

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

The House met at 3:00 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**PAPERS**

REPORT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE ON REVIVAL AND UPGRADE OF  
TOURIST ATTRACTION SITES AND CULTURAL CENTRES IN MURANG'A COUNTY

**Hon. Kabera James:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly. -

That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Co-operatives Management, Tourism and Wildlife on the revival and upgrade of tourist attraction sites and cultural centres in Murang'a County, be Laid on the Table of the Assembly, today 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

REPORT OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT)  
AND E-GOVERNMENT ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MURANG'A COUNTY

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## NOTICES OF MOTION

### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AND E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MURANG'A COUNTY

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### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND WILDLIFE ON REVIVAL AND UPGRADE OF TOURIST ATTRACTION SITES AND CULTURAL CENTRES IN MURANG'A COUNTY

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## MOTION

### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF LAND, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE ON MURANG'A MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 – 2027

**Hon. Chefman Njoroge:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of my Chair who is also engaged in other activities, I beg to issue the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement on Murang'a Municipality Integrated Development Plan 2023 – 2027, laid on the Table of the Assembly on October 8, 2024.

Hon. Speaker, it is my privilege to present to this Hon. House the Land, Housing, Physical and Urban Planning Report on the Murang'a Municipality Integrated Development Plan for the year 2023-2027.

The Constitution of Kenya (2010), the County Governments Act (2012), the Public Finance Management Act (2012), the Urban Areas and Cities (Amended) 2019, the Murang'a County Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027), and the Kenya Vision 2030 guides for proper and sustainable governance at County levels. The cited legislations provide the legal frameworks that govern Integrated Development Planning (IDeP) by enhancing the linkage between policy, planning, and budgeting

Mr. Speaker, the municipality is committed to implementing identified projects and programs despite the country's difficult economic times and financial constraints. The municipality board is determined to ensure that the municipality makes significant contributions to the attainment of the country's social, economic, and political pillars as envisaged in the Constitution of Kenya, the Murang'a CIDP 2023 – 2027, and the annual departmental work plans.

Hon. Speaker, Integrated Development Planning (IDeP) is a process through which the municipalities prepare strategic development plans for the next five years. An IDeP is one of the key tools that assist County Governments in coping with new urban developmental roles and seeks to arrive at decisions on issues such as municipal budgets, land management, promotion of local economic development, and institutional transformation in a consultative, systematic, and strategic manner.

The Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) is used by the municipality as a contrivance to determine how and where development and the allocation of resources are managed.

The plan encourages residents of the municipality to take ownership of the plan for the planning purposes. The plan balances available resources, and responsible management, against an array of socio-economic factors and the availability of scarce resources which poses a great challenge.

Through the strategic objectives outlined in the IDeP, the municipality will remain committed and focused on achieving its set goals by addressing the challenges faced by residents.

The general objective of this Report is to analyze the Integrated Urban Development Plan (IDeP), which will play a central role in guiding and controlling future development, identifying

critical infrastructure within the municipality, and ensuring that the municipal board fulfills its functions and mandate as per the provisions of the Urban Areas and Cities Act.

The purpose of the municipality Integrated Development Planning (IDeP) is to ensure that, there is an appropriate delivery of services and a framework for economic and social development in the municipality.

The municipality became fully operational when it was awarded a charter vide gazette notice no. 11 of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019. The functions were transferred vide gazette notice No. 10189 of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Functionally, the municipality is structured into four directorates premised on the four board committees to provide an integrated system and offer effective and efficient service infrastructure. The directorates include:

- a) Transport, Infrastructure, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development
- b) Health, Sanitation, Water and Environment
- c) Legal, Education, Social Services and Partnerships
- d) Administration, Finance, Public Service, IT and Economic Planning

Mr. Speaker, this is the second IDeP that the municipality has prepared. It will be the principal strategic planning instrument that guides and informs planning, budgeting, and decision-making in the municipality. It is a tool for bridging the gap between the current reality and the municipality's vision of satisfying the needs of the whole community equitably and sustainably.

