



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

[His Excellency Governor Hon. Johnson Sakaja entered the Chamber escorted by the Speaker of the Assembly (Hon. Kennedy N’gondi)]

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you will allow me to recognize the presence of the Chaplain in the Assembly. I request him to lead us with a word of prayer. Members, let us be upstanding as we pray.

(Prayers were said by Bishop Masinde and Sheikh Mohamed Adan)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, remain upstanding as we honor our nation by singing the National Anthem.

(The National Anthem of Kenya and the Anthem of the East African Community were played)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CONVENING OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR THE GOVERNOR’S ADDRESS

Hon. Speaker: Your Excellency Hon. Arthur Johnson Sakaja, Hon. Members, the visiting dignitaries, please have the pleasure to take your seats.

His Excellency, allow me to recognize the presence of our able Deputy Governor, Hon. Muchiri. Kindly wave from where you are seated.

(Applause)

You Excellency, we have our area representatives i.e. the Hon. Members of the National Parliament representing Nairobi led by the ODM Chair Nairobi County, Hon. King Omwera.

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(Applause)

We have the County Secretary; you are not qualified to be refereed as Honourable but for today I allow you to use it just at the precincts of the assembly but do not use it back at the Executive. We have our CEC Members, kindly be upstanding.

(Applause)

I salute you for gracing this occasion, thank you.

We have the Deputy Commissioner Starehe Constituency, Mr. John Kisangi, thank you feel most welcome

(Applause)

We have Bishop J. B. Masinde who has conducted the prayers.

(Applause).

We have a representative in charge of food for education, you are recognized.

(Applause)

We have Judith Akeyo the vice-chairperson of Liquor Board, and the Chairperson Mike Rabar. We have Thomas Kasoa, the Chair County Service Board, Engineer Nahashon Muguna M.D Nairobi Water Company.

(Applause)

Order Hon. Members! You have all the reasons, thank you. Hon. Mayor, one of the most recognized leaders in this county - Hon. Majiwa and Hon. Members, kindly proceed and be seated.

(Applause)

Hon. Nicholas Juma, welcome, Hon. Oringo sorry for coming late.

Your Excellency, Hon. Johnson Arthur Sakaja, the Governor of Nairobi County, the Members of the Nairobi County Assembly and distinguished guests, under Section 31 (k) of the County Government Act 2012, requires the Governor to deliver an annual state of county address containing such matters as may be specified in county legislation.

Further, Standing Order No.25 of the Nairobi City County Assembly, provide that the Governor shall address a Special Sitting of the County Assembly once every year and may address the County Assembly at any other time.

H. E the Governor, I would like you to underline the word ‘at any other time’. It has never happened, kindly make it happen.

In this regard pursuant to Section 31 (k) of the County Government Act 2012, H.E the Governor vide a letter reference NCCGOV/27/2024 dated 20th march 2024, informed my office on his intention to address the county assembly on 28th March 2024. However, upon further consultation with the House leadership, coupled with the short recess, we agreed that H.E the Governor delivers his address today Thursday4th April, 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (2) (1), I gave notice of today’s sitting to Hon. Members and the general public through a Gazette Notice No. 3934 which was published in the Kenya Gazette on Wednesday 3rd April 2024. Accordingly, Hon. Members, this Special Siting is properly convened.

RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Your Excellency, it is the custom of this assembly to recognize invited guests seated at the Speaker's Gallery. I therefore wish to recognize the guests as earlier communicated. Inviting H.E the Governor to address the House, Hon. Members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is now my singular honour and privilege to invite H.E the Governor of Nairobi City County to address this Special Sitting of the County Assembly.

(Applause)

**STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS BY
HIS EXCELLENCY SAKAJA A. JOHNSON, EGH,
GOVERNOR NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

H.E the Governor: *Asante sana.* Thank you very much.

The Honourable Speaker, Nairobi City Assembly Leadership, Honourable Members, Distinguished Guests in the Gallery and I am very happy to see the Chairman of the Nairobi Revenue Authority, Chairman of Nairobi Water Company amongst others, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good Afternoon.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, when I took office nineteen months ago, the hopes and dreams Nairobians had shared with me on the campaign were uppermost in my mind. Wherever we went, we met men and women of energy, innovation and ambition. They were ready to work; but they were also tired of the inequality, the squalor, and the misgovernance of the past. They wanted a fresh start for their city. They sent me here to make that fresh start. They sent you here to make that fresh start.

I knew it would not be easy or simple. We would need radical change in our institutions, in our habits of governance, and in our relations with colleagues and friends, from the National Government to our development partners. But the people of Nairobi sent me here to bring change. They trusted you, they trusted me and I am not going to let them down.

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Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members in doing so, I fulfil, in your presence and in the hearing of the people of Nairobi, a constitutional obligation. Authority is a trust given to us by the people of Kenya. Article 10(2) of the Constitution demands of us that we exercise that authority guided by the values of dignity, equality, justice, inclusivity, and accountability; and that we stand ready to account to the people of Kenya for our decisions when we make them. Section 30 (2) (k) of the County Government Act also provides that I deliver this annual state of the county address every year. I am ready to meet that obligation today. So let us begin.

Ladies and gentlemen we took office at a time of turmoil. The pandemic had ended. The economy was only beginning to recover. The County had huge pending bills, above 100 billion shillings; our legal liabilities were unpredictable. Nairobianians had had enough of crude partisan politics, expensive services, and streets as dirty as the city was disorderly.

The administration of the county suffered because leaders were divided by partisan affiliation. Hon. Members, and Hon. Speaker, I must deeply and profusely thank and congratulate the leadership of this House; The Right Honorable Speaker - Ken Okeyo Ng'ondi, (CBS)

(Applause)

The Deputy Speaker, The Leaders of Majority and Minority Parties, Peter Jateso Imwatak, Anthony Kiragu Karanja and their deputies, Mhshimiwa Kaende and Mheshimiwa Waithera Chege, the Whips, Moses Nyangaresi Ogeto - whom we wish speedy recovery, I had a chance to visit him and we keep talking, he is recovering very well and we pray that God blesses him with strength and the character we are used to in the Moses Nyangaresi Ogeto. Mark Mugambi Macharia (Ronaldo) and their deputies Joyce and Stazo Omang'ala and of course the elders Dr. Wilfred Oluoch Odalo "Ker" who doubles as the Chair of Budget and his PHD is a non-specialty and Dr. James Mwaura Chege who is a staunch apprentice of 'Ker' for helping us bridge that divide and work together as one family - the Nairobi Family.

I want to thank you because in the history of Nairobi County there has not been 19 months like the one we have had since the beginning of this county, congratulations Hon. Members.

I acknowledge the great work done by the Nairobi City County Assembly in its oversight, representation and legislative roles. You represent the hopes and aspirations of millions of Nairobianians and you can always count on my support as you execute your mandate.

In strengthening your capacity, I have signaled my support and the Cabinet will approve the use and transfer of County land in Upper Hill for the Construction of your administration block, assembly and offices for all Members of the County Assembly to better serve our people.

Honorable Members, even before I took my oath of office, I had felt the weight of the county's problems. Precisely because of that awareness, I was driven to hasten the implementation of changes which I believed the county needed. Today, I am happy to give a report card. Have we lived up to the promises and expectations we set? I believe we have.

Revenue mobilization was a priority from the beginning. We could not hope to redeem our promises without significantly changing the ways we raised revenue. I want to recognize that Members here realized its importance, and have continued to work with us to bring order to Nairobi's finances.

This year, we set ourselves the target of Kshs. 19.9 billion of own-source revenue, informed by research which shows that Nairobi's revenue potential is in the order of Kshs 60 billion.

In the last financial year, we managed to raise Kshs 10.6 billion—more than in any of the last five years. This year, we are on course to surpass the own- source revenue record set in the 2015-

2016 Financial Year of Kshs 12.2 billion. Already in the first half of the financial year 2023-2024, we surpassed by 1.5 billion and the last three months have been exceedingly spectacular including the record day that was set on 26th March 2024, where we collected Kshs.236 million in one day.

Looking ahead, we can see several steps each of which will transform our revenue-raising capacities.

First, we will regularize development to correct the urban planning oversights of the past, and to ease collection. We will also effect the Sectional Properties Act, the better to allow owners of units of property, whether apartments or offices, the opportunity to acquire title deeds for their units. This will protect property owners from the danger of losing their hard-earned assets when the leases of their mother titles expire and the reversionary interest goes to other people. I hope and believe that I will get support from this County Assembly in fast tracking the Regularization Bill and all other legislations that is required to do this. These are among the high potential areas, in addition to expanding the base of ratepayers. By way of illustration, according to our records we have 197,500 parcels of land in Nairobi but only 30,000 accounts that have paying for those titles despite that being our largest revenue source. Together with the national government we have realized 350,800 parcels that we are going to bill each individually to be able to pay their rates. A revenue system where only a few pay for their rates is not just and equitable.

