



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you may be seated.

#### QUORUM

**Hon. Speaker:** Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have a quorum to transact the business of the day.

*(Clerk-at-the-Table confirmed there was no quorum.)*

The attention of the Chair has been raised for lack of quorum. Under Standing Order 37 (2), I direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the Bell for a record of 10 minutes, as they leave the door wide open.

*(Quorum Bell was rung)*

Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly assist the Whips to mobilize Members to come to the plenary, please. Hon. Members, kindly take your seats.

After the Bell has been rung for a record of 10 minutes, the Clerk has confirmed the House is properly constituted. For that reason, I direct the clerk to proceed with the program.

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

##### ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDER

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Minority Leader, kindly step in for the Procedural Motion. Sergeant-at-Arms, kindly assist the Minority Leader to move the Motion.

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**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its Calendar adopted on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and adjourn today, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, and resume its regular sittings on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Speaker, we are in a state of mourning. This Assembly has lost one of its most vibrant Members, Hon. Joel Munuve. It is in this regard that we want to ask leave from our Calendar so that we can get time to mourn, reflect, and assist in preparation to honor our dead Member. There is an outpouring of grief and shock in the city and in this County Assembly. Nobody would have guessed that we would not be having Hon. Joel Munuve today. Hon. Joel Munuve is a father, brother, and vibrant member of this community. The people of Kariobangi and of this County are mourning.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to invite the Leader of the Majority to second the Procedural Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Leader of the Majority?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, allow me to second this important Motion, today, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. The Bible records a man born of a woman, whose life is full of expectations and full of trouble. No one on earth would want to die, or his best friend, colleague or family. The Bible further consoles us in Romans 8:28, which says, “*All things work together for the good of those who are called by God and for his purpose.*”

Hon. Speaker, every time I looked that corner, I could see Joel Munuve gigantically seated. But today that seat is empty, as you can see it. I know one day a member will sit there representing Kariobangi North. Maybe the size of that member will not fit that of Hon. Munuve. As County Assembly, we have lost a friend and a brother. Irrespective of our ideological differences, it does not mean we could not agree as brothers and sisters.

Hon. Speaker, in this life, the Bible records, there is time for everything; a time to be born and a time to die, a time to eat and a time not to be able to eat, a time to be a child and a time to be a grown-up. Hon. Speaker, our hearts go out to his family. The last two years and plus that we served with him, he was charismatic enough, steadfast and tough. I remember Munuve questioning anything you did, whether it was right or wrong. We feel for the entire House, led by you. The staff of our County Assembly have lost a leader. A time like this we must accept the will of God. Things have been spoken in the social media.

We had a fruitful Kamukuji this morning, and I am delighted to say that we are mourning our brother with the respect and decorum he deserves. I thank the Members of this House for the resolutions you made on the lineup of activities the Speaker has sanctioned to follow-up towards the interment of our brother, Hon. Joel Munuve. As you are aware, as communicated by the Speaker this morning, a proper postmortem will be done tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the Lee Funeral Home. That will inform the House and all of us what killed our brother.

Hon. Speaker, despite Hon. Munuve being an independent candidate, he served with our colleagues in different committees and delivered. Allow us to alter the Calendar to enable us to deliver what is expected of us. Hon. Speaker, I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Thuo.

**Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion for Adjournment.

**Hon. Nicholas Okwacho:** Hon. Speaker, I wish to send my sincere condolences from my family, the people of Eastleigh South Ward and Nairobi at large to the family of Hon. Munuve, who was our colleague. I did not know that one day I would sit in this Assembly to eulogize my colleague, but it is the will of God and we cannot question that. On the issue of the death of Hon. Munuve, it is a wake-up call to Hon Members...

*(Hon. Member spoke off the record)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Kindly be guided. Hon. Members, my screen is clear, an indication that we do not have any other Member to contribute to this Motion. I call upon the mover to reply.

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Without much ado, I beg to reply so that we can move to the next Motion No. 9.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND GUESTS AT THE GALLERY

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we proceed, I have the pleasure and privilege to announce to the Assembly the presence of members of staff sitting at the public gallery. I expect them to be upstanding and to acknowledge that.

*(The staff of the County Assembly stood  
in their places at the public gallery)*

At the same time, Hon. Members, we have members at the Speaker's Gallery, who are special guests for this occasion. We have brother to our departed Member, by the name John Katua. I met him yesterday at the hospital. My brother, receive our condolences and feel utmost welcome within the precincts of the Assembly.

*(Applause)*

We have Sylvester Owiti, who is also a brother, Joel Katua, an uncle, Nelson Amendi, the PA to Munuve. He also holds the title of ambassador. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

We have Jeremiah Musili, a cousin, Dennis Njogu, brother-in-law, Michael Njogu, brother-in-law, Odongo Achieng, the PA and ward manager, Mary Wafula, a friend, Peter Wachira, a friend, and Ben Odhiambo, a friend. Thank you for finding time to come.

*(Applause)*

I have been notified of other family members and friends who have just come in. We have Christine Makima, the sister to our brother, Hon. Munuve, Nelius Waithera, a friend, Margaret Oti, a friend, Rachel Michelle, sister, Noelle Wafula, sister, and Margaret Wafula, sister. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

Hon. members, you may proceed and take your positions.

*(Several Hon. Members entered the Chamber)*

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

CONDOLENCES AND TRIBUTES IN HONOR OF HON. JOEL MUNUVE,  
MCA, KARIOBANGI NORTH WARD

Hon. Majority Leader, please proceed with Motion No. 9

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, before I move this Motion for Adjournment, I seek your indulgence that we observe a minute of silence in respect to our brother.

**Hon. Speaker:** The request is granted. For that reason, let us be upstanding and observe a one-minute silence.

*(Hon. Members, staff and guests stood in their places and observed a moment of silence)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Members of The County Assembly, the family of our fallen brother, Hon. Joel Munuve, staff of the County led by our able Clerk and the Deputy Clerks, and our members of the fourth estate. Hon. Speaker, allow me to move the Motion.

THAT, aware that, at the Assembly sitting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 conveying the unfortunate news of the demise of the Hon. Joel Munuve, Member of County Assembly for Kariobangi North Ward, who collapsed and passed away in the morning of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 34, this Assembly resolves to adjourn today's sitting, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, to enable Members of the County Assembly to pay tribute and eulogize with the family, friends, residents of Kariobangi North, and Nairobi County as a whole.

Hon. Speaker, as I move this unprecedented Motion for Adjournment, allow me to say a few words. First, the life we live today is before the hands of God. As well placed before by the

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holy book, the Bible, there is time for everything in life. But what we could not know, Hon. Speaker, is that this afternoon we could be eulogizing a friend, colleague and a brother to many. That seat at the far corner will be empty today.

Hon. Speaker and all Members of the County Assembly, I said that this red carpet has received news that is pleasant to our ears, and also received news that is not good to our ears. One of the worst news is this one. In the morning, Hon. Robert Alai called and told me that our brother, Hon. Joel Munuve was no more.

To the family of Joel Munuve, life is a journey. At 46 years only, all of us did not expect this. But God, who we do not know how he looks but we know his presence, has a reason for everything. God designs the day and the night and every human being in life has his time. God in his own wisdom concealed the time of death from humanity. If Hon. Munuve could have known he would be no more that morning, as he called the driver to pick him up, maybe he could not have left the house. That is the secret God has given to us.

Hon. Munuve was not a Member of my party, he was an independent member, but I remember vividly well when we elected the Speaker of Nairobi, Hon. Kennedy Ngondi, seated before you, Hon. Munuve chose sides and said he belongs to the side of a revolution. Indeed, Hon. Munuve was a revolutionist. Since he was sworn in in this House, he has never relented on this revolutionary movement until his demise. He promised me, the chief campaigner then for the Speaker, that he will deliver his vote to Hon. Ken despite having been called as an independent candidate to do otherwise. For that, the family of Hon. Munuve, we respect him for having a stand, especially standing by us, the Azimio Coalition.

To my colleagues, I know we have lost a friend, especially those who walked with him on daily basis, the likes of Hon. Robert Alai, Hon. Nicholas Okwacho, Hon. Nasra Nandra, and the rest. He was a good friend to all of us. We may pretend that we know what the family feels, but in real we do not know. It is only God who will hold your hands, to mourn and to accept the reality that Hon. Munuve is no more. As the Kiswahili word goes, *sisi sote ni maiti watarajiwa*. Today you are up, and the next day you are not there. And there is no formula of death; death is death. If it is your time, it is your time. As the Bible says, prepare and count your days because you do not know what time it knocks on you.

Hon. Speaker, without much more ado, allow me to welcome my counterpart, the Leader of the Minority to give his remarks and second the Motion.

**Hon. Anthony Karanja:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to pay tribute Hon. Joel Munuve, the most vibrant Member of this House in so many aspects. A member of the tug-of-war in the Assembly sports. I remember very well that he had passion for the people of Kariobangi North. On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, Hon. Munuve came to visit me in my home in Waithaka, all in an effort to know how I have been able to be elected three times. I remember we had a very lengthy discussion with him, and I gave him a secret to making the streets of Kariobangi North brighter. I can tell you, Hon. Speaker, that I had an ongoing project of making Waithaka brighter, but I had to donate about 15 lanterns to Joel Munuve. He even sent me photos after he had installed the same in Kariobangi North.

Hon. Speaker, I know the County is angry and the County Assembly is in shock. But like my counterpart has said, when we are in a corner, we have to resort to God. I would like Christians to go back to the book of Ephesians 4:26, that says, “*Be angry, but do not sin.*” In the same chapter, in verse 29, Hon. Speaker, it talks about when people are emotional and angry, let them not say words that proceed from their mouth that are corrupt, that are irretrievable. We have faith in our system. We have promised the family and the people of Kariobangi North that we will get to the bottom of it to know what happened to our brother. I would also like to appeal to the people of Kenya and the people of Nairobi to slow down and wait for the outcome of the investigations and the postmortem so that we do not cast aspersions that we cannot back with facts and figures.

Hon. Speaker, I want to mourn him as a friend, as a colleague, and as somebody who loved his capital city, his country, and his people. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members.

*(Question Proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Davidson DNG

**Hon. Davidson Ngibuini:** Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to join my colleagues in this Third Assembly to give tribute to the late Hon. Joel Munuve, a true soldier who fought for what is right, and who stood and desired the Nairobi that we seek to see. Hon. Speaker, it's a dark day and a dark time in this Third Assembly. We are taking in the shocking news of the sudden demise of our colleague. I must state that the late Hon. Munuve stood firm and fearless in the clamor for better leadership in this city. Hon. Munuve tirelessly agitated for the Nairobi that we want to see. The Nairobi that we want to see as we do our duty of oversight is one that is that is well-governed, and devoid of pilferage of public resources, corruption, mismanagement and ineffective governance. His plea for the timely distribution of bursaries is on record. His plight for the timely payment of the Ward Development Program contractors and the completion of stalled capital projects in this city and in all our 85 wards will not go unmentioned.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Munuve stood steadfast against the ineffective operation of various sectors in this Government. He called them out. He also called for the transparent breakdown of our own source revenue collection, and that is something we must discuss. He also called for the appropriation and the utilization of the same in the manner that this Assembly has passed. To date, we still wonder how some of the money that we collect and some of the money that is disbursed by the Exchequer on a monthly basis from the National Treasury are used. That is our role of oversight. Hon. Munuve believed that if these funds can be well accounted for, and if they can be utilized in the manner that we appropriated and intended, then this city can truly work. That this city can be able to be developed from an infrastructure perspective, and that Nairobians can get the service delivery that they deserve. Hon. Munuve was not a pushover. He was not easily intimidated. He was brave, strong and courageous. He was not a coward. He was not one of those who could be easily compromised, who could be called to the table in order to stop fighting for

what he believed in. He remained a true soldier, brave and focused to the very end. We have lost a man of integrity and one who believed that Nairobi City can be salvaged.

As we are in our third year, Hon. Speaker, counting down to the 2027 elections, have we given up the fight or do we still believe that Nairobi can truly work effectively and efficiently? As we come to terms with the demise of Hon. Munuve, may his fighting spirit live on in each of the remaining 123 members of this Third Assembly. It is my prayer that the values and ideals that our late colleague passionately held onto can be achieved and attained not in the next election, but in this Third Assembly, with two years to go.

May his death not be in vain. May we not give up the fight. May those of us who are left behind carry on the work that he began. And if nothing else, at the very least, I pray for four things, fellow Hon. Members, that we strive to see how we can deliver. One, is the timely distribution of bursaries for the vulnerable children of this great city.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Members, you have seen me push for this thing many times I have been at loggerheads with the County Executive many times. It is my belief that we need to do our part to support those who cannot support themselves. The money is there; we are collecting it. We are getting exchequer disbursements on a monthly basis. Where is this money going? Why are bursaries not a priority just the same way other sectors are prioritized, like payment of lawyers and the environment? Why can't we prioritize the vulnerable children of this city?

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, number two is a functional Ward Development Program. One that is functional means that there must be equitable distribution of the resources across all 85 wards in this city, and where payment is not skewed because of friendship or *kujuana*. Every ward in this city deserves for contractors to be paid on time, whether we support or we don't support the County Executive. Let each ward get a contractor being paid, and let no pending bill be left in our tenure.

*(Applause)*

Number three, Hon. Speaker, is the completion of all stalled capital projects in this city. We have inherited capital projects that have stalled from the time His Excellency Kidero was the Governor of Nairobi. We have done nothing. We pass budgets, contractors come to the site, they do the work, they are not paid after they raise certificates, they abandon sites, and we go round and round, retender after retender, achieving zero. A good example is Woodley Stadium and Joseph Kangethe Social Hall in my ward. It hurts and it pains.

The last thing I will ask this House to consider, Hon. Speaker, is the transparent and accountable financial systems in this County. I reiterate, transparent and accountable. We must have visibility. If we are collecting revenue, where is it going? How is it being utilized? If we are getting an exchequer like we just got one for the previous month, of Kshs.1.715 billion, how has

it been used? Why are payments being delayed? Why can't staff be paid on time? We have very many questions, and these are some of the things that our late colleague fought against and spoke against. If we can achieve the above, Hon. Speaker, we will have fully honoured this colleague. We cannot just pass condolences and cry crocodile tears if we cannot honor our colleague by ensuring that the ideals and values that he stood for can be achieved. His death cannot be in vain. He has fought a good fight. Let it not be in vain.

To the family, friends and colleagues in this Assembly, I say, *poleni sana*. Sincere condolences for this great loss. And to a fallen soldier, I say, *a luta continua*. The struggle continues.

(Applause)

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Perpetua. The Whip, I have not opened the floor yet. Please just hold on. Hon. members, if you may notice, this is a special Motion. So, the Member who has just spoken is seconding the Motion. We get another Member to second the Motion. Hon. Perpetua, please proceed.

**Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa:** I am contributing and seconding at the same time.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Perpetua, please. Members, maybe you are not getting or understanding the procedure, the Member is to second the Motion after the first seconder and second seconder. Kindly proceed, Hon. Perpetua.

**Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa:** We are all seconding the motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to second this Motion for Adjournment based on our departed colleague. Indeed, it is a somber day. It is sad and shocking to lose such a young soul at the age of 46. I do not want to imagine what the family is going through. May the Lord give them enormous strength and peace at this trying moment.

Three years ago, Hon. Munuve walked into this House. I think majority of us were being sworn in through our political parties. This gentleman walked in as an independent candidate. That was amazing. On the floor of the House after the swearing in, you could see the independent candidate had an independent mind. He was a man who would stand on the floor of the House without being coerced, and he would speak his mind. When majority of us here are under the umbrella of a political party, Hon. Munuve, at all times would come into this House as an independent candidate with an independent mind. So, I mourn him as a colleague. Though it was short, but we give God all the grace because we would not want to question His deeds and His creation. Tomorrow, we will have no Munuve, but we cherish our yesterdays with him. May he rest in peace. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, we are in Motion No. 9 on Motion for Adjournment to give an opportunity for the Assembly to attribute and give their condolences to the departed member, I believe you are supposed to confine yourselves and get acquainted with the requirement of the Motion. For that reason, Hon. members, I call upon the mover of the motion to reply on the Adjournment.



