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[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Kamangu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I can see we don't have the quorum. You don't have to ring the bell because they are not coming here. So we give them about ten minutes so that maybe they can join online. I can see only a few, we have about ten and the ones here. I would suggest Hon. Kimemia and Hon. Tin, why don't you join in the link so that you can also be counted in the list.

Members could you please ask your friends to join the meeting. We don't have the quorum up to now. We still require another three people.

(Quorum bell was rung)

Okay, I think now, Clerk, we have the quorum, proceed.

MOTION

MANAGEMENT OF ARTS AND TALENTS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Sylvia Moseiya: I wish to move the following Motion: That aware that Article 55 of the constitution provides for the state to take measures including affirmative action programmes to ensure that the youth have opportunities to associate and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life, access employment and are protected from harmful cultural practices and exploitation; further aware that Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the constitution provides for the functions of the county government; which include ensuring and coordinating the participation of communities and locations in governance at the local level; and assisting communities and locations to develop the administrative capacity for effective exercise of the functions and powers and participation in governance at the local level; concerned that there is mass joblessness amongst spirited and innovative youth with enormous talent in the country, which is a

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drag on the economy as it forces unemployed adults to depend on small working class; further concerned that the creative arts and talent sector is overlooked and under-appreciated window of opportunity for youth in the country where youth with talents can be invigorated to discover and build up their capacities. Noting that the high expectations, disappointing employment and life prospects and marginalization among young people fuels frustrations and desperation and in response some of these youths have turned to socially and legally unacceptable vices such as violence, substance abuse, commercial sex work and even suicide; which have negative repercussions on the young people themselves and contribute to growing security, moral and psychological instability in the society; further noting that in many developed countries, creative arts such as films, music, dance, painting, among others have proved to be well paying and good revenue earnings; this Assembly urges the County Executive to develop a policy to establish for development and management of arts and talents in the county.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Moseiya

Hon. Sylvia Moseiya: I beg to move this Motion; I don't know if I am allowed to give some notes or I do that after...

(Interruption)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: No, no. The seconder. Who is seconding your Motion?

Hon. Sylvia Moseiya: Hon. Peter Warutere was supposed to second my Motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Warutere are you there? Peter Mureithi Warutere. Proceed.

Hon. Peter Warutere: Hon. Speaker, I rise to second Hon. Moseiya's Motion. Hon. Speaker, am I audible?

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed, I can see you walking around. That is all, anything else? Hon. Warutere, are you done?

Hon. Peter Warutere: I am done.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Warutere.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Any member who wants to contribute? Raise your hand please.

Hon. Fredrick Okeyo: I would like to support the Motion. It is a timely Motion by Hon. Sylvia Moseiya, the Chair. Mr. Speaker, some of us were raised in Eastlands and when you talk about youth talents, we saw it from the beginning. As a county, we have done like 30 per cent or 40 per cent contribution in terms of building social halls. These social halls have enabled the youth to showcase their talents but this is not enough because they are supposed to pay.

This Motion will go a long way to make sure that we identify and create talents especially from the youth in Eastlands who are comedians or singers. Hon. Speaker, when I say '*nipeleke na rieng*', at your age you may not understand. But for Hon. Sylvia and other members who are younger, they know what it means. These talents will help our youths to get job opportunities. I therefore beg to support Hon. Moseiya's Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Okeyo. But I am still young! Anyone else who wants to contribute? Hon. Peter Wanyoike, proceed.

Hon. Peter Wanyoike: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. First of all, I want to congratulate the Chair for Education for coming up with such a good Motion. Youths have been neglected in our wards. For sure, there are many who have great talents, and if nurtured they will earn their living.

Mr. Speaker, when I was in the Labour Committee, there was Youth Policy Bill which was returned so that it can be polished. I am aware if this Motion can be added in that Bill it can be of much help. I want to urge the Executive to hurry up with these amendments so that the Bill can help our youths down there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Warutere, you want to contribute again? Anyone else who wants to contribute? Members, if you want to contribute, please raise your hands. Hon. Jagero, I can see you. Proceed.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Hon. Silvyia for coming up with this good Motion. We know that learning through arts can last a lifetime as this also guides them towards economic achievement, their personal growth, and also improves their self-esteem through communication skills. Those with talents become more innovative while refining.

As Hon. Okeyo has said, they are in a very dilapidated state whereby some are not accessible. If you see the conditions they are in, you cannot even participate there. Some are being charged. It is a shame as a County if you are still charging our youth to go and showcase their talents in those particular social halls. We want them to be refurbished so as they can be modernized. This will encourage more participation from the youth. I urge the Executive to work with speed in executing this beautiful Motion that has been brought forward by Hon. Silvyia Moseiya, and the House to also pass it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Anyone else? Mover, are you there?

Hon. Silvyia Moseiya: Yes, I am here.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed to reply.

Hon. Silvyia Moseiya: Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the time and the opportunity. More sincerely, I thank Hon. Okeyo, Hon. Wanyoike and Hon. Jagero for supporting the Motion. I am happy that they understand the issue of social halls, especially in Eastlands and the dilapidated state at which they are. When we speak about SMEs, businesses, and agriculture, we also need to bring creative arts economy as part of the economy of this country, like tourism. This Motion is a smaller part of a Bill that is coming up on development management of arts and talents as a creative economy, where we hope to establish a startup fund or activity for upcoming arts.

Eventually, we hope to establish a talent centre especially somewhere in Eastland where there is going to be everything and a recording studio and a dark room of photography, a painters room with infinite access things like that. Where I am, boys and girls after school have time to understand, appreciate, and grow nature and managing talents.

We have recreation centres in Nairobi I hope that out of this we can designate a place with a centre of excellence for the creative art. Hon. Speaker, I thank the Clerk's office for helping me extract this Motion and for the effort they have put in for drafting the legislation proposal Bill that is upcoming. I beg to reply.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moseiya Silvia.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until 2.30 p.m. today. Thank you and please join early today by 2.30 p.m. Thank you and God bless you all.

The House rose at 10.20 a.m.