Secondly, Ladies and Gentlemen, Right Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, this year we have established the Nairobi Revenue Authority, which will be responsible for revenue collection going forward. This is pursuant to legislation passed in this assembly. I am grateful to this Assembly for appropriating the funds that allowed us to secure office space for the Authority. As we speak, the fitting out of the NRA's offices at the CBK Pension Towers is in its final stages, as is the recruitment of a CEO. In all, we expect to see a significant rise in revenue as well as in the order and effectiveness of collection once the new authority is up and running.

Mr. Speaker, Nairobi City County is saddled with huge pending bills; a liability with which we will have to deal. We have started by evaluating this debt: our teams are re-examining the claims by the Kenya Revenue Authority, by Kenya Power amongst other large claimants to verify the true state of those accounts.

Secondly, negotiations have begun with statutory debtors. Thirdly, and I must thank this House, our Debt-Management Strategy Paper, which has been presented and passed in this House, sets out our proposal for handling all these liabilities. Fourthly, and as a matter of urgency, my staff and I have enforced tighter controls on expenditure.

Our finance and economy teams led by Charles Kerich, Asha Abdi and the Chief Officers thank you for the work you have been doing and for being diligent. But more than that the Members of this House have been extraordinarily supportive. Over time we have been able to achieve the fiscal discipline which makes our programs feasible, and which honours the people of Nairobi who entrusted us with their very hard-earned money. We have also maintained our no-cash policy in Government, ensuring that all our revenue streams are digitized.

Hon. Members, the Unified Business Permit (UBP) was a campaign pledge my administration

was keen to implement. I am delighted to inform this House that we rolled this out beginning 1st January, 2024 and it is already making it easier to do business in Nairobi.

Our people no longer have to go to different offices to seek licenses; all are available in a one-stop-shop. We have encouraged Nairobians to seek services online through our portal *www.Nairobiservices.go.ke*, through a USSD code *647#. However, for those who prefer to be served over the counter, please come to our recently revamped Customer Care Centre at City Hall Annexe. These Customer Care Centers or Client Service Centers were envisaged in the County Governments Act 2012 Section 119 and I am proud to note to you that Nairobi is the first County to establish one.

For the last three months, Hon. Members, the county has been offering civic education on the UBP and helping customers to create online accounts. Beginning this month – and Members you will remember that we discussed this in our recent retreat - we will resume enforcement to ensure compliance. The County Government has developed an enforcement app that will allow targeted and efficient interaction with our clients, aiming to encourage compliance. The era of County Askaris raiding business premises and harassing traders is behind us and it must remain there.

(Applause)

We must neither tolerate it nor accept it. We continue to ensure that our enforcement is respectful but firm. We are glad that cases of running battles - and I am sure that the informal Mayor of the City, Mheshimiwa Kwenya will attest to it – running battles between our enforcement officers and hawkers are a thing of the past and there has been no public transport strike in the last 19 months. I am sure Hon. Musangi will confirm that. Is he in the House/? I know his official name as Hon. Musangi and not Zakayo.

Hon. Members, we intend to keep it that way. This has been occasioned by our new approach to enforcement and compliance which includes dialogue and continued engagement with different sectors. Many times you have seen me holding meetings at Charter Hall with PSV players, Matatu owners, hawkers let use continue having dialogue because it is the better way to come out.

However, we have had a few cases in the recent past where certain quarters have taken advantage of our new stance. We have had unfortunate incidents where some of our officers have been attacked in the line of duty. This is unacceptable and we will not be tolerated. We must let our enforcement officers do their work.

(Applause)

Obstruction of government officers fulfilling their mandate is a crime punishable by law and will be dealt with firmly. The people of Nairobi affirmed that they desired a city of order. Order will be maintained. To set the record straight, and to be clear there is no problem whatsoever in recording officers as they perform their duties, if anything it increases accountability, you can even shoot a movie if you want. What we will not accept is obstruction or incitement of the public to turn against them as they perform their duties. Order will be established and maintained. I

really need your support in protecting our officers but also ensuring that they are accountable for the work that they do and that they treat the people of Nairobi with dignity, that is an affirmation that we have made and intend to keep.

One of the proposals is to introduce the use of bodycams on our officers so that the whole story can always be seen. When somebody takes a three seconds or half a minute clip and puts it in the social media, half of the story is told always. But just like a coin there are two sides plus the other side, let us have the full story and let us affirm the integrity and the dignity of Nairobi City County Government officers. I hope that Members you will support me on that.

This financial year, Honourable Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, the County Government kicked off eProcurement, to inculcate transparency and efficiency in the process of onboarding suppliers as well as in receiving and accounting for goods and services. It was long overdue: our manual processes were prone to delays and abuse. Many instances there were cases of fake LPOs printed at River Road or other places and we said we have to move away from that. E-Procurement has brought sanity back. I want to affirm to you that there is no turning back from E-Procurement.

The county's Economic Planning Sub Sector has received accolades and I must congratulate them led by our CEC and our Chief Officers for coming up with the best County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), our development blueprint that has been emulated by other counties. Nairobi leads and other follow. I am immensely grateful to this Assembly, and especially the Budget and Appropriations Committee led by Hon. Wilfred Odalo, for your support and all the 23 Members of the committee. *Asanteni sana*, may you continue working with diligence s we set an example for other counties.

The Ward Development Programme, an initiative close to the hearts of Honourable Members, the Governor and Nairobians has ensured equitable distribution of development funds across all the 85 Wards in Nairobi. We have raised the allocation from 17 to 23 million per ward. WDP tarmacked the first county road in Uthiru-Ruthimitu Ward, laid the first cabro in Njathaini in Zimmerman Ward, and has seen the completion of the state-of-the-art Uhuru Sports Complex in Kariobangi South and I am sure that there are many other success stories across the county. There are now 85 projects worth 1.92 billion that are currently under way. I want to assure you that you will continue to receive my total support.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, let me now turn to our work to satisfy the value of dignity. It is no secret that our health needs are complex: Nairobi is not just one of the largest and most densely-populated counties in the country; it also meets the medical needs of Kenyans from other counties in the ordinary course of things, and it is where the most difficult and complex cases are handled.

I am proud to say that we are meeting our responsibilities in spite of that complexity. I must thank our CEC Susan Silantoi, our Chief Officers, Mosiria, Dr. Muchoki and Tom Nyakaba for the work that they have been doing together with the Health Committee led by Hon. Maurice.

When we came in, we changed the governance structure of our Level 5 facilities: based on the report of the taskforce on health reforms that we commissioned within the first sixty days of taking office, we appointed professional Chief Executive Officers and replaced all the boards of Level 5. Hospitals. The CEOs ensure a new level of professionalism in day-to-day operations while leading the strategic development initiatives required for longer-term success. In consequence, we have some wins to report.

I want to start with Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital, which recently opened the first public eye hospital in Kenya, the Mama Lucy Kibaki Eye Hospital in Umoja II Annexe where every day about 300 patients are seen, and more than 20 procedures are performed. daily.

Hon. Shadrack Machaje will confirm whether that is what is happening on the ground. Isn't it, *ama ni* story? Yes, it is.

The needs it meets are pressing: - Hon. Members I would like to invite you to visit - we have seen old men and women present with cataracts; we had children blinded by eye infections left untreated. You all know that sight is the most prized of our senses, its loss or damage is life changing. In restoring it, we transform lives. Recently and this story is very heartwarming for me, a 90-year-old man recently had surgery done there, he had been blind for 50 years. He refused to leave the hospital because after years of not being able to see, he thought that if he left, he would stop seeing. We had to encourage him that he will still see even after leaving he hospital. It was so heartwarming seeing him exchange jokes with his son; asking him, "this is how you look after 51 years? I thought you are more handsome." That story is shared by many families. We are manufacturing spectacles, surgeries are being performed and the blind are seeing. Thanks to the County Assembly of Nairobi.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. members, we have also established the Mama Lucy Kibaki Intensive Care Unit (ICU), the first ICU facility to be established in this county since the advent of devolution. We have established a blood bank that was in the manifesto and a Renal Unit. Anyone who has borne the burden of missed treatments or avoidable harm simply because a bed in a Renal Unit or an ICU was unavailable will appreciate what a step this is for the people of Nairobi.