Through Integrated Development Planning, the municipality has developed strategic policies to mobilize resources to carry out its activities. The value of this integrated development plan for Murang'a municipality lies in the formulation of focused plans, based on developmental priorities.

It is essential to spend the limited available resources on the key development priorities of the residents in the municipality. This is the essence of the IDeP on how to align the projects, plans, budgets, and other County resources within the sustainable development priorities of the community.

Mr. Speaker sir, we have the contents of the Integrated Development Plan and I hope the members can see what we have on their files but I can just mention two or three on the same;

- a) Chapter one of the plan provides an overview of the municipality and highlights socio-economic and infrastructural service status within the municipality

- b) Chapter two provides a situational analysis of the various sectors and highlights the status of service delivery, in addition it also integrates the various cross-cutting issues and provides a review of previous/ongoing programs and projects highlighting achievements, challenges, lessons learned, and recommendations.
- c) Chapter three presents a spatial development framework and specifically identifies growth potential areas of the Municipality, proposed spatial developments, resource endowments, and development objectives for various thematic areas secondly, it highlights spatial development challenges with proposed intervention mechanisms and maps the Municipality infrastructure utilities and service systems.
- d) Chapter four presents departmental strategic priorities for the medium term while Chapter Five presents an institutional framework. Finally, Chapter six lays out a framework for tracking, monitoring, and evaluating the projects and programmes.

Mr. Speaker there is also key highlights which I would like members to carefully note. There is also what we call key highlight on community participation. A key component of this IDeP was ensuring that the voices of the residents in Murang'a municipality were heard. The municipality undertook various public participation meetings, ensuring that they were accessible and well-publicized.

Strategic focus areas, the IDeP prioritizes five key areas for the next five years: -

- a) Economic Development and Job Creation: Through the promotion of local businesses, skills development, and support for entrepreneurs.
- b) Infrastructure Development: Improving access to essential services such as water, electricity, and roads, while ensuring sustainability and resilience in the face of climate change.
- c) Social Development: Strengthening its health, education, and social services to uplift vulnerable groups and improve the quality of life for all.
- d) Environmental Sustainability: Implementing measures to protect our environment, such as waste management initiatives and sustainable land use practices.
- e) Governance and Institutional Development: Enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and responsiveness of the municipality to better serve the public.

Progress to date:

- a) **Service Delivery:** The municipality has upgraded various road networks to cabro standards and others to bitumen standards, improvement of parking and bus park bays such as Mukuyu bus-park, and installation of solar streetlights among others.
- b) **Financial Performance:** Despite financial constraints, the municipality has managed to maintain fiscal discipline and allocate resources to priority projects.
- c) **Partnerships:** the municipality has formed key partnerships with various partners in the private sector, donors such as the World Bank, and other national government departments and agencies to leverage resources and expertise.

Challenges and Risks. While significant progress has been made, challenges remain. These includes;

- a) Funding limitations, particularly for large-scale infrastructure projects.
- b) Rising unemployment rates, particularly among the youth in the municipality.
- c) The impact of climate change, which threatens both the infrastructure and agricultural livelihoods of residents in the municipality.

Next Steps. Moving forward, the municipality aims to; -

- 1) Continue with the implementation of priority infrastructure projects, with a focus on robust transport, drainage, and sanitation service infrastructures.
- 2) Development control through enhancing town planning and development control
- 3) Revenue enhancement and management by establishing prudent and sound revenue management and financial systems
- 4) Environment protection and conservation by providing sustainable, efficient, and effective solid waste management services.
- 5) Next steps. Moving forward, the municipality aims to, one, continue with the implementation of priority infrastructure projects with a focus on robust transport, drainage and sanitation service infrastructure. Two, development control through enhancing town planning and development control. Three, revenue enhancement and management by establishing prudent and sound revenue management and financial systems. Four, environmental protection and conservation by providing suitable--- sorry, sustainable, efficient, effective solid waste management and services.

