

## GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

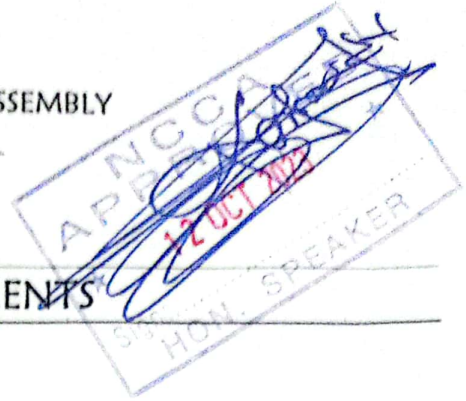


THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(SECOND SESSION)

## REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS



Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health Services regarding the alleged sale of Velo (a nicotine drug packaged in pouches) to Kenyans especially minors in various stores within the County.

Hon. Speaker, Section 24 (b) of the Nairobi City County Tobacco Control Act, 2018 provides that all tobacco/Nicotine products should contain health messages as provided in the second schedule or as may be provided under the National Law.

Hon. Speaker, velo drug has an addictive nature and causes negative side effects to minors. It is also alleged that the velo product package does not fully disclose the health risks or effects associated with it as required by law hence exposing the lives of Kenyans in Nairobi to danger.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore of great concern how the addictive nicotine product found its way into stores in the County when a similar product known as Lyft was recalled from the Kenyan market.

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

- i. Whether the said drug is locally manufactured in Kenya and by who and if not, provide details of the licensed distributors in the County;
- ii. Whether the manufacture or distribution of velo in Kenya is legal? and
- iii. Measures the County Executive has put in place to restrict the sale of velo which as a tobacco product regulated under the Nairobi City County Tobacco, Control Act, 2017.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, MCA  
Member for Highrise Ward

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*Response due @  
14/11/2023 (LW)  
after she recd*