COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY

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NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

[PUBLIC PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 214]

BY KILIMANI, KILELESHWA, WESTLANDS, PARKLANDS AND SOUTH C RESIDENTS ON ADHERANCE TO ZONING REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NAIROBI INTERGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN(NIUPLAN), LACK OF PUBLIC PARTCIPATION, CONSTRUCTION NON-APPROVAL AND LACK OF FOLLOW UP INSPECTION TO ENSURE ADHERANCE TO QUALITY STANDARDS ON BUILDINGS IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED Citizens of Kenya who are residents of Kilimani, Kileleshwa, Westlands, South C and Parklands in Nairobi 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;

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- d) Formulate and enact new and existing laws to the latter by relevant authorities to curb this menace.

And we will forever pray.

Presented by; Hon. Speaker.

On behalf of:

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Our Ref: GMK/EKM/1036/024

Your Ref:

Date: 15th April, 2024 COUNTY AS

THE CLERK, NAIROBI COUNTY ASSEMBLY P.O BOX 30075-00100

Dear sir,

NAIROBI.

RE: PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 208 OF WAIR OF

COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS BY:

NICHOLAS NYAGA NJAGI.

GRACE KAMAU,

ERIC KITHINJI MWITI,

HARUN NGUMBA NGUGI.

HANNAH WANGARI KARANJA,

CAROLYNE RUTH,

ANTONINA LYAMBILA

We refer to the above Petition dated 21st February, 2024 and served onto your office and our appointment to act for the parties dated 18th of March, 2024 and received in the Speakers offices on the 20th March, 2024.

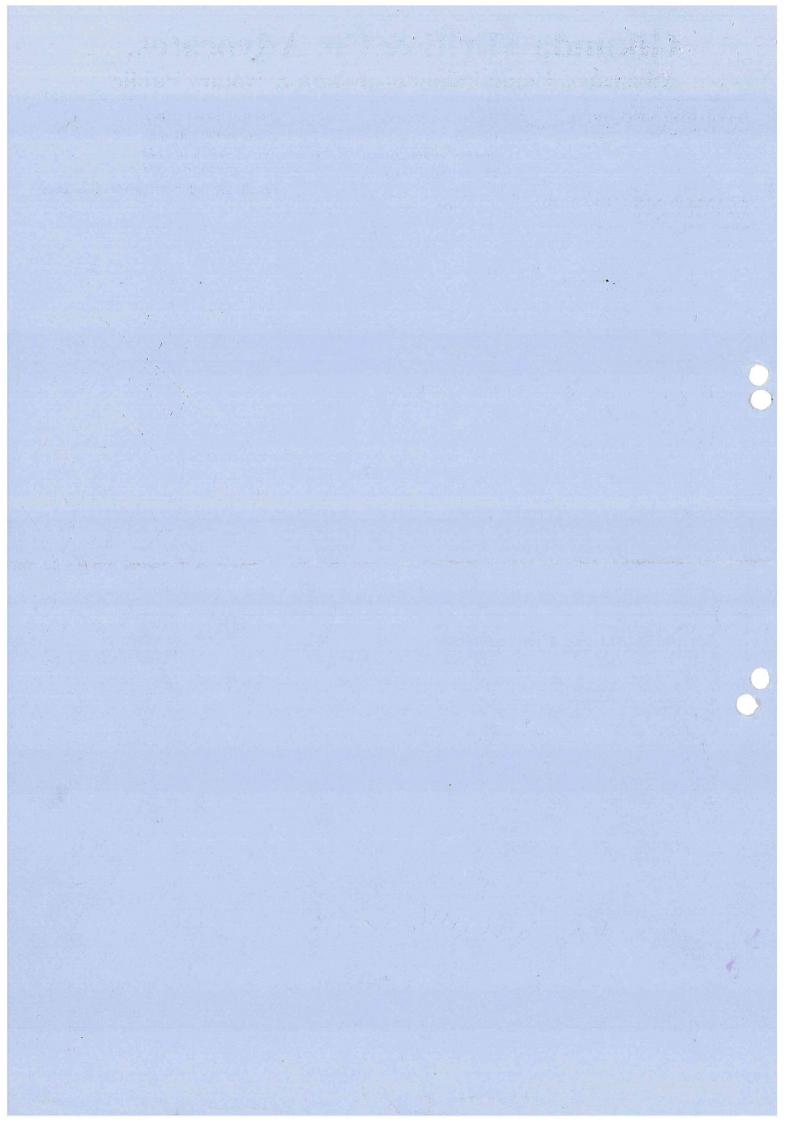
We kindly seek to have our clients petition listed for hearing and relevant notices issued to the relevant people.