**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, as I move to reply to the Adjournment Motion, you can see the spirit of Hon. Munuve in the people, everyone wants to speak. I said in the morning that this is your time to speak to who Hon. Munuve was to you, to this Assembly and this county at large. You can speak as freely as you can but the procedures and the Standing Orders apply. There are things that you can do substantively under substantive motion but also you are free to speak your mind even to shed tears as I am because of the loss of a brother. Hon. Speaker, I beg to reply.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members from the mood of the House, the House is in agreement on adjournment. For that reason, Hon. Members, the just concluded motion, as moved by the Hon. Majority Leader, present a unique situation and solemn moment for this Assembly and the entire County, and especially the ward that Hon. Munuve represented. Hon. Members for that reason, you will allow me to put the question on the Motion for Adjournment on the condolences and tributes to one Hon. Joel Munuve.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I direct the House to be at the plenary stage where you can now give your tribute. Hon. Whip, you may proceed.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I give my sincere condolences to the family of Hon. Joel Munuve *Jakababa*. Also, I extend my sincere condolences to this Hon. House because we have lost one of our members.

**Hon. Speaker:** I hope you will observe the light, Hon. Member. Please, in a record of three minutes.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to give my sincere condolences to you and all the Hon. Members in the House for losing our colleague, the Member for Kariobangi North Ward.

Hon. Speaker, I knew Hon. Munuve even before he become the Hon. Member of the County Assembly of Nairobi. I met him in a barber shop where I usually go for *kinyozi*. Today, I told the barber who used to shave his hair that he has lost a customer. He cried because he not only lost a customer but also a friend. He spoke Dholuo – I want to request you, Hon. Speaker, since you come from the Luo community, if you can allow him to be called *Jowi* because he spoke the language fluently. He also spoke Kikuyu and Kikamba fluently. He was not aligned to any tribe; he was a unique man.

Hon. Speaker, I remember the last time he was in this House, I requested you to check on how Hon. Munuve was dressed. He didn't have a tie. He was told to leave the House to go and look for a tie. When he was leaving, he told me if I had not gone to school, he can teach me some lessons. He told me to go to Oxford school, and that what he wore was a tie. It told him I was sorry because it was not within my purview but the Speaker who can call him back. I believe he came to your office and you gave him permission to continue wearing the tie.

Hon. Speaker because I want to respect timelines, I want to read from the book of Revelation 21:4, if you allow me. It says; “*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*”. I want to dedicate this to the family and Hon. Members, that there will be time death will also die. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Mheshimiwa Eutyclus. The Hon. Minority Whip is on the floor. Hon. Eutyclus, you will have to hold a bit.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to convey my heartfelt condolences to you as the head of this House, and to all the Members, friends and family of our brother, Hon. Joel Munuve. The Kariobangi North residents knew him as ‘Team Dollar’. That was his political acronym.

Personally, Hon. Speaker, I do not have much to share about our relationship with the Hon. Member, though I remember him for being a steadfast believer in his independence, especially through the vote that brought him to this House. My counterpart has mentioned that he came here as an independent candidate while most of us here were elected through a party ticket. That in itself separated his thinking and ideologies from the majority of us such that we could not intimidate nor coerce him to a certain way of thinking. Members here are used to the party position since we have party ideologies. That is a thing that could not come his way.

Hon. Speaker, as a friend of the Governor, I tried to broker peace in many occasions between him together with his friend Hon. Robert Alai and the Governor, especially when things seemed not to be okay in their quest for oversight and in the quest of the Governor leading this County.

I would like to tell the family and my colleagues not to be fooled by what other politicians out there are saying. They want to use it as a tool to fight their political battles. Let no one use the death of our colleague to settle political scores of their own. We have medics and pathologists, Hon. Speaker, and that is why we beg that this House makes sure that we conduct a postmortem so that we shall rest him knowing what led to his demise. I beg the public not to speculate on anything until the next of kin who is the brother or you as our Speaker gives us the correct results of what caused his demise.

**Hon. Speaker:** Your light is on.

**Hon. Mark Mugambi:** Hon. Speaker, allow me to finish by saying to the family, just know that your brother’s memory will always live on through the love he shared with others especially to the friends. May his light continue to shine on through his family and friends. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Deputy Whip, Majority Party.

**Hon. Stazo Omung’ala:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to give my condolences to the family of Hon. Munuve and the people of Kariobangi North. As we all knew, Hon. Munuve was a steadfast man who would not sit on the fence when it came to decision making. Hon. Munuve spoke out his mind. He was elected as an independent candidate and so he was not guided by any party lines.

Hon. Speaker, the family is mourning, and as a person who is trying to be considerate, I would advise the House and the public to let the family mourn. I would like to read part of the first stanza of the National Anthem.

*“Justice be our shield and defender,  
May we dwell in unity,  
Peace and liberty.”*

Liberty to speak what a person wants to speak. Hon. Speaker, I want to leave it there. May Hon. Munuve’s soul rest in peace.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** In order of sequence, I would like to give chance to Members from the same constituency with Hon. Munuve. Hon. Matara.

**Hon. Silas Matara:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Today is a sad day for us as County Assembly, the great people of Embakasi North Constituency, the people of Kariobangi North Ward, his family, friends, neighbours and all his social circles.

Hon. Speaker, I have known the Hon. Member for a number of years in various circles; as the team captain of the County Assembly tug-of-war, as my member of the Environment Committee, as one of the leaders of Embakasi North constituency, and in our various political interactions. We have travelled with him and we have had several business transactions. From all these spheres, I can comfortably confirm to this House that the Hon. Member was a man you could count on.

We are aware that the political environment and the political space is skewed in terms of betrayals and in terms of members not being honest with each other. On that account, I can clearly and confidently say that Hon. Munuve was not deceitful. He was not a person you could agree on something and he does otherwise. He has history of having joined this Assembly as an independent candidate, it means that he was a fighter. I also congratulate other members who joined this House through independent tickets. He was more outspoken and consistent from the time he joined this Assembly, he pushed for what he believed in.

My colleague in Trade Committee has indicated that I give condolences on behalf of the Chair of the Trade Committee because Hon. Munuve was a Member. If you look at the attendance of the Committee, nine out of ten times he was present to dispense with whatever business that was in the Committee

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Munuve was an astute entrepreneur. It is a great loss to this House, to Embakasi North Constituency, to the family, and to all those who depended on his leadership and whatever support he was giving. It is important that we take this as a learning lesson. What we can give as a House is...

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, kindly conclude.

**Hon. Silas Matara:** What we can give as a House is continue advocating for what is right and doing the work mostly focusing on legislation and oversight. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Deputy Minority Whip, kindly proceed.

**Hon. Joyce Kamau:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to mourn our brother, our friend and colleague, Hon. Joel Munuve. He was a strong and healthy man, vibrant leader, ambitious, and full of life. Today he is lying lifeless at Lee Funeral Home, it is unfortunate, sad and painful.

I want to agree with what Majority Leader said, that our lives are in the hands of God. Hon. Speaker, we only want to know the cause of death of Hon. Munuve. Was it a natural death or an assassination? That is all that we want to know.

I call upon my colleagues rise and do our oversight role. We were not elected to this House to do praise and worship but to represent the people of Nairobi.

*(Applause)*

Let us arise like Hon. Munuve and follow up on bursaries for the poor children of Nairobi. Let us know why our garbage contractors have not been paid and why the WDF projects have stalled. Let us know where the money is directed to. Let us arise and be leaders that we were elected to be, it is a wakeup call for all of us.

Hon. Speaker, I want to give my condolences to the family of Hon. Munuve. *Poleni sana* to the family, it is very unfortunate. *Poleni* to the people of Kariobangi North, his friends and all of us. We are all mourning; we are together in this. I pray to God to lead us in this season of mourning. I want to leave you with one Bible verse in the book of Romans – I can't remember the chapter and verse, but it says, "*If we live, we live for Christ, and if we die, we die for Christ.*" Whether we live or die, we belong to Christ. May Hon. Munuve's soul rest in peace.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Madam Commissioner, Susan Makungu.

**Hon. Susan Makungu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I was shocked to hear about the death of Hon. Munuve. He was loved by almost all of us and indeed we are going to miss him. If there is any one or anybody who was involved with his death, may God serve justice.

*(Applause)*

To the family and to the brother, you are in my prayers. May the God of Abraham who created the heaven and the earth give you strength. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** The Chairperson for Public Accounts Committee.

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for catching my eye. I join my colleagues in sending my condolences on behalf of the people of Ngara.

First, if you allow me, may be the Leader of Majority can highlight the things that we agreed at our Kamukunji, on how we are going to process this so that the staff of the Assembly, the staff at his office, the family and also our Members will be part of this.

Hon. Speaker, I want to give flowers because, as the Leader of Majority had mentioned, Hon. Munuve voted for you. Together with the Whip, Hon. Mugambi and Hon. Minority, I was with the team of UDA trying to bring on board Hon Munuve and Hon Sospeter. People might not know but Mheshimiwa Eutyclus is a very good friend of Mheshimiwa Munuve. He is the one who delivered him to me and we had a sitting. I convinced him and he told me, “*ngonjea tutabonga*”. Then I met Mheshimiwa Sospeter and he also told me “*ngonjea tutabonga*”. Much later is when they told me that I will understand that they are independent. I respected that, and every time they had an issue and were pushing it on the floor of the House, I told them, “*nyinyi ni independent, lakini kusukuma agenda ya Assembly, you need the other members.*” I give them their flowers because they have stood as independent all through.

Hon. Speaker, on the issue of consistency and openness, you cannot separate it from him. The last time we had an issue, he came to the Public Accounts Committee to understand how to *sukuma* a few things. I told him to put his mouth where his heart is, *peperusha hii kitu unasema*. Hon. Mark Mugambi managed to calm him, and they went somewhere and reorganized the plans. This time he told me, “*saa hii itasonga.*”

Mheshimiwa Speaker, the Committee that you Chair on Procedures and Rules allowed us to bring the CECMs on the floor of the House. As a befitting send off to Hon. Munuve, on the last statement which he had an issue with the environment company that was being formed by the Executive, please process the CEC Member to come on the floor of the House so that we can know whatever he was pushing. Let us process it on the floor of the House.

*(Applause)*

Let all the statements that Mheshimiwa Munuve had requested that are pending be processed on the floor of the House as an honor to him. Your Committee has already given a procedure that we can deal with them on the floor. In your remarks, tell us the day they are supposed to come because they had refused to go to the Environment Committee when they were called. Let us see if they will also refuse to come to the Floor of the House in honor of Hon. Munuve. We shall process anything that he was processing. The train that you said has left, we are looking at it very carefully to see the direction that it is going, and we are happy to take it to where it was supposed to be destined. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Eutyclus Mukiri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. Mine is to first send my sincere condolences to the family. I have known Hon. Joel Munuve for almost 20 years. I first met him at Moi Avenue where we used to do business in a place called ‘Backyard’. Truly, I have lost a friend, a brother and a colleague. It has been the most painful 24 hours since I joined this

Assembly. I could not come into terms with his loss. Death is very personal, and as leaders have said here, let us try and be sensitive in everything that we say because it is not easy for some of us. Hon. Munuve has been in politics for many years, not many people know that because he got the seat this term. He had been trying for a long time and we had been in this field together.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Munuve was a man of his words, and the best way to eulogize him is also to mean what we say. Let our words mean something, let us be people who mean what we say. I am a Muslim by faith, and as the good book tells us, every living creature shall taste death (*quoted a Quran verse*). The good book also tells us that, “*Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji’un*” - from Allah we came and to Allah we will return. Let us keep that in mind. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo.

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to send my condolences to the family of our brother, Hon. Munuve and the entire Assembly. I want to sing a song, just a verse, please allow me. It is a catholic song but I know most of us can sign it *Inaitwa, ‘Pokea Moyo Wangu.’*

*(Hon Lawrence sang the song)*

Thank you very much, Hon. Members

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, I can remember very well last week when we lost our brother, George, the bodyguard of Jakom, Hon. Munuve asked me outside here how George died. He told me that he was feeling something in the chest, that he was not breathing well. I jokingly told him that maybe it is because of the fats and his weight. I had a drink in my car which we call ‘nyadala’ (*chang’aa*), and I told him maybe I can go and give him.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, you want to confirm to this Assembly...

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Hon. Speaker. let me just---

**Hon. Speaker:** I want you to be clear. You want to confirm to the Assembly that you were carrying *chang’aa* in your car?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo:** Not in the Assembly. I said that we were joking with him outside the Assembly, not that I had the *chang’aa*. Are you getting it?

*(Laughter)*

I told him that maybe I could give him something that could burn the fats.

Last week when we went to pick our tanks at Nairobi Water Company, we were with him the whole day. I did not know it was the last day that I was to see my brother breathing.

Let me end by quoting John 11:22, it says, “*Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life, the one who believes in me will live even though they die*”. *Ndugu yetu hajakufa*, he is just sleeping. Any person who has died during this time of Easter, he or she has gone to be with Jesus

Christ. Let us pray for the family and the people of Kariobangi North. May his soul rest in peace. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Suleiman Maleya, your mic is on.

**Hon. Hamisi Maleya:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to mourn my colleague in this Third Assembly. First, I want to send my condolences to the family, friends and the entire community of Kariobangi North. I represent Kangemi Ward and I want to send my condolences on behalf of my ward.

I don't have much to say about our departed colleague as I was not very close to him, but I remember well as we were campaigning for the election of our Speaker, he came on an independent ticket, and we as Azimio had been wounded by not getting the presidency. Our only hope was to get the Speaker's position and Hon. Munuve did not want to be coerced to join our team. He came through Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka and he had no demands. That is how we became a family in the inception of this House

My second meeting with him was when he called me when we were seated at the 'black seats' and he told me, "*wewe unaweza sign hii karatasi?*" I asked him what he wanted me to sign. I went through, and when I told him I must consult my leaders, he told me, "What kind of a soldier are you? You are a coward, I thought I could rely on you." Eventually, I did not sign the paper.

As we mourn our brother, I would like the entire community especially the fourth estate and all the platforms circulating the cause of his death, let us give the family peace and let us avoid a lot of unnecessary propaganda. Let us wait for the outcome of the postmortem of our colleague. I say, "go thee well our colleague, till we meet again." Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Paul Kados:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, let me appreciate and give my condolences on behalf of myself and the people of Mihang'o Ward to the family of the late Joel Munuve and the people of Kariobangi North Ward.

Hon. Speaker, on what Hon. Munuve stood for, I ask myself, "are we going to fulfil the journey he had started?" Because he stood for the rights not only for the people of Kariobangi but for all of us as County Assembly.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Munuve has been very active for the last one month and he stood for justice for us all. He cried for justice for Nairobian. I would like to request this House, in support of what Hon. Chege has asked, we stand for what Hon. Munuve stood for. He came here through an independent ticket and he always stood and asked questions that were relevant to our wards and every person who is seated here in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, I would like to leave the family with these words: I hope that even though your world is so dark right now, you will soon be able to see some light in the memories you had with Joel. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Virginia. Hon. Members. we still have one hour, so don't be in a hurry. Kindly proceed.

**Hon. Virginia Waitherero:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this moment to mourn my dear colleague, friend brother, and partner in crime, Hon. Joel Munuve. My condolences first go to the people of Kariobangi North, his family, and friends. Hon. Munuve was one of my most reliable support systems that I would count on at any given time. On the said signatures, I can confirm with boldness that one of the signatures was mine.

*(Applause)*

We deferred but we never collided. Hon. Munuve was a true friend to me, we had ups and downs but I know where it hurts me most. Fare thee well, 'Dollar man.' Rest in peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you understand that in this House we have three categories of Members; we have independent members, who today there is a gap, we have elected members, and then we have the special elect. On behalf of the independent members, we are only left with two members. Hon. Sospeter, as an independent candidate. Press the mic or use the adjacent one.