Six, in conclusion, the IDeP--- sorry, I think the rest, we have the Committee observations and Committee recommendations. I hope Members have them in their files. I just mentioned two or one regarding the Committee observations. If you allow just a minute. In our files, you can see that we have various Committee observations. I just want to read the first two so that at least we can know exactly what was the Committee observations. Like number one, the municipality is experiencing rapid urbanization as more and more agricultural land is converted into urban and urban land. More people are settling in urban areas with a resultant pressure on infrastructure and services beyond the ability of the County Government to provide for.

Another one which is also one of the observations we saw as a Committee, is urban settlement has to be managed and controlled through spatial planning, zoning of residential areas should be done. This will help in establishing estates within the municipality which are mainly categorized into three; high-end estates, middle-class estates and low-class estates, in addition to the basic essential and modern infrastructure be put upon in the residential estate. Those are part of the Committee observations, the assumption of them. I request the Members to just read them in their files so that we can be able to go.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee recommendations; some of the recommendations that the Committee recommended is one, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Lands has to ensure that one, the municipalities in the County have district financial autonomy from the County Government. Murang'a municipality has the ability to manage its own financial affairs independently. This autonomy is crucial for its effective delivery, crucial public service and infrastructure to its residents and it encompasses several key aspects. One, revenue generation; a financial autonomy municipality can generate its own revenue through various means such as business permits for businesses operating within its jurisdiction and other sources like fines or charges.

Two, budget control; the municipality has the authority through the board to create, manage and implement its budget according to local needs and priorities. This includes setting spending priorities and ensuring that expenditures align with the goals of the community. Three, financial management; through the office of the municipal manager and oversight by the board and the municipality, the board and the municipality have the ability to manage funds, maintain itself and invest in local infrastructure or services. Proper financial management ensures the sustainability and growth of the municipality.

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Four, expenditure autonomy; the municipality can decide how to allocate its resources without excessive interference from the county government. This includes prioritizing spending on local services, infrastructure, education, healthcare and more. Five, accountability and transparency; with the financial autonomy comes the responsibility of maintaining transparency, accountability and financial practices. Municipalities must ensure that they use public funds efficiently and report their financial status to the County Assembly which allocates budgetary resources.

On the side of the same recommendation, b, the planning for urban areas in Murang'a municipality should be first tracked and presented to the public through various forums for debate to provide a sound spatial framework to guide the growth of urban settlement to the year 2027. Towns within the municipality have been growing without any approved plans which is a recipe for total anarchy. Control development has also been a problem due to weak structures at the municipality and lack of proper coordination among relevant public sector agencies such as the National Construction Authority (NCA).

C, the capacity of Murang'a municipality to manage urban growth and development including preparedness to respond to disasters needs to be strengthened. Qualified technical staff in management, urban planning and disaster management have to be employed to oversee the management of the municipality. Two, Murang'a municipality should partner with the private sector, other municipalities and organizations to exchange information, build capacity, expand resources, enhance revenue and implement improvement in urban management. It should also partner with foreign municipalities in order to exchange good practices. Already the World Bank, through the Kenya Urban Support Program is partnering with the municipality for urban growth.

Three, Murang'a municipality should take advantage of the Public-Private Partnership Act No. 15 of 2013 which provides for the participation of the private sector in the financing construction, development, operations or maintenance of the infrastructure or development projects of the government through consensual or other contractual arrangements. There are already established institutions that regulate, monitor and supervise the implementation of project agreements on infrastructure or development projects. The municipality ought to partner with the private sector to carry out some of the projects through the Public-Private Partnership that is the PPP framework.



Some services are essential such as collection of refuse yet expensive to offer. Through lease financing, the municipality will acquire equipment at cheaper cost than purchasing them. The municipality cash flow will improve when the lease equipment is improved. Leasing is an effective credit tool as it ensures that the funds are used solely for the intended purpose. Some of the set services include ambulance, fire engines, motor vehicles and training services among others.

