

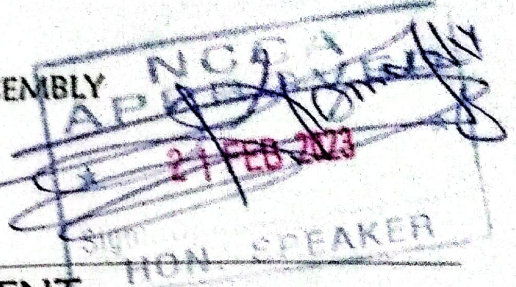
GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY

(SECOND SESSION)



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 Transport and Public Works regarding road blockage at Thigiri Lane, New Muthaiga.

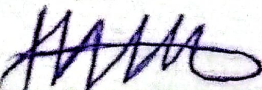
Hon. Speaker, Article 39 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that "every person has the right to freedom of movement". Further Section 10 (1) of the Nairobi City County Public Nuisance Act, 2021 stipulates that "No person shall attach, erect or permit the erection of any object from or alongside any street in such a manner so as to protrude over or into a street without a permit from the County."

Hon. Speaker, Karura forest was gazetted in the year 1932 and sits at an estimated 1041.3 hectares of land. The roads to access Karura forest Sigiria Block has always been through Thigiri lane, however there have been concerted efforts to block the road by a section of residents.

Hon. Speaker, the Kenya Urban Rural Authority (KURA) allegedly issued a recommendation letter prohibiting vehicular traffic on Thigiri Lane. This action has hindered the public from accessing Karura forest Sigiria Block which serves so many citizens in the County.

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

- i. Whether Thigiri lane along Thigiri Ridge road is classified as a Nairobi City County Public Road;
- ii. If the County Executive is aware that there have been efforts to block Thigiri lane by a section of residents;
- iii. Whether any public participation was conducted by KURA before recommending prohibition of vehicular traffic accessing Karura forest Sigiria Block on Thigiri lane; and
- iv. Whether the County Executive is aware that KURA has recommended prohibition of public access to Karura Forest Sigiria Block through Thigiri lane.

  
HON. FIUNIFIU THUO, MCA.  
MEMBER FOR KARURA WARD

Date: 21 FEB 2023