

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



## SECOND ASSEMBLY

### THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

*No. 29 of 2019*

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### The building Bridges Initiative

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

#### FAMILIARIZATION OF MEMBER WITH THE BUILDING BRIDGES INITIATIVE REPORT

**Hon. Members,** as you may all be aware, the Building Bridges Initiative - BBI in Kenya was initiated on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 after H.E the President Uhuru Kenyatta and his closest competitor in the 2017 presidential election, H.E Raila Odinga, decided to shake hands and unite the country that was at the brink of war. What is now commonly referred to as the Handshake in Kenya.

Subsequently Hon. Members, a team of individuals was thereafter formed who held public participation forums across the 47 counties in Kenya to collect views on what changes Kenyans would want to see from the provided 9 agendas, being:-

- i. How to end Ethnic Division
- ii. Inclusivity
- iii. How to solve Polarizing elections
- iv. Safety and Security
- v. How to deal with corruption
- vi. How to deal with Lack of National ethos
- vii. Responsibility and Rights
- viii. Shared prosperity; and,
- ix. Enhancing Devolution

**Hon. Members,** it is also worth appreciating that the technical team launched its report containing recommendations and general suggestions for constitution amendments as contemplated in Article 257 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

Hon. Members, whereas Article 257 (5) of the same provides that; *“if the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission is satisfied that the initiative meets the requirements of this Article, the Commission shall submit the draft Bill to each county assembly for consideration within three months after the date it was submitted by the Commission.”* While in anticipation for the said, there is need for

the Members of the Assembly to familiarize themselves with the Building Bridges Initiative Report for the interest of your electorates especially during the long recess.

**Hon. Members,** you will note with appreciation, the Provision of Article 196 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which provides that the Assembly shall;-

- (a) conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and
- (b) Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees.

As the people's representatives, it is prudent that when time come for you to exercise your legislative authority, you will be in a position to debate from an informed point of view.

## CHANGE IN THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE'S LEADERSHIP

Hon. Members, the County Assembly Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works resolved to elect a new Chairperson of the Committee following a vote of no confidence in the former Chairperson, Hon. James Mwangi Wambui, MCA.

Consequently Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the election of Hon. Joyce Muthoni Kamau, MCA as the new Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works. I wish to thank the former Chairperson of the Committee for leading the Committee for the last two and half years and request the new Chairperson to steer the Committee for the betterment of the County.

Additionally, Hon. Members, my office is aware of a resolution by the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on the vote of no confidence in its Chairperson. Furthermore, the Leader of Majority Party has this afternoon tendered his resignation as the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives.

Therefore Hon. Members, I wish to direct the Members of the Sectoral Committees on Planning and Housing; and Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives respectively to converge for a meeting for the election of their Chairpersons in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders 171.

Hon. Members, urge you to cooperate with your Chairpersons in the various Committees to ensure that you execute your mandates in the Committees effectively for the betterment of the County Government.

**I thank you Hon. Members.**

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

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**