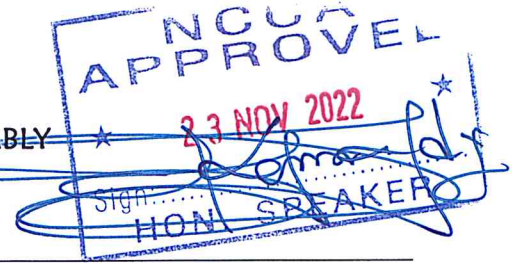




THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY
(FIRST SESSION)

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

*Subject: cutting down of trees in the County***Hon. Speaker,**

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Environment and Natural resources regarding the persistent habit by companies contracted by both National and County Governments of cutting down trees while undertaking construction projects within the County, more so, during the construction of the Nairobi Express Way.

Hon. Speaker, Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 guarantees the right to a clean and healthy environment and requires the environment to be protected for present and future generations. Further, Article 69 emphasizes on sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources to ensure equitable sharing of accruing benefits. Hon. Speaker, in recent weeks, the world converged in Egypt under COP 22 to review progress made and challenges faced in previous years with regard to climate change. The convention also agreed on a number of measures to combat climate change and its effects.

Trees and vegetation cover are among the agents that greatly absorb some of the greenhouse gases that cause global warming, yet, **Hon. Speaker,** we are faced with worrying trends of deforestation and clearing of trees in favor of infrastructure projects. During the construction of the Nairobi Expressway, many trees were cut and vegetation cleared along the whole stretch.

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

- i) Measures that the National Government and China Road and Bridge Corporation have put in place to replant trees along the stretch of the Express Way;
- ii) The Environmental Impact Assessment report for the project: and
- iii) Regulatory measures that the County has put in place to safeguard the environment during the contract agreements with contractors working on all roads in the County; and
- iv) Steps that the County is taking to increase the tree cover in the City as a contribution towards the Presidential goal on planting 5 billion trees in 5 years.

Hon. Thuo Fiunifui, MCA
MEMBER FOR KARURA WARD

Date: 23rd NOVEMBER 2022