Kindly treat the matter as urgent and let us have the earliest date possible as the rights of individuals are being infringed by the delay.

Yours faithfully

D<del>a M</del>irìti & Co. advocates

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THE CLERK,
NAIROBI CITY COUNTY
P.O BOX 45844-00100

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ADHERANCE TO QUALITY STANDARDS

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED** citizens of Kenya and residents of the aforementioned localities within Nairobi County draw the attention of the County Assembly of Nairobi to the following;

**AWARW THAT** Article 185 of the constitution of Kenya, 2010 vests the legislative authority and over sight of the county government in the County Assembly;

**THAT WHEREAS,** Article 42 of the constitution guarantees every person in Kenya the right to clean and healthy environment, which includes the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of both present and future generation.

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**THAT WHEREAS** the constitution requires the government to take measurers for the protection of the environment and proper us of natural resources for the benefit of the present and future generations.

**THAT WHEREAS** people are required under article **69(2)** of the constitution to work with the government and the relevant actors in conserving the environment and natural resources.

THAT WHEREAS ARTICLE 69(1) of the constitution requires the government to protect generic resources and biological diversity, encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment as well as eliminate processes and activities that are likely to endanger the environment.

THAT WHEREAS ARTICLE 35 AND 69 (1) of the constitution requires participation of the public in all decision making processes such as the Environmental Impact Assessment process and that accurate information regarding any intended decision be provided to the public in a timely manner.

THAT WHEREAS the Environmental Management and Coordination Act establishes the National Government Management Authority (NEMA) which is responsible for reviewing all environmental impact assessment reports and deciding whether to issue the Environmental Impact Assessment Licenses for any project under planning stage for which EIA is required.

**THAT WHEREAS** EIA regulations require owners of all projects under planning for which EIA is required as well as **NEMA** to seek views of all persons that may be affected by the project being planned.

THAT WHEREAS the National Construction Authority Act creates National Construction Authority (NCA) which is responsible for project regulation and issuance of site compliance certificates, mandatory construction site

inspections for quality assurance purposes as well as enforcement of the **Building Code**.

THAT WHEREAS the Physical Planning and Land use Act require every county to have a Physical and Land use Development Plan which should enhance environmental protection and conservation, provide basis for infrastructure and service delivery, guide use and management of natural resources as well as identify zones for industrial, commercial, residential and social developments.

**THAT WHEREAS** the **County Government Act** requires each City or Municipality to have land use **plans**, **building and zoning** plans as well as location of recreational areas and public facilities.

THAT WHEREAS The City County of National has an existing Master Plan being Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Master Plan (NIUPLAN),2014 which provides for zoning of various residential and commercial localities and the number of storeys per each apartment.

**THAT** in violation of the zoning regulation residents of **Kileleshwa**, **Kilimani**, **Westlands**, **Parklands** and **South C** among others have witnessed massive and unabated spring up of Skyscrapers.

**THAT** in violation of the **regulations** and **building code** most of the apartments have no signage with approvals to indicate the nature/purpose of the building, owner, contractor, engineer and architect involved.

**THAT** where the residents including the petitioners have been able to discreetly obtain the information about the owners and/or contractors of each of the subject apartments they have raised concerns about the lack of adherence to the laws and regulations which protestations/concerns are ignored and/or dismissed by the developers and relevant government agencies.

**THAT** the owners of the subject apartments currently under construction have not conducted any *public participation* and where any have been done the same are **shambolic** with no adequate notice given to residents with clear indicators of venue, mostly held on **weekdays** when residents are at work with **hired goons** to shoot down any dissenting voices

**THAT NEMA** has also not been seeking views of the public/residents before issuing **Environmental Impact Assessment Licenses** which is a **mandatory** requirement under the law as the contractors collude with NEMA officials to get the licenses through the back door.