We have brought other services to this facility: we have opened an orthopedic and trauma center which consists of two theatres and a 20-bed capacity ward; we have a new reconstructive-surgery center; and we've also opened an integrated mother-child health center (MCH), which offers breast and cervical cancer diagnosis and treatment, amongst other services.

Last year we installed a new neonatal ICU at Mbagathi. As I said at the time, it was a project we prioritized because we had seen the dire consequences of delay and congestion in treating newborns especially those born before their time. The new unit at Mbagathi is the latest public ICU in Nairobi, and it comes complete with four high-needs beds and 20 incubators, and highly technical and professional staff. In fact, one of our doctors there, Dr. Manyasi was part of the team that performed the first intra-uterine blood transfusion in the history of this country at Kenyatta National Hospital, we are proud of him and the entire team led by the CEO, Alex Irungu.

The CEO of Mama Lucy Hospital is Alfred Wekesa, the CEO of Pumwani is Christine Kitusho, CEO of Mutuini Hospital (soon to be named Mama Rachael Ruto Hospital) is Dr. Obwanga.

I can pledge that we will open more so that Nairobi's mothers and their children live lives of dignity. In particular, the Neo-natal ICU (NICU) at Pumwani Hospital will be completed this financial year.

Thank you Chair health for the support you accorded the Executive in performance of their duties and the Committee of Health. I must thank the committee for when we had visitors recently, you acted like Nairobi County, may God bless you.

(Applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have amazing news; we are very close to formally complete the agreements of reverting Mama Margaret Kenyatta Hospital in Kariobangi North back to the County – I know Mheshimiwa Matach and my friend Mheshimiwa Munuve compete on whose ward it is – Mheshimiwa Matach says that it is in Korogocho Ward and Mheshimiwa Munuve says that it is in Kariobangi North, I will give the final determination. We are in the final stage of having this hospital come back to the county as a Level 5 general hospital.

(Applause)

This facility with 400 beds, double the size of Mama Lucy Hospital, will serve a catchment area of 2 million people across Nairobi. We expect this to ease the pressure on Mama Lucy Kibaki hospital. The journey that started in 1989 with the Nyayo Wards, a journey that had several false starts, several misses, a journey that Governor Evans Kidero tried but it faltered, the next administration tried also but it faltered; is about to culminate in the next few hours. Hon. Members, this is indeed a milestone for the people of Nairobi. Gone are the days of sharing beds by our mothers at Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are also progressively upgrading our Level 4 Hospitals, not least by strengthening their governance structures, to introduce new committees and boards. Members I asked you for recommendation as well – for those who have a Level 4 facility within your wards in changing those structures and introducing professional management but in keeping with the national agenda of creating fully fledged primary care networks.

Allow me to mention two more interventions in health before I move on to something else. Hon. members you will remember that we promised to equip, to resource and fund 7,480 community health promoters with kits that they need to do their work, and to pay them a monthly stipend. We have done so: Nairobi County Government – this is a story very close to my heart because I fought for this when I was in the Senate. Nairobi was the first county government to introduce a stipend of Kshs. 3,500 to all community health promoters who we used to call community health volunteers by then. I am glad that the National Government has also added Kshs. 2,500. Now 7,300 of them are equipped with smartphones and community-health kits; and every month I instructed my finance team that they are paid their stipend and I told them that they

must receive their stipend before I get my salary. They are doing an amazing job in our community and have covered 750 households in the city who may not need to go to hospital but manage certain conditions at home. Let us appreciate the community health promoters of Nairobi County.

(Applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen. I turn to my favourite project and I am sure you can guess. Which one is it? I now turn to Dishu na County - the school feeding programme, and I want to start by thanking you sincerely for supporting this dream. Let me tell you the story of Mildred Ayera, an orphan who lived with her grandmother and struggled to get a meal every day. As a student in New Kihumbuini Primary School in Kangemi, I am sure Mheshimiwa Hamisi knows her. She often sat aside as other students enjoyed their lunch, I am sure you know stories of such students Chair Health, Hon. Perpetua who during lunch time has a lunch box that has something but not food and they go to a corner and pretend that they are taking their lunch so that other students do not ridicule them. I am sure that you know many students who when they go for lunch do not come back because they find nothing at home. But Mildred told us a story during bursary issuance in the last session.

The introduction of the School Feeding Programme in her school, where the first meal was served on 28 August, gave her hope.

That third term she got a nutritious meal every school day, it kept her in school. It was a turning point. She emerged one of the top students in her school and in Nairobi, and she joined Loreto Limuru Girls this January. As we issued bursaries and scholarships this year -I think it was at Milimani Secondary - Mildred gave her moving testimony while still wearing her Tap-2-Eat watch which all members should have by now, and vowed that she will never remove the watch even as she moved to high school. Her story is a story of thousands of children in Nairobi today.

When we began, we wanted to make absolutely certain that each and every child in our county was able to learn: that they weren't denied an education simply because they were hungry. We already knew that roughly one in four of our children in Nairobi had skipped school sometime in the past because they had no food. In feeding each and every one of our children a nutritious hot meal, we invest in their cognitive development and empower them to excel. We knew that many children had nothing back at home despite different interventions to derail this programme, either through court action or premature political activism, it has continued to thrive. Let Mildred stand as our exemplar over here.

The School Feeding Programme Ladies, Gentlemen and Hon. Members, is now fully up and running. We have built successfully beautiful kitchens at Baba Dogo Primary School, Mheshimiwa Majiwa, you were there. At Kayole 1 Primary School, is it Hon. Wairia or Hon. Mofire Njiru? Mheshimiwa Wairia. At Njiru Primary School, Mheshimiwa Carlington Heho, at Roysambu Primary School, Mheshimiwa Kimani Mugo, at Bidii Primary School, possibly Hon. Kimemia, at Toi Primary School, Hon. Davidson Ngibuini (DNG), at Farasi Lane Primary School, Hon. Alvin Palapala (003), at Muthangari Primary School, Hon. Moses Ogeto in Kilimani Ward where I live, at Racecourse Primary, Hon. Wahinya and at Mukuru Kwa Njenga Primary

School, Hon. Kimondo. You will attest that those kitchens are indeed good structures. Each kitchen is a central kitchen that serves between 10,000 to 15,000 meals a day.

Hon. Members, you have done a spectacular job, every school day, 184,000 children in Nairobi eat a hot nutritious. That is the commitment I made to the people of Nairobi, a promise that I have kept and a manifesto item that we have ticked. No program of this magnitude or importance succeeds in isolation. So allow me to thank the parents, the teachers, the development partners, our County Assembly and the good people of Nairobi County who have made it possible.

I must also thank the French Government during the Africa Summit when I took the French Minister of State Kisula to Olympic Primary School and she saw thousands of students excited about the meal and she offered a million Euros through our implementing partners Food for Education that ensures that even that parent who cannot afford five shillings, no child will miss food a school because of lack of money, every child will get food.

(Applause)

Right now, great people, we have the largest school feeding programme in our history. Unlike previous programmes, which were either limited to a small proportion of the enrolled school-age population or had wide coverage but supplied only one food item, - I am sure many of us can remember ‘*maziwa ya Nyayo*’ that would come once in a while in our schools. We bring nearly every child in a public primary school or ECDE centre a full, balanced meal—and we will have complete coverage by the end of the year.

In the last two weeks Hon. Speaker, I have broken ground for more kitchens at Uhuru Gardens Primary School in Langata, Hon. Akama, we were together, then we went to Mutuini Primary School in Dagoretti South where we broke ground, Hon. Martin Mbugua and of course the Leader of Minority we were together, we broke ground at Donholm Primary School in Embakasi and Hon. Stazo Omung’ala could not believe his eyes. We then went to Dandora 1 Primary School in Embakasi North, Hon. Allan Maina, you remember. After that we drove at a fast pace to Ndururuno Primary School in Mathare Constituency, Hon. Ndun’gu we missed you but we were told that you were away but you were represented by your Member for Parliament Hon. Oluoch. Thereafter we went to Umoja 1 Primary School in Embakasi West, Hon. Mark Mugambi Macharia where we broke down and he knows how to turn my knobs and made sure that I bought sodas for everyone including the neighbours, thank you so much. The construction of those seven kitchens is ongoing.

We will shortly break ground at Zawadi Primary School in Kamukunji Constituency, Hon. Nixon Okwacho Juma, I want to thank you and your Member of parliament Hon. Yusuf for the support because they insisted that a kitchen must be built at Zawadi Primary School because of the informal settlement of Kiambiu which is next to it. There was an idea to move it to another school but they insisted and they have even moved critical infrastructure that they will replace using CDF to make sure that that kitchen works. Hon. Members, we have many children in Nairobi who do not go to public primary schools, they go to informal schools known as

Alternative Provision of Basic Education (APBED).

As we mobilize more resources and you know this course, these are informal schools because over the years, after systemic regimes did not invest in school infrastructure for our children. Members, you remember when we broke ground in Roysambu and I was really moved and I think I shed a tear, it was a Kshs 3 billion tear. Because out of that we have received Kshs 3 billion for the next three years to build classrooms in primary schools and ECDEs. I want to thank the Budget Committee because we have agreed that we shall put Kshs 500 million every year so that each ward including wards that might not have a school currently will start having ECDE centres starting this financial year.

(Applause)

I must thank the National Government and H.E the President for the Kshs. 1 billion in the supplementary budget for primary school facilities in every Constituency. Members, in the next three years we might do something that is unheard of. This will make this assembly leave having created more classrooms than you found when you were sworn in to this Third Assembly of the Nairobi County.

(Applause)

As you mobilize more resources from our various partners, we have brought regulations to the assembly to create a governance structure of feeding so that we can have a board that includes the private sector development partners and have a secretariat. Nairobians can decide on to adopt-a-child and support them for a month to buy a meal for a day or a year. As we do that, we intend to cover all of our schools. Meaning, the children in these informal schools (APBED schools), a school where on Sunday it is a church, on a Monday it is a school, in the evening there is women's meeting, the next day there is karate, those schools will be mapped out to a public primary school in the fullness of time. Those children during lunch time will go to the nearest public school, have lunch and go back to their school.

(Applause)

I want to tell you that the children of Nairobi whether in public or private schools or informal schools, are our children. They look up to you Members, and I am sure Mheshimiwa for Gatina Ward is very happy because he took me to that meeting in his ward with APBED schools. Thank you members as well because you reduced the license from 10,000 to 3,000 payable once per term. May God bless you so deeply.

(Applause)

What have we seen? We have seen enrollment increase in our schools, attention, retention and better performance. It is sad that many of these children do not finish their meal and take some back home because of the poverty that bites in our city which you have the power to help change the story. It is an achievement that makes me immensely proud; and that I am pleased to share with you. It is not my achievement but the achievement of this County Assembly, the

County Executive and the people of Kenya but mostly the children of Nairobi.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Climate change and environmental sustainability are now integral parts of our planning, our decision making, and our implementation of programs.

What then, are we doing to preserve the dignity of our peoples' surroundings? Firstly, we have collected more than 450,000 tonnes of solid waste in the last 6 months through our own internal capacity. Now, this is still not at the level we need if we are to meet the expectations of the people of Nairobi, but rest assured that with your support it will continue to rise.

Secondly, we continue to acquire the equipment we need to keep the county clean. We have acquired 10 skip loaders; 27 tippers and 120 assorted skips. We are set to receive 24 refuse compactors – those who remember 'kamero', they are coming in a few weeks, they are in the high seas, thank you for passing that in the budget. Additionally, we will distribute more skips to our markets and to other high-use locations before the end of this financial year.

In tandem with our work, we have also licensed 298 private service providers, and will license still more if they meet our standards. Members, we need to keep Nairobi clean, and we are perfectly happy to work with the private sector and others to do so. That is why we have issued 14 new recycling permits, and it is why we have accredited and registered 104 new community-based environmental organizations.

Members, as I had intimated to you before, we need your support because the biggest scourge we have, is that of illegal dumping. We have established zones and we know where trash need to be taken but people who many of us know in our wards, after the Green Army has cleaned, come and dump the garbage. Kindly support us in bringing this to an end.

Members, we are on track in our efforts to establish a 45 MW waste-to-energy plant in Dandora, given that the PPP is in the final stages of negotiation. We have already awarded Tana National Electric and Engineering Company who have done similar works in other parts of the Continent and in the Middle East. The Setting up of a Waste to Energy plant has been the subject of discussions for decades, every Mayor has spoken about it and every Governor, and there has been no headway.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am proud that first, no one has ever come as far as we have been able to and that the groundbreaking of this factory – and I want to invite all of you, will be a historic milestone that will benefit the people of Nairobi for decades to come.

Earlier on, one of the proposals was to move this waste energy plant away from Dandora. The people of Dandora have suffered for decades from the stench, respiratory illnesses, why then will you pass the benefits to a different part of the city? The first people who should benefit from the waste energy facility are the people of Embakasi North and Dandora as we move to the rest of Nairobi.

(Applause)

I think it is fair, equitable and it is the right thing to do. What I hope to see from the Dandora Power Company will be able to produce energy for the whole of Nairobi. But you will have to start from where they have endured suffering including having a respiratory ward in one

of our hospitals. Isn't it good for us to do it there? I think it is the right thing for us to do.

Members, and this I know you know - we have recruited 3,500 youth into the Green Army, *ama* you don't know that?

(Applause)

This is the largest single recruitment of environmental support staff since God made Nairobi, and as you can see they got down to work right away. Many of you have seen them in your neighbourhoods as they clear and unclog drainages in preparation for El Niño. We must ensure that they will always have the equipment they need; I have proposed that in the budget. the protective gear they require, and the supervision necessary for the effective delivery of their mandate. In every part of the city, in every ward, you know these people, they are happy, they are energetic, engaged and they are doing a wonderful job. I would like us to honour and thank the Green Army for the good work they are doing.

(Applause)

I should also mention that we have recruited an additional 147 technical staff in environmental roles this year. The last time the employment was done in the environmental sector was in 80's when some of you were not born. You find an entire sub-county had only three to four people who are now near to retirement.

I was recently talking to Hon. Njogu of Kawangare and he attested to the fact that there were only three or two women in the whole ward. Now you have 20 or 30 young people doing that work. In Embakasi East Constituency from Mihango to Utawala to Donholm there were four women above the age of 50 years cleaning the entire sub-county. Today there are dozens of young people.

As you put adequate resources even to fuel for our trucks, we will have a beautiful city. Now we want them to move on to beautification to planting of trees, flowers so that we can restore the glory of the City of Nairobi.

Rome was not built in a day, neither was Nairobi, we will get there. You can expect to see more of that energy and innovation as the force gets down to work this year. The team has also been critical in unclogging drains, in tree planting and in the beautification and maintenance of our parks and open spaces.

We recently had torrential rains, which really shock the City in many aspects. This time it is not about drainage and dumping because there is no illegal dumping on the expressway. It is not about buildings because there is not building there. It is the sheer amount of rain and I want to really ask us to consider and commiserate with those lost their loved ones. I spent hours at country bus trying to find the body of a police officer Chesire, a gallant officer who had rescued four children and when he went to close to containers built on drainage the ground collapsed under him and was swept away.

I spent time in Viwandani and Hon. Roni will tell you at Two-side where the work of one who was doing the roads from one of the roads agencies led to flooding and actually lose of resources and property of many of our industrialists. The story is same in Njiru where a young girl of 12 years old was swept away because of a river burst the banks. Even as we do what we must do in increasing the infrastructure for drainage, Members when we come to your wards and a structure is put in the wrong place, whether it is a kiosk or container or shop, to save lives, we need to move that structure kindly support the matter.

This is because the temporary support of those few people who have business will never equate the laws of our lives in the city. I am sure and I can see you are nodding your heads in affirmation that you will support that cause.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, we are not yet there but will get there. We have cleared more than 150 illegal dumping sites. You can see the maintenance on all tree kerb squares, flower gardens, medians and shoulders within the CBD. We are currently rehabilitating walkways in the lower CBD - Accra road, Latema road, Racecourse road, Tom Mboya Street, River road as well as walkway and asphalt works at the Parliamentary Square before the opening of the new parliamentary offices by His Excellency the President in the coming days.

These works are also going on in many of the wards where we are improving the mobility of the people of Nairobi. Uhuru Park's renovation is complete, and will be available to the public free of charge.

(Applause)

Earlier, there were proposal to charge Nairobians to use Uhuru Park. Remembering the number of time that jobless people and of course many of us have been, would go there at lunchtime to eat an air burger as we listen to a pastor laying on the grass as we think about our problems. You will not allow me to charge even a shilling on Kenyans who want to use Uhuru Park.

(Applause)

What we shall do and what we want to put in place is the management system from the gate that when you come in you are able to leave your ID for us to make sure there is security. To know who has come there so that we can also not have the wrong people lazing around in that place creating insecurity.