**Hon. Sospeter Mumbi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. May I begin by recording my sincere condolences to the family of our colleague Joel Munuve. As a fraternity and as alluded by the Speaker, we have three sides and we serve as a fraternity of independent candidates. Truth be told and without undermining the role played by the rest of my colleagues, Joel Munuve lifted the banner of independent candidates in this Assembly.

As it stands today, I can confirm that he is one of the most vibrant members of this Assembly. For those of us who got the chance and opportunity to interact with him in the Assembly and outside, we can all attest that he spoke his mind and remained independent. Again, we can all confirm that we are living in that spirit of freedom of mind and speaking our minds.

I want to urge all of us that in the spirit created by Hon. Munuve, the best respect we can give him is by carrying that spirit with us. On behalf of the independent candidates in this Assembly, I want to call upon all of us, because we are elected, to represent the people. So let us not relent in our mandate of oversight, representation and legislation.

Hon. Members, let us assume our responsibilities without fear as this is the best respect we can give our own. As Sospeter and on behalf of the people of Roysambu, I want to share my sincere condolences and say that we will carry this spirit forward. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Clarence Munga

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to mourn for the loss of our colleague Hon. Munuve. Allow me to convey messages of condolences to the family and the people of Kariobangi North and the entire Assembly for the loss of our colleague.

Mr. Speaker, Munuve was one of the most honest persons in this Assembly. As Hon. Hamisi has just said when we were seeking numbers to elect you ask the Speaker, Munuve was in the forefront even though majority of the people were doubting his position. We went to Maanzoni and he was in the forefront to count the people there. He was a honest man.

Secondly in terms of oversight Hon. Munuve was a fighter, a true patriot, someone who believed that justice must be served equally regardless of where you come from, your status and ward and that is something that we need to emulate as Members.



The people of Kariobangi role have lost a legislature who had a vision for them. I remember a time when the County Executive were fighting a hospital by the name Margret Kenyatta hospital that had been taken over by the county. He stood firm and told the Governor and the entire sector of health that they were not going to offer services like the ones offered by Kenyatta hospital. He believed in service delivery and that as a county, we needed to pull up our socks.

**Hon. Speaker:** You have run out of time

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Mr. Speaker, I have not even started---

**Hon. Speaker:** Conclude

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** With those few remarks, I will remember Munuve as a honest patriot and the people of Kariobangi North have truly lost a legend. May his soul rest in peace

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Chair, Budget committee.

**Hon. Wilfred Odallo:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for catching my eye. I am stressed as I say something about Munuve. When I look at the social media and what I did when Munuve had issues with Governor Sakaja, I am actually surprised and I ask that they let the family mourn their son.

Hon. Munuve and Alai approached me when he had an issue with Governor Sakaja. I was at Norfolk and he informed me that he wanted peace to prevail between them. I called the Governor and requested him to come alone, which he did. We met in one of the cafes along Riverside together with Munuve and Alai. Afterwards before driving back, the Governor indicated that Munuve seemed more genuine than Hon. Alai and I told him that was true.

Speaker, I am requesting those who have political ambitions to let this family mourn in peace. Yesterday Hon. Alai called to inform me that Hon. Munuve was no more. Myself, Alai and Ogeto went to see him at AAR. Together with the brother seated at the gallery, we were hoping that he would be back---

**Hon. Speaker:** Chairman, the brother does not have a mic.

**Hon. Wilfred Odallo:** He has nodded Mr. Speaker. For avoidance of doubt, you can stand so that they can see you.

*(Applause)*

We consulted in the hopes that Munuve would come back. To lose a family member is no walk in the park, therefore I am requesting my fellow honorable Members to let the Member rest. I know that Members will not clap for me but the Governor is far from that issue of Hon. Munuve. I rest my case; we will stand with you. There are a number of things that will be communicated to you in camera by the Speaker and it is also good to note that your brother placed you as the next of kin. I leave others to the Speaker to communicate at the right time. We say sorry for the loss of our brother. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Fiu

**Hon. Kamau Fiunifu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. With a heavy heart Hon. Speaker, I join Members of this Assembly, Nairobians and Kenyans at large to express my sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of our departed friend and the people of Kariobangi.

Hon. Speaker, I remember Munuve as a compassionate leader. A leader who prioritized the wellbeing and development of the people of Kariobangi North and Nairobi as a whole. A vibrant assembly man who was not hindered by the so-called party positions because he was

independent all through. Exemplary leadership and Munuve was a good example. He also had a tendency of disliking cowards inside and outside of this precinct.

I would also like to echo the words of the MP for Dagoreti South that this matter has to be investigated through the relevant government agencies, Hon. Speaker. As an Assembly, let us see to it that this matter is investigated so that we have closure, same as the family and the people of Kariobangi.

A Member mentioned that there is no decorum in how people mourn; we must allow people to mourn and celebrate the life of our departed friend. My prayer is that may the spirit of boldness that was exhibited by Munuve always hoover in this Assembly and I pray that he not only rest in peace but also in power. Lastly, we must do our role of oversight because all is not well even though all is not lost Hon. Speaker. My condolences.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Redson Otieno

**Hon. Redson Otieno:** Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I have three things to say. Number one, yesterday I saw on social media, His Excellency the former Governor Sonko where he attached a copy of a document read by Hon. Munuve in this House. He said that Hon. Speaker is gagging Members and I do not think that is the case because if it is indeed true the Speaker was gagging us then that statement regarding 'Dishi na County' would not have been read.

Secondly, I remember when I was being removed from this House, John Munuve Jakababa is one of the Members who came to my rescue and for that I say, may his soul rest in peace.

Lastly Hon. Speaker, I would urge all Hon. Members to speak in one voice. Thank you very much. May your soul, Hon. Munuve, rest in peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the hours of business will not allow us to proceed, until we receive a request from the Leader of Majority and in concurrence with the Assembly Members. Hon. Majority Leader, under Standing Order number 33(3), kindly proceed.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE SITTING TIME  
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 33(3)

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order number 33(3) and 33(4), this Assembly resolves to extend its sitting time until the business appearing on the Order Paper is concluded. I beg to move, and Hon. Odalo to second.

**Hon. Wilfred Odalo:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I call upon the mover of the Motion to reply

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Looking at the mood of the House, I beg to reply. As you are aware there are a lot of programmes ahead for our brother's internment: there is service, there is a family before us and the Speaker and the leadership would like to have a one on one with the family. Let us try to moderate our debate. Thank you Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Heho

**Hon. Carrington Heho:** Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Observe time!

**Hon. Carrington Heho:** Yes Hon. Speaker. I will be brief. Hon. Speaker, allow me to lionize a man who was very dear to the people of Kariobangi North and to his family and equally to the Members sitting in this chamber today.

As evidenced Mr. Speaker, everyone standing here is standing in praise over what Hon. Munuve was doing. I remember in my last engagement with him where he was very passionate considering the 'Dishi na County' programme whereby unscrupulous business were given contracts to manage the programme without following the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act of 2015. That was so dear to Hon. Munuve and in the same breath it should be endeared in our hearts to look into that matter.

To the family I say as Phillip told Paul, that parting times is a sweet sorrow. The sweet part is that Hon. Munuve has gone to rest with his maker and the sad part is that he has left a hole in your heart which only God can fill.

Mr. Speaker, it is told that death can kill a good man but death cannot kill a good name. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Hon. Munuve, we have a hall here named Charter Hall. I do not even know what the name means or what was chartered there. I ask that we kindly as a House if we can consider remaining the hall Hon. John Munuve Hall. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Lily Kidenda

**Hon. Lily Kidenda:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity to honor a colleague. I would like to extend my sincere condolences to you as the leader of this House, to my fellow honorable Members, our valued staff who have taken time to be here with us, the people of Kariobangi and the family, friends and relatives out there.

