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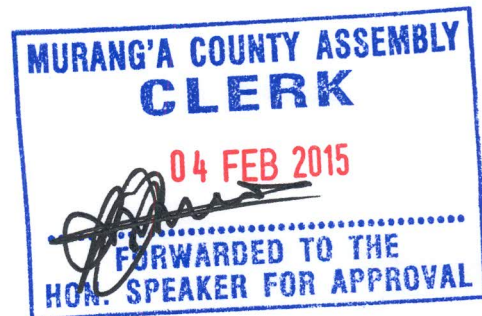
January 26, 2015

The Hon. Speaker

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The Clerk  
Murang'a County Assembly  
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**RE: PAPER LAID**

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the table of the House;

The report of the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee on vetting of Planner Sarah Muthoni Gichanga for the appointment as a member to Murang'a County Land Management board.

Thank You

Hon. Speaker

Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna

Chairperson, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee

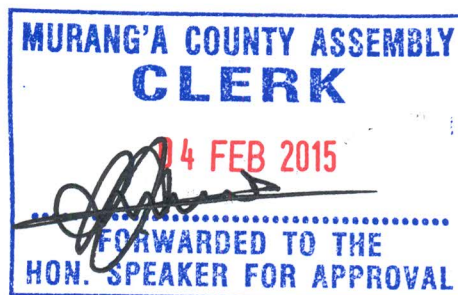


**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY  
FIRST ASSEMBLY**

**SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND  
SETTLEMENT**

**REPORT ON**

**THE VETTING OF PHYSICAL PLANNER SARAH MUTHONI  
GICHANGA, FOR THE APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER TO  
MURANG'A COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD**



Clerk's Chambers  
Murang'a County Assembly

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## **1.0 PREFACE**

On behalf of the Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly the Committee report on vetting of Physical Planner to be a member of County Land Management Board.

## **1.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee comprises of the following members:-

1. Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna - Chairperson
2. Hon. Samson Kago Njoroge -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Francis Kamande Kamau - Member
4. Hon. David Gachuru Kabaka -Member
5. Hon. Charles Mwaniki Karina -Member
6. Hon. Catherine Wairimu Mugo -Member
7. Hon. Charity Wangui Rugu -Member
8. Hon. Esther Nyakio Munywoki -Member
9. Hon. Lucy Wangechi Njoroge -Member

## **1.2 COMMITTEE MANDATE**

The Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement has the following mandates:-

- To deal with Lands and settlement matters as outlined in the Constitution;
- To study and review all the Legislation in line with it;
- To make reports and recommendations to the House regarding lands,

Housing and Physical Planning.

### **1.3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), the Committee held the vetting of the nominee on January 23, 2015 during which the suitability of the nominee for approval for appointment as a member to the County Land Management Board was considered.

The process was guided by Chapter six and article 250 of the Constitution, Standing Orders and the criteria as set out in article 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011. The following considerations were given priority:

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject
- (vi) Overall suitability for the position
- (vii) Tax compliance
- (viii) Integrity

Pursuant to Standing Order 195(5) (f) the Committee held a meeting on January 26, 2015 and adopted the report.

**1.4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

(a) The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to it in the execution of its mandate.

(b) The Chairperson of the Committee takes this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their patience, sacrifice, endurance and commitment to public service under tight schedules which enabled us to complete the task within the stipulated period.

(c) Finally, it is now my pleasant duty, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement, to present and recommend this report on the approval of Sarah Muthoni Gichanga as a member to the County Land Management Board.

Thank you.

SIGNED.....

DATE.....27/11/2015.....



Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna

(Chairperson)

Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

### NOMINATION OF PYHSICAL PLANNER SARAH MUTHONI GICHANGA AS A MEMBER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD

On January 14 2015, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (3), a message from His Excellency the Governor-Submitted by way of a letter addressed to the Clerk to the County Assembly (**Annex 1**) for submission to the House was conveyed. In the messages, H.E The Governor conveyed that, in exercise of powers conferred by Part V, Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, he nominated Physical Planner Sarah Muthoni Gichanga as member to the County Land Management Board.

The Governor therefore sought for approval by the House on the nominee for appointment to the aforementioned position.

Standing Order No.46 (1) requires that, upon receipt of notification of nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee of the House for consideration.

Pursuant to the provisions of the said Standing Order therefore and paragraph (3) of Standing Order 43 (Messages from the Governor), the message from His Excellency the Governor was committed to the Departmental Committee on Lands, Housing ,Physical Planning and Settlement to undertake the necessary approval hearings.

Part III, Section 8 (1) (a) of the County Governments Act, 2012 requires the County Assembly to either approve or reject the nomination. In this regard, the Hon. Speaker guided the Committee and the House as follows.

(i) That the Committee was to notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, in good time.

The notification was to be made on January 17, 2015.

(ii) That the Committee was thereafter to conduct the necessary approval hearings

On January 23, 2015 and submit their report to this House on or before January 27, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 6(9) of the public appointment (Parliamentary approval act no.33 of 2011) the Committee invited interested members of the public through an advert in the Nation newspaper (**Annex 2**) to submit any representation by written statement on oath (Affidavit) that may have on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee for appointment as a member to the County Land Management Board to be delivered on or before January 22, 2015.

On January 17, 2015, Pursuant to the public appointment (parliamentary approval act no.33 of 2011) the County Assembly invited the candidate, a Physical Planner who had been nominated for appointment as member to the County Land Management Board for vetting by the Departmental Committee on Friday, January 23, 2015 through an advert in Nation daily newspaper. (**Annex 2**).





On January 23, 2015, the Committee conducted the vetting exercise being guