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Pursuant Standing Order 196, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today Friday 23rd December 2022.

- THE FIRST REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, PLANNING AND HOUSING ON THE VETTING OF THREE (3) NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER.

(The Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Subject: Adoption of report

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

- **THAT**, this Assembly Adopts **THE FIRST REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, PLANNING AND HOUSING ON THE VETTING OF THREE (3) NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OFFICER** laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Friday, 23rd December 2022.

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REPORT

OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND HOUSING

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*Paper laid by the
chairperson on 23/dec/22*

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1.0. PREFACE

1.1. Committee Mandate

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing is established under Standing Order No. 203, and its mandate amongst others, as outlined under Standing Order 203 (6) (f) includes “*to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196 (Committee on Appointments).*”

1.2 Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing was constituted by the Assembly on 27th October, 2022 comprising of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Alvin Palapala, MCA- Chairperson
2. Hon. Collins Ogenga, MCA- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Peter Imwatok, MCA
4. Hon. Anthony Kiragu, MCA
5. Hon. Paul Kados, MCA
6. Hon. Waithera Chege, MCA
7. Hon. Geoffrey Majiwa, MCA
8. Hon. Fuad Hussein, MCA
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13. Hon. Hannah Wanjiru Muriuki, MCA
14. Hon. Nyantika Ricardo, MCA
15. Hon. Lily Akoth Kidenda, MCA
16. Hon. Jane Wanjiru, MCA
17. Hon. Nicholas Juma, MCA
18. Hon. Peter Maina, MCA
19. Hon. Clement Kamaru, MCA

- 20. Hon. Francis Kimondo, MCA
- 21. Hon. Patrick Macharia, MCA
- 22. Hon. Tricer Jeptoo, MCA
- 23. Hon. Martin Wairobi, MCA

1.3 Message from His Excellency the Governor

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to section 45 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012, H.E. the Governor, Hon. Johnson Arthur Sakaja vide a letter dated 2nd December 2022, forwarded to the Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly, the names of the following three (3) nominees for vetting by the Sectoral Committee on Planning & Housing and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as Chief Officers responsible for the three Sub-Sectors under the Sector of Lands, Planning and Housing as follows:-

NO	NAME OF NOMINEE	SUB-SECTOR
1.	Ms. Cecilia Wangari Koigu	Lands
2.	Mr. Patrick Analo Akivaga	Urban Development & Planning
3.	Ms. Marion Nyawira Rono	Housing and Urban Renewal

1.4 Committal to Committee on Planning and Housing

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 45 ad 48, the Honorable Speaker informed the Assembly on Tuesday 13th December 2022 that he had received the notification of the nominations. The notification of the said nominations was therefore referred to the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing on 13th December 2022 for vetting and reporting to the Assembly within twenty one (21) days in accordance with Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 (*hereinafter referred to as "the Act"*).

Subsequently, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the local dailies, specifically the Standard Newspaper and the Nation Newspaper on Wednesday 14th December, 2022, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way

of written statements on oath (sworn affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Act.

1.5 Committee Meetings

Hon. Speaker,

All the nominees appeared before the Committee on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 and were vetted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and the County Assembly Standing Orders on their suitability for appointment to the position of Chief Officers. Precisely, the Committee held one Sitting for conducting the vetting exercise.

1.6 Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker,

May I take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise. The Committee is grateful to the staff of the County Assembly attached to the Committee for the service rendered to the Committee. Their efforts and input made the work of the Committee and the production of this Report possible. The Committee is also grateful to the media for the coverage of the proceedings, thus enhancing accountability and transparency of the vetting exercise.

Finally, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the Assembly, the Committee's Report on the vetting of the three (3) nominees for appointment to the position of Chief Officers to the Assembly for adoption pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly and other enabling provisions of the Law.

Thank you.

Signed Date 23/12/2022

Hon. Alvin Palapala, MCA

Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing

2.0. BACKGROUND

2.1 Establishment of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing

The Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order No. 209 with the mandate to consider, for approval by the County Assembly, appointments under Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 7(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The said Sections require H.E. the Governor of Nairobi City County, Hon. Johnson Arthur Sakaja to nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint County Chief Officers.

Additionally, Section 10(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 (No. 5 of 2017) provides that:-

“Where the nomination of a candidate is rejected by a County Assembly, the appointing authority may submit to the relevant County Assembly the name of another candidate, and the procedure for approval specified in this Act shall apply accordingly.”

2.2 Appointment process of the County Chief Officer Nominees

Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, and Section (6) (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provide for the Governor's power to appoint Chief Officers, with the approval of the Assembly, from among persons competitively sourced and recommended by the County Public Service Board.

A letter from the Office of the Governor dated 2nd December 2022, addressed to the Speaker of the County Assembly indicated that pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012, H.E. the Governor, Hon. Johnson Arthur Sakaja had nominated three (3) nominees to be considered for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as Chief Officers of the Lands, Urban Renewal and Housing Sector.

On Tuesday 13th December 2022, the Honourable Speaker in a Message to the Assembly informed the Assembly that the office of the Speaker had received the names of the three (3) nominees, and directed that the names and curriculum vitae of the said nominees be referred to the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing for vetting and reporting to

the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 209(6)(f) and Section 7 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017(No. 5 of 2017).

2.3 Notification to the Public

Section 7(5) and (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 respectively provides that-*“the committee shall, by notice in at least one newspaper of national circulation, notify the public of the time and place for holding an approval hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing” and “any person may, prior to the approval hearing and by a written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”*

Pursuant to the above provisions of the law, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the in the local dailies, specifically the Standard Newspaper and the Nation Newspaper on Wednesday 14th December, 2022 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (sworn affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees. The submissions were to be received latest by 5.00 pm on Thursday 22nd December, 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 196 of the Constitution and section 7(4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the general public was also notified in the local dailies by the Clerk of the County Assembly of the intention of the Committee on Planning and Housing to conduct the vetting and approval hearing of the nominees on Thursday, 23rd December, 2022.

2.4 Clearance Requirements

To ensure compliance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Constitution, the nominees were asked to submit their clearance status with the following institutions for the vetting exercise –

- a) Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)
- b) Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
- c) Higher Education Loans Board (HELB)

- d) Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) and
- e) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)

The clearance by the foregoing institutions was primarily meant to provide information about the nominees on: -

- a) Matters touching on integrity;
- b) Tax compliance;
- c) Loan repayments; and
- d) Presence or absence of criminal records.

2.5 Criteria for vetting

Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017 provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant County Assembly Committee in relation to any nomination shall be—

- (a) The procedure used to arrive at the nominee including the criteria for the short listing of the nominees;
- (b) Any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and
- (c) The suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's credentials, abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.

2.6 Submission of Memoranda

Pursuant to section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 which provides that “*any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated*”, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advert in the local dailies on 14th December 2022, inviting interested members of the public to submit any representations by written statement on oath (affidavit) , that they may have on the suitability of the said nominees for appointment as Chief Officers for their respective Sectors.

By close of business on Tuesday 16th December, 2022, the Committee had not received any submissions against the approval for appointment of the three nominees.

3.0 VETTING OF COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEES

In conducting the vetting process, the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing examined the nominees against the following criteria, amongst others, as set out in the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017–

- (i.) Academic qualifications.
- (ii.) Employment record
- (iii.) Professional associations.
- (iv.) Potential conflict of interest.
- (v.) Knowledge of the relevant subject.
- (vi.) Overall suitability for the position.
- (vii.) Tax compliance.
- (viii.) Integrity.

During its Sitting held on Thursday 22nd December, 2022 at Committee room 10, Assembly Precincts, City Hall Buildings from 10:00am, the Committee conducted face to face interviews of the nominees. The minutes of the vetting proceedings are attached to this report.

3.1 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MS. CECILIA WANGARI KOIGU- COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEE FOR LANDS SUB-SECTOR

The County Chief Officer nominee for the Lands Sub-Sector, Ms. Cecilia Wangari Koigu, appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22, 2022 at 10.00 am and was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 the Committee had invited submissions from the Public on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to Public office and none had been received by close of business on Tuesday 20th December 2022.