Mr. Speaker, my first encounter with Hon. Munuve was when I heard him speak my mother tongue fluently and I laughed as he was addressing me. Thereafter I learnt that he took time to learn much more than just one language and from that moment I realized that he was a man of the people. Allow me to speak on my observations and encounters with him in this House.

He was one of the most articulate, authentic, forthright and singular; politely delivered at any time. He was very clear on his facts. Allow me to talk about my encounters with him in the committees where we rubbed shoulders. Just to name a few: The Planning, Housing committee; and the Health committee.

Again, he was very clear in his rendering, precise, well researched, clearly articulated and always followed up on Motions he was expecting reports from. He did not give us space to forget and ignore but pushed and wanted everything to be concluded with something he could lay hold on to and work with.

As an individual, he impressed me as someone who did not run on rumors; he was well researched and spoke articulately on what he believed in. I would like this House to remember the values he stood for and embrace the family and the people of Kariobangi as they mourn this great man. Let us let them mourn in a way that will help their grief and I want them to know that we mourn with them, we stand with them, not only materially but also in prayer. You remain in our

hearts and we shall continue on this journey with you until we lay our departed Hon. Member to his resting place. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mark Thiga.

**Hon. Mark Thiga:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to weigh in on this saddening day. Today I pay tribute to a remarkable colleague, a passionate leader and a true servant of the people, Hon. Joel Munuve.

His commitment to the people of Kariobangi was unmatched. He did not just represent them but stood for them, fought for them and uplifted their voices with unwavering dedication. He was not just a representative but a bold representative who took his oversight role seriously. His legacy is one of service, passion and deep-rooted compassion for the community of Bangu as we call it and Nairobians at large.

Rest well Joel, you gave your all and this Assembly is better after having walked with you in this journey. Joel was a revolutionary and with that, I would love to leave you with the words of the former US President Woodrow Wilson, “the seed of revolution is repression” and “revolutions never go backward”. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Deonysias

**Hon. Deonysias Waithera:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. Allow me to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Hon. Munuve. As much as we as colleagues are touched and disturbed by the sudden death of Hon. Munuve, I believe that the family members and relatives are touched and disturbed more.

Hon. Speaker, I want to pledge to this House to confirm an action by making sure that Hon. Munuve's determinations, dedications, aspirations, principles and stands do not die with him. I know there will be three representatives to represent Kariobangi North electorates, I believe there will also be representatives from the Assembly that will make sure that Kariobangi North residents are benefitting from the services entitled from the Executive side.

Hon. Munuve had raised concerns about his security noting that he received assassination threats to an extent of him moving from his home to a rental apartment and that raises a lot of questions. I urge that thorough investigations be done so that we can rest and pray that his soul will rest in peace. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Now in this sequence, I will give the opportunity to Hon. Member for Kiamaiko then Hon. Maurice Ochieng then Hon. Samora, Hon. Peter Njau then lastly Muthoni Agnes.

Hon. Members, we have 15 minutes so I will have to give each one of you one minute so that you do not eat into other people's time. Everyone who wants to speak will get an opportunity. So Kiamaiko, under one minute.

**Hon. Joseph Ndung'u:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Today on behalf of my family...

*(Some Members walked out of the Assembly)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeera and Hon. Dabar, please come back to the assembly. You want to tell me that the Members who are speaking are talking nonsense?

**Hon. Joseph Ndung'u:** Mr. Speaker, thank you for protecting me and calling back the Members. On behalf of my family and the great people of Kiamaiko ward, I want to mourn the loss of on Hon. Joel Munuve Kimanzi, my brother and neighbor.

A visionary and a servant of the people, his life as a civil servant to principled leadership, unwavering dedication and deep compassion for Kariobangi ward that he served. In his journey, he uplifted voices, championing justice and left an indelible mark in our hearts and our history as a county. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy will live on, in the lives he touched, the causes he advanced and the future he helped shape. May his soul rest in eternal peace and may we carry forward his dream with the same courage and conviction that defined his life.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to conclude with an essay from Pastor Martin Niemoller that goes like this, "First they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Then they came for the socialist and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionist and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew"

*(Some Members attempted to walk out)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Please do not allow Members to leave the chamber. Hon. Oyugi, please come back

**Hon. Joseph Ndung'u:** "Then they came for and there was no one left to speak for me" Mr. Speaker, the cartel that operates more than the former Medellin and Cali cartels that rained havoc in Colombia will kill you for not being their sycophant.

They will contribute heftily and attend your funeral to dance at your grave as a sign of victory. I hear that they have a list of those they want to take out and I understand that I am next in the list. For that record just like Hon. Munuve, I will die honorably on my feet and not on my knees. Just like the biblical Joseph of Arimathea, I want to state that my grave is already ready. I pass my deepest sympathies to Mhesimiwa's immediate family that is seated in the gallery, to the people of Kariobangi who are my neighbors and all my colleagues.

May his soul rest in eternal peace and may we carry forward his dream with the same courage and conviction that defined his life. Rest in peace my neighbor, rest in power kiongozi.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Dabar, proceed

**Hon. Dabar Mohamed:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to send my condolences to the family of Hon. Joel Munuve and the people of Kariobangi North.

Hon. Speaker as you know, Hon. Joe Munuve was a deep supporter of WDF, Members welfare and the people of Kariobangi North.

Hon. Speaker, I want this House, in honour of Hon. Joel Munuve, that what my brother proposed to be honoured and for the House to support it. Thank you very much Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ochieng Jeera

**Hon. Samson Ooko:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. On behalf of my family and the people of Lindi ward, I say my condolences to you as the Speaker, to the family of Joel Munuve and the people of Kariobangi North.

Hon. Speaker, in the recent past, myself and Hon. Munuve have had an opportunity to be guests at Ramogi TV. We were always being invited on a monthly basis to discuss issues of national importance. Ramogi TV is a station where discussions are made in Luo and we go there to articulate issues as he supports Kalonzo Musyoka and I, Hon. Raila Odinga.

We would be there for over one hour discussing issues in Luo to the extent that Luos would ask if he was a Luo or a Kamba by tribe. He was more of a Luo, and I used to believe that his mother was Luo because of the mastery of the language.

I stand here to mourn my friend and appreciate him for always being steadfast. Hon. Speaker, this is a man who used to sit here. He was fearless and spoke of things that I myself could not because most of the time I was defending the government of the day while he was opposing it.

The truth of the matter is that we have lost a leader who was real in his words. He was elected an independent leader and so was his mind. I want to also talk about what Hon. Recky spoke about and confirm to this Assembly that Members are not gagged by the Speaker in any way. We always speak our minds without anyone gagging us and it must go on record that Speaker Ken Ngondi does not gag Members here neither do the leaders. Thank you so much Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Mary Wanjiru? Yes Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Hon. Speaker, because of time, this is important so that the late Hon. Munuve would also know the brothers who shared most of the things are here. I know my colleague has said something about Charter Hall but there is this passionate appeal Munuve had to the Chair of Budget and myself on a daily basis about the Kariobangi Social Hall. I think it's upon this House, through you Speaker, to direct the Chair of Budget and entire House to ensure, during the next cycle of budget, that the social hall be budgeted for and built and renamed Munuve Joel.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank You. Hon Wanjiru, you may proceed.

**Hon. Mary Wanjiru:** I stand here very sad. Mr. Speaker I remember sometimes last week I and Munuve came to your office and I remember as I left I jokingly told him "*najua umekuja kutetea watu wako, wacha mimi ni ondoke*". So my brother Munuve I am heart broken by your loss. Your passion, strong voice and entire dedication made a real difference in this Assembly and lives of Kariobangi North community.

You were never afraid to speak out at any matter and always give the best in everything you did. Munuve, your presence your energy commitment will be deeply missed. My sincere condolences to the family and loved ones during this difficult time. May your legacy continue to inspires us. I leave the family with the bible verse from John 14:1-3. "Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe in me and I am going there to prepare a place for you".

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Chairman for Health Committee.

**Hon. Maurice Ochieng:** Let me join my colleagues in mourning a hero Joel Munuve. It is with great sorrow that I mourn the ultimate passing of my colleague and a friend Hon. Joel Munuve. He was a passionate leader tireless servant leader of the people of Kariobangi.

