



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[Hon. Speaker (Mr. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

##### WELCOMING A MEMBER FROM KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, at the gallery we have a dignitary, honorable Member of Kitui County Assembly, who is in the Nairobi. (*Applause*) We want to welcome him to feel the pleasure and the gesture of the Nairobi County Assembly. Honorable Member you are most welcomed and feel privileged to be part of us. Maybe next when you will find time to contest a seat in Nairobi so that you may as well qualify to be a senior member of the citizen of the Republic of Kenya. Thank you.

Honorable Members, at a later time I commit to make communication regarding the parking space before the close of the business today. The statement is not ready but it will be on the desk in a little while. Thank you, honorable Members.

#### PAPERS

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of this Assembly, today Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022:

1. Quarterly Reports and the Financial Statement for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
2. Revenue and Expenditure Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

I beg to lay Hon. Speaker.

*(The Papers were laid on the Table of the Assembly)*

#### STATEMENTS

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF KENYANS IN HOSPITALITY ESTABLISHMENT OPERATING IN THE COUNTY AND IN PARTICULARLY WESTLANDS SUB-COUNTY

**Hon. Maurice Onyango:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, pursuant to standing order 47 (2) (c) I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectorial Committee on Culture and Community Services regarding alleged discrimination of Kenyans in hospitality establishment operating in the County and in particular Westlands Sub-county.

Hon. Speaker, there has been allegations that customers visiting Alchemist restaurant and pub located in Westland's fall victim to race and colour discrimination. Article 27 of the constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that every person has the right to quality and freedom from discrimination. It further states that a person shall not discriminate directly or indirectly against another person on any of the grounds including race, sex, pregnancy, marital status, health status, ethnic or social origin, colour, age, disability, religion, culture, dress, language or birth.

Hon. Speaker on May 22 the former Governor of Nairobi suspended the license of Alchemist bar and restaurant following the public outcry regarding colour discrimination whereby it is alleged that Kenyan customers were turned away from accessing the establishment which prompted its indefinite closure.

However, media reports indicate that the said bar and restaurant has since resumed operation and still perpetuates discrimination.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should include into and report on:

1. The criteria used to authorize the resumption of operation of the bar and restaurant even after revocation of operational license;
2. Account on chronological events that led to the closure of the bar and restaurant and the procedure the establishment has developed to handle cases of discrimination.
3. Measures that the County Executive has put in place to curb any form of discrimination in the County

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members in reference to the statement requested by the honorable Member do you have the Chair of Culture Community Services in the Assembly.

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Hon. Speaker, we can give them committee three weeks...

**Hon. Speaker:** Kindly can you introduce yourself.

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** My name is Clarence Munga, the chairperson of Culture and Community Services. I have requested for three weeks.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you it is in order.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING THE INCREASE OF STREET CHILDREN IN THE CBD AND VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTY ESPECIALLY IN EASTLEIGH AND SLUMS AREA

**Hon. Malyun Abdi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, my name is Mariuni Ali Abdi, Special Elect from my beloved party ODM. I also want to congratulate you once again Hon. Speaker and your deputy Speaker Hon. Kados. I want also to congratulate all Members both elect and nominated it was not an easy task as we are here to serve Nairobians.

Hon. Speaker, I have a request for a statement. Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c) I wish to request for the Statement from the Chairperson of the Secretorial Committee of Childhood Education and Vocational Training and Culture Committee Services regarding the increase of street children in the Central Business District and various parts of the County especially in Eastleigh and slums area.

Hon. Speaker, Article 21 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that all state organs and all public officers have to address the need of vulnerable groups within the society including women and older members of the society, persons with disability, children, youth, members of minority and Marginalized communities, religious and culture communities.

The Constitution under Article 53 indicates every child has a right:

- a. Free and compulsory basic education, basic nutrition, shelter and healthcare to protect from abuse, neglect, harmful cultural practices or forms of violence in human treatment and punishment and explosive labour.

Hon. Speaker, recent years have witnessed an increased number of children begging for food in designated places in CBD, especially at the pick hour of the evening. Those children are vulnerable to various forms of social economic and physical vices including harassment, violence, drug abuse, traffic sexual exploitation, loneliness, fear, physical and emotional abuse, mental and starvation.

Hon. Speaker, my introductory inquiry indicates that there are cartels who are out there to exploit those children, extort from the public. In addition, there are an indication that the majority of those children are from the neighbouring counties.

Hon. Speaker in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. Whether the Children on the street families are school going children sent by cartels who operate on scheduled time to sort money from the public;
2. Measures that the county executive has put in place to deal with the increasing rate of street children not only in the CBD but also across the County.
3. Report on the authentication of the county of origin of those children and where they are school going age.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker and I appreciate it.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Do we have the Chairperson of the Committee of Early Childhood Education and Vocational training, and Culture and Community Services?

**Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa:** Hon. Speaker and thank you very much. The statement is well noted and I request that I be given 14 working days to give a proper report on this. Thank you.

## MOTION

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR

*(Resumption of Debate interrupted on the Third allocated Day)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member we have a resumption of debate on the interrupted business in regard to the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor.

Hon. Members the plenary is open. Hon. Daudi Aden Farhiya your button is on, Catherine Apio your mic is on, Hamis Suleiman have you made a request? Do you want to contribute to the Governor's speech? Proceed.

**Hon. Hamisi Suleiman:** Yes, I made a request. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, my name is Hamisi Maleya Suleiman MCA elected Kagemi Ward.

Hon. Speaker, I thank you for according me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. On this being my maiden speech, I wish to seek your indulgence pursuant to Standing Order 88 (2) to refer to my written speech.

Hon. Speaker, first I would like to thank the Almighty God for bringing me this far. Secondly, let me congratulate you, Speaker, for having been elected as the Speaker of this House. I look forward to working with you very closely. I also congratulate other leaders who were elected on both sides of the divide. To my people of Kagemi Ward, I sincerely thank you for expressing your confidence in me by electing me. It is not easy for a man from the barracks to walk into the community and be elected as an MCA.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Members, you will all agree the community hates policemen and having worked in the army for over 27 years came back to my community Kagemi and I was elected as their area MCA *(Applause)*. I promised to represent and serve you diligently. To my party leader Amollo Odinga, the only leader who represents genuine change, I salute you for your support.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, the Motion beforehand I join the rest of my colleagues in support of the contents of our Governor on what he told us in this House.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to point out the following issues raised by the Governor which are so dear to me and my people of Kagemi. The Governor mentioned that he would support bright but needy students. On this, I will fully support him. However, I encourage His Excellency the Governor to roll out the bursary fund as soon as possible as this can help our young people to enable to proceed to schools and colleges due to lack of fees.

On the other hand, as a House, we should explore on ways of ensuring that no child is chased from the school due to lack of school fees. Hon. Speaker, the Governor mentioned the desire to see a county that is free from traffic congestion. Indeed, we all desire for that however, I need to understand what immediate steps the Governor is going to take to achieve the goal.

Indeed, modern cities are supposed to have an integrated transport system. Nairobi city is in a total mess; I urge the Governor to move with speed and engage our stakeholders such as NAMATA and roll out the congestion plan. The matatu menace in this city must be controlled.

On the other hand, His Excellency mentioned about garbage collection, school-feeding programmes, construction of the market, land-grabbing, youth and empowerment through sports amongst the others. This is a serious area that His Excellency should put a lot of effort into.

As I conclude, I expect the Governor to appoint CECs Members and Chief Officers who will drive his agenda. I am glad that the His Excellency intends to establish a liaison which will provide the interface between honorable Members and the Executive.

Lastly, I would like to assure my constituency that I am ready to work for them and for the honorable Members, I promise to be a great team member. Thank you and God bless you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity and my name is Sospeter Githahu Mumbi a Member of Roysambu Ward. Let me begin by thanking the Almighty for providing me with this opportunity to have this avenue where I can serve the people of Roysambu and County and more importantly the entire country of Kenya.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, for your election and the leadership of Majority and Minority. We really thank God for you and the entire membership of this House. We say thank you very much and I congratulate you all. Special mention to the independent candidates - Hon. Munuve, Hon. Komodo - congratulation and receive my special mention for that achievement.

*(Applause)*

The other thing may be Hon. speaker; I would like to make a request. I know we have two sides of the Houses and the aspects on independent candidates might be a bit silent in this house. So I want to make a request to you; we are under your mercy, we do not like struggling or rather fighting for this space in terms of speaking. So as you allow this House on this end you give the other one kindly - the third force of independence. Kindly provide us with that space; we are only three so we do not need to struggle and keep on pressing the button. My kind request to you.

*(Applause)*

Going direct to the Governor's Speech, allow me to begin with a statement that I subscribed to: One, the Governor said a capital city where things work. I subscribe to this statement. Secondly, a city where there is dignity and order and again I subscribe to that statement. Three, the Challengers are numerous but not some insurmountable. That it gives me hope that whatever task lies ahead of me can be conquered and we are going to make it and change this County. Four, which is a bit exciting and most precious is Nairobi is a rich county but has chosen to be poor. I wish we can commit ourselves to reverse this and ensure that the benefit that comes with this county and the privileges and opportunities - we are able to explore to later and bring the best out of this county.

To my points, in terms of the environment, I like how the Governor is so passionate about the environment. I have been in this field for more than a decade and so I have interacted with garbage collection back in Roysambu to organize community cleanup and I surely feel I can connect with the Governor's speech on the issue of the environment.

I am keen on how the speech could go an extra mile of trying to look into issues or ways of reducing garbage. This is because I like the aspect of collection but then I feel more effort are needed to focus on how we can, reduce, reuse and recycle. I think we need to look into that.

The other thing is also quantitative kind of feedback. Maybe the Governor's speech also needs to look further into where are we coming from and where are we as a country. Where are we coming from in terms of generation and I like the way he was able to quote that he has been able to clear 80,000 tones but then where are we as a county and how much are we generating and how much has not been attended to. I think that need to have come out clearly.

Again the issues that are continued to make our county not do well in terms of garbage. I think it needed to be a bit deeper. The other thing is the aspect of circular economy. I do not know whether we can subscribe circular economy and I think is a model that has been worked out by the ministry of environment, which looks into bringing the producers or manufacturers into this space of managing garbage.

Allow me also to get into a feeding programme and I have been running since 2014 as I support 50 children from Marurui primary; children who are initially engaged in scrap metal scavenging (*applause*). Why they were doing this is because they were dropping out of school as they could not afford food. I realized this case was becoming ramped in our area of Roysambu because it started with very few but then the number was going high.

**Hon. Speaker:** Your light is on Honorable Member. You may conclude.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Yes, let me conclude by saying this. The feeding programme will come with retention and concentration in class. It will also promote behaviour change among the children because it works as an incentive for the children to attend classes. It will also promote academic performance; improved health a condition because some of the cases like malnourished will have the opportunity to benefit from food.

What we need to look at is the budgetary aspect. How is the county prepared to accommodate the number of children who are going to get interested because the cases of children getting interested or parent wanting to enroll their children in public is awaiting once we roll out that programme. So I do not know what mechanism or structure we put in place to accommodate that. Thank you very much, in the interest of time, allow me to end there. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Emmy Isalambo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity to lay my maiden speech and talk about the Motion that Honorable Governor His Excellency Mr. Sakaja talked about. My name is Hon. Emmy katemeshi Isalambo, Special elect, Nairobi.

At the outset, from where I am sitting as a coalition of Azimio and ODM allow me to thank, first of all, my party leader Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga for giving me this special moment and also allowing me to express my sincere thanks to *Mama* Dr. Ida Amollo Odinga for giving me this time also.

As from where I am, I come from Westalnda area and I would like to thank my colleagues, honorable Members, who were elected from Westlands area and the wards that they presented. Thank you so much for being elected, and as a team I promise we shall work together.

Thank you Members who have been elected in different committees to serve the Assembly. I am also pledging that we shall work together as a team.

Hon. Speaker allow me now to go straight on what our His Excellency the Hon. Governor Sakaja talked about.