**THAT** majority of the owners have not obtained the necessary **change of user** and where the same are secured they do so after the completion of the construction through **collusion** with **rogue** city planning officials as a mere regulisation process.

**THAT** the owners of the apartments collide with rogue **National Construction Authority** officials to obtain project registration and site compliance certificates which officials never do site inspections for quality assurance purposes.

THAT in order to ward off protests from the residents including the petitioners and evade law enforcement officers the contractors carry out building works past officials working hours being before 0800hrs on Monday to Friday, after 1400hrs on Saturday and throughout the day on Sundays.

THAT one of the contractors Ameey Homes Ltd has being going on with construction works under heavy police protection at parklands Taza plaza lane past official working hours and at night and weekends despite restraining orders from the National Environment Tribunal which found the Nairobi County Secretary and 5 senior county officials as well as 6 employees of the contractor guilty of contempt of court.

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**THAT** in one of the apartments at **South C Mugoya** the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor collapsed onto a neighboring building indicating lack of adherence to the **building code** and that no site inspection quality assurance is undertaken by **National Construction Authority** and **City county planning officers**. The subject property was public land intended for a market but illegally converted to private land

THAT NIUPLAN, 2014 is still the existing planning framework and there have never been rezoning of the aforementioned residential/commercial localities but the owners who are linked to Chinese Property Developers Association who own Sky Valley Ventures Kenya Co. Ltd and Blissful Residences Investment Limited have been using bribery, force, intimidation and gas lighting to force the neighborhoods the petitioners included into submission while undertaking the new developments.

THAT the developers have been encroaching on school properties, markets, recreation centers and forests an example being downgrading of a river to a stream in order to justify construction of a Mall and petrol station adjacent Arboretum on riparian land.

**THAT** the sky crappers have exposed the neighborhood the petitioners included to health hazards e.g. lack of natural light, lack of sufficient air flows, lack of privacy and air/ noise pollution.

**THAT** the City County government has been making approvals for development of sky-scrappers without due consideration to zoning, infrastructure, environmental, health and social amenities.

**THAT** the developers have been sinking bore holes in their basement with no monitoring on quality, dept and sustainability which has led to the residents of the aforesaid localities including the petitioners to suffer due to effects of contaminated water.

**THAT** the construction of skyscrapers has put a strain on infrastructure with no room for sidewalks on roads with public schools and other public amenities and cutting down of centuries old trees replacing greenery and sunshine with darkness and congestion.

**THAT** some of the apartments/constructions workers in question include;

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- South B Kapiti Estate (Across St Bakhita School)

**THAT** the petitioners confirm that the residents themselves included have severally raised the matter with the developers/contractors and relevant government agencies but their concerns and/or protestations have been ignored and/or out rightly dismissed.

**THAT** the in support of the petition, the petitioners on their own behalf and that of the concerned majority residents are ready and willing to provide material evidence including letters, phone messages/chats, social medial conversations and video records as well as sworn affidavits when called upon to do so by the honorable Assembly.

**REASONS THREFORE** your humble petitioners pray that the **County**Assembly of Nairobi intervenes and ensure that;

- a) In exercise of its oversight role do initiate OPEN PUBLIC INVESTIGATIONS into the operations of the subject developers within Nairobi County in particular Sky Valley Ventures Kenya Co. Limited, Blissful Residences Investment Limited and Ameey Homes Ltd with a view unearthing the circumstances under which they got the approvals and licenses from the Nairobi City County Government, NEMA and NCA to undertake the developments in violations of the constitution, relevant laws and regulations.
- b) The outcome of the investigations do form the bases for affirming and/ or cancellation of the subject licenses and approvals.
- c) The outcome of the investigation do form the bases for recommendation of sanctions, suspension, blacklisting and/ or punishment or sacking of the subject developers/ contractors and involved relevant government officials to fore-store such mischief in future.
- d) There is enactment of laws and formulation of registration to curb future mischief where developers /contractors in collusion with rogue government officials take advantage of existing laws and regulations to undertake illegal and unregulated developments with catastrophic environmental implications.
- e) Any and/or further orders or directions as the assembly may deem fit.

## IN WITNESS THEREOF THE PETITIONERS DO AFFIX THEIR RESPECTIVE SIGNATURES

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