We are deploying as special security team from our inspectorate and from the police service that will man Uhuru Park 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365d ays a year.

(Applause)

The Central Park which is adjacent behind Serena is only one that will have a small cover charge because of the secluded or specified areas. There is an amphitheater, there is Nyatiti Water features where weddings can be performed, there is an outdoor library, there is also places where

people can be doing sitting of the Assembly one of this days and that will have a different special charge. However, Uhuru Park shall remain free.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first full renovation of the park on this scale in its history; when we went to the office the works was not complete but we made sure that we were able to complete those works properly and get the handover from the contractors and Kenya Defense Forces.

I invite every family in Nairobi to visit and see what has been done for you. However, please, let us use the new facility with due care for other Nairobians. When we opened it over Christmas towards the New Year, there was a slight issue of the plane where happy and jubilant Nairobians decided to sit on the wings of the plane and it broke. I think we should allow people to sit a bit more and they will get used to it and we have to repair it. Let us take care of what we have as it has been done by taxpayer's money.

Ladies and gentlemen and Hon. Members, we intend to have more such parks across the City and not Uhuru Park. We must have such parks for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation of the mind, body and soul.

We have undertaken landscaping and maintenance: the Muindi Mbingu and Muratina roundabout beautification is complete; the TRM traffic island is near completion; including an admission block which we passed in Assembly. We will complete the refurbishment and maintenance of Central Park, City Park that is also coming back to us as it had gone to KFS during the NMS time, Jeevanjee gardens and Kamukunji Grounds within the next eighteen months. We intend to come to Jacaranda ground, which is huge, and it can be used for relaxation and recreation and to be used as a park and not for political events including Kamukuji Grounds.

In the last year or so, ladies and gentlemen, more than 200,000 flowers, trees, and shrubs have been planted along frontages under the Urban Beautification Program that we run in partnership with other institutions.

Our tree nursery in City Park has managed to propagate 72,000 seedlings to be used in our public facilities. As a county, we have already planted a cumulative 655,000 seedlings and dispersed 25,000 seed balls across the county in our efforts to green Nairobi.

As the global Vice Chair for C40 in Africa, which is a network of a 100 cities globally on climate action and I deputies the mayor of London I am proud to inform you that we have doubled the number of air-quality monitors in the city; and passed the Air Quality Act which will govern our efforts to make sure the air our children breathe is clean.

Here too, ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to say we have kept our promises. Recently, the Office of the Governor was awarded the first International Finance Cooperation (IFC)-World Bank EDGE Certification to be the first certified Green government building in Africa. *(Applause)* As the first, not just of National and county across the continent the first one.

I am grateful to the Kenya Green Building Society, led by one of our own shining stars, Hon. Nasra Nanda *(Applause)* for leading this initiative. Thank you for your belief in Nairobi and representing us well, when you first shared this idea I thought it was out of the world, I did not see it happening, but today when you walk to the Office of the Governor from the VIP entrance you

will see a global recognized certification from IFC and World Bank. Thank you, Mheshimiwa Nasra.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, when you introduced to those in the gallery I saw someone being applauded. So let me reflect briefly on our work in the water sector. In the last year or so, Mr. Speaker *(Applause)* and Mr. Speaker I think, we need to investigate *(laughter)* I am told Eng. Muguna *ako top(Applause)* and I think I can see a few of the board members there, there is Arnold Karanja, the Chairman, Johnson Mukambwa, Asanteni

(Applause)

In the last year members, more than 55 kilometres of water piping have been laid or rehabilitated in the county of Nairobi. The extensions and rehabilitation of water pipelines boosted the water supply to the city and cut the losses to leakage that were routine in the past. The level of land water has gone down significantly. I gave them targets and I am sure they will meet those targets that I set.

Equally, robust enforcement through both our smart meters and our water police has cut our revenue losses, and enabled us to hold users of our water services accountable. In light of the gap between the county's requirements and actual supply, we have worked closely with the national government to conclude the Northern Collector Tunnel 1 (NCT1), which we expect to deliver 140 million litres per day once complete. Members, I think you know the challenge of water in Nairobi, and I have explained it many times.

Nairobi County only had four sources of water when we got to office since 1904. Recently actual on Saturday I went to kikuyu Springs. It was the first source of water which produces 6000 cubic meters and was built between 1904 to 1910. The second one, was built in 1928 in a place called Ruiru Dam. The third one was built in Sasumwa in Nyandarua County which give us 60 million liters of water every day and the final one, between 1994 to 1997 is Ndakaini Dam which give us 84% of our water. If you add up all those four, ladies and gentlemen, and the people of Nairobi, we only receive 525.6 million of liters of water a day. The demand of water is 870 million liters, which show that there is a gap.

There is a stored project called Northern Collector 1 that had been stalled for a long time. Hon. Members I am proud to announce to you that I knocked all the doors and followed up with national government, the President with Athi Water works, with our donors. We have been able to pay all the way leaves just two weeks ago; the MD of Athi Water asked us to get permission from Kenha to do an open cut, which we got so that the water can come to Collector 1 and 25 million litres a day from Karimenu and 140 million litres a day from Collector 1. The valves have come and in the next few weeks, we are going to have an additional 140 million litres of water coming into our pipes for the people of Nairobi.

(Applause)

I did not stop there; when you see me travelling, it is not to play golf, because I do not play golf. When you see me travelling, it is to find for you and people of Nairobi. We have been able to secure 100 million dollars from the Government of South Korea to help us develop to develop the Northern Collector Tunnel 2 (NCT 2) and Maragua IV projects which will give us 200 million litres of additional water.

(Applause)

Currently, our Nairobi water and Sewerage Company and department of water led by CEC Ibrahim are working with National Treasury to conclude the funding documents for the development of Northern collector 2 and Maragua IV meaning that in the next three years, it is going to be possible for us to be completely forget the issues of lack of water. But beyond that we must think of the next millions of water coming to Nairobi.

The reason why we are in problems we are in is because the last source was developed thinking about the population of the year of 2002 of 2 million Nairobians; today we are 5 million and counting. So allow us to think into the future as we prepare for the City of the future.

We will soon be able to ease the water-rationing schedule; those who receive twice a week will get it more times a week and those who receive four times a week will be able to get in everyday of the week but with a requisite pressure because that is what is required. For us also to be able to use technology like scanner to monitor where there are linkages - deliberate or no deliberate.

Hon. Members we have been working with National Government on the water policy. There are many part of our city where unscrupulous traders have breached our water pipelines to produce water and sell it to different people through bowsers or direct piping. I remember stopping on Airport North Road that must be Hon. Kimondo's Wards. What looked like a kiosk selling normal sweets and groceries - there is a lady who had put 16 underground pumps, she had diverted water from our major pipeline; those 16 pumps were supplying water to flats and apartments, and she was also supplying electricity. This lady by her own was like Nairobi Water [company] and Kenya Power in one *(Laughter)*. We have seen what such interruption caused.

Hon. Members, when you see Eng. Muguna, Arnold, Oscar Omuke or Ibrahim coming to your Ward to deal with illegal connections kindly give them space to do their work. Today the people of Lang'ata for the first time are receiving water, may be not to the requisite pressure because we are moving there, but for the first time in decades because we had to concretize part of the pipeline going there. We did not do it without humanity; we also made sure that people in the informal settlement of Kibera can also get water to different points and I am sure Mheshimiwa Jera, Mheshimiwa Lawi, Mheshimiwa Masita can attest to it and of course Mama Network you can attest that is what is happening today in Kibera.

Even if we want to help young people with car washes, we can do it in a proper way. Members, if you have any need to assist our young people kindly let's channel it properly. I think you saw the incident that happened in Umoja II and you saw me swing into action to make sure

that we balance the needs of employment for our young people but things to be done in an orderly way. I am sure I can have your commitment in ensuring that that is done.

Let me also add that the city's sewer network which was developed to serve a population of only 2 million people, was last substantially upgraded in 1987. That system is begin overhauled. We have secured financing worth up to 20 billion shillings from the African Development Bank and France Development Agency to upgrade this and should be applied through Athi Water Works and Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company.

Ladies and Gentlemen much of Nairobi's housing does not dignify our people. Our families deserve to live in houses with separate rooms for their children and with private bathrooms for their parents. There is not dignity, Members, when we have millions of Nairobians who live in a house that the only thing separating your children is a bed sheet; there is no dignity.