I am so excited when we spoke about this feeding programme. As you know most of us come from an area where the kids have nothing in the morning and are always very humbled in school and they want to learn. There was as the time I was coming out of the house and I meet one, they said that they heard the speech of the Governor speaking about food and they were very much obliged and waiting. 'We want to sign his book' and they wanted him to start from the Westland area. We have areas like Deep Sea, a school in

Wetlands, where they have nothing but they are very eagerly waiting for him to come and give them something to eat.

When it comes to education the Governor talked about empowering. As I stand here, I stand as a gender top-up. As a woman I think he will also look at the girl child as one of the people who he is going to empower mostly and the boy child. So let him make the working area for a girl child workable as a woman in the community.

As we look at matters of trade and garbage collection, the Governor inclusively approached to resolving the problem faced by the Nairobian thus making it good for people who are especially women who are hawkers since they are the most victims. The Governor should make the place a working place for them, by looking for a place that will suit them and it will give them a mileage.

When he talked about health care, am so impressed because we have an MCA from Westlands who is the chairperson of Health [committee]. I think he has to hold his hand so that they can work together because I am sure in his field as a doctor, he will work together with the Governor and show him around Nairobi and make health facilities workable for Nairobian. Hon. Maurice, you should approach the Governor and make it workable.

Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this time and God bless you as we go ahead. Thank you so much.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Naomi Bosire:** I am honoured to stand before you, Hon. Speaker. I am Naumi Kerobo Bosire from Kamkunji constituency, Special Elect.

First, I would like to thank Almighty God for bringing me this far and to take this opportunity to congratulate you on having been sworn in together with the deputy Speaker, Hon. Paul Kados Kiguathi.

Allow me to pass a congratulatory message to all elected Members and all Special Elect Members and all chairs of various committees and their vice chairs after a vigorous exercise. I would also like to take this opportunity to appreciate my party ODM under the leadership of His Excellency Raila Amollo Odinga for giving me this chance to represent the ODM Youth League Nairobi and Omogusii community leaving in Nairobi.

Hon. Speaker, I would also like to pass my gratitude to everyone who supported me in Nairobi ODM Youth League and *Bunge la Wanainchi*.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate Hon. Sakaja having been sworn in as our Governor and I am very optimistic together with House leadership led by Hon. Imwatoke a.k.a Jateso and all honorable Members in this House that you will be able to fulfil what you promised the good people of Nairobi.

As we embark on transacting business in this House I am very confident that we are going to debate and enact on legislation that will benefit the good people of Nairobi.

In the Governor's speech, what attracted me most is the Gikomba market because that is the place I was born and raised for the past 30 years, with my colleague here Hon. Petite - my childhood friend from Pumwani (*applause*).

I support His Excellency the Governor and I would wish he can speed up the process of title deed allocation for Gikomba so that it can reduce the fire at Gikomba and prevent land speculators and grabbers who intend to push out the grabbers.

Also the construction of fire stations near the Gikomba market will ensure quick access to the market in case of a fire breakout. Building boreholes will provide available water; installation of CCTV systems will help in tackling and monitoring day-to-day activities in the market and investigating fire outbreaks. Setting up a perimeter wall with one entrance and exit will man gate for the security reasons.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Gerald Mukuru:** Hon. Speaker, I am Gerald Irungu Mukuru representing the great people of Ziwani Kariokor area.

First I want to congratulate you for being elected as our Hon. Speaker. I also want to thank the Members of this great House and more so our predecessors who had served here earlier because they have been grateful to us.

I want to say that am grateful to those people who happened to have elected me because am one of the people who came from a very humble background. I am a mechanic by profession and I been have been working out there in Ziwani Juakali *(Applause)*; around Kariokor and Gikomba area that is where I come from.

May be sometimes we are nuisance because we park our vehicles when we are looking for food, those things do happen. I stand here feeling encouraged because I think the last time I spoke in English was when I addressed a congregation was in 1989 when I was in Form Four.

*(Applause)*

I felt good when the Majority Leader said here that this is a House of debate. I felt encouraged to come and debate. Many years have elapsed since I was in high school. I had passion in debate and joined debating club. Now, I have the opportunity to debate here. I may not be eloquent in languages, but because we will be making practice in this House, I know we will make it. There are hon Members here who are of same age with my children, I appreciate the way we are moving together. It doesn't matter which side of the divide you come from, we are all hon. members in this great House. It is the reason why I have decided to come here and give my maiden speech, which you said I should not be interrupted, Mr. Speaker.

Going to the Governor's speech, I want to congratulate the him because he addressed the real issues that are affecting my people out there. Luckily, I have been appointed to the Committee on Trade Tourism, whereby I have been a businessman in this sector. The areas around Kariokor Market, Ziwani Juakali garages and Gikomba Hardware area and the market is where I represent. The Governor emphasized much on those people who are in the informal sector. He said that we should promote our mechanics. With the little education they have, they make things happen. I am happy today because Hon. Jeckoniah is among our customers that we are talking about. That is the place where you can get the best, only that they can't go to look for jobs because they don't have certificates.

When we were campaigning, we were talking about those people who were working in the informal sector. I am representing those carpenters who are working in Gikomba, those mechanics working around



Kariokor area and the beadsmen and beadswomen who make kiondos. These are the people I am addressing. Many times when there are juakali forums, we fail to move from one point to another because of misinformation. Now that I am a Member of this House representing them, whenever there are exhibitions in East Africa or any other place, we can be considered. I am happy because I am in this Committee on Trade. My able leaders from my side, you put me where I belong. I thank you so much.

*(Applause)*

As my younger sister there, Hon. Kerubo talked about the fire station, Gikomba Hardware area is one of the areas that is affected by fire. We need a fire station there or something to be done to solve these incidences of fire outbreak.

On ECDE, we want to wake up and elevate our children and employ more teachers who are young. Those who are there are now elderly and not relating well with current day children. So, we are going to move together because I know those are the things that should help our people. God willing, we will work together. I am grateful for listening to me. Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mark Thiga.

**Hon. Mark Thiga:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to address this House. First and foremost, I would like to thank the Almighty God for having gotten me this far. I would also like to congratulate you for your win in the recently held Speaker's election. I also like to congratulate each and every Member in this House, the elected and the special elect. I thank Hospital Ward residents for believing in me by voting for me to represent them here, I am profoundly honoured by the privilege they bestowed upon me. I would also like to thank my team, 'mark kwa Mark'. That despite the odds being against us in our ward, we emerged victorious. I also thank my family for the support they accorded me.

