COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY THIRD ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(3)

12th February 2024

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD AND THE DE-WHIPPED JUBILEE PARTY MEMBERS

Honorable Members,

I further have the following Communication to convey regarding membership of the Board and de-whipped Jubilee Party Members.

Honorable Members,

My Office is in receipt of a letter dated 12th October 2022 from Wiper Democratic Party Azimio Coalition nominating Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA to serve as a Member of the Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board. This is to give effect to an earlier letter dated 12th October 2022 from Azimio la Umoja Coalition on the coalition pact regarding the position. Therefore, the letter will effect the replacement of Hon. Catherine Okoth who is currently serving in the Board. In this regard Hon. Members, may I bring to your attention the provisions of Section 12 (3) (c) of County Governments Act, 2012 as amended by Section 46 of the County Assemblies Services Act, 2017 and I quote:

"The Board shall consist of:

3(c): two members of the county assembly nominated by the political parties represented in the county assembly according to their proportion of members in the county assembly"

Honorable Members,

In accordance with this provision, may I convey to you the nomination of Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA to Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board for your noting. Accordingly, Hon. Muasya shall assume the office of Member of the Assembly Service Board upon being sworn in in accordance with the Constitution and County Assemblies Services Act, 2017. May I also take this opportunity to thank Hon. Catherine Okoth who has served as a Member of the Board with diligence. Indeed, you have been the epitome of selfless service and set a high bar with your impartial commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of Members of County Assembly and inordinately, the staff of the Assembly.

De-whipping of Jubilee Party Members

Honorable Members,

As you may recall, on 20th April 2023, the Secretary General of Jubilee Party wrote to the Assembly Majority Whip, Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA directing him to de-whip the following Jubilee Party allied Members of County Assembly from Assembly Committees in accordance with the Standing Orders for violating Party Constitution:

- i) Hon. Robert Mbatia, MCA;
- ii) Hon. Fiunifiu Thuo, MCA; and
- iii) Hon. Mary Wanjiru Kariuki, MCA.

Subsequently and in line with Standing Order 172, the Whip notified my Office and the above mentioned Members in writing. Consequently, the Members stood dewhipped from the Committees they were serving. However, having been dissatisfied with the actions of the Party, the said Members sought reprieve from the Political

Parties Dispute Tribunal. Thus, the Tribunal, in its directions issued on 4th December 2023, restrained the respondent's from discharging or purporting to discharge the complainants from Committees of the County Assembly of Nairobi. In addition, the Assembly was ordered to ensure reinstatement of the complainants to the appointed committees with full benefits and to the leadership positions held therein. Accordingly, Hon. Members, in conformity with the said directions of the Tribunal, I hereby direct the Majority Whip to reinstate the said Members to Assembly Committees.

Honorable Members,

As I conclude, may I acknowledge our two External Members of Nairobi City County Assembly Service Board, **Hon. Maurice Ochieng'** and **Hon. Mary Ndege** who have graced today's Sitting and are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. May I request the two Members to rise in their positions and wave to the Plenary.

In addition, Honorale Members, this Sitting is graced by the end femicide movement, a consortium of more than one thousand organizations which are represented by the following members seated in the Speaker's Gallery:

- i) Ms. Diana Zaha (Team Leader)
- ii) Ms. Saida Mumbua
- iii) Ms. Faith Goko
- iv) Ms. Zawede Nzisa
- v) Mr. Paul Babu

May I request you to rise in your positions and wave at the Plenary.

Honorable Members,

May I wish you a fruitful and fulfilling Session ahead. May God bless you and may God bless the City County of Nairobi.

I thank you.

The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA

SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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PARKING

Honorable Members,

I have the following further communication to convey regarding parking:

Honorable Members,

My office is in receipt of a complaint letter a public interest lobby group called RLO Associates dated 30th January 2023 drawing my attention to inappropriate parking by Members of County Assembly within the Central Business District (CBD). In their letter, they observe that the County Assembly is the principal legislative entity in the County of laws that govern and regulate conduct of business and activities including parking, public transport and City Planning. In sharp contrast, we are accused of not leading by example in obeying these laws and regulations that we create. Notably, Members park their vehicles on pedestrian walk ways and/or lanes on carriage ways. This obstruction denies pedestrians their right to free and safe movement in the CBD, In addition, parking on carriage ways and obstructing a full lanes causing traffic jam along Wabera Street, Mama Ngina Street and City Hall Way and expose motorists to avoidable accidents.

Honorable Members,

As you may recall, the Assembly's parking was misappropriated and the discharge of Plenary and Committee mandate by Members was adversely affected for lack of parking for the better part of the First and Second Sessions. However, through the relentless effort of the Assembly leadership, the County Assembly was allocated parking slots along City Hall Way and Mama Ngina Street that were clearly marked and labeled by the County Executive. It is true that the then lack of proper parking occasioned Members and staff to park inappropriately on street lanes one lane streets and pedestrian walk ways.

Honorable Members,

It is inappropriate and unfortunate for Members to continue parking on walkways and on active streets despite being allocated parking slots on the said streets. It defeats our title of Honorable Members. That notwithstanding, it has come to my attention that since the parking issue was resolved, the parking boys/men who used to assist Members and staff in securing parking spaces have changed strategy. They have now resorted to ushering members of the public into parking along streets and pedestrian walk ways and in Members' designated parking slots. In this regard, I direct the Director for Security Services as follows through the office of the Clerk:

- i) to ensure that the parking slots that were designated by the County Executive are only used by the Members of County Assembly;
- ii) to liaise with the County Executive Security and Compliance Department and ensure that streets and walkways around the Assembly are ridded of deliberate acts of obstruction by both Members of County Assembly and members of the public; and
- iii) to liaise with County Executive Security and Compliance Department to ban and enforce the ban of assisted parking propagated by parking boys/men.

Honorable Members,

In this regard, you are encouraged to only park your vehicles in designated parking slots to avoid inconveniences to be occasioned by the foregoing directions. It shall be considered a breach of privileges should a Member park at undesignated places and relevant action shall be taken. As such, the Director of Security Services is hereby mandated to report to my office through the Office of the Clerk, any Member who violates the foregoing directions for further action.

Honorable Members, you are so guided.

I thank you.

The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA

SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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