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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

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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 Planning and Housing on alleged inadequate public participation during the roll out of the county affordable housing programme in the county specifically in Jericho in Harambee ward.

Hon. Speaker, the County Government Act Sections 94 and 95 provide that counties are to establish mechanisms to facilitate public communication and access to information with the widest public outreach using media. As per Section 30(3)(g) of the County Governments Act, the Governor should promote and facilitate citizen participation in the development of policies and plans, and service delivery in the county. Additionally, Section 46(2)(g) of the County Governments Act provides that the county executive committee should bear in mind the need to all participatory decision making.

Hon. Speaker, Jericho Estate was built between 1961 and 1962 by the Israeli Government and later handed over to the Nairobi Government of Kenya who it is alleged were to be trustees on behalf of the occupants for a period of Twenty-two years. During this period the occupants were to pay for service charge. The Government was to allegedly surrender the houses to the occupants after Twenty-two years but up to date this has not been done, instead there are plans to develop affordable housing in these estates without the involvement of the current occupants.

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

- i. Why Jericho residents were not involved in the public participation from the onset and the one recently done, the notice was too short for the residents to attend;
- ii. How effective was the public participation considering that the concerned residents were not involved;
- iii. Criteria the County Executive is using to disseminate information for public participation on the issue of Government projects on affordable housing;
- iv. Why the County Executive earmarked Jericho as one of the Estates to construct affordable housing, in due disregard of the previous/existing agreement between Kenya and Israeli Government: and

- v. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure the agreement between Kenya and Israel is adhered to.

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MEMBER FOR HARAMBEE WARD

Date: 14TH Nov. 2023