COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY

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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY (SECOND SESSION)

[PUBLIC PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 214]

BY RESIDENTS OF NAIROBI ON ANTICIPATED EL-NINO RAINS IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED Citizens of Kenya who are Residents of Nairobi within, Nairobi City County;

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

AWARE THAT, Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 vests the legislative authority and oversight of the County governments in the County Assembly;

THAT WHEREAS, Article 42 of the Constitution further provides that every person has the right to a clean and healthy environment;

THAT, The National Government of Kenya has ascribed to such human rights vide the Economic, Social and political pillars of vision 2030 that are anchored on the foundations of macroeconomic stability, Infrastructural development, science technology and innovation;

THAT, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) announced that the October to December 2023 climate forecast shows high chances of wetter-than-usual conditions across most parts of the Greater Horn of Africa. Notably, there is an

exceptionally high probability (>80%) of experiencing wetter-than-usual rainfall in southern Ethiopia, eastern Kenya, and southern Somalia.

THAT, as a result of the heavy rainfall experienced across much of the region from March to May (MAM) 2023, increased precipitation from October to December (OND) 2023 may contribute to flooding;

THAT. Nairobi previously has encountered the following due to high rainfall such as El-Nino;

- 1. Bridges being washed away since they are not permanent leading to loss of lives and disconnection of people's residences;
- 2. Damaged manhole covers along the roads causing serious health hazard, cars being stuck and sometimes accidents since the holes are filled with water and are
- 3. Poor drainage in estates since there are no sewer systems leading to excessive flooding resulting to loss of lives and properties;
- 4. Lack of clean drinking water since water sources are contaminated with flood
- 5. Trash blocking water ways since same trash especially plastic waste clog the culverts leading to more flooding;

THAT WHEREAS, the petitioners, confirm that efforts have been made to have the matter addressed by the relevant body, it failed to give a satisfactory response;

AND THAT, all the matters in respect of which the petition is raised are not pending before any court of law or constitutional body.

NOW HEREFORE, your humble Petitioner PRAYS that the County Assembly of Nairobi County intervenes and ensures that; -

- 1. The following be done before the anticipated rains starts -;
 - a) Water Shortage currently being experienced in Nairobi be sorted;
 - b) Unclog water ways and provide measures to collect trash accordingly;
 - c) Repair bridges and manhole covers and put permanent ones in areas that
 - are not in place; and

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2. The Nairobi City County sensitizes the residents on disaster management such as in case of El-Nino.

And your Petitioners will forever pray.

Presented by:

Hon. Speaker, MCA

On behalf of;

- All residents of Nairobi County.

TO THE CLERK, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY, P.O. BOX 45844-00100, NAIROBI. EMAIL: <u>clerk@nairobiassembly.go.ke</u>

Date: 2ND October, 2023

We the undersigned citizens of Kenya, and Residents of Nairobi City County draw the attention of the County Assembly on Nairobi to the following:

- El-Nino rains are coming and some of the bridges in Nairobi County are not permanent and not strong enough and also they are not raised enough. We fear they shall be washed away leading to loss of lives. For instance the bridge along Mukuru Kwa Njenga is very unstable. The bridge in Kiambiu as well is very shaky among many others.
- 2. The City County Government has been slow in replacing damaged Manhole Covers along the roads and this is a health hazard especially when it shall rain a lot and the holes will not be visible. People will fall into these manholes and also vehicles will be stuck here. For instance, Manholes right outside New Green Park stage are missing and it is scary and dangerous sight to road users.
- 3. Most drainage in estates are not cemented and this means as it rains, all the mud along with the plastic waste shall clog the carabats leading to excessing flooding. People will not move around, students and pupils will be stuck along the roads and also there shall be flooding into houses.
- 4. The City County Government has failed in its role of providing city residents with reusable trash containers. People are throwing trash in every open water ways along the estates. These are the same trash that shall block the waterways when heavy rains begin pounding the city.
- 5. We have not seen any efforts by the County Government to sensitize residents in disaster management as is the case with El-Nino. So far, no communication has come out regarding the kind of relief and AID the residents shall get and when.
- 6. Much has not been done in terms of traffic management especially when there are small rains that cause so much traffic. When the El-Nino rains commence, we fear the situation shall be worse and the losses to property will be immense.

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7. The county government has failed to address water shortages currently in many Nairobi Estates. This means that when El-Nino commences, people will be compelled to take contaminated water and this will result in water borne diseases.

We therefore, humbly petition the Nairobi County Assembly to intervene on those issues and all Nairobi residents shall forever thank Nairobi City County Third Assembly.

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