I will urge the members to support this Motion, as per the way it is filed, I think this is the first time this is the best thing as a Committee for Land, Housing Planning what they have done. I really appreciate and thank the members for their time when we used to go through this and make sure that it is done. As a member and a vice chair of this Committee, I would like the members to pass this Motion because it will give the municipalities a new face of Murang'a County through the municipality that we have for the betterment of that. With those few remarks, I call Hon. Hillary Muigai to second the Motion.

**Hon. Hillary Muigai:** I stand to second the Motion

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Gladys Waikau:** I rise to support this Motion. This is a very good Report and as a resident of one of the municipalities, from the Report, I can see that the achievements noted are true however we have a few challenges are about drainage system especially down in juakali and we are having sewer water getting into the river. In our Environment Committee we had requested the municipality to take care of Karii dump site because we are experiencing bot flies that are yet to be sprayed and they are causing hazards to people living nearby the Karii damp site.

This Committee has done a very good job and noting that we are looking at making a leisure park Migingo park, this is a welcome idea noting that Migingo is at the entrance of Murang'a, I think It will make the place beautiful for our County. However, we have also discovered that the municipality do not have enough funding so I would like the committee to push for more allocations to help the municipality curb the challenges they are having.

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** I stand here to support the Motion as it is. The presenter did it so candidly and very accurate and eloquent. It was elaborate and direct to the point. As I stand to support, I want to draw some attention to the Committee when they mentioned about the legal framework and linkages with other plans and policies. There is a statement on development

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control, housing infrastructure and utilities and its management as well. I want to draw attention to this Committee that in the recent past, there have been mushrooming encroachment of the urban centers County land and I do not know the parcels of land and there are some areas designated for use by the county government.

I have case scenario whereby in my place you candidly quoted an enactment or an agreement that was there in 2019 or thereabout if I heard it clearly. You realize that in my ward there are some areas that are since the inception of the Murang'a Fort-hall by that time if that name still exists there are some people who own property that belong to the County and they are now saying that these properties were left to them by their forefathers, by their grandfathers.

These areas were given through minutes and some Committee meetings these things if they are not taken care of, they are going to bring a lot of battle within the communities. For example, if someone in an urban area like Gitugi shopping center, there is a piece of land there like almost half an acre some people claim that they got it during the *mzungus* (colonialists) time you can imagine how old is that time; there are no documentation.

How I will challenge the Committee on Land and Urban Development to look into that because in the near future those are the kind of challenges we are going to have. I thought they are going to earmark them because some people are coming now and that is how we normally say our land are being grabbed. Yes, we say that people are coming to grab our land but not really grabbing it is because we have not taken an initiative to ensure that these pieces of land are protected. If someone comes in there with millions of monies and start a building there in Gitugi saying that this land was given to me before Uhuru Kenyatta former president was born, before we got the Constitution before we got all these things so it will bring a lot of issues. Therefore, that is a challenge they should look at.

The honorable member the vice-chairperson for Environment has mentioned a good point concerning the Karii dumpsite. The same point about waste management, you go to urban centres because I know they are talking about now making our municipality look good but you realize when you go to some of these areas, they have dumpsite, they are so many things. When it rains some of the markets you cannot pass them, they are not passable, they become so difficult even to do trading although trade in another department. It is good for them to look into that and see how it is going to do.

I have noticed something here they have mentioned I am in support of their observation but again I do not know which criteria the Committee is going to use or maybe they are working on it because zoning, I heard them talking about zoning and I we went further the honorable member said there is an area called Migingo park. I do not know with my little knowledge whether that one has been zoned to be a Migingo Park. I do not know whether there was public participation as well to name it Migingo Park and to know up to what extent these boundaries are for it to be named and christened Migingo Park. Those are the challenges we are going to experience as we advance as our county develop.

On that I want to draw the attention of this Committee they are doing a good job, go to Kenol there are mushrooming houses; skyscrapers, they are so big houses coming in. Therefore, if they are talking about zoning, the zoning should be in tandem to the kind of houses that being brought up, to the kind of areas that people live. I do not know whether they are going to classify to cluster people this is a zone A depending on maybe lower class or middle-class those kinds of things.

