



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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### [PUBLIC PETITION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 214]

BY THE SOWETO RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE SOWETO COMMUNITY WATER PROJECT AND SEWERAGE BY COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE SUB-SECTOR AND THE NAIROBI SEWERAGE AND WATER COMPANY IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED Citizens of Kenya who are residents of Lower Savanna Ward, Nairobi County.

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Hon. David Magoba, MCA- Lower Savannah Ward.

On behalf of:

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED who are residents of the area generally known as Lower Savannah Community in Naircbi City County.

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THAT, the Water Ac. No. 43 of 2016 provides for the regulation, management and development of water resources and water and sewerage services in line with the Constitution.

THAT, the residents of Lower Savannah Ward are undergoing undue suffering due to lack of clean, reliable and adequate water supply. The lack of water has affected the operations of thousands of house olds in the area. This poses a health hazard not only to the residents of Soweto in Lower Savannah but also across the County and beyond.

**THAT,** Article 118 (b) states that Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business pf parliament and its Committees.

THAT, Article 37 of the Constitution provides that, every person has the right, peaceably and unarmed, to assemble, demonstrate and to present petitions to public offices.

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AND THAT, Nairoui City Water and Sewerage Company Limited made so many changes regarding the water projects in the area without public participation and citizen engagement since 2015 with regards to

- > Transition of World Bank projects from Soweto to Eastern region;
- > Switching the fresh water with the borehole water using the same pipe and same parameters;
- Number 444-00 which is too expensive and contains tampered meters which do not show the loan balances owed to NCWSC by the Soweto residents (collection of water fees from residents by NCWSC also raises concerns about accessibility, affordability, and accountability);
- Majority of the residents cleared the loans awarded by the World Bank for water connection which was to be paid within 5 years but they have not been issued with any documents to prove the cleared loans, and if not cleared, they don't show how much is the balance remaining;
- > Inflated water bills with exaggerated estimates on meter readings;
- Corrupt staff of NCWSC- In circumstances where a resident is not capable of paying the huge water Lills, the meters are closed and the officers from NCWSC allegedly demand bribes to reconnect the meters;
- > Lack of NCW C offices services hence insufficient information is obtained without clarity.
- > A few landlords have their pipes connected to their houses from the main pipe direct

THAT, Soweto Con munity in particular has been under World Bank water project since 2015 and that the residents were given loans by the same bank. The said residents have been religiously paying the water bill as per the World Bank loan connection fees, as it was agreed per customer and countersigned the said agreement.

THAT, recently this has not been the case due to customers not being able to make payments through the initial paybill number and that they have been introduced to anew account number which even after clearing the loan payments, it doesn't reflect the previous payments and instead gives exaggerated estimates with very high bills on the same meters.

THAT, following a lot of constraints experienced by Soweto Community in regards to accessing the NCWSC water staff to raise their grievances the residents are suffering hence affecting the growth and gained milestones towards community development.

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THAT, NCWSC constructed insufficient Boreholes in the area which is inadequate and that the water is rationed her ce there is inadequate supply, distribution & regulation of the commodity in the area.

THAT, the Community has experienced mass water disconnections due to unexplained exaggerated water lills which has caused a lot of discomfort towards the public.

THAT, the community since early this year 2024 when the water offices were removed from the area feel their human rights have been violated.

THAT, Soweto Community consists of 9 zones as follows; Bahati, Muthaiga, Shauriyako, Central, Mworoto, Kibagare. Gitau, Musesa, Muungano. Each zone has its own day of water distribution to residents and that each zone experiences water once a week.

THAT, only 5 zone: receive fresh water are as follows; Bahati, Muthaiga, Shauriyako Mworoto and Muzesa. The ret of the 4 zones do not get fresh water. That the boreholes were drilled without being regul ted & having any approvals of the same. The residents have to buy fresh water for drinking from water refilling points.

