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ANC STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MA' CYNTHIA FRASER

The African National Congress is saddened to convey the passing away of Ma Cynthia Fraser in the early hours of Sunday Morning, 14 June 2020. Ma Fraser was born 7 December 1934 in Elsies River Cape Town, As the first born of Joseph & Mabel Pinto's 11 children.

At an early age Ma Fraser began her political activism by handing out the New Age, the Spark and its subsequent successors newspapers in the Klipfontein community on behalf of her trade union mother. Her activism continued through to her involvement in the fight against the injustices facing all South Africans, where she was an active participant in underground structures of the African National Congress (ANC) prior to its unbanning in 1990. Ma Fraser provided support alongside her husband Arthur to many ANC cadres who were arrested and appeared in court during the 1980s. Spending countless hours attending court cases in the Western Cape high court, providing moral support.

In addition, Ma' Fraser also provide support for Operation Vula, where she was known as 'Mother'. Beyond her political activism ma Fraser also served as an active member of the ANC's Bellville South branch and regional structures in the Western Cape post its unbanning in 1990.

Ma Fraser also partook in community initiatives in the marginalized communities across Cape Town, including Mitchell's Plain, Parkwood, Langa, Grassy Park, Mannenberg and the Cape flats. Her activities included rehabilitation and upliftment programmes at Pollsmoor Correctional services where she worked on programmes to re-integrate previous offenders into society. This involvement was over and above her contribution in many activities of the Methodist Church of South Africa including the Women's Association.

Ma Fraser is survived by her children Geraldine, Deborah, Arthur, Barry, Erica and Envir; grandchildren, great-grandchildren as well as the extended Pinto, Braaf & Fraser families.

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