Now to the Governor's speech, it was worth noting that the Governor stated that he is ready to work with everyone, irrespective of our political affiliations, that is pure wisdom. I would like to touch on the issue of provision of food in schools. Just to create some emphasis since it has been talked by almost every Member, we come from communities that people listen using their stomachs. It will be difficult for children to be in school without food. It was nice hearing from the Governor, it indicates that he has got children in his heart.

On bursaries, some of us are here because we were able to get bursaries. I am happy that the Governor noted this. I would like to congratulate the former Hospital MCA, Hon. George Ochola because when I was in school, he accorded me bursary. I cannot miss out to thank him.

*(Applause)*

As a businessman, I found it nice from the Governor's speech that he will create an enabling environment where people can thrive, that is all what Nairobians are asking for; a place where everyone can thrive, live and flourish.

As a youth, it will be a shame for me to sit down as a twin lastborn of this House with my fellow brother, MCA Karen Ward, without addressing the issue of the youths. We need to move with speed to support talents so that we do not provide solutions when they are dead, especially now that extrajudicial killings are on the rise in Mathare. It has become a norm that every day we bury a youth. So, I would suggest

that we give the Governor support since it looks like he has got the willingness to support our youth to become more resourceful.

Mr. Speaker, my friend there, Hon. Kimani Mugo has been complaining about the issue of pigeon holes. He has to walk with his papers from one hotel to the other, people are mistaking him for a secretary. I would wish that you check in to the issue of pigeon holes so that at least he can drop his papers there. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Magoba Odhiambo.

**Hon. David Odhiambo:** *Ahsante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi siku hii ya leo. Ni mara ya kwanza kuzungumza katika Bunge letu hili la Nairobi County. Nachukua nafasi hii kumpongeza Bwana Spika na Naibu Spika kwa kuchaguliwa. Pia, nampongeza Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip na Minority Whip. Pili, nasema ahsante kwa watu wa Lower Savannah kwa kunipatia nafasi kukuja kuwakilisha kwa Bunge la Nairobi County. Nawahakikishia ya kwamba nitafanya kazi kwa mpangilio wa Mwenyezi Mungu. Kwa wabunge wenzangu, tutashirikiana pamoja kwa ukamilifu, kwa uaminifu na pia kwa unyenyekevu na kuheshimiana. Itakuwa kipaumbele kwa hii miaka mitano yangu katika Bunge letu la Nairobi County. Kila support itahitajika katika Bunge hili, nitapeana kama mwakilishi wa Lower Savannah.*

*Kwa mazungumzo ya Bwana Gavana, kwanza ningempenda kumshukuru kwa kuwa alisema atafanya kazi na kila mtu bila ubaguzi na bila kuzingatia unatoka chama gani.*

*Kwa feeding program, kuna shule moja inaitwa Edelvale Primary School kule Lower Savannah. Kama mnavyojua, shule hiyo imo katika kitongoji. Watoto wa kitongoji hicho mara nyingi kupata chakula ni shida kwao. Ni shida kwa wazazi kupata chakula cha kuwapa watoto ili waende shuleni. Kwa hivyo, hii feeding program ya Bwana Gavana, lazima tusaaidiane tumpe support yoyote yenye atahitaji ili watoto wetu wapate haki yao.*

*Kwa mambo ya mazingara, Bwana Gavana alisema kwamba tutasaidiana ili Nairobi iweze kuwa safi. Ninapoangalia kule kwangu Jacaranda Grounds, imekuwa mahali pa kutupa taka kutoka mahali zingine Nairobi. Kwa kuwa Gavana amesema inafaa Nairobi isafishwe, nitakuwa mstari wa mbele kusaidiana na yeye. Kama kutakuwa na jambo lolote la kumsaidia, nitakuwa pale.*

*Kwa hayo machache, ninasema ahsante, Bwana Spika.*

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Stephen Ndegwa.

**Hon. Stephen Ndegwa:** Hon. Speaker, thank you for granting me this opportunity to give a maiden speech and further contribution to the important speech on the Address by His Excellency the Governor.

Hon. Speaker, my name is Stephen Gitau Ndegwa, Member of this Assembly representing Parklands/Highridge Ward. I thank the Lord for enabling me to be part of this Assembly by power vested in me by my electorates. Second, is to thank my constituents for believing in me in my transformation, ability and voting for me overwhelmingly. Thirdly, I would like to thank my Party Leader, Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, for giving me the opportunity to be here.

*(Applause)*

I would also like to thank you, Hon. Speaker and the leadership of this House. I want to assure this House that I will remain committed and deliver my mandate of legislation, oversight and representation for the betterment of the lives of my people.

Hon. Speaker, as to my profession background, I am a barber. I am a businessman and proud of it.

*(Applause)*

It is a great pleasure and humility to serve the residents of this County, and in particular, the residents of Parklands/Highridge Ward in this great capacity. As an Azimio Member, I am honoured.

Hon. Speaker, this great County is lucky to have a workable leader, His Excellency the Governor Hon. Sakaja. Key issues in my interest are quality healthcare and improved trading facilities i.e markets. We have a plan to build a 20 modern markets, but before we do it, we can modernize those that we have, like Roasters Market, it is a modern market but it is closed during the day. We can make it a 24-hour economy to create jobs for our youths. There is also need for improved infrastructure like roads and drainages, food security and clean water.

As I conclude, Hon. Speaker, I want to encourage you to continue providing good leadership to enable us make Nairobi great. I am dedicated to serve my people, and I believe together we shall improve their living standards. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon Joyce Muthoni.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, let me congratulate you on your election as the Speaker in this Third Assembly. I also like to congratulate every member who made through the elections and nominations. It has only taken the hand of God for us to be here. I also want to thank the President of this country, Dr. William Samoei Ruto and my party United Democratic Alliance for giving me this opportunity to serve in this Assembly as the Deputy Minority Leader.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker, on the Governor's speech, I most moved on issues that touch on women and children. Our Governor committed himself on improving our maternity hospitals. This is will be a great achievement to see women walking to the maternity wards and coming out with their babies alive and health. For me and every woman in Nairobi County, this will be achievement that we are waiting to see it happen.