THAT, currently there is blockage of sewerage system which has made a lot of Soweto residents relocate to other areas due to a filthy environment. Furthermore in Year 2023, there were reported cases of cholera that resulted to water and environmental pollution leading to several deaths in the area due to blockage of sewer system.

THAT, the pollution resulting out of leakage of sewer is a serious health hazard that exposes residents of Nairobi County to infections such as cholera, skin infections, and dysentery, especially in view of the fact that most people consume the water directly;

AND THAT, the matter in respect of which this petition is made is not pending before any Court of Law or constitutional body;

THAT, the efforts to have the matter addressed by various authorities have proved futile even though our area MCA etc ward Adm etc.

I will present the following Pet. tion on behalf of Retition assion Association Hon Devid O. Megose Loyer Sevannoh Word D), 1-1/4/2024

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AND WHEREAS the soweto residents Association in Lower Savannah Ward, have sought audience with relevant authorities to ensure the matter of water shortage, rationing and the sewerage system in the area is addressed amicably.

#### NOW THEREFORE your humble petitioners PRAY that;

- i) The Nairopi City County Assembly look into the matter with a view to ensuring that there is clarity on whether the office that was moved to Eastern region from Soweto region is legal and whether public participation was conducted on the same.
- ii) The Nairc Di City County Assembly look into the matter with a view to address the water rationing concern brought about by the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited. The petition calls for the removal of the water ration plan and also appeals to have a separate water supply system from Eastern region meant for Soweto residents.
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- iv) The Naircbi City County Assembly to ensures that the said menace of water pollution is curbed;
- v) The Nairc bi City County Assembly to ensures that the said residents of Soweto in Lower Savannah Ward and their households and businesses are supplied with clean water in adequate quantities;
- vi) The Nair bi City County Assembly to ensure that all residents at Soweto in Lower Savannah Ward have genuine water meters from the said Company.

And your **PETITION** :RS will ever pray.

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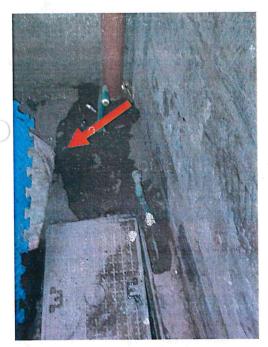
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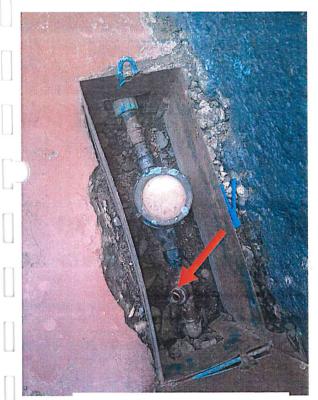
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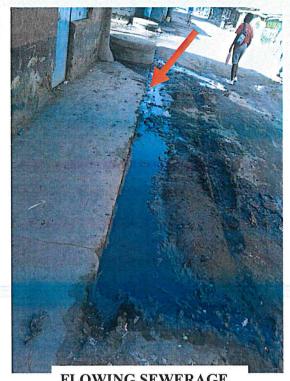


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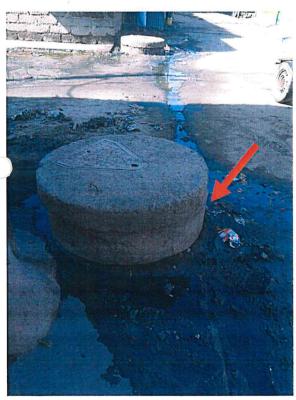