While under oath, she proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

A. With respect to self-introduction, knowledge, experience and qualification, the nominee informed the committee that he was born on 27th July 1965 and that;

a) She is currently the Director, Lands & Surveying- Nairobi City County Government

b) She has a vast experiencing working for the defunct County Council of Nairobi and the current County Government in the County Government of Nairobi starting from 1990 as hereby highlighted:-

(i) Director, Lands & Surveying- Nairobi City County Government;

(ii) Ag. Chief Officer Lands-Nairobi City County Government;

(iii) Director, Lands Survey & Geoinformatics-Nairobi City County Government;

(iv) County Land Surveyor;

(v) Ag. Asst. Director, Engineering Survey-Nairobi City County Government;

(vi) Ag. Deputy Director land Survey (HDD-Dandora); and

(vii) Land Surveyor Nairobi City County Government

B. In response to questions put to her by Members of the Committee, Ms. Cecilia Wangari Koigu responded as follows:-

1. With respect to her suitability for the position and Education background for the Position Nominated

The nominee stated as follows –

That:

- a. As a licensed Surveyor and having vast work experience gained over the years she has worked under the Lands docket in the County and former defunct City Council. She is well aware of what the docket entails and the challenges it poses. She is a Member of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya and the Association of Licensed Surveyors of Kenya (No.198).
- b. She has a Masters Degree (MSC) in Cadastal Applications from ITC, Enschede, Netherlands a BSc.(Hons) Degree in Surveying & Photogrammetry from the University Of Nairobi and did her KACE exams at Kangaru school.
- c. She is currently the Director Survey GIS, Nairobi City County from and in her tenure in the position she has managed to oversee the processing of 6500 title deeds.
- d. Served as Deputy Director in various capacities where managerial experience was essential.

- e. Overall, experience and technical knowledge demonstrated will suffice in the position nominated.

II. Why she applied for the position nominated -

The nominee informed the committee as follows –

- a. She has served in the defunct City Council Nairobi City County government, for thirty two years now, and has been part of a team that has strived to ensure the County Government has the right team for delivery on its mandate.
- b. Noted that from her experience in the defunct City Council, there is opportunity for making things better in the new County Governments dispensation.
- c. She will endeavor to make the County achieve its pillar plans by focusing on programs and budgets so as to improve on service delivery for Nairobi residents.

III. Regarding how many departments are in the Sector -

The nominee stated that the department comprises of Survey & Geographical Information Systems and Property Management subsectors.

IV. Regarding how she will relate with her County Executive Committee Member in charge of the Sector, the other Chief Officers and other officers to ensure that the Sector deliver services to the people of Nairobi

- a. She recognizes that as Chief Officer she will be part of a team responsible for policy and day to day administration of the Lands Sector and that she recognizes the role of the CEC and that she will work towards creating a conducive environment for Policy formulation where working together will be her major priority.
- b. She acknowledges and affirms that she will partner and collaborate with the Assembly through the relevant Sector Committee of the Assembly, being the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing.

V. Regarding the challenges the sector is facing-

- a. She mentioned the challenge of Land invasion/grabbing especially in Eastlands and this can be addressed through introducing Policies that will cut on the vice.

VI. With respect to what she would prioritize in regard to legislative support in the Sub-Sector

The nominee stated that the sector needs Policies, initiatives and programmes to be approved by the Assembly that will address amongst others, the issue of rampant grabbing of public lands and provide seamless service delivery to the Citizens of Nairobi.

VII. With respect to how she will navigate the relationship between herself and Members of this Assembly

She will work cohesively with the Assembly to enable the Sector pass budgets, programmes, policies and initiatives on time with a view of improving on the sole mandate of the County of service delivery.

VIII. On the greatest challenges the lands subsector is facing and the remedies that can be deployed to address them

She responded that land grabbing being the greatest challenge, there is need to enhance enforcement of dealing with land grabbers. Enforcement officers need to be increased and empowered to independently fight the vice.

