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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

Subject: Relocation of traders from Wakulima Market to Kangundo Road Market

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, regarding an order issued by the Ag. County Secretary relocating all onion, pineapple, oranges and potato traders from Wakulima Market.

Hon. Speaker, Article 47 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) grants every person a right to a fair administrative action which is expeditious, efficient, lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair. Article 10 further lists public participation as one of the national values and principles of governance that binds all state organs, state and public officers, and all persons in Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, vide a Memo dated 10th, September, 2024, the Ag. County Secretary unilaterally ordered all onion, pineapple, oranges and potato traders to immediately relocate from Wakulima Market to Kangundo Road Market without any adequate notice or right to be heard. The order has created extreme anxiety among many traders whose livelihood is likely to be adversely affected since they depend on the market to earn a living.

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

- (i) When was the decision to relocate traders from Wakulima Market to Kangundo Road Market made;
- (ii) Whether the decision of the Ag. County Secretary is a collective decision of the County Government of Nairobi City particularly that of the Business and Hustler Opportunities Sector;
- (iii) Whether the Ag. County Secretary sought the views of the affected traders and determined the likely impact of the aforementioned order on both the traders and revenue generation;
- (iv) Procedure and processes taken before such a drastic decision was made; and
- (v) Immediate measures the County Executive has put in place to accommodate the views of the affected traders as a result of the said order.

Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA Member for Ngara Ward