.org.za

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