These things we need them as yesterday because the Murang'a County is developing at a higher level. Remember we are almost now near Nairobi, we are going, if you open the industrial park the one you are talking about to be operational, what will happen is that we need to have these zoning done so that when I am in Gitugi I know at what cluster do I belong to.

The other challenge I will challenge them in legality and recommendation, I want to draw the attention to the honorable chairperson to the County Governments Act 2012 particularly section 5 (1), this one defines the duties, the role differentiation, what is supposed to be done by the County government and what is supposed to be done by a certain institution. I have heard them saying or as per the Report which I would say in my own part it should be expunged about the expenditure autonomy. If they we talk of expenditure autonomy that even the financial management, I have some reservation for one; how then if we empower a municipality to take all the roles assigned to a County government through the Constitution of Kenya 2010 which was promulgated that year and we adopted it we are saying that we are going to expunge the roles and rights given to the County government to be usurped by a certain institution called a municipality and therefore my little knowledge tells me that the Constitution of Kenya takes precedence and therefore it is there before any law and therefore we cannot enact any other law which goes against the laid down procedure and statues.

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In this case I'm saying that these two statements they have written here about expenditure autonomy because how do they generate their income? The revenue we generate from the municipality, the collection of parking, those kind of ----they are all taken to the County Treasury. Finally, when we are doing the Annual Development Plan, those kinds of things they are the things we consider depending on the budget we are going to make. On what revenue we have collected. So, in this case is that, if we allow these kind of ---it will be amorphous. It will appear like the County Government is in an amorphous state whereby they are not able to stand on its own feet. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you, you have debated very well. Hon. Pauline

**Hon. Pauline Njeri:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion and Honorable Speaker. I also stand to recommend one Vice Chair from the Lands Committee who is always very active I think in these in this Assembly or this Parliament we really need such kind of Members and especially Vice Chairs. Well done Hon. Chefman and my prayer and wish is that all the recommendations that the Committee has made will not go in vain because most of the time we end up doing very good job we make good recommendations but then when are they implemented. So, my prayer is that the Executive, through your Committee you will ensure, Hon. Chefman, that all the recommendations you've presented will be put into implementation so Honorable Speaker I Stand to support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** I call the Mover to respond

**Hon. Chefman Njoroge:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I thank the contributors, the Members, who have contributed. Madam Gladys who is also Mama Mazingira, she is very passionate about the parking and conserving the environment. And I think that, it's wrong, that's why we have the Report of the Municipality and I request that also you can visit the Committee of Lands so that also we can more and more put the ingredients and the recommendation which you have given so that be able to capture them in a clear manner in which its required. Regarding the issue of the drainage system actually its captured in the Report whereby we have emphasized that that the drainage system should be improved.

I think Hon. Speaker if you will allow me, that, we as a County Government and the County Government after their Constitution of the promulgation of the Constitution 2010, that is the National and the County; remember we are inheriting the issue of the municipalities, that was the

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*kanjo* (enforcement officers) by then, it was known like that. And I think we didn't have the framework of the issue of preserving our parks and all that other stuff. So, I will just promise Hon. Gladys, that's is the Mama Mazingira, that we will do our best, visit our Committee so that we can be able to capture the real issues. But I think most of the things which you just mentioned are captured here.

The issue of the parks, I think it is the right move we need to be beautify and make sure that in our County we have parks like in Nairobi and any other places. I think it is only in Murang'a whereby we do not have a park whereby people can go reside and relax either through reading or even a job corner, whereby people can relax as they wait for the job. I think that's very encouraging, and I think we will pass the same and we have just captured it.

The issue of the funding municipalities, also have I captured it from your side, however Mr. Speaker sir as I also support my big brother and my colleague Hon. Wairagu the issue of the legal framework as also he is aware, as I said earlier on that we are coming from the old municipalities that is the *kanjos*(enforcement officers) and there was no any framework. The councilors by then they were called that, they used to go to the public land and they just share the land without any proper demarcation and that is a problem which is there everywhere and especially where we had the senior people that is the chiefs and the elders who were known in that area and even the big clan. So, there was a problem of land being donated by the those big communities and the chiefs and the councilors by then just giving the land the way they want.