On the issue of school feeding program, most Members have mentioned it, but I will urge the Education Committee to follow on that issue immediately. We need to confirm that the school feeding program has started with immediate effect.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue that I am grateful about is the issue of bursaries. The Governor has promised to give us bursaries every term. We are yet to see it, but hopefully from next term, our children will be having their bursaries every term until completion of his term.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I am so much interested in the issue of transport. I am waiting to see how our Governor will handle the issue of managing congestion in this city and managing the transport system. The Committee on Transport should put the Executive on toes to make sure that our city is free from congestion and our transport system is back to normal, like in the previous years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Members, as we are still working on the system here, I am not able to be guided by the screen. Member, you may proceed and contribute.

**Hon. Eutyclus Muriuki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this great opportunity to address this great House. My name is Eutyclus Mukiri Muriuki, elected Member for Kahawa Ward. It is a great opportunity to be given this chance make my maiden speech as well as make a contribution to the Governor's Address.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Almighty God for this great opportunity to serve in this honorable House. We have tried this thing for quite some time, but it is only by mercies of God that we are here. Secondly, let me take this chance to congratulate you on your election as the Speaker of the great Assembly, we have great hope and trust in you that you are going to be a symbol of unity to us, irrespective of affiliation. We have seen your wisdom, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thirdly, I would like to congratulate and thank the leadership of this great House from both divides. Truly, you are up to the task. We believe in your leadership and we know this House is going to generate great motions and bills. Thank you. I would also like to thank and congratulate all Members from both divides, my party and the Azimio side. We are looking forward to working together because we will be spending most of the time together. We would like to foster this unity and brotherliness, and we know we are going to head far together.

*(Applause)*

Lastly, but not the least, I thank the people of Kahawa Ward for giving me this chance to serve them. I know the odds were not in our favour but we pushed through and we were able to capture the seat. We will work together because it will be a citizen participatory Assembly.

Going straight to the Governor's remarks, I would like to acknowledge the fact that the Governor remembers this city as he was growing, that it was a clean city, a city with effective transport and a city with regular supply of water in the taps. We want to see it working again. We want to restore the dignity of this city. We are hoping from his address that this is what is going to happen. We cannot have dignity without drinkable water in our taps, this is the problem we are facing in most of our wards, many Members will tell you. In addition, we need security for our people, both in the neighbourhoods and in the City Center. We are looking forward to a working Liaison Office that will create important linkage between the Executive and us. We need that office soon and it should be working.

We are also looking forward to a better-managed Ward Development Fund. Funds should be available for them to be working. Every elected Member here and every special elect Member, may be one day they will try to be elected also, are going to rely on these funds.

I am also passionate about education because most of us are products of education. Nairobi, as you know it, hon. Members, there is nothing you can leave to your children now better than education. There is no land here, so the best thing you can give them is education.

*(Applause)*

On the feeding program, a hungry child cannot learn well. Not everybody can feed their children because we are not all blessed equally. Alongside a working feeding program, I would also like the Governor to consider buying uniform for less fortunate children. This will come in handy.

Finally, as I conclude, the issue of fire engine in every sub county is very important. I come from a ward where there is a slum called Soweto. Since I was elected, I have lost three people to fire. So, bare minimum for these fire engines should be a hydrant point in every ward because some of these ghettos cannot be accessed by a truck. So, we need a hydrant point to fight these fires. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and God bless this House.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Deputy Majority Whip.

**Hon. Stazo Omung'ala:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to speak. First of all, I thank the Almighty God and the people of Upper Savannah for giving me an opportunity to defend my seat for the second term.

Mr. Speaker, on the Governor's Address, he stated good policies. He touched on the problems facing Nairobians and their solutions. Those are just on paper. As our colleagues are speaking today, let us appraise the speech but at the back of our minds, let us know that our work as the County Assembly is already cut out; to see the policies and the manifesto of the Governor implemented fully so that people of Nairobi can get services, as they should.

The Governor spoke well on the feeding program. That is a topic that is very close to my heart, knowing very well at some point in school, Hon. Ronaldo, the now Minority Whip, stole my food in class five because we didn't have enough food.

*(Laughter)*

That is an area that the Governor should at least put more strength so that every school-going child should be fed well. We need to have a community that kids do not look at food as not a priority but something that they should be having. I rest my case at that point, Hon. Speaker. Mine is to remind the House that our work is now cut out. In as much as the Governor gave a good layout in his speech, our work is to see that the implementation is done fully. That is what we were elected to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Daniel Oria. One of the Members has used his card. Hon. Lawrence Otieno Odhiambo

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you as our able Speaker in this Assembly. Secondly, let me congratulate our leadership in this House, the Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority side and the entire leadership of the various committees. Thirdly, I want to thank the people of Sarang'ombe Ward for electing me as their MCA. This is my second term, and to me, it is a pleasure because I have really tried to be elected twice. I want to communicate to hon Members today that the Second Assembly was a House full of drama. We were fighting each time. I want to tell you that this time let us give our Speaker time so that we can achieve what brought us here.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, in the second Assembly, we had three speakers. This time, I am humbly requesting hon Members, both the elected and nominated, let us work jointly so that we can give our Speaker time to lead us for the betterment of the Nairobians.

Hon. Speaker, on the Governor's Address, the Governor said that the defunct NMS constructed health centers in various wards. In my ward, level three hospital was built, but there are many challenges in that hospital. There are no drugs. I ask the Governor to ensure that all the hospitals that were constructed by the NMS, be facilitated with drugs so that our people can get treatment.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, on the issue of scholarships, there were some scholarships that were given directly to our students by the former Governor. He said that he would continue sponsoring those bright students. I hope that the Governor will continue sponsoring them.

On the issue of fire stations, the Governor promised that he would start by establishing a fire station in Gikomba. I remember we once wrote a proposal requesting fire stations to be established within slum areas because fire outbreaks are rampant there and the markets. I hope our Governor will ensure that all the proposals that were tabled will be implemented. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. May God bless you all.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Hashim Kamau.