Hon. Members especially of the male gender - the men - there is dignity when your wife has to go and lineup early in the morning to a communal bathroom to shower, where other men and women are standing outside. That is the life of many people in Nairobi.

The housing agenda for the people of the County of Nairobi must go on and it is going to go on. Our Urban Renewal and Affordable Housing plan makes it possible for us to begin building the dignified homes that our people deserve.

Members we intend to do the work we are doing and you know we have ordered six estates we also intend to partner with the National Government because they have a fund with money. The place that this fund will apply most is Nairobi.

There is no part in this country with more informal settlement than Nairobi. Earlier this year, I said that long-term residents those who stayed in Jericho, Bahati, Woodley and those who stayed in this old houses that belonged to us as a county, will be able to convert their past rent payments into payment for their new homes. Each and every resident who live in our houses where a card has been passed from our father to a nephew to daughter to a son they will get to own those houses and they will pay for service charge on those houses (*Applause*) what they paid from 60's, 50's is enough mortgage to own those houses.

I will give you an example, I meet recently with people of Woodley here. 42 house are going to give us 1,975 apartments. Would it not be greedy and unappreciative for the County again not to demand those 42 people to start paying as if they have come today. Don't they deserve those houses? I will bring that to the Assembly because you have to pass it but let us think of those people.

Ladies and Gentlemen, every cloud has a silver lining. Through Speaker, the right Hon. Kennedy Ngondi who has a very colourful past in the entertainment sector as I did.

(Laughter)

(Applause)

Together with your leadership, the leader of majority, minority and the whips and please take me seriously read my lips, I am committed to ensuring that each and every one of you in the assembly as well as in the executive also get to own a house in the City of Nairobi.

(Applause)

You first start from Jerusalem going outwards, bwana Chaplain I hope am saying it rightly. All of you will own keys because as you seek to give dignity to our people we must first start by giving dignity to their leaders, workers, staff who have been here for decades and when they retire they have nothing to show off their hard earned sweat.

That one we shall do Mr. Speaker, I know the rules do not allow us to mix languages but allow me in Kiswahili to say “kila mtu apate keja Nairobi”

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I know that many of you have been involved in the consultations around the various redevelopment projects—whether in Woodley, in Jericho 1 and 2, in Bahati in Ziwani, in Maringo in Kariobangi North or elsewhere. Thank you for your patience. This process was undertaken very carefully and meticulously, we worked with PPT secretariat in the National Government, we worked with Housing Committees to make sure what we give to the people of Nairobi is quality. Not a house where you open the door and the window opens. But a proper unit where you will be proud to call your home.

Additionally, the World Bank, through the State Department for Housing and Urban Development, has helped with financing for two major projects of improvement in our informal settlements. The procurement for the first round, a sum of Ksh 557,000,000 closed last month. We identified sites in Embakasi, Kayole Soweto, Kahawa Soweto and Mheshimiwa Magoba you know you have been calling me every day about it and it is coming.

Mji wa Huruma - Mheshimiwa Fiu always on my phone - it is coming and Kambi Moto in Huruma it is also coming and many other parts of the City. Kahawa, Soweto -Mheshimiwa Eutyclus - it is coming. We have taken over this work, we are hitting the ground and work will begin. Please Members, let us dignify those who now endure difficult conditions in this informal settlements.

I do not believe in something called slum upgrading; we must do what is called slum eradication. There is no first class or second-class slum as a slum is a slum. Let us move to slum eradication and give people a place of dignity which even help their self-esteem. You cannot walk out of that place doggy sewer and come to CBD and walk your heads up high. Let us give people a semblance of dignity.

In every part of the county, we have listened to you carefully; we have taken your concerns on board. We will continue to do so while we hasten construction and redevelopment so that eventually every family in Nairobi has a home that dignifies them. When it comes to housing, we are keeping our promises.

I want to tell you Members; I told you that leadership is partnership, whatever we do today as Jomo Kenyatta said that our fathers might have been heroes of the past, it is our duty today to be architect of the future. Everything we do must have a successful continuity. There is no project of Mayor Aladwa - who is here in the galley, there is also no project of Mayor Majiwa who is here in the Assembly, there is no project of Governor Evans Kidero in Nairobi County, also Governor Sonko and Governor Sakaja. Every work we do is for the people of Nairobi. MCAs as you develop your ward do not think of a project in term of your predecessor. If it had stalled, complete it as it is for the future generation to come. Leadership is partnership.

(Applause)

Second, we have issued more than three thousand titles and leases to Nairobians long unjustly deprived of their property. We have also issued title deeds to schools and other public facilities that had been left insecure in their property, and we will continue to do so. We had cases of land grabbing of public facilities, we shall not accept it any more in the county of Nairobi. I am happy some of the project we have broken ground on were from the lands that were previously grabbed.

Mheshimiwa Samora will tell you of Clay City. The Maji mazuri market that is coming on 5.4 acres of land was built on a piece of land that somebody was trying to sell it to the county just a year ago. That is our land and we shall build that market. Mheshimiwa Martin will tell you the market we broke the ground on 42 million shilling in Mtuiini is built on a land that has previously been grabbed. We said this land belong to the people of Nairobi and the construction is ongoing. Many other parcels including City Market here in CBD which we have secured and fenced and we are going to build on it.

We have given titles to Baba Dogo Primary, Bahati Primary, Fort Hall Primary, Garden Estate Primary, Highridge Primary, Kabete Primary, Kahawa West Primary, Kabiru Primary, Karen C Primary, Kiboro Primary, Kileleshwa day Nursery School, Kileleshwa Primary, Kirigu Primary, Lavington Primary, Kasarani Primary, Makongeni Primary, Mariakani School, Mathare 4 A Primary School, Mathari Primary, Mbagathi Primary, Moi Avenue Primary, Mukuru Kaiyaba Primary, Muranga Road Primary, Muthaiga Day Primary, Ngei primary, Nembu Primary, Park Road Primary, Riverbank Primary, Ruthimitu Primary, Shauri Moyo Primary, St Anne's Primary, St Brigid Primary, Starehe Day Nursery, Waithaka Technical, Zawadi Primary, and Visa Oshwal Primary. We are going to secure our lands. Anything you find in leadership is not a gift given to you by your ancestors but a gift that you are holding in trust for your decedents for those who are coming after us.

We have also mapped public assets, an exercise that continues so that Nairobians can rest certain that the public land which their schools, markets and hospitals are built upon are not seized for private use.

These efforts have brought us a 16 % rise in rates revenue, they have secured the property rights of Nairobi, and they have made it possible to give land back to those who had been denied

a piece of their own whether individually or communally. In the coming few day and I do not want to preempt it, Members I will give you a report of what exactly what we have been able to secure - That was either going, gone or being planned for in the County of Nairobi.

Let me speak about our work to equalize opportunity in the County of Nairobi. When the people of Nairobi gave me the honour of leading this county, they asked for equity. They spoke clearly: the days when opportunity was a favour and not a right; the days when it was distributed by corruption, cronyism, and quiet nods were over. We have lived up to that standard?

This financial year, we are distributing bursaries and scholarships worth Kshs. 857,800,000 to 124,100 young men and women in Nairobi. Yes, that is right: Ksh 857 million. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me give you illustration. From 2013 when there was a county Government to 2017 where there was next County Government followed by many interreaction of Government, including NMS, including Speakers and for 10 years Nairobi County spent a total of 3 billion in bursaries. In the last 19 months we have spent 1.88 billion in bursaries.

(Applause)

In less than two years, we have allocated quite a significant amount. We have steadily raised our allocation to the ward bursary funds: we started at Kshs. 4.5 million in 2022; we're now up to Kshs. 7 million per ward. For the first time. Again, since God created Kenya in the history of our great County, bursaries are available every school term. Kshs 2.5 million for first term, Kshs 2.5 million second term, Kshs 2 million third term for 85 wards in Nairobi.

(Applause)

That means more students and pupils will have a clear opportunity to make the most of their talents. In equalizing opportunity, we have begun to break the cycle of corruption, impunity, poverty, and division. For many we can only be where we are because of education.

We want academic excellence for our children, but we also want physical excellence for them. And we want them to learn the virtues that team sport fosters: courage, teamwork, and a love of excellence. Moreover, sport conveniently keeps them out of trouble. Let me tell you Members, you will never have cohesion if you do not have equality of opportunities you must equalize opportunities. A child born in Mathare and Mukuru must know there is the same chance at life as a child born in Karen and Lavington. They should know that they have the same shot time at life and prerogative of that quality of opportunity rest in this house. We must equalize the outcome of this children and the greatest equalizer is education. Therefore, we shall increase support towards our children in education.