IX. On cases of lost land records

The department does not have qualified record management officers/personnel. She proposes that the land registry be digitized to avert future disappearance of land management files.

X. On cases of delayed processing of title deeds

The Ministry of Lands' Lands Registrar is to blame for the delay. The Assembly ought to engage in intergovernmental negotiations that will lead to conversations with the Ministry on how to break the impasse over the delay.

XI. In line with the Governors manifesto what initiatives, policies or programmes will she introduce that will see the county increase revenue collection from the lands subsector

She responded that she will advocate for measures that will ensure that the County collects its target revenues on land rates, beacon fees etc.

Committee Observations on Suitability of Ms. Cecilia Wangari Koigu for appointment as County Chief Officer for Lands

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled Questionnaire pursuant to Section 6 (9) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, her Curriculum Vitae and having heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as County Chief Officer for Lands:-

1. THAT, she satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the Kenya Revenue Authority, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Credit Reference Bureau.
2. THAT, she has not been charged in a Court of Law in the last three (3) years.
3. THAT, she possesses the requisite work experience and educational background of the job she applied for.
4. THAT, she is well versed with what the docket she has applied for a job as Chief Officer, entails.

3.2 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MR. PATRICK ANALO AKIVAGA – CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SUB-SECTOR

Mr. Patrick Analo Akivaga appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 at 11.00 am and after introductions, he was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5

of 2017, the Committee invited Memoranda from the Public on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, and none was received.

While under oath, he proceeded to inform the Committee as follows:-

A. Regarding self-introduction, knowledge, experience and qualification, the nominee informed the committee that he was born on 10th May 1977 and;

- a. He is currently working as an urban Planner in the Nairobi City County Government.
- b. He holds a Masters degree in Urban Management from the University of Nairobi, a Bachelors Degree (BA) in Urban & Regional Planning from Maseno University, a postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Law from Makerere University and a Diploma in Environmental Law from United Nations University.
- c. He is a member of the following professional associations;
 - (i) Kenya Institute of Planners; and
 - (ii) Registered Physical Planners.
- d. The nominee has 19 years of professional experience, and throughout that period, he has been able to hold the following positions:-
 - (i) Currently Ag. Chief Officer Urban Planning;
 - (ii) Urban Planner both in the defunct City Council and the County Government of Nairobi (2008 to date);
 - (iii) Independent consultant in informal settlements in Nairobi and Naivasha towns (2005-2007); and
 - (iv) Project Officer with Intermediate Technology Development Group-EA (2003-2005).

B. In response to questions put to him by Members of the Committee, Mr. Patrick Analo Akivaga stated as follows:-

1. With respect to his suitability for the position nominated and why he applied-

The nominee observed as follows –

- a) The experience he has accumulated over the years equips him with the necessary skills to serve in the docket nominated.

- b) Has worked in the City Council and County Government and been involved in the Planning sector for a long time. He also has relevant education and training pertaining to Planning.
- c) Having acted in the Chief Officer position, he is well versed with the role of a Chief Officer which is that of being an accounting officer and handling general administrative structures.

II. In terms of legislative support what he would want the Assembly to consider as a priority in the Urban planning docket -

The nominee informed the committee that he would like support from the Assembly in enacting the following Bills and policies that will ensure efficiency in running the docket:-

- a) Reviewing of The Regularization of developments Act of 2015;
- b) Approval of the Development Control Policy (last Policy done in 2006); and
- c) The Land Use Policy.

III. Navigating the relationship between himself and Members of the County Assembly if appointed

The nominee informed the Committee that he will strive to promote cordial working relations to ensure delivery on his mandate and the Assembly's expectations and mandates.

IV. With respect to what difference he is bringing to the Sector now that buildings are collapsing every other day in the City

-He will ensure County Officers responsible for enforcement and compliance in the Sector do monitor what is happening on the ground so as to control upcoming of illegal structures. The Officers will also investigate buildings for compliance.

V. What is your take on the increasing number of unscrupulous developers who are constructing without county approvals

Unscrupulous developers are the major cause of buildings collapsing. Some developers are constructing without approvals because the county has not

processed their title deeds which requisite among the items for requesting for construction approvals. The County should speed the issuance of title deeds.