So, in the legal framework which we are discussing, yes, I will also request you to visit the Committee of Land, it is always open, come and share with us what are the challenges in your Ward, and even other Members what are we experiencing, what are the challenges in the issue of land being grabbed, land which has issues so that we can be able to do site visit and also recapture.

I will tell my brother through the Chair that, most of victims of land grabbing of the community land whereby sometimes even the Community they don't know that the land owned by certain persons belong to the to the community. And whereby County Government is a custodian of every community land so it's good you bring those issue to our Committee and I promise you that our Committee will be able to hold it and make sure that it is taken care of and your problems are solved legally not through *panya* (illegal) route decision making. This is a House of rules and orders and regulations so make sure that you have captured, we follow it and do it the way it is

supposed to be. Because you are the representative of the people and also the Members so visit our Committee and will be able to explain to you and actually do the right thing.

The issue of development and wastage, yes it has been a challenge and we are trying to push and I think our recommendation and our follow up we shall make sure that the Committee of Implementation, it is good also, we shall have what you call a connection talk that whatever we have given as a recommendation, whatever you have given as our observation and the decision which the Committee has made through their contribution and Members support we make sure that Committee of Implementation adheres and pushes for the implementation.

The issue of the land and the properties as you have said, yes, indeed it is a big problem. I think in our recommendation we have just said we need to do the mapping and know what is owned by the County Government in terms of the properties and lands. We know there have been a lot of issues of people on land grabbing, property which are not... So, we have organized and the Committee is aware of that and we will be doing the mapping of all the County Governments lands. The Committee is trying to have a good relationship and also make sure we get a good report regarding the properties. In case of any member who thinks there is a land for a Committee which has been grabbed or which has an issue or a property. It is good you come and give us so that we can follow it up. We make sure that as we serve our people it is through transparency and accountability and honesty and make sure that Wanjiku gets the real service from you as a representative and also the County to protect its own land and property.

On the same issue on the issue of how do we demarcate or how do we zone? I think that is a good concern and it is our Prayer as a Committee through the EPZ and the Kenol growing we want to be the first people to have a city in Murang'a before Thika. It is a process where the Committee through our able Chair, we are trying to fight to make sure that we get all it requires. That is why we are putting the issue of the zoning. Not forgetting that we want to protect Murang'a County because it is an agricultural County. Being an agricultural as much the city grows, we also need to make sure that we also safeguard the agricultural land. As much as Murang'a is growing and the land issue about building of the stalls, either they are scraps or whatever they are being done in those area, not only those areas of Kenol but in the entire Murang'a County. We are able to protect and to know that the land is done, there is a well-planned issues demarcation. We should know that we build a lot of land in Murang'a County, we build sky up and then food production becomes a problem in the County. Remember also we

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have tea, we have coffee, we have milk and those people will be coming there when they need those services. They need food, they need milk, they need tea, so I think we should try to safeguard that and protect our land in that kind of way. Then as I have just said we want to build Murang'a, and we want to make sure that Murang'a County it has a city of its own before our neighbouring County grabs that opportunity.

Mr. Speaker sir, if you allow me also, we are trying to engage the executive and make sure that the area Sagana also develops. If you look well, the Sagana area is building and growing more than this side of Murang'a. So, with those few remarks we are still following up and make sure that it becomes... With those few remarks Mr. Speaker sir, I urge the members to support this Motion and so that we can make Murang'a County and these House of respect as Honourable Members to leave a landmark that Murang'a we are for change and we are part of history in this County of ours.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir.

*(Question put and agreed)*

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION ON REVIEW OF  
NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

**Hon. Francis Kibe:** Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Selection on review of nomination of Members to County Assembly Committees, laid on the Table of the Assembly on October 2, 2024.

