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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding late night garbage collection using donkey handcarts in the CBD and its environs.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Speaker, Section 38 (d) of the Nairobi City County Solid Waste Management Act, 2015 provides that the County Executive Committee Member for Green Environment shall establish mechanisms for participation of the private sector in solid waste management.

Hon. Speaker, garbage collection in the CBD and its environs is currently being done very late in the night, and most notable is that the Donkeys work until very late in the nights. The overworking of animals used to pull handcarts is a concerning issue that raises important ethical questions. While these animals can be strong and helpful in various work scenarios, it is essential to consider their welfare and ensure they are not subjected to excessive work or harsh conditions.

Hon. Speaker, it is also notable that the garbage collected at night is dumped in illegal areas since the handlers are not allowed to dump at the legal dumping sites. Therefore, causing a huge menace in creating small illegal dumping sites.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: -

1. Whether the County Executive has licensed the collection of garbage through donkey pushed handcarts; and

2. Measures the County Government has put in place to ensure that there is enforcement of laws to protect working animals and prevent cruelty to animals.

HON. REDSON ONYANGO, MCA MEMBER FOR NGEI WARD

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