**Hon. Hashim Kamau:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To introduce myself, I am His Excellency Hashim Kamau. Members have been introducing themselves by the academic qualifications they have, but for us, we have titles.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, I rise to register my contribution on what the Governor said on matters concerning the welfare of our youth. Youth and women are the key drivers of our economy. To be precise, youth contribute to more than 50% to our economic growth. In this regard, I want to give information on the status of our stadiums, as mentioned by the Governor. I am happy the Leader of Majority, Hon. Stazo and Hon. Hamisi are here because I will be speaking about their areas. One is Kihumbuini Stadium, the one that was mentioned by the Governor. One year ago, we went to Kihumbuini Grounds and did a groundbreaking ceremony. The following day – I know Hon. Hamisi is laughing – the County Government and the contractor disappeared, never to be seen.

After six months, the youth of that area, running a public toilet outside the stadium and from the savings they hired graders and levelled the grounds. Up to now Mr. Speaker we have been never given an explanation to the people of Kihumbuini about what happened during the ground breaking ceremony. Nothing has been done to date. But I am glad that the Governor said that he is going to rehabilitate that stadium.

Number two, is the City Stadium. Hon. Stazo knows that City Stadium is the home of the biggest clubs in the country, that is not AFC leopards but Gor Mahia. I know Hon. Stazo is an official of AFC Leopards. Sometimes back about 20 years ago, we got funds from FIFA to lay artificial turf at the stadium--- My time has just ended Mr. Speaker and I have not even reached halfway.

Mr. Speaker, that artificial turf had a lifespan of ten years, that time has elapsed. City Stadium currently has been banned from hosting any game there. The question that I am asking Mr. Speaker is; if a CDF committee with a budget of a Kshs. 100 million can build a stadium in Makadara, Camp Toyoyo, why is it that the county government with a budget of Kshs. 35 billion cannot even replace the artificial turf so that matches can resume at the stadium?

(Applause)

The Governor also mentioned Dandora Stadium. I am glad that the Governor said that he resolved the disputes that arose on the construction of the stadium. He said that within two weeks, the works will resume, the two weeks are ending today. But I am happy that the contractor and the county government were on site yesterday assessing what need to be done and how to start.

Mr. Speaker, county grounds and stadiums have the same issues. If you go to Muhuri Muchiri, Mihang'o grounds, Mwiki grounds; work starts and nothing goes on.

The last one before I sit, is Woodley Grounds. It was under construction by NMS, they were supposed to do a perimeter wall and plant grass, but the work stalled. Mashemeji Derby is the biggest derby in the country where Gor Mahia play with AFC Leopards but we have our biggest derby in the county, Gogo Boys versus Kibra United. Currently they do not have a place to play. Gogo Boys are now using Impala Grounds for their home matches while Kibra United have to travel all the way to Camp Toyoyo. I support the Governor when he says that the youth of our country are the trustees of our posterity and I support his policies in his speech. Thank you.

(Applause)

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members, you will allow me to pick one Member from this side and one from the other side. Honorable Member, you may proceed.

**Hon. Sam Kago:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, my name is Sam Kago, MCA Mwiki ward. Professionally I am a Spanish speaking driver guide and at the same time I am the chairman of transport here in Nairobi, commonly known as matatu. Mr. Sulemani and Madam Joyce rest assured that with your support we will be able to make Nairobi work in terms of transport so that we can have better transport incorporating our own people because these are the investors.

First, I wish to thank the people of Mwiki for electing me to be in this House. It is a privilege to serve them and to be part and parcel of this great House. So far there is so much love on both sides, we have shared the committees and I pray that we continue with that love so that we can make Nairobi work and after five years we will say that we have done a great job for this great city.

I wish to contribute to the Governor's speech on three areas. For us to be able to achieve what we promised, there are three areas that we need to look at. One is unemployment. The greatest problem that we have in Kenya is unemployment of the youths. Through garbage collection we can engage our CBOs in the community and many of our youths can be employed to collect the garbage instead of using companies that have been used before and when they down their tools we have all these problems.

Secondly, it is about the bursaries. I believe that each and every honorable Member here, the message that we get is that our children are not in schools. We even do not know when the bursaries are going to be rolled out. I thank the Governor for saying that he is going to increase the amount of the bursaries to six million and most importantly, they will be given every term. I believe that the Committee on Education is going to support the Governor on that because that is a dear one.

Thirdly and lastly, it is about Ward Development Fund. I have never seen a WDF project in my ward. Having that project in every ward and being increased from Kshs. 17 to Kshs. 49 million will really help us in

constructing of roads, hospitals, lighting etc. This will bring development down to the common mwananchi. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and congratulations on your election. *Asanteni sana.*

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Anthony Maragu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this great opportunity. I will start by thanking the Almighty God for the opportunity that He has bestowed on me through the great people of Karen. Being a first timer and also having ascended to this House on a first attempt. I take this opportunity to thank the leadership and the seniors who have held my hand before the election, during and after elections. I will single out one in particular, my good neighbour Hon. Jared Akama, who has held my hand continuously and is going to continue doing so.

I thank the leadership for displaying a lot of unity across the divide, the majority and the minority, and judging by the history told to us by those who have been here before, I can comfortably say that we are looking forward to a more vibrant House, a lot of cohesiveness and indeed giving work a chance as was the Governor told us.

Let me single out a line from the Governor's speech where he took time to recognize the youngest MCAs, myself and Mark Thiga. It is a great honour to be seated in this House representing the youth as well. Judging from the decision that Nairobians made, if you look at the leaders that we have - starting from the Governor who is 37 years, here in the assembly we have young people amongst us and others who are young at heart. We can comfortably say that Nairobi is in a youthful spirit. We will be at the forefront to ensure that youth empowerment is realized within our county.

I have noted that the good member from Mwiki has sighted what I have also seen in today's newspaper where even our Deputy Speaker, the senior most, is taking interest in how we can bring opportunities to the youth and especially in the area of garbage collection. I am going to be very keen to see how we will realize youth empowerment in that area, talent promotion and many other things that we can do together to ensure that the great people of Nairobi who majority are youth are going to feel as part of this government.

