

## THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY



### FIRST ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

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#### [PUBLIC PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 208]

#### BY RESIDENTS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY REGARDING NON- INVOLVEMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS IN KEY DECISION MAKING ORGANS IN THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

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**WE THE UNDERSIGNED** Citizens of Kenya who are residents of Nairobi City County under the umbrella of Nairobi County Disabled Persons Organizations for the non-involvement of persons with Disabilities in key decision making organs in the County.

**DRAW** the attention of the County Assembly of Nairobi to the following: -

**AWARE THAT**, Article 21, Sub –Article 3 of the constitution of Kenya,2010 state that all State organs and all public officers have the duty to address the needs of vulnerable groups within society, including women, older members of society, persons with disabilities, children, youth, members of minority or marginalised communities, and members of particular ethnic, religious or cultural communities.

**THAT WHEREAS**, Article 185 of the Constitution rests the legislative Authority and Oversight function to the County level on the County Assembly;

**THAT WHEREAS**, Article 54 of the Constitution gives Persons with disabilities rights to be treated with dignity and respect and to be addressed and referred to in a manner that is not demeaning; to access educational institutions and facilities for persons with disabilities that are integrated into society to the extent compatible with the interests of the person; to reasonable access to all places, public transport and information; to use Sign language, Braille or other appropriate means of communication; and to access materials and devices to overcome constraints arising from the person's disability;

**THAT WHEREAS**, Article 56 gives persons with Disabilities rights to participate as is represented in governance and other spheres of life; are provided special opportunities in educational and economic fields; are provided special opportunities for access to employment; develop their cultural values, languages and practices; and have reasonable access to water, health services and infrastructure;

**THAT**, as residents Nairobi City County, we wish to express our concern regarding Misrepresentation in decision making in the county, poor service delivery to PWDS; and Laxity of meeting constitutional obligations concerning PWDS set out in employment and procurement Acts;

**THAT WHEREAS**, the residents Nairobi City County, confirm that efforts have been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, it failed to give a satisfactory response;

**THAT**, the issues in respect of which the petition is made, is not pending before any court of law, or Constitutional or legal body;

**HEREFORE**, your humble Petitioners **PRAY** that the County Assembly of Nairobi County intervenes and ensure that;

- a. The Nairobi City County Executive establishes persons with disability Board as its provided in the Nairobi City County Act, 2015 and enacts the regulations thereon;
- b. Ensures compliance with accessibility requirements of the buildings within Nairobi City County and have a front office desk that serves persons with disabilities in the County and Sub-county managed by a person with Disability and a Sign Interpreter; and
- c. The Nairobi City County Executive sets aside special needs bursary fund for schools from lower primary to higher levels of education for learners with disabilities.

And your Petitioners will forever pray.

Presented by;

**Hon. Speaker**

*On behalf of;*

- Residents of Nairobi City County.