

### **Nofumene Winniefred Mqweba**

Nofumene Mqweba was born in 1963 in Lady Frère in the former Transkei. She started working in the South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU) in October 1988 when SAMWU was in its formation stage. In 1998 she moved to Gauteng to strengthen membership growth in the province, where she introduced an SAP system to manage membership. Today SAMWU is the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest union in S.A, in no small measure because of Nofumene's efforts. She was actively involved in the ANC Yeoville branch since 1999 focusing on developing membership. She was an independent candidate in the 2011 Local Government elections where she finished third behind the DA.

Nofumene is also a community activist as an executive member of the Yeoville Community Policing Forum and a coordinator of the Victim Empowerment centre at the Yeoville Police station. In 2010 her membership of Yeoville Community Forum led to her independent candidacy in the 2011 local government elections.

Amongst Nofumene's many business interests she registered a non profit organisation to represent other SSME's, so they can be recognized and participate in the mainstream economy and is planning to launch a cooperative bank, something she believes will be in great demand in today's challenging economy.