VI. On several enforcement notices issued to developers with no effect

There are about 700 cases pending at the City Court. The challenge is the slow adjudication of such cases where the courts issue restraining orders favoring the developers therefore allowing them to continue with questionable developments undeterred. Further, to mitigate on violation of building guidelines, minimum fines for rogue developers should be raised to Ksh.5m.

XII. In line with the Governors manifesto what initiatives, policies or programmes will she introduce that will see the county increase revenue collection from the lands subsector

He responded that he will ensure the Nairobi City County Regularization of Developments Act of 2015 is reviewed in order to enable buildings to pay Regularization fees hence increasing revenue. He will work in coordination with the Chief Officer Lands with the view of fast tracking issuance of title deeds so that developers can apply for building approvals. He further proposes that share certificates and beacon certificates accompanied with an affidavit should be permitted in the approval process to avert more cases of illegal developments that deny the county revenue.

Committee Observations on Suitability of Mr. Patrick Analo Akivaga for appointment as County Chief Officer for the Urban Planning & Development

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled Questionnaire pursuant to Section 6 (9) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, his Curriculum Vitae and having heard his oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as County Chief Officer for the Urban Planning:-

1. **THAT**, he satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the Kenya Revenue Authority, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Credit Reference Bureau.

2. THAT, he has not been charged in a Court of Law in the last three (3) years.
3. THAT, he possesses the requisite work experience and educational background of the job he applied for.
4. THAT, he is well conversant with what the docket he has applied for a job as Chief Officer, entails.

3.3 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MS. MARION NYAWIRA RONO-COUNTY CHIEF OFFICER NOMINEE FOR HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL SUB-SECTOR

The County Chief Officer nominee for the, Housing and Urban Renewal appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 22nd December, 2022 at 12.00 pm and was informed by the Chairperson that in line with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Committee invited submissions from the Public on her suitability or otherwise for appointment to Public office, and none had been received by close of business on Tuesday, 20th December, 2022.

While under oath, the nominee informed the Committee as follows:-

- A. Regarding self-introduction, knowledge, experience and qualification, the nominee informed the committee that she was born on 9th July 1967 and;
 - a) She is currently the Director Housing and Urban Renewal at the Nairobi City County Government.
 - b) She also holds an MSC Degree (Masters) in Urban Housing Management from the Institute of Housing Studies in Netherlands and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Land Economics from the University of Nairobi.
 - c) She is a member of the Valuers Registration Board (No. 351) and the Institute Surveyors of Kenya.
 - d) She has 29 years working experience in senior positions in the Ministry, Private sector and the County Government as hereby highlighted;-
 - (i) Director, Housing & Urban Renewal-Nairobi City County Government.
 - (ii) Deputy Director, Housing & Urban Renewal-Nairobi Metropolitan Services.

- (iii) Director, Housing & Community Development- Nairobi City County Government.
- (iv) Lecturer (Part Time)-Technical University of Kenya.
- (v) Lecturer-Kigali Institute of Science & Technology, Rwanda.
- (vi) Assistant Director, Social infrastructure-Ministry of Nairobi Metropolitan Development.
- (vii) Principal Housing Planning Officer-Ministry of Housing.

C. In response to questions put to her by Members of the Committee, Ms. Marion Nyawira Rono as follows:-

I. With respect to her suitability for the position nominated -

The nominee observed as follows –

- d) The work experience she has accumulated over twenty five (25) years has equipped her with the necessary skills to serve in the sub-sector nominated.
- e) She worked with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and been involved in the housing sector in the County for a long time.
- f) Understands matters regarding housing and urban renewal in Nairobi and the challenges that come with the same.
- g) Understands solutions to urban renewal to provide proper housing for residents hence fronted the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) in the County in collaboration with the National Government.
- h) She has Masters in Urban Housing Management hence understands the urban renewal concepts.

II. With respect to challenges facing the sub-sector –

- a) That she is aware to the challenges facing the sub-sector, having worked at the County since 2014.
- b) The subsector has a challenge of collecting rent as there are many tenants with rent arrears. They have only 6 enforcement officers and request for more to assist in the enforcement and ensure all rents are paid in time to enhance revenue collection.