He was a voice of hope for many. Hon. Joel legacy of commitment, humility and service will not be forgotten. His contribution to this Assembly and development of Kariobangi North and to our shared vision for a better Nairobi will forever be remembered in our hearts.

To the family and the loved ones of Joel Munuve, I send my deepest condolence and may the strength and peace be with you during this difficult time. Munuve, rest in peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Agnes Njeri.

**Hon. Agnes Njeri:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to mourn Hon. Munuve. I know Hon. Munuve way back during campaign time. He always called me "my sister" every time we met in the corridors. He always asked me how politics was in his ward. I always update him everything because we come from one constituency. My prayers to you, Hon. Speaker, and the leadership is that every benefit you will be providing all elected leaders please don't forget Kariobangi North ward.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Hellen Okello.

**Hon. Hellen Okello:** *Bwana Spika jioni ya leo niruhusu ili nitume risala na rambirambi kwa watu wa Kariobangi, familia, sisi ambaye tunafanya kazi na marehemu. Bwana Spika tuna huzuni kwa kuwa tumempoteza Mmoja wetu Bwana Spika, mimi binafasi nikimkumbuka Munuve Kila wakati tulikua tunaenda mwanzoni.*

*Alikua mjasiri tena mwenye furuha yeye alikuja kama mgombea huru na alikua anaomba kiti wakati huu watu walikua wanafanya kampeni za kuomba viti nikamwambia achukue kiti Cha uchukuzi akasema "hiyo si ni kidogo sana kwangu" namkumbuka kama mjasiri. Munuve pia alitoka Nairobi akija kwetu nyumbani kuomboleza babangu. Alikua na marafiki wengi na alikua anajua kuongea na watu ukitoka sehemu za Nyanza angezungumza nawe lugha ya nyumbani nayo ukitoka Central angezumza ya sehemu hiyo.*

*Alipenda watu sisi kama wasabato mavumbini tumetoka na mavumbini tutarudi. Sio jambo rahisi lakini yote tunasema ni*

*Asante kwa familia naomba Mungu awape subira wakati huu mgumu.*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Agnes.

**Hon. Agnes Njeri:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to mourn my colleague and my good friend Hon. Munuve. I send my deepest condolences to the family, the people of Kariobangi and the friends upon the demise of Hon. Joel Munuve. No words can truly capture the heartache of losing a son, spouse and a sibling. I share in your sorrow during this incredibly difficult time.

Hon. Munuve was a personal friend, I met him on the day of swearing in and since that time we became very good friends. He was a philanthropist, he loved people, he fought for people's right and very passionate about his job.

As colleagues we will truly miss him. Rest in peace Hon. Munuve. As I sit I will read a bible verse for the family in the book of Psalms 34:18: 'The Lord is near to the broken hearted and save those who are crushed in spirit'. At this moment look unto God because He alone knows what you are going through as a family, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** Thank for giving me this opportunity to mourn my brother Hon. Munuve. On behalf of my people Kayole Central ward I mourn Hon. Munuve and I heard many saying he did this and that. What I know is that Hon. Munuve did nothing wrong because that was his mandate given by his People from Kariobangi North. We now need to emulate his vibrancy and make sure that the mandate that we have been given by the people of doing oversight in this Assembly is not obstructed by anybody. Hon. Speaker you don't gag any Member; let us do our business here freely and overlooking anything without fear or favour.

**Hon. Speaker:** As long as you are within the confines of the law.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** As I conclude Speaker let me say may my brother Munuve rest in peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Samora.

**Hon. Samora Mwaura:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving the opportunity to....

**Hon. Speaker:** We are only left with three requests.

**Hon. Samora Mwaura:** Thank you for giving me the opportunity to join my colleagues in mourning our departed colleague Hon. Munuve. On behalf of the people of Clay City and myself I want to pass my condolences to the family, friends and the constituents who he represented passionately.

A lot has been said it and a I don't want to be repetitive. It was not by coincidence that Munuve was an independent; even from his personality you could see the guy was fluent in three languages - Dholuo, Kikuyu and Akamba.

The environment that he represented have never elected an independent candidate; it is an environment that I know quite well and is always a battle ground for two political formations.

The fact that he could win elections in such an environment on independent ticket shows that the people there trusted him as person and he needed not ride any political wave. With those few remarks I just want to say pole to the family and we are together in this in spirit, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Musango.

**Hon. Musango Maithya:** Thank you for giving me this time to condole with the family of Hon. Munuve. He was a very courageous legislator and he spoke for many who could not speak, he was tribe less and we can attest to that. He was hardworking and also a good adviser. We have lost a colleague who we will feel his absence and also *kama jamii* he was also contributing a lot in many ways especially we have traveled a lot me and our party leader His Excellency Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka where he sometimes could behave as his bodyguard. He was brave and may God rest his soul in eternal life.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Wachira

**Hon. Allan Gathuku:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to pay homage to our departed colleague. Let me join my colleagues in registering my condolences to his family and to the people of Kariobangi North, on my behalf and the people that I represent. I happen to know Hon. Munuve very closely because he usually has a place in my ward. He normally calls me to tell he is around.



So I have come to interact with him on a daily basis and he usually even goes to an extent of explaining to my electorates on the challenges we go through here. His political journey is that of persistence and resilience. They are very identical to mine. I know him as a person who has tried running on a smaller party. Getting elected in this City as an independent candidate shows you how close he was to his people. So I want to say that his outspoken nature often made him make many friends and foes in the process and I want to believe that his spirit will live long in this Assembly and will inculcate in all of us that we continue fighting for justice.

To the powers that has been bestowed unto us as an Assembly let this be stark reminder of shortness of this life and that's why I want to leave with a bible verse in Mark 8:36 that says "for what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul."

May the Soul of our departed colleague rest in peace.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Rachael Wanjiru.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Rachael Wanjiru:** All that I can remember from my colleague is that he used to call me 'Rachael my mother'. It is not that easy to believe he is not together with us. It is not that easy for his family to believe he is not together with them. Even friends, colleagues and neighbors in the community. Though am not the preacher of the day I can quote the Bible that said that when David was mourning his son he moved his cloths and he sat and went to the table, sat down, ate and drank. When he was asked what he was doing he said his son will never come back but he will go to him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** May all the other Members who would want to give their eulogy be upstanding.

*(8 Members stood to offer their eulogy)*

We have 8 Members. Under ten minutes I will accord them an opportunity; one minute each. Do we start with Hon. Member? Thank you one minute. You be seated Members. Kindly Proceed, the mic is on.

**Hon. Patrick Macharia:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing us to also give our condolences to one of our fallen soldier. Hon. Munuve inspired us most of the time even in the videos circulating in the social media you will see Munuve fighting for Nairobians fearlessly and boldly.

I was with Hon. Munuve in the Committee of Implementation where he gave an insightful account of the implementation status of various sectors for example in health where he could always ask questions. Even today, if he was to present he had said he has some evidence on how *Dishi na County* is being misused.

That is what he was to do today because I am in Health Committee. He could oversight the operationalization of Mama Margate Kenyatta Hospital which is a hospital that falls under his Ward.

Mr. Munuve our fallen soldier would fight for delayed payment in the County. If you go to the First Floor where Customer Service is he would always ask why people go back with money which they could pay as revenue to the County. Yesterday I happened to meet with one of his voters and he was telling me that every holiday Mr. Munuve was donating pencils and pens to the needy students.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honorable Member your time is out.

**Hon. Patrick Macharia:** Just a minute Mr. Speaker, even when this House never had relief food, you could see Mr. Munuve going to his ward donating food and cabbages. I want to give my sincere condolences to the family. To quote the book of Timothy 4:7 says "Munuve fought a good fight, he finished his race and he has kept his faith, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** The next Member please. Kindly be mindful of time.

**Hon. Chris Mutumishi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to mourn my brother and colleague in this Assembly.

I would to say that Hon. Munuve was a close friend of mine because we have been meeting with him sometimes even in my Ward and I would like to confirm to this Assembly that he liked relating with friends.

