

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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WELCOMING MEMBERS FROM THE LONG RECESS

Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make.

Hon. Members as you all may be aware, today we are resuming from a month long break following the adjournment at the Sitting held on 28th July 2020 occasioned by the events of the same day and the relentless rise in COVID-19 cases. I therefore, with great humility welcome you back. We believe that a leader's worth is measured by his/her response to call of duty on behalf of the people. Hon. Members, there is no doubt that you are great leaders by you being here today. I trust you had a wonderful time with your constituents too.

Hon. Members, further, may I take this early chance, being the first sitting after you elected me as the Third Speaker of this Assembly, to once again convey my sincere gratitude to you Hon. Members for having great confidence in me and my leadership that saw me elected to spearhead the intentions and objectives of the Assembly. I believe your trust in me together with your commitment to the Assembly mandate heralds brighter days ahead in our core business of ensuring quality services to the *Mwananchi* of

Nairobi County. I will be looking upon your experience to help me steer the institution rightfully.

Hon. Members, as I stated during my maiden speech, I acknowledge the political diversity in the Assembly. I am confident that we can be united by the ideals we hold rather than be divided by our differences. Accordingly, Hon, Members, I am looking forward to harness and marshal the political diversity to the advantage of *Wanjiku* who has great expectations in this institution. I therefore wish to invite all of you to join me on this mission. I trust the end-result will amaze many with respect to our triple role.

In addition, Hon. Members, we recognize that whatever we do here is in trust for the Kenyans and the work ahead of us is immense, it calls for concerted efforts from all in observance of the Constitution and relevant statutes, which indeed is the rule of law. The County has been facing myriad of challenges from Transport to environment. We cannot surmount it all alone as an institution. We will be working in liaison with, and indeed, we welcome the National Government and its agencies; and other stakeholders to collaborate with us in all aspects towards the common objective.

Hon. Members, the advent of COVID-19 pandemic presented unique circumstances globally and institutions made necessary adjustments to cope with the threats presented including the adherence to the Government preventative guidelines. I want to congratulate you for putting your lives and those of the Members of staff ahead of everything by adopting Assembly business continuity measures in place. Especially, for adopting technology based model through amendment to the Assembly Standing Orders. This has indeed enabled the Assembly both in the Plenary and Committees to transact business successfully as witnessed on the day of my election as the Speaker.

Hon. Members, I understand some Committees are considering Bills, Statements and Petitions and we look forward to concluding them because we have targets and timelines.

Welcome back Hon. Members and I thank you.

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THE HON. BENSON MUTURA

SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 8th August 2020