III. On the sub-sectors achievements having worked as its Director –

The nominee highlighted the following as the sub-sector's achievements:-

- a) Estate Management – the sub-sector has completed renovations of several County estates namely Kariobangi South, Buruburu, Jamhuri among others and have plans in place for more revamps.
- b) Slum Upgrading- Involves construction of low cost houses, installation of social and physical infrastructure, introducing income generation activities, facilitating security of tenure and among the communities. This has improved lives and livelihoods of people working and living in slums e.g in KCC and Kayole.
- c) Affordable housing -The Urban Renewal Pilot Projects sought to not only upgrade services and infrastructure, but also alleviate the over densification in the old city county estates. In this regard, the sub-sector has completed Pangani and Jevanjee projects.

IV. Why she applied for the position nominated -

The nominee informed the committee as follows –

- a) His training as an architect and involvement in leadership at various levels related to the planning and housing sector provided his biggest motivation for applying for the position nominated.
- b) The County government needs someone like him with a combination of his skills to deliver on the docket nominated.

V. Navigating the relationship between herself and Members of the County Assembly if appointed -

The nominee informed the Committee that she will endeavor to promote cordial working relations to ensure delivery on her mandate and the Assembly's expectations and mandates.

VI. Refurbishment of old County housing and development of proper housing for informal areas–

The nominee informed the Committee as follows -

- a) That her priority will be to relook and promote urban renewal as a way to deal with dilapidated housing.
- b) Development will therefore have to be done humanely – not to deny those currently occupying the old county housing the opportunity to own the new development.

- c) Echoed that support of the National Government and other stakeholders is key in fixing the informal settlement problem. .

Committee Observations on Suitability of Ms. Marion Nyawira Rono for appointment as County Chief Officer for Housing & Urban Renewal

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled Questionnaire pursuant to Section 6 (9) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, her Curriculum Vitae and having heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as County Chief Officer for the Housing & Urban Renewal:-

1. **THAT**, she satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the Kenya Revenue Authority, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Credit Reference Bureau.
2. **THAT**, she has not been charged in a Court of Law in the last three (3) years.
3. **THAT**, she possesses the requisite work experience and educational background of the job he applied for.
4. **THAT**, she is well versed with what the docket he has applied for a job as Chief Officer, entails.

4.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS

4.1 General Observations

The Committee having considered the nominees' filled Questionnaires pursuant to Section 7 (9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, their Curriculum Vitae and having heard their oral submissions during the vetting exercise made the following observations:-

1. **THAT**, the three (3) nominees satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity which is a requirement under section 35(3) (c) of the County Governments Act, 2012 in that the nominees have been cleared by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).
2. **THAT**, the nominees have not been charged in a Court of Law in the last three years.
3. **THAT**, the nominees do not exhibit a potential conflict of interest and stated that they will adhere to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and statutes in carrying out their duties.
4. **THAT**, none of the nominees has ever been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of the Assembly or any Commission of Inquiry.
5. **THAT**, the nominees for position of Chief Officer-Lands, Chief Officer-Urban Planning & Development, Chief Officer-Housing & Urban Renewal, meet the requirements of Section 45 (1) (a) of the County Government Act, 2012 since they have the requisite abilities, qualifications and experience.

Therefore, the Committee found the three nominees suitable for appointment as County Chief Officers having met both the Constitutional and the statutory requirements.

5.0. RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and Standing Order No. 209 (6)(f) of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee recommends:-

1. THAT, this Assembly approves the following nominees for appointment by His Excellency the Governor as Chief Officers in the Lands, Urban Planning & Development and Housing & Urban Renewal sub sectors as follows:-

(i) Ms. Cecilia Wangari Koigu - Chief Officer, Lands.

(ii) Mr. Patrick Analo Akivaga - Chief Officer, Urban Development & Planning.

(iii) Ms. Marion Nyawira Rono - Chief Officer, Housing and Urban Renewal

