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**AL JAMA-AH uMuziwabantu Youth Leader to contest Ward 11 by-election**

The Al Jama-ah Party is fielding a youth leader to contest the by-election in ward 11 in Harding at the uMuziwabantu Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal. The party is positive that it will win back the Deputy Mayor position.

The vacancy came about after the party did not renew the membership of its Deputy Mayor Sheikh Mondli Saeed Ncayiyane who in a report by senior officials and later by a committee of councillors found that he used his Deputy Mayoral petrol card to fill up his private vehicle several times. The local garage fired the petrol attendant who was complicit in this arrangement.

This action brought the party in disrepute and was raised by the party's leader in Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks who asked the Minister of Cogta to investigate corruption in the municipality and to ensure consequent management and recovery of the funds. Al Jama-ah stands firm against any form of fraud and corruption.

The youth in the municipality is fed up with corruption and there is growing support for Al Jama-ah and its candidate Luthando Alluccious Duma. Following discussions with government department and Ministers of the ruling party, Al Jama-ah has identified several projects that would benefit the ward.

Al Jama-ah reaffirms its position to push for service delivery in the community in the form of adequate housing, electrification, local economic development through small business development and youth programs.

"We believe that the community will stand behind us and give us the mandate to represent them with ethical leadership," says Hendricks.

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