(Applause)

Members as we speak about sports I want to thank you for participating and support; we launched the inaugural Sakaja Super Cup in 2023, featuring a total of 374 teams. 340 teams right from the wards and 34 female teams from constituencies; it was very successful. We put on a street soccer tournament last year; we continue to support various infrastructures across the county.

A primary means of that support really is on building sporting facilities and infrastructure. I am very happy that we concluded the construction and launched the Dandora Stadium, which we are going to bring up a proposal to rename as Mugabe Were Stadium.

(Applause)

That is in honour of a gallant Kenyan who from the time he was outside the country to come to the Council personally made we secure that land in Dandora, put resource in that land in Dandora and finally we have a stadium. We also must acknowledge the former Governor of Nairobi Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko because despite many odds he really was passionate about that stadium. As we always say that how we start it is not how we finish. We must acknowledge Governor Sakaja Authur Johnson *(Applause)* for concluding that stadium which we shall use in memory of the gallant worriers.

We recently concluded and opened Uhuru Sports Complex Stadium in Kariobangi South - Hon. Mbatia thank you. In Commission Uhuru Sport Complex in Uhuru we acknowledged Hon. Norman Nyaga of Kamukuji, Hon. Simon Mbugua of Kamukuji because that time it was in Kamukuji they helped us to secure it. We also acknowledged Hon. Yusuf who played his role at some point, we acknowledged former Councillors Hon. Mbatia, the former Governor because if it was not for all of them and that is why I say leadership is not an event it is a process and successful and partnership.

Today I am seeing a lot of revenue coming in from those two stadium. Members Mwiki Sports complex at 95%. Is Hon. Kangu around? thank you. is that true or false. I know you cannot be saying anything but thank you for accepting. We had delays in Joe Kadenge Stadium in Makongeni where the contractors are on site and are back working on speed and alacrity. The same is the story of Woodley stadium in Kibra constituency the contractor are on site and they are underway.

I would really also want to find a good name for the Woodley Stadium and we can also name it, instead of the Mzungu name of Woodley we can find a good name for that stadium as we are renaming City Stadium to Joe Kadenge Stadium. Joe Kadenge was a gallant footballer, he was a hero of our times, he played for the team which I have been the patron- the AFC leopards "Ingwee". So for as much as that is Gor Mahia's home ground please allow the name of Joe Kadenge to go up as has been passed by this county Assembly.

We intend to move to the next round of stadia and grounds; Pandpieri in Githurai, who were the winners of Supper Cup last year. Mukuru Grounds in Embakasi South who were the runners up. Where is Hon. Muthoni, there she is thank you so much. Mukuru kwa Njenga kwa Ruben. Kihumbuini grounds in Kangemi Hon. Maleya! Ndurarua grounds in Dagoretti South, Umeme grounds in Ziwani, where is Mheshimiwa Mrefu where we have Kothibero. From 1979 we have religiously played Kothibiro in those grounds and the nature of that grounds that tournaments cannot be moved to any other part of the city. Hamza grounds in Makadara need to be looked at, Calvary in Embakasi Central, Majimbo grounds in Makongeni, Kahawa West in

Roysambu among others. Members, we also intend to restore and manage Camp Toyoyo ground in Makadara, which has fallen into disrepair in recent years. The land belongs to the County the work was done by the CDF, the maintenance will be reverted to County Government, which shall allocate a budget to put the turf back. In addition, I am sure, Chairman, you will help us do that and leader of majority and I think all of you who have come from that part of the city know the significance of Camp Toyoyo. I must congratulate Hon. Bernard who was our Speaker here for the work he did as the MP of the area.

Let me also mention Members - I am closes to finishing, both the Nairobi Festival and the Battle of the Choirs, whose recent second edition was so memorable. As with sports, these and other cultural activities teach our children and young people virtues that will stand them in good stead for citizenship and service to their communities.

We believe that the creative economy has the potential of being a lucrative economic frontier for our youth. Nairobi is indeed a hotbed of talent; you only need to take a stroll in the CBD on a Sunday afternoon to see the scores of young people taking photos and shooting videos since I lifted the ban a year or so ago. We will soon acquire our first mobile recording studio for our musicians and choirs; this mobile studio on a container will move constituency to constituency, ward to ward so that our young musicians can be able to record their art. We have also made proposals to have 17 recording studios in each constituency for our budding musicians to access. Either in our social halls or in our sub counties administrative offices.

Mr. Speaker, when Nairobians gave us the honour of leading this county, many asked for better facilities for our hustling traders. Indeed, some of you have been talking to me about this matter since I was in the Senate.

The need for proper and accessible business operation premises is real: Nairobi is full of energetic young people who want to work and to improve their lives. Again, we also need to decongest the CBD, so distributing markets outside it is essential.

This is a very important catchment area for our traders. That is why we need to build markets outside the CBD, and on important routes, so that we can make the most of these opportunities. A few weeks ago, I broke ground for Mutuini market which will cost Kshs 244 million, it will be done.

That is only one representative market of those we will build in the next few years. We promised to deliver market to the people of Nairobi and we will deliver. We are building Juja market in Mihango, Karen Market already procurement process is about to be concluded - Mheshimiwa Atony. Kahawa west - Mheshimiwa Dr. Clement you know where we are with that. Hospital Hill, Mathare we are building the Raila Odinga Market that is Toi Maket.

(Applause)

We are building the Riruta Market, Njiru, Ngumba in Mathare, and Kariobangi North markets and Uhuru Market as well in along Jogoo Road, construction of the four of these will begin this financial year. Mtuiini has started, the next three should include Karen, Juju and Uhuru

market and the rest just after June and when we get to July, we shall continue. I am very grateful that the National Government has offered to pick up ten of our markets, so Maji mazuri is on course, the Ruai Market is also on course and many others.

Just as we are decentralizing markets from the CBD, so also are we moving public services out and bringing them to you in your neighbourhoods. Look, we can all remember how stressful it once was to get basic public services. I know we have all been there: going from office to office in the CBD, wondering when help would come. There are few things more annoying than not getting the services your taxes pay for. It had to end.

Following extensive public participation, my administration has identified six proposed boroughs in Nairobi, to which we intend to devolve services. Nairobi North, South, East and West, Central and South East. We have commenced the construction of Southern and Northern Borough offices in Kibra and Kasarani Constituency respectively, and identified sites for the construction of the other four, which will commence in subsequent financial years.

Allow me to thank you for participating in the Public Participation processes and our Members of National Assembly because they have had a session, came, and gave their ideas. There were historical issues. Dogoretti for instance did not want to be separated; there were issues with Kibra and Langata, there were issues of Kasarani and Roysabu, Embakasi South, East and Makadara all of those have been taken to consideration and the report should be with the County Assembly.

In the sub counties, we are working to complete the stalled offices for Westlands, Kasarani and Makadara sub counties. We have also embarked on the phased improvement of ward offices to bring services closer to our people. Having improved the conditions under which our staff worked it is essential to help them to serve you better. We cannot expect our staff to give dignity to our people when they are working in an undignified working environments. That is why the first improvement done within City Hall were City Hall Annex. From 1983 when city hall Annex was constructed there have never been any improvement and I invite you to visit it. if you have not been there in a while you might get lost. City Hall Annex today stands as a state of presentation of who Nairobi is.

Every Nairobiian who needs a service will get it promptly and fairly. I have asked each and every sector and I know they are working on stand and operating procedures and service level agreements of how long it must take to respond to a citizen of Nairobi. We do not need a situation where you must know somebody to push file to actually get it responded to. Many of you have endured the frustration of delay and denial services. These innovations are designed, quite directly, to end those frustrations.

What is our Vision? People without vision will perish we must always remember what we are trying to achieve. When you wake up every day, leave your family, leave your homes what are we working towards.

A few days ago, I was asked about my early memories of Nairobi. We grew up in a city that was orderly; in which there was community because neighbours knew and cared for each

other's' families; and in which public services worked. The quality of municipal governance made our family life possible. We were grateful.

Nairobians want a city of order, dignity, hope and opportunity. A city where everyone knows and obeys the rules; where no one is subjected to indignity and humiliation; a city of hope and of opportunity for all. That is the county I desire and that is the county that you want and the people of Nairobi desire. As leaders, we are responsible for achieving it. Tom Joseph Mboya said there are no supermen who will come, it is upon us to change our County.

I ask you, once again, to rededicate yourselves to making Nairobi that green city under the sun. We expect that this plan will guide the city's journey as we look towards the future in all sorts of exciting ways that yet keep faith with the vision that we have and share. That we will expand infrastructure and services networks within the city.

