

GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(SECOND SESSION)



MOTION – HON. ANTONY KIMEMIA GATHUMBI, MCA

Subject: a special audit on the compliance and operations of the Built Environment and Urban Planning Sector to revamp the Sector

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of the following Motion: -

THAT, aware that paragraph 8 of Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for the functions of the County Governments which include Planning, Housing and land survey and mapping; **further aware** that the Nairobi City County Urban Planning and Housing Department has suffered critical management issues, organizational deficiencies and unfavorable socio-economic conditions that have led to poor urban planning and development; **concerned that** lack of efficient enforcement of building and planning legal framework has led to environmental degradation, haphazard physical developments, increased levels of pollution across Nairobi and disasters such as collapse of buildings; **further concerned** that the Sector of Lands, Urban planning, Urban renewal, Housing and Projects Management is understaffed and the available officers are not adequately facilitated to undertake their duties which may have contributed to increasing disasters where Nairobi residents have lost their lives and property due unscrupulous, substandard buildings and construction works approved by the Sector; **noting** that even with such blatant failure, no one has been held responsible to date for the endless disasters that bedevil the City due to lack of accountability within the planning Department that fuels approval of substandard and illegal construction works except knee jerk reactions of interdictions and dismissals; realizing that if nothing is done urgently to revamp the Sector, the City risks continued avoidable loss of lives through disasters, this Assembly **resolves** that the County Executive in conjunction with the Office of the Auditor-General to conduct a special audit on the compliance and operations of the Built Environment and Urban Planning Sector with a view to establishing an effective, efficient and reliable department that can better plan and organize the City and report within six (6) months upon approval of this Motion.

Hon. Antony Kimemia Gathumbi, MCA
Member for Harambee Ward,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY.