

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY - FIRST SESSION

COMMUNICATION 1 FROM THE CLERK

WELCOMING REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF FIRST SITTING

Hon. Members, on behalf of the staff of the Nairobi City County Assembly and on my own behalf, I wish to sincerely congratulate all of you on your election as Members of this august House.

I further wish to welcome you to this first sitting of the Third Assembly of Nairobi City County Assembly and take this special opportunity to welcome back all Members who served in the Second and previous Assemblies and have been re-elected. I also extend a special welcome to Members joining us for the very first time.

Hon. Members, before we proceed with the business ahead of us, may I inform the house that for your convenience during this sitting, the rest rooms are located on the ground floor on your right side as you enter from the main gate. The other one is located in the Speaker's holding room area accessible from the door on my right up on the podium (*pause and show the members*). Further, in terms of sitting arrangement, for purposes of this First Sitting, Hon. Members are free to sit on any available sit and on any side of the Chamber. However, as you will realize going forward, once the Assembly shall be fully constituted, there shall be seats designated for the Deputy Speaker, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and the Chief Whips as provided for in Standing Order 253.

Hon. Members, also note that the County Assembly and its Committees has now fully resumed its physical sittings following the removal of Covid-19 restrictions that had been imposed during the term of the Second Assembly.

Hon. Members, today's sitting is the outcome of several activities that preceded our gathering here for this historic occasion. First and foremost, Section 3 of the County Governments (Amendment) Act, No. 11 of 2020 as read together with Standing Order 4 of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders provides that *whenever a new County Assembly is elected, the Governor, by notice in the Kenya Gazette and/or the County Gazette, shall appoint the place and date of the first sitting of the new*

County Assembly, which date shall not be later than thirty days on which the County Assembly shall be fully constituted as provided for under Section 7 of the County Governments Act, No. 17 of 2012

Accordingly, His Excellency the Governor of the Nairobi City County notified this First Sitting of the Third Assembly of Nairobi City County Assembly vide Legal Notice No.11276 of 2022 dated 22nd September, 2022.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 4(2) (a) provides that *“On the first sitting of a new County Assembly after a general election, the Clerk shall read the notification convening the First County Assembly as published in the Kenya Gazette and the County Gazette.”*

Hon. Members May I now read the notification by the Governor.

“NOTICE is given to the general public and all elected and nominated Members of the County Assembly of Nairobi City that pursuant to Section 7 (B) of the County Governments(Amendment) Act, 2020 and Standing Order 4(1) of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders, I Sakaja Arthur Johnson, Governor of the County of Nairobi City, appoint that the First Sitting of the 3rd Nairobi City County Assembly shall be held at the Nairobi City County Assembly Chambers, Nairobi City, on Thursday 29th September, 2022 at 9.00 am”

Hon. Members, having laid out the basis for today’s sitting, we shall now proceed to the next Order

EDWARD O. GICHANA
CLERK, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY