

The launch of the New Cadre represents a significant milestone in the effort to evolve among our staff, a common vision, a shared sense of purpose and belonging.

The New Cadre emerges at a critical moment when we must mobilize our people to mandate our movement to lead them at the local level. The third democratic local government elections will be held on the 1st of March 2006.

Therefore, as we come to the end of The Year Of Popular Mobilisation to Advance The Vision Of The Freedom Charter, our eyes are firmly focused on election work. We must ensure that all voting-age South Africans are registered, all registered voters check to see if they are registered in the correct voting district, we must raise the profile of the ANC through communications and direct contact with voters and, we should also make certain that our campaign machinery at every level is running efficiently.

The New Cadre will contribute in strengthening the vision of a united and coherent ANC support function. It will provide space for staff to express themselves on issues affecting them, our young democracy, Africa and the world. It will also be a vehicle for staff to access

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Mbulelo Goniwe ANC Chief Whip

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information and contribute to the diversity of media content.

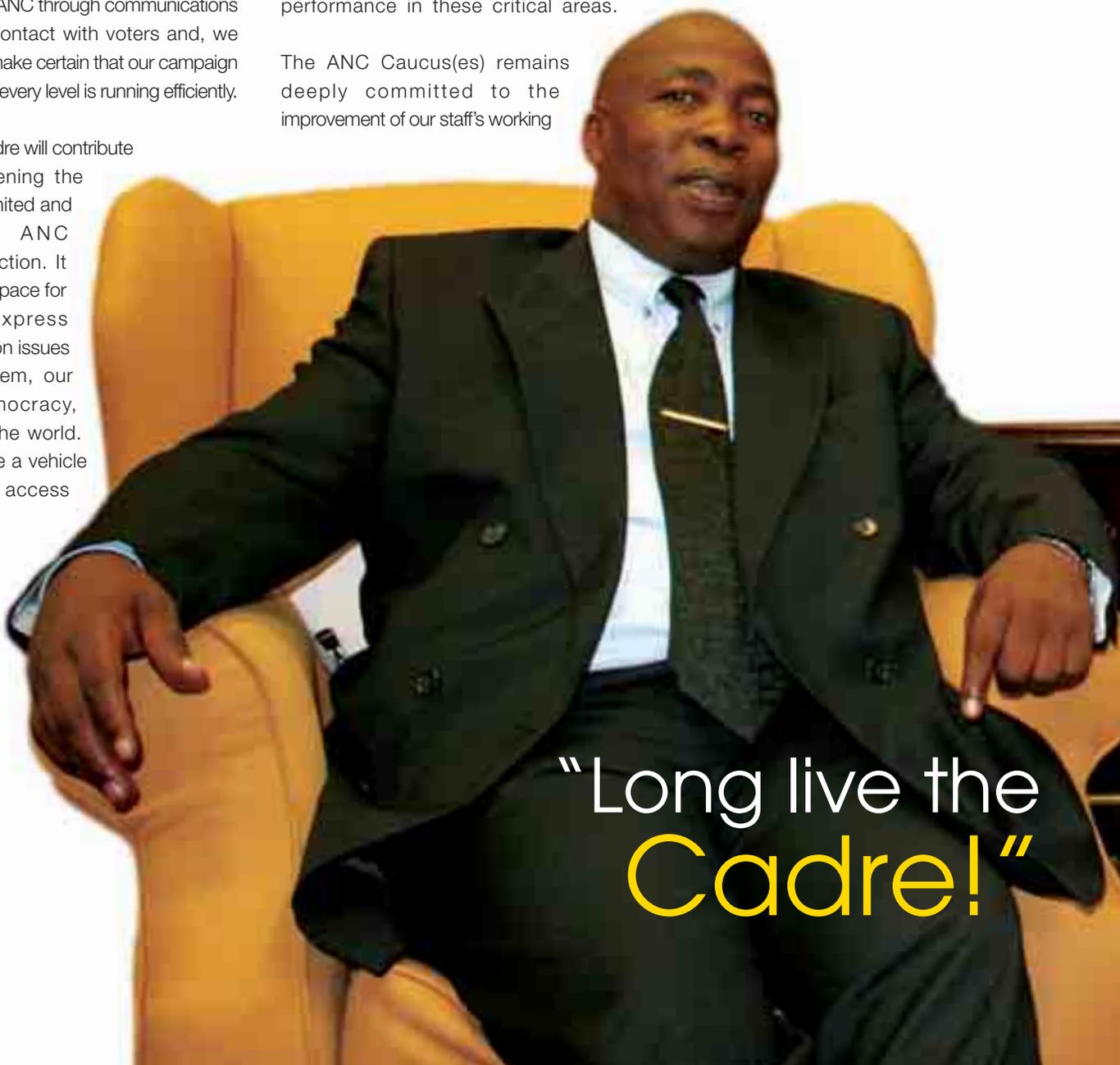
However, to strengthen our support function requires among other things, an ongoing engagement with the tasks of political education and human resource development to ensure that we at all times, have a cadreship that is equal to the tasks and challenges brought about by the democratic transformation process. In this regard, we believe that the Cadre will play an important role as a means that will enable us to receive feedback on our performance in these critical areas.

The ANC Caucus(es) remains deeply committed to the improvement of our staff's working

conditions. In this regard, we have made much progress, however, there is still a lot of ground we need to cover.

The New Cadre is a staff magazine. Staff must therefore own it not only in word but more importantly, in deed. Staff should contribute articles and use it as a tool to raise issues.

We wish all our staff a safe and happy holiday season. 



“Long live the
Cadre!”