



## MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2023

**Hon. Members,** I wish to make the following communication

**THAT,** the County Assembly is an autonomous and independent arm of the County Government established under Article 176 of the Constitution, and which performs its mandate as outlined in Article 185 and 195 of the Constitution within the dictates of the law, and is not subject to any person or institution in pursuit of that mandate.

**THAT,** Parliamentary privilege of County Assemblies is enacted by Parliament pursuant to Article 196(3) of the Constitution of Kenya and that the Committee on Powers and Privilege in this Assembly is constituted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 (1) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act 2017 and Standing Order 203 (1) of the Murang'a County Assembly Standing Orders.

**THAT,** Section 17 (1) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act provides that a County Assembly shall have all the powers necessary for inquiring into and pronouncing upon any act or matter constituting breach of privilege in terms of Section 16 of the Act.

**THAT** in an Assembly sitting held on Tuesday, June 06, 2023, this Assembly adopted Motions by the Committee on Powers and Privilege, on adoption of reports on breach of privilege. These reports were a culmination of activities by the Committee on Powers and Privileges, and upon conclusion of their inquiry and pursuant to Section 15 (6) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act 2017, the Committee tabled its findings together with recommendations it considered appropriate.



THAT, as the Chairperson to the Committee on Powers and Privilege, I wish to make it succinctly clear that am bound by and own up to the resolutions contained in the reports adopted by this Assembly on Tuesday June 06, 2023 on breach of privilege. Further I wish to note that the Committee on Powers and Privilege as well as this Assembly, has the power (the jurisdiction) to make the decisions made on the matter at hand. The jurisdiction of the House with regard to privileges of members is not confined to its immediate presence, but extends to all contempt of the House, whether the offence is committed within the house or beyond its walls.

THAT, it's worth noting that, this Assembly has considered and approved policies, regulations and reports, aimed at improving the lives of the people, while ensuring cordial but accountable relationship with the County Executive. In this regard Hon. Members, any unwarranted attacks on the independence of this Assembly is the height of impunity and has no place in the current dispensation.

THAT, whereas unconfirmed reports on media indicate that a section of members of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) a caucus of women parliamentarians from National Parliament, intend to storm the County Assembly today for unknown reasons, and further, owing to the fact that the Assembly is a public office and that the public has a right to present its petition including participating in the business of the Assembly, the same must be conducted in a manner and within mechanisms that are prescribed under the Standing Orders and are line with the provisions of Article 196 (1) (a) and (2)of the Constitution as read together with Section 15 of the County Governments Act, 2012. I wish to confirm that my office has neither received any official communication on the visit, nor requests or petition from a person or a group of persons that intends to submit a prayer to the Assembly on a matter that they feel aggrieved, therefore our business shall continue uninterrupted.



**Further Hon. Members,** it's good to note that the Standing Orders provide for mechanisms on rescinding decisions made by this Assembly and as such, anyone who is aggrieved and is not content with resolutions made by this Assembly has mechanisms provided for appeal on the decision made.

I wish to confirm that this Assembly shall not succumb to unlawful external pressure arising from the distractors of the professional and lawful conduct of business in this Assembly and, that any attempts to disrupt conduct of business in this Assembly will be dealt with decisively in line with the law, and further, I want to assure all Hon. Members, of their security and safety in the conduct of Assembly business.

As I conclude **Hon. Members,** I wish to submit that this Assembly shall endeavour to continue conducting its business within the confines of the Constitution, the law and the Standing Orders, for the good of Murang'a people.

We enjoy a cordial working relationship in this Assembly and therefore, we should not be distracted, let us have our eyes on the ball and should not relent in the push, from execution of our core mandate that entails oversight, legislation and representation.

Thank you, Hon. Members,



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**SPEAKER, MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**