He loved so much to relate with his people and mine is just to say to the family my heartfelt condolences and on behalf of Komorock Ward. We have lost a friend, brother, colleague, husband, father and we want to wish the family peace. With those few remarks let me just sing stanza...

*(The Hon. Mutumishi sang a song)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joy, please take the mic.

**Hon. Joy Muthoni:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to mourn a colleague and a friend as well. Munuve was a principled, fearless, go-getter and down to earth leader. He taught us a lot in this Assembly as fellow colleague and also being a Member of Environment committee.

He is one of the most active Members who was there to do oversight on many issues including the sector of garbage collection. I have seen our staff from the County Assembly mourning him in the social media; this tells us who Munuve was.

He really cared about the welfare of many not only his constituents but also when he worked he really cared about the welfare of everyone. May his soul rest in eternal peace. To the family *poleni sana*. I have one burden I wish to lay it out there: Hon. Munuve was asking me to do for him as a favour. He asked me if it's possible to push for a basketball court in his area but we never came to a clarification where we can get the space to do that.

**Hon. Speaker:** Come again.

**Hon. Joy Muthoni:** I was saying if there is one thing that he always insisted that I can do for him as a favour was if I could get an opportunity of partnering with anyone to bring a basketball court in his ward and right now am feeling overburdened because I never did that for him.

But for his remembrance and legacy I asked for anyone who can come through, I will do my very best to look for a partnership so that I can be able to implement what I had promised him. Just joining people working with his office to show me where to get the land for the basketball court and I will do my best to make sure that basketball court is put up in Kariobangi North and named after Munuve, thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Next? Kindly, one minute.

**Hon. Emmy Isalambo:** On my behalf, my family and Nairobians we would like to register our heartfelt condolences to the people of Kariobangi North. The first time I entered this House it is only Mr. Munuve who told me something. He told me he was proficient in Swahili language and could debate comfortably in Swahili so he told me that one day we would start debate in Swahili and I told him ‘am so sorry I can’t...’

I remember we were talking how Hellen was good in Swahili than myself then we laughed about it. Secondly I am the vice Chair of the Agricultural Committee and Munuve was my Member and we never lacked quorum courtesy of him. I remember every time we met and lacked quorum he would call everyone and made sure we had quorum.

Whenever we had issue with Executive he was the only who would face them and then bring out the point then we picked it from there. Thirdly he had a statement that was coming to the floor to the Agriculture Committee about the holding area of our animals. So I am asking when we bring forth that statement let us be given first priority to deal with it. May Munuve's soul rest in peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Maragu.

**Hon. Antony Maragu:** On behalf of great people of Karen and on my own behalf I wish to register the condolences to the family and to the colleagues. Indeed, whenever we met in the corridors of City Hall I remember I used to refer to him as ‘war must come’ because in his spirit he was a man who fought to what is right, just and true.

Dr. Martin Luther King Junior reminded us that "a man dies when he refuses to stand-up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand-up for justice, a man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.”

Indeed, in light of this, Hon. Speaker, Munuve is not dead. He continues to live as his spirit continue to with us. When Munuve spoke at a time when it was convenient to remain quiet; he questioned when others remained quiet. When all others remained quiet, he stood tall in moments that demanded morals clarity even if it meant standing alone. In doing so he reminded us of the sacred responsibility we carry as representative of the people. Not just passing laws but to guard justice, not just to serve in title but to lead in action. Long live the spirit of Honourable Munuve.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nyangicha I hope you're the last one? Oh! Ndile.

**Hon. Evans Nyangicha:** Thank you for allowing me to join my colleagues in mourning Mr. Munuve. On my behalf and the People of Imara Daima allow me to extend my heartfelt

condolences to the family and I want to ask the Almighty God to give the strength, wisdom and peace during this difficult period of mourning. May His soul rest in Eternal Peace.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Magoba.

**Hon. David Magoba:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika kunipatia hii nafasi kujiiunga mwenzangu kumwomboleza ndugu yetu, rafiki Bwana Munuve kwa ile kazi tumefanya pamoja nataka kuhakikishia familia kwamba Munuve alikua rafiki, alikua ndugu na tumefanya naye kazi bila yeye kuchochea mwenzake ila tu alikua msema ukweli.*

*Nataka kukumbuka wakati tulikua tunafanya kampeni ya Bwana Spika akisema kuwa lazima Spika awe wetu kama sio hivyo tutakua na shida nyingi hapa Bungeni. Kwa niaba ya watu wangu wa Lower Savannah nachukua nafasi kusema pole na tuko pamoja.*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Ndile the last one.

**Hon. John Musila:** Thank you **Hon. Speaker.** On behalf of Laini Saba and Wiper, Munuve was a friend of Wiper Party.

**Hon. Speaker:** Come again?

**Hon. John Musila:** Munuve was a friend of Wiper, and again a friend of my boss his Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka. *Mimi kama Hon. John Kaende...*

**Hon. Speaker:** You're out of order. You can only use one language.

**Hon. John Musila:** As a Member of Wiper we have lost a Member who fought for us. He fought for Wiper and entire Kamba Community. We loved Munuve.

**Hon. Speaker:** Member we don't expect you to mislead this Assembly. Hon. Munuve has not at any given point subscribed to the ideologies of Wiper Party. He was elected as an independent candidate of this House so I really don't understand where you are coming from. First of all, Hon. Ndile please withdraw the remarks.

**Hon. John Musila:** I withdraw the remarks, allow me to speak because of Munuve. He was my friend. He has done well to all of us. May his soul rest in peace.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### HANDING OVER OF PENDING BUSINESS OF LATE HON. JOEL MUNUVE

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Members I thank you for having taken your time not only to eulogize our brother but again to remain behind to make sure that we accord our brother respect he deserves as a soldier and a hero.

Hon. Members, during the proceedings a lot of concern came up and as the Speaker I want to give direction on certain issues and areas and I direct that the leadership of the Assembly, through the Implementation Committee to work on the pending business of the Assembly as requested by the late Hon. Munuve and such pending businesses be processed and be dispensed with by Tuesday next week 2.30 p.m.

So I expected the Chair of Implementation Committee to liaise with Majority Leader who happens to be the Leader of the Business so that we can put to rest all pending business because

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that is the business of the House. Anything that was approved at the request of the Hon. Member became the business of the Assembly at that point in time.

For us to put everything to rest the chair of Implementation Committee to respond or to give answers be it statements requests, be it a report of any committee. Hon Members you stand guided.

#### INTERIM REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF KARIOBANGI NORTH

**Hon. Speaker:** Further communication Hon. Members, and in the sequence of the Order Paper under Standing Order No. 43(2) I wish to give directive on the interim representation of the people of Kariobangi North ward following the demise of Hon. Joel Munuve.

We can't leave a vacuum they need representation and for that reason Hon. Members, I wish to convey the following directive.

As you aware we sadly lost Hon. Munuve the MCA for Kariobangi North following his untimely death. The loss of Hon. Munuve is a great blow to this Assembly and to the people of Kariobangi North and we continue to extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, constituents and colleagues during this difficult time.

The law requires the Speaker to inform the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) of the vacancy created by the death of a Member in order to occasion a by-election. However, due to the current almost non-functional nature of the IEBC and drawing from the precedence set by the National Assembly the Hon. Moses Wetangula who appointed a neighboring MP to act for the Constituency of Malava following the death of the constituency's MP, I have decided to take a similar action to ensure continuing representation of people Kariobangi North.

Accordingly following the same precedent and in the best interest of the constituents of Kariobangi North I hereby appoint Hon. Silas Matara the Member for Dandora 2 to represent the residents of Kariobangi North in this House.

Hon Matara under my guidance will ensure that all local matters development and any other ward related functions including oversight of programs that are critical to the ward continues until such a time as by-election is held or further instructions by the Chair as provided. You so stand guided.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Members at the conclusion of the business of the day the assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday next week 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 2.30 p.m. Hon Members you may recall we have the family members, we will just have a brief meeting with them in my office and the leadership of the Assembly. Thank you.

*The House rose at 6.01 p.m.*