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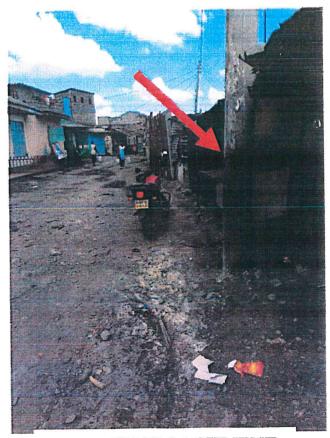
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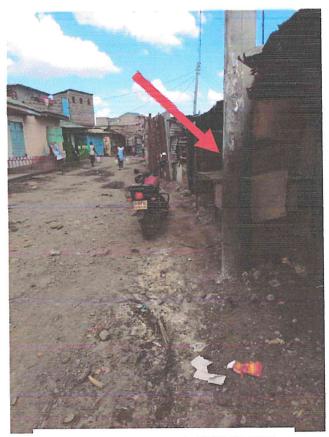
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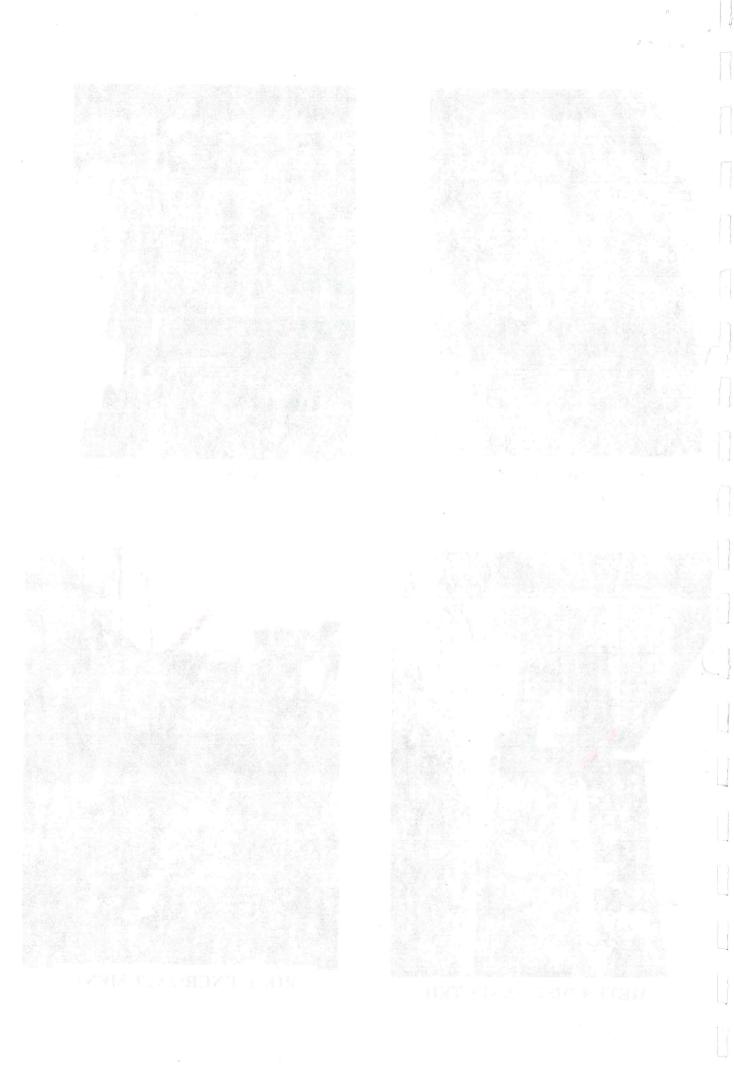
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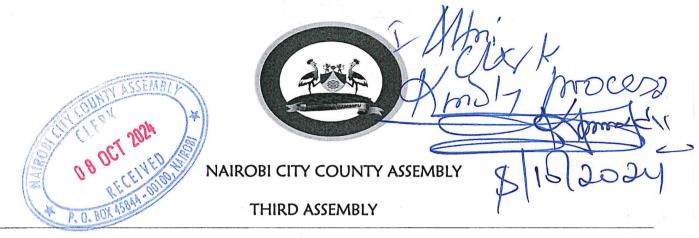
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