

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY



SECOND ASSEMBLY

(FIFTH SESSION)

*Petition read by Speaker
on 21/12/2021 & committed to
Health Committee
V. D. Kille
T. C. A.
22/12/2021*

[PUBLIC PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 208]

BY CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF NAIROBI, REPRESENTATIVE OF
CONSUMER GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATION (CGA), REGARDING THE
SAFETY OF FOOD IN THE COUNTY.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED resident of Nairobi, representative of Consumer Grassroots Association (CGA)

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

AWARE THAT, Article 185 of the constitution vests the legislative authority and oversight of the County governments in the county assembly;

THAT, in a survey conducted by Consumer Grassroots Association, launched in January, 2021, in three Counties namely; Nairobi, Kirinyaga and Kajiado, which involved 9, 592 Kenyans, 88% of the respondents were worried about the safety of their food;

THAT, that the major food safety concerns include high pesticides use/ misuse, lack of proper sanitation in markets, contamination during transportation and during preparation;

THAT WHEREAS, the County does not have a clear policy on food safety in the county;

THAT WHEREAS, the County does not have elaborate legal framework for food safety that provide clear roles and responsibilities for the different levels of Government, Departments, and Institutions as well as other Stakeholders;

PUBLIC PETITION BY CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF NAIROBI, REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUMER GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATION (CGA), REGARDING THE SAFETY OF FOOD IN THE COUNTY.

THAT, the County lacks mechanisms through which consumers can raise concerns on food safety, share information about food safety issues in the County;

THAT, there is limited Public engagement and awareness on issues of food safety in the County;

THAT, the 89% of the respondents felt that the County is not doing enough to address food safety issues;

THAT, there is sufficient evidence to show reasons to worry about the safety of food in the County;

AND THAT, matters raised in respect of which this petition is raised are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body;

NOW THEREFORE, your humble Petitioners PRAY that the County Assembly;

- i. Recommends further assessment of the situation of food safety in the County including a detailed evaluation of the structures, institutions, legal and policy frameworks for food safety;
- ii. Cause the County Executive to ensure that issues of food safety are adequately incorporated in County Food Security Policies;
- iii. Recommends that all food markets be assessed for compliance with food safety standards and a clear report for the assessment issued to the public including measures to address existing gaps;
- iv. Initiates a Bill to address the legal framework gaps on food safety; and
- v. Makes any other order that it deems fit in the circumstances of this petition.

And your Petitioners will forever pray.

Presented by

Hon. Benson Mutura.
Speaker, Nairobi City County Assembly

On behalf of;
CONCERNED RESIDENT OF NAIROBI, REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSUMER GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATION (CGA).



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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAIROBI



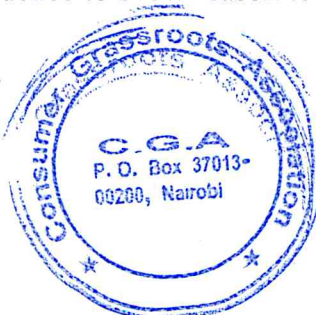
PUBLIC PETITION REGARDING THE SAFETY OF FOOD IN THE COUNTY

I THE UNDERSIGNED on behalf of the representatives of Consumer Grassroots Association (CGA),

Draw the attention of the Assembly to the following:

- 1) **That**, the residents of Nairobi County are concerned about the safety of their food;
- 2) **That**, in a survey conducted by Consumer Grassroots Association, launched in January this year in three counties (Nairobi, Kirinyaga and Kajiado Counties) which involved 9,592 Kenyans, 88% percent of the respondents were worried about the safety of their food;
- 3) **That**, the major food safety concerns include high pesticide use/misuse, lack of proper sanitation in markets, contamination during transportation and contamination during preparation;
- 4) **That**, the county does not have a clear policy on food safety in the county
- 5) **That**, the county does not have elaborate legal framework for food safety that provide clear roles and responsibilities for the different levels of government, departments and institutions as well as other stakeholders;
- 6) **That**, the County lacks mechanisms through which consumers can raise concerns on food safety, share information about food safety issues in the County;
- 7) **That**, there is limited public engagement and awareness on issues of food safety in the county;
- 8) **That**, the 89% of the respondents felt that the County is not doing enough to address food safety issues;
- 9) **That**, there is sufficient evidence to show reason to worry about the safety of food in the county; and

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10) That, matters raised in respect of which this petition is raised are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body.

Therefore, your humble petitioners pray that the County Assembly:-

- i) Recommends further assessment of the situation of food safety in the county including a detailed evaluation of the structures, institutions, legal and policy frameworks for food safety;
- ii) Causes the executive to ensure that issues of food safety are adequately incorporated in County food security policies;
- iii) Recommends that all food markets be assessed for compliance with food safety standards and a clear report for the assessment issued to the public including measures to address existing gaps;
- iv) Initiates a bill to address the legal framework gaps on food safety; and
- v) Makes any other order that it deems fit in the circumstances of this petition.

And your PETITIONERS will ever pray.

PRESENTED BY,

ALICE K. NYABERI

DIRECTOR, CONSUMER GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATION

DATE: 15/11/2021.

SIGNATURE:



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