

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



SECOND ASSEMBLY

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

(THIRD SESSION)

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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## CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP BY ORANGE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (ODM)

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Hon. Members, I have the following Communication to convey:-

Hon. Members, you may recall that on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**, I notified this Honorable House of a Communication from the Minority Party Whip, received by the Office of the Speaker Pursuant to Standing Order No. 21 (8) communicating the decision by the Minority Coalition on the **removal of Hon. Elias Otieno Okumu, MCA Member for Kileleshwa Ward as the Minority Leader of the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 21 (1).**

Subsequently Hon. Members, you may equally recall that the Chair directed the Minority Coalition do designate a Member as **Minority Leader** to replace Hon. Elias Otieno Okumu, MCA as provided for in Standing Order 21 (1) **within 48 hours pursuant to Standing Order 21 (9).**

In the above regard, Hon. Members, the Office of the Speaker received a communication from the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) Executive Director, Mr. Oduor Ong'wen vide a letter ref: ODM/11/15/ED4 dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 communicating the change of the Minority Leader.

In the letter Hon. Members and Pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 21 (9) the, the **Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) has designated Hon. David Njilithia Mberia, MCA for Karen Ward as the Leader of the Minority Party and Coalition in Nairobi City County Assembly.**

**Hon. Member**, I wish to remind you on the Provisions of Standing Order No. 243 (1) (c) on the sitting Order in the Chamber, which inter alias provides that there shall be reserved seats in the Chamber of the County Assembly for the exclusive use of amongst others, the Leader of the Minority Party.

In the above regard Hon. Members, I now request the Minority Leader, **Hon. David Njilithia Mberia, MCA** to take his designated seat.

*(Action prompted)*

Hon. Members, for the interest of the newly appointed Minority Leader, allow me to refer you to all to the Provision of Standing Order No. 163 (1) (d) providing for the establishment and Membership of the Assembly Business Committee, with the Leader of the Minority Party as one of its prescribed Member.

In addition, Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 164 (1) providing for the establishment of the Committee on Selection, dictates the Leader of the Minority Party as one of its default Member. Equally, Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 196 (1) establishes the Select Committee on Appointment consisting of the Speaker as a Chairperson, the Leader of the Majority party and Leader of the Minority Party as the prescribed Members.

Now therefore, Hon. Member, similar with the earlier change with the Leader of the Majority Party and its Whip, the change herein for the Leader of the Minority Party , **does necessitate nor rely on the Assembly's Approval or otherwise.** Consequently, Hon. Members, I direct that the Membership of the said Committees be effected forthwith.

Lastly, Hon. Members, **Under Order No. 7 on Statements**, I will grant the newly appointed **Leader of the Minority Party pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (b) a chance to say something relating to the new appointment and responsibilities as the Minority Leader.**

I thank you Hon. Members.

**The Hon. Beatrice Elachi, CBS**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019**