Hon. Speaker, the changes that we have made they are very minimal and they were occasioned by the fact that several members were elected as chairpersons of various Committees and hence Hon. Speaker we had to review the Committees as follows; one Delegated Committee, we moved Hon. Margaret from the Delegated Committee and she joined the Budget Committee, that is one cluster. Hon. Speaker, we moved Hon. Pauline from the PIC/PAC since she joined the Budget Committee and that Hon. Speaker we added Hon. Wairagu in the cluster of Youth and Finance. We noted that he was not a member of any Committee in that cluster. Hon. Speaker, the Committee on Selection establishment and mandate is rooted in Standing Order 166 with its



responsibilities clearly defined in Standing Orders 167. Hon. Speaker, those are the changes that we made and I call upon Hon. Chefman Isaac Njoroge to second.

I am a member of Selection Committee and I stand to support through my chair and through the Standing Orders it was necessary to do the needful and to make sure that everybody is enjoying their privileges of serving this House and committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, and I urge all the members to support the same.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Hon. Gladys. Hold on, Hold on Hon. Gladys I approve. Continue.

**Hon. Gladys Waikau:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support and for that special consideration that has been given to my brother Hon. Wairagu, I think that one is in order. If he was not in the other committees, I think that is fairness and I also ask you if there is another person with such an instance Hon. Majority, please you can consider the same.

Thank you so much.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you. Hon. Wairagu.

**Hon. Edwin Wairagu:** Hon. Speaker, I think I have a face to smile. You know when in darkness, you realise how dark that room is and no longer again, would I want to be in that darkness because darkness is real and it is true darkness is real. I really appreciate and I am very happy to the Hon. Leader of Majority. He is my Leader of Majority 2022 to 2027, I will attest to that and I know that, until we go next time but for now, I am able to go and tell *mama* you know now, I am able to afford a kilogram of meat because..... *(laughter)*..... Never again will I like myself to really be in that kind of a quagmire because it has really shaped my-----you know being disenfranchised from where you were, sometimes I would say I was a Chair but nowadays when clerks call me Chair, I wonder what chair are they referring to because I look at myself and I am not a Chair.

But soon, because if the Leader of Majority has seen my credentials, and has realised that I am able to perform equally better as what my sister has really said, I promise that I will serve with diligence, serve with utmost good faith, I will obey the rule of law, the Constitution and I pledge loyalty to the Assembly. Since I am in the government fully, I will support the

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government..... *(laughter)*..... I do not want to be shown the door again. I know what that door means to me and I have on the fence now I am no longer there; I am born again and I confess my sins and now I am fully in the government and I will be there. I stand here to support the Motion and I say *tuendelee kabisa* (let us continue). Thank you very much.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you, Hon Wairagu. Hon Grace Nduta.

**Hon. Grace Nduta:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and I also rise to support the Chairperson of the Select Committee who doubles up as the Leader of Majority of this honourable House for the credible and good job that he has done. For those who had gone away and have come back, I also rise to congratulate my brother, Hon. Wairagu, member for Gitugi, for being saved and for coming back to the system. I also agree with you it is very cold outside and it is not very conducive to be outside so congratulations and welcome back. The English say, once bitten, twice shy I hope you have learnt. I also urge all members to follow suit and I do not know whether I will be in order to congratulate the Chair on the desk, congratulations as well, it is very warm inside. Thank you so much, I support the Motion.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you, Hon. Grace Nduta. I am back like I never left and we are in the government and we are happy there. We were on the debate so I want to call upon the mover to respond.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members who have supported this Motion. Hon. Gladys, Hon. Wairagu and Hon. Grace City. Hon. Wairagu, has noted that he will never allow himself to be in darkness again and he is a born-again man and is a man who walks in the light. We agree with him that he will never be in darkness again. Thank you, Hon. members I urge all Hon. members to support this Motion.

Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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## ADJOURNMENT

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Hon. members, there being no further debate, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday October 9, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you.

*The Assembly rose at 4:00 p.m.*