I was surprised when I heard Members including those who have been here before applaud the Governor when he said that he is committed to Ward Development Fund. I was surprised because I thought maybe I would not call it an entitlement but every Member should have a chance to be given WDF and it does not have to be under the Governor's mercy.

*(Applause)*

I was a bit perturbed when I saw my good friends the likes of Jared Akama stump their feet very hard when the Governor said that there is going to be WDF, I almost thought it is like CDF. In the near future and even those of us who are sitting in the County Assemblies' Forum, we shall be at the forefront even if not in this dispensation to see WDF incorporated in the Constitution to ensure that it is not in the mercy of the Governor. This will ensure that each one of us is able to do a thing for his people at the ward level.

For the school feeding programme, I think I would request the Governor even as we wait for the feeding programme - he is our ambassador in this county - he is the president of this county, we have seen the President and his Deputy release relief food to go to our counties, he should be at the forefront to ensure that we get some of that food to feed our people. Urban poverty is worse than rural poverty. We have children



who go to school without food and if that relief food can help them, this message should reach the Governor so that we can benefit from that food that is being released to go to other counties.

I come from a healthcare background---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, the light is on.

**Hon. Anthony Maragu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me wind up. As I was saying, I come from a healthcare background having worked all my life in a hospital. I look forward to ensure that now that I have the opportunity in the Health Committee, we can bring proper health working systems in our county and in particular Karen Ward where we only have a health centre that barely works over the weekends, has no drugs, has no clinicians. We hope that by the end of my tenure and my Chair, Hon. Maurice, you will help me in this.

The Karen people have told me if I want another term, I have to upgrade the health centre into a level four Hospital. I know you will help me with that to ensure that this young man has another chance in this House. Thank you so much Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members, to be fair, we should contribute on this debate. I would be kind enough to any member who might be having any critical issue that cannot go without notice. Any member who wish to contribute anything? Hon. Alvin Olado, and please be brief.

**Hon. Alvin Palapala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance, I am Hon. Alving Olado, MCA Kitusuru, and the chairman elect, Planning committee.

*(A Member spoke off record)*

Don't confuse me my sister. I want to thank the people of Kitusuru for electing me. This is my third term; it is not an easy thing. I also want to congratulate Members who were elected, it is not easy for you to be elected. I congratulate you Mr. Speaker on your election. I recently heard some people calling you MCA Ken Ng'odi. It seems the county is still confused; you are not an MCA but the Speaker of Nairobi County.

Let me now talk about the Governor's speech. At the age of 37 years Johson Sakaja is now the Governor of Nairobi. Sometimes I ask questions what am I doing here in this assembly, I am supposed to be at the National Parliament---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, can you withdraw because you are demeaning the House by way of making reference that does not befit the status of this assembly. Can you go ahead a write a resignation letter then may be wait for that opportunity.

**Hon. Alvin Palapala:** Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the statement and I congratulate the Governor for being elected the Governor of Nairobi at the age of 37 years. I want to talk about the bursary. I don't want to do repetition; we want to fulfil *Baba's* manifesto. He had said that we are going to have free education.

We have been giving bursaries in January and get the cheques of Kshs. 5,000 in August. I do not know who is the Chairperson of Education Committee. I hope he is going to do a good job because we have been giving a bursary of Kshs. 5,000 and you find that parents have a fee of kshs. 70,000 and you are giving them Kshs. 5,000, surely it is unacceptable.

I think the Chairperson of Education Committee has to do something so that when we are giving bursaries we should give like Kshs. 20,000 for us to be fair to the parents. *(Applause)* When we give Kshs. 5,000, it is like we have not even helped the parents.

Lastly, Members, we have to fulfil *Baba's* manifesto, we have chair Education, chair Health from Azimio, you know what we promised our people on the ground. We have to work hard so that we deliver our manifesto. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Honorable Members. I want to believe that we have exhausted the debate. Okay, Honorable Member, the final one.

**Hon. James Karanja:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I did not want this debate to end without making my maiden speech. I will start by thanking the Almighty God for giving me this chance to be a Member of the Third Assembly of Nairobi County Assembly. It was not easy and it was a dream come true for me.

Secondly, let me thank the great people of Matopeni for believing in me by electing me to represent them in this assembly, may God bless them. My commitment to them is that I will never let them down. I would also like to thank the Almighty God for giving me this chance to be here, it is by His grace and His favour.

Let me talk about two issues on the Governor's speech. It was a good speech because it touched on myriad issues affecting MCAs, or our county and our people. For instance, the WDF is the backbone of development in the ward for any MCA. If as our Governor promised us it will be well managed, and funds received in time, it will boost us immensely.

Secondly, is the setting up of a Liaison office. This is a good link between the Executive and the Assembly. It is commendable, motivating our CHV, and a very good idea. Lastly, I would like to request our Governor to walk the talk and we as the assembly will support him fully. Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I now call upon the Leader of Majority to reply on the Motion.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, first of all let me say that I am delighted to see the level of debate on this Motion across the political divide. As I had said before, I encourage every Member in this House to speak. It is very important and very encouraging.

All said and done, we will ventilate on various issues – this should be noted on HANSARD. That the Honorable Members especially those who have been elected from the 84 wards, as the Governor Sakaja said; we need Ward Development Fund. It is and will remain the irreducible minimum for all the elected Members of this County Assembly.

*(Applause)*

The bursary is another most important aspect of an elected leader, even those who have been elected by the parties. There is a precedence which was set in this House, that even if the elected Member receives the bursary, it has made some of the nominated Members to be elected in this assembly in the next election. For example, Hon. Rose Kula from Kware Ward was elected in this House courtesy of bursaries given by fellow colleagues who are elected. Another Member who was elected in this House is Hon. Rosemary Masitsa, the only woman elected in ODM party. *(Applause)* She used to ask for two or five

bursaries from us and became so popular more than the elected MCA and now she is seated here as an elected MCA.

Hon. Speaker, that is another irreducible minimum as this House supports the speech of the Governor. I thank the Governor for saying that at the beginning of every term, bursaries would be issued not after two terms. We must give respect to the youngest Governor in the country – I believe he is the youngest Governor in the country, right? At 37 years of age, he can also make sure that the young ones are getting a better education.

Number three, Mr. Speaker, the issue of unemployment in Nairobi County is a thorny issue. I remember vividly well in my first term in 2013 that the County Government of Nairobi; then the City Council, last did a massive employment in 1998. I believe Mr. Speaker you were a Councilor then. From 1998 to date, it means that if you were employed when you were 19 or 20 years, that person is already at fourth floor, right? It means that our workforce in Nairobi County need to be replenished by a younger generation.

*(Applause)*

I am happy that the Governor has given some kind of morale, some kind of assurance to the current staff that when a Member of the County Assembly walks into his office, he is assured of coming back to that office the following day. We want to encourage the Governor to give the members of the executive staff the same morale and more so to inject more energy by employing young people to serve in the County.

Hon. Speaker, I am happy to see that you have taken this seriously, I am seeing each and every day that you have petitions for those who went through injustice. In 2017-2022, this was one of the worst unjust government of this county where an employee could be fired through a WhatsApp page. An employee could be fired just because he has refused a hug from a senior officer. I believe that we will look at the petitions that the Speaker is reading before this House and make sure that we serve justice to Nairobians. As I always say; 'injustice committed today is injustice for tomorrow'. May be you serve injustice to a person, tomorrow another party will serve you the same injustice.

Hon. Speaker, as I reply this Motion, I want to thank the Governor, members of the Executive forwarded before this assembly and I am aware through your leadership in a few weeks we will be able to give the Governor the CECs he deserves. For those that he does not deserve, we may not be able to give to him because we want him to work and deliver to the people of Nairobi.

Hon. Speaker, on the same breath, I am happy that we have the oversight on this side well positioned, we have all the chairs of the 23 committees ready to work. I am also happy that the Governor as he explained to the leadership, that he is bringing the chief officers. I am aware that the applications ended on Friday, the short listing is going on. I believe that after the induction of every committee, we are ready to vet these chief officers. We will give the Governor those people that the Governor deserves and those that he does not deserve, that will make him to fail, we will not give to him.

Thank you Hon. Members for the good debate. Thank you so much, God bless you. I beg to reply.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you honorable Members. The Hon. Majority Leader in replying the Motion made a reference in regard to investing in kindness, to our elected Members and the nominated Members. The reference which the honorable Member made is in regards to one, Hon. Speaker, standing before you

today. I was elected and there were two nominated Members in my ward: Hon. Amina and Hon. Rose Kula. But during the distribution of the bursary, I ensured to give each of them 50 bursary forms.

*(Applause)*

Because they are leaders and have people who are relying on them as well. Please do not see it as a threat, work diligently and have fear in God, He will reward you for the good deeds. I do not see the reason why there should be disputes with a nominated Member, it is just a good gesture.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### STATUS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY PARKING LOT

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members., before the House adjourns, the Chair made a commitment yesterday in regards to a request by Hon. Silas Matara. I made a commitment to make a briefing in regards to the same.

As you are aware, I had directed that we have a meeting at 8 a.m. today. During our meeting I want to spell out this fear about the parking lot adjacent to the Supreme Court. After a serious engagement, we happened to extract a communication vindicating the Judiciary from laying any claim on the said property.

This is for record especially for the members of the Fourth Estate, they have been calling my office to ascertain the clear position in regards to who is the rightful owner of the property. Members of the Fourth Estate and the honorable Members of the County of Nairobi, this letter is dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and the author is the Judiciary directed to the Director General Nairobi Metropolitan Police – that is a police unit within the Judiciary set up – the subject matter is;

RE: Condoning of the public parking bay adjacent to supreme Court building

Kindly underline the word condoning. The above subject matter refers.

The Judiciary Service Commission shall commence interviews for the post of the Chief Justice on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Due to the upsurge of the Covid 19 infections, and in order to observe the Ministry of Health Covid 19 protocols, the interviews shall be conducted in tents at the Chief Justice garden which is adjacent to the public parking bay.

The public parking is crowded with private cars, car washes and food hawkers who sell to all manner of people from early morning to late afternoon right along the fence separating the garden and the public parking. This may cause distraction and insecurity during the interviews.

Therefore, we request your office to condone off one row of the parking area adjacent to the Supreme Court from end to end to enable us conduct the interviews in a serene environment. Thank you for your continued support.

Anne A. Amadi

The Chief Registrar of the Judiciary

**Hon. Speaker:** From this communication, it indicates that the matter in question is not about who owns the property. The meeting was convened and the request was allowed. Honorable Members, having said that, I wish to make the following communication before the House adjourns:

As you may recall at the assembly sitting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, at 2.30 p.m., Hon. Silas Matara MCA, rose on Standing Order No. 59 (h) to enquire that he House converses on the issue of lack of parking for Hon. Members and staff of the County Assembly.

Members deliberated on the matter at length and raise pertinent concerns. Accordingly, the Assembly leadership reached out the Office of the Speaker on the matter of the Judiciary seeking an amicable resolution. Through these efforts a short term solution that Members and staff be allowed to park their vehicles at the Supreme Court, was reached.

Therefore, Members and staff of the County Assembly are advised to park their vehicles at the Supreme Court parking effective tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

*(Applause)*

Meanwhile honorable Members through the office of the Speaker and H.E the Governor, we have communicated to the Judiciary to form a joint team from the County Government and the Judiciary to comprehensively and exclusively iron out any pending issue surrounding the Supreme Court parking for the long term solution and co-existence.

Honorable Members, be informed that the property remains gazetted as the property of the Nairobi City County Assembly.

*(Applause)*

#### FORMATION OF THE WARD BURSARY COMMITTEE

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members, I also have a communication on the formation of the Ward Bursary Committee. The Office of the Clerk is in receipt of a letter from the acting county secretary on the establishment of Ward Bursary Committee.

In the letter, Members are advised to expedite the formation of the Ward Bursary Committee in line with the Nairobi City County Bursary and Scholarship Programme Guidelines 2021 for ease of bursary processing.

A copy of the guidelines may be found in the Office of the Clerk for your further perusal. I thank you honorable Members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Members, the House stands adjourned to 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. Thank you.

**The House rose at 3.33 p.m.**