

PRESS STATEMENT

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Why We Believe Hon. Ebi Bright Would Make a Great Mayor of Tema

There has been keen interest in the ongoing conversations and rumors surrounding the potential nomination of Hon. Ebi Bright as Mayor of the Tema Municipal Assembly. While we respect the democratic right of citizens to express views on public appointments, we must categorically state that the attempt to question Hon. Bright's nationality and suitability based on ethnic or so-called "indigene" considerations is not only factually inaccurate and deeply unfortunate, but also undermines the spirit of national unity and constitutional governance.

A True Daughter of the Soil

It has come to our attention that some have gone as far as to falsely claim that she is not Ghanaian. We, as supporters of Hon. Ebi Bright would like to state the facts. Hon. Ebi Bright is not only Ghanaian by birth, but also by heritage on both maternal and paternal lines: Her mother is Ga-Adangbe, and her paternal grandmother is also Ga-Adangbe, firmly rooting her in the ethnic and cultural heritage of Greater Accra. Her patrilineal lineage is of a renowned Anlo-Ewe family from Anyako in the Volta Region.

Hon. Ebi Bright is a proud Ga-Adangbe woman by lineage, birth, and heritage. Her cultural roots are deeply connected to the values and identity of the Tema community, and her upbringing in Tema reflects a deep understanding of the traditions and aspirations of the people. Any attempt to erase or question her identity is not only unjust but an insult to generations of authentic Ghanaian heritage.

Proven Qualifications

Hon. Ebi Bright's long-standing relationship with Tema and her commitment to development, inclusion, and service delivery are well documented. Her qualifications for the mayoral role are solid and undeniable. For clarity, we outline the following reasons why she is not just eligible but eminently qualified:

1. **Loyalty to Traditional Authority:** Even during her time as a parliamentary candidate for the Tema Central Constituency, Hon. Ebi Bright demonstrated unwavering loyalty and respect to the Tema Traditional Council. She consistently paid homage and maintained a cordial relationship with the traditional leadership, recognizing that all of Tema, including Tema Central Constituency, is deeply rooted in the cultural and customary structures of the traditional authority.
2. **Proven Leadership:** She has consistently demonstrated strong leadership within the constituency — serving as a rallying point for development, youth empowerment, and civic engagement through years of visible and impactful work. She has supported many groups both in kind and in cash, with special care for the most vulnerable people.
3. **Track Record of Service:** Her involvement in numerous community-led initiatives, including women's empowerment programs, job creation schemes, and advocacy for social justice, affirms her deep connection and unwavering commitment to the people of Tema. She has provided street lights, job placements, TVET support, healthcare assistance, and donations to many groups across Tema over the past 12 years.
4. **Policy Experience:** Through her work with civil society, political platforms, and national campaigns, Hon. Bright has engaged in high-level policy advocacy, especially in areas affecting Tema such as climate action, urban development, and youth policies. She competently and gracefully chaired the Creative Arts & Tourism (CAT) Committee of the LAB to craft the sectoral blueprint for the NDC Manifesto during the 2024 Elections.
5. **Community Endorsement:** Over the years, she has earned the respect and support of a broad section of Tema residents across gender, ethnic, religious, and political lines — a clear testament to her inclusive and people-centered approach to leadership. That's why the masses embrace her across the streets and communities within the Tema Metropolis.

Constitutional Backing

While Ghana's constitution provides for regional balance and recognizes certain ethnic conventions in appointments, leadership roles are primarily assigned based on merit, competence, and capacity to serve. Any suggestion that competence should be secondary to ethnic considerations is a concerning deviation from our national values. Should the President consider Hon. Ebi Bright fit to serve, the authority of the President to appoint must be respected by all well-meaning Ghanaians.

Our Call to Action

Let it be stated emphatically that leadership is not inherited by ethnicity or denied by lies — it is earned through service, sacrifice, and results. Hon. Ebi Bright embodies these principles in both word and deed.

Team Ebi calls on all well-meaning residents of Tema and citizens of Ghana to reject divisive politics rooted in exclusion, misinformation, and petty tribalism. The future of Tema should be shaped by competence, character, and vision — not by outdated and parochial interests.

Tema deserves the best. And with Hon. Ebi Bright, we are confident the future is in capable, compassionate, and visionary hands.

Signed,

Team Ebi Communications

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