

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Subject: Safety of buildings In the County

Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committees on Lands, Planning and Housing regarding safety of high-rise buildings in Nairobi City County, more so, in Kiamaiko Ward.

Hon. Speaker, the development control guidelines put in place by the Physical Planning and Urban Planning Act, 2019, provide guidelines to be complied with before commencement of any construction works in the County. Most importantly, the vetting of the relevant development documents enable experts to make a determination on whether proposed structures meet the requisite standards and whether the development can with stand different weather conditions and other phenomena.

Hon. Speaker, the month of May 2024 experienced unprecedented weather conditions that led to heavy rainfall accompanied by flooding in various parts of the County. The consequences of the floods led to the government determining that there was a need for removal of illegal structures on riparian lands. That, eventually resulted in demolitions. In Kiamaiko Ward, Hon. Speaker, there is a six story building that sits on plot No. C20 and C21 at Huruma Fire Victims Scheme that developed cracks as a result of the heavy rains. The High rise structure has 120 units that are used as a hostel for local and international students. The owner has since attempted to reinforce the building but with its structural integrity having been interfered with by the floods, it is seemingly unsafe for occupation,

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

- i) Whether the owner of the building followed proper procedure of development approval before commencement of construction of the building;
- ii) Whether the County government carries out routine assessment of buildings in the County to determine occupational safety, especially in Kiamaiko Ward; and
- iii) A report on the occupation safety of the said building with an immediate evacuation and demolition notice should the County Government determine that the said building does not meet the safety standards in order to safeguard lives of students.

HON. JOSEPH NDUNG'U, MCA.  
MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY, KIAMAIKO WARD.

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