Members and especially the Committee on Planning as you consider - Mheshimiwa Palapala- the new development control guidelines and land use plans for the city that are before this assembly, we must appreciate global urbanization trends. We have heard a lot of commentary out there, about statements we made and we stand by of where the city is going. By the year 2050, which is less than 28 years from now, Nairobi will have at least 10.5 million inhabitants. The SDG recognize that 65% of the World population is going to be in urban centers. To avoid urban sprawl, which we have seen in much part of the world and its concomitant negative effects, we must rethink and redesign many of our neighbourhoods. Our city is 696 square kilometres; it will not expand. We must use available technology of building to ensure sustainable housing even as we raise height restrictions in different parts of the City. The City will not expand we shall not have urban sprawl; densification is the way to go. We can only go up.

However, Members the process of review of these plans, which will bring together our urban planners, residents' associations and other professionals, must consider these facts. The provision of water and sanitation remains a key consideration. I am grateful to our development partners who have committed billions of shillings in the expansion of the necessary infrastructure.

Let no one imagine we are going to issue a blank cheque, for uncontrolled development before the infrastructure that is required to go hand in hand with it. However, we must start socializing with ourselves that the 1976 Urban Master Plan of a City of over million people cannot hold in 2024 for a city that is looking to the future.

We must also ensure the provision of green spaces in every building plan considered, and I am sure that will be cooperated with guidelines before you, strict adherence to the development control guidelines, plot ratios, ground clearance as well as provision of social amenities in health care, education, recreation and mobility traffic assessment must be done.

I am grateful to the government of the United States of America who have committed to us 60 million Dollars, which currently translating to around 8 billion Shillings, through the Millennium Challenge Corporation to finance our land use and mobility planning. As well as our infrastructure development, including the buses for BRT in a threshold program that will cover the next few months. Additionally, that will lead to what will call a combat programme, which goes above the tune of 700 million dollars. I will be joining His Excellency the President in his state

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visit to USA on the invitation of the Government of United State to make sure that you the leaders of Nairobi who represent the people of Nairobi are able to follow this development that are coming to our City and the people of Nairobi are able to benefit from it.

As leader of this County because we had the New Plan provided a framework for detailed planning of our city, after the new plan there were supposed to be local area plans for each and every area. During the time of the NMS, they advertised for different plans, I remember the Airport North, Woodley and it never happened and we said instead of piecemeal plans this NCC support a million dollar can enable us on the foundation of New plan to actually do the Nairobi Urban Masterplan moving forward.

As leaders of this county, we need to look not just to the day-to-day running of the city, or to the quarterly plans, but also to the Nairobi of the future. Just as those who made the last Master Plan for the city in 1973 had a vision for the city decades hence, we too must also plan today for the Nairobi our grandchildren will inherit. The future will not plan itself; it is for you to plan and to look at it.

That is why this year we are going to consult widely and we are soon gazetting the Nairobi Vision 2050 taskforce. That will create a comprehensive new development plan for a city building on the foundation of the steps I have mentioned. I ask you, Members to be part of that process; we have a resident association to be part of that process, our Engineer, Architects, urban economist and all the sectors, our traders our market people, public transport operators, the matatu people and all of them will come to participate in this year process of Nairobi Vision 2050.

When President Mwai Kibaki spoke about 2030 in the year 2002 people thought it was a long way ahead, 28 or so years ahead time. The year 2050 is about the same period from now and we must start now. Thereafter, every decade plan, every CIDP, Annual Plan, every flagship project shall build into that city that global hub that God has blessed with the gift of location, that from Nairobi you can be in New York in 13 hours, you can be in Dubai in 5 hours, in Amsterdam in 8 hours, in London in 8 hours.

In fact, it is always strange you can go to New York in 13 hours and you comeback in 11 hours and thought it is because it is downhill, but there is a good explanation because of the rotation of the earth. Somebody said the pilot just steps on the clutch and go down from New York to Nairobi. However, you cannot have a situation where you are in the centre of the world and are stuck in traffic for 4 hours. We must take advantage of global capital - the only one in the world where we can be sitting and looking at animals in the natural un-spoilt and untouched habitat and the background is a scalene of a capital city. It is only in Nairobi we can only take advantage of that if we plan the future.

Therefore, Members, I ask you to support Nairobi 2050 so that this great historic city of great consequence and many of you may not know the building you are in was once the tallest building in East Africa from 1935 because of the clock tower. Nairobi got the first Common Wealth Charter in the World given by the prince of Duck of Gloucester. We have such a rich heritage then African were not allowed in this building and those who could be allowed to come

in at the galley are those who owned land. Our fathers were heroes of the past; you are the architect of the future.

Members, I ask you to give me your support, for if you work together then this City, will, in the words in Jeremiah 33:9, will be the city that “brings renown, joy, praise and honour before all nations on earth that will hear of all the good things the Lord has done for it, and they will awe by its prosperity and peace”.

To our Muslim brothers and sisters, during these last special 10 days of Laylatul Qadr, I ask you to pray for Nairobi and to pray for Kenya. For God’s peace, protection and prosperity. Saum Maqbul and I wish you a happy Eid ul Fitr.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, the people of Nairobi, God bless you all! God bless Nairobi! God bless Kenya! Lazima iWork!

(Applause)

Thank you. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 30(2) (j) of the County Government Act, I hereby submit to the County Assembly the Annual Report on the Implementation Status of the County Policies and Plans, as well as the address that I have given for subsequent debate by the House. *Asante Sana.*

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Your H.E the Governor. Indeed, you have set the standard and for those who are eyeing for the seat maybe in 2027 will have to really try and adjust to fit. Hon. Members, our Standing Order 27 (4) provides “*Whenever the Governor delivers an Address, a Member may as soon as practicable, thereafter, lay the Address on the Table of the County Assembly following the reading of such Address*”.

I therefore now call the Leader of the Majority Party Hon. Jateso Peter Imwatok MCA to lay the address by H. E. the Governor on the Table of the County Assembly and give notice of the Motion contemplated in the Standing Order 27 (5). Clerk kindly assist the Hon. Majority Leader to lay. Hon. Majority Leader you want to confirm the speech.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, H. E. the Governor of the capital City of Nairobi all the dignitaries invited, Members of the Executives, members of the Fourth Estate, Hon. Colleagues pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 27(4), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Thursday 4th April, 2024: The Address of H. E. the Governor delivered in the County Assembly on Thursday 4th April, 2024 and I beg to lay.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members the attention of the Chair has been raised of the presence and cognizance of the office of the liaison under Hon. Osman.

(Applause)

We have the Chief of the Staff Mr. David *(Applause)*. We have Bwana Commissioner the Fourth Member of the Board, Commissioner Baggy please! *(Applause)*. We have our Sheikh who is going to lead us in final prayer before I adjourn. Kindly Shaikh lead us in a word of prayer before we adjourn. Hon. Members you may proceed and am made to understand commissioner Owino is in the House *(Applause)*. Bwana Sheikh, just briefly! Hon. Sheikh please take your seat.

Hon. Majority please before the Sheikh lead us in a word of prayer.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, parliamentary precedent and practices requires this honorable House to lay a Notice of Motion on the address of the Governor. Before that through Standing Order 1, Hon. Speaker, may I on behalf of this Hon. House appreciate the Governor for a well précised and more importantly a short address as to compared to Governors who gave more than 6 hours of address in the chamber.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, let it be known in the history of this House that this red carpet has seen it all. It has seen the kings of this city and queens. In addition, as I have always said that what I have not seen the casket of either of the queens or kings.

Hon. Speaker, based on that I want to pray for the entire House and citizens of Nairobi that we give H. E. the Governor ample time and patience and more importantly the support he requires to lead this City.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to provision of Standing Order 27 (5) the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in address of H. E. The Governor delivered to the County Assembly on Thursday 4th April, 2024 and laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday 4th April 2024. I beg to give a Notice of Motion. Thank you.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member you may be upstanding. Hon. Members, your Excellency the Governor we have concluded the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn.

The Assembly now stand adjourned until Tuesday 9th April, 2024 at 2.30 p.m. Your Excellency the Governor, I also talk this opportunity to invite all Members and our guest to a reception at the Assembly gardens and I also request all Members and our guests to remain standing in your places until the procession of the Excellency the Governor and the Speaker leaves the Chamber. Sheikh kindly led us in a word of prayer.

(Prayer by Sheikh)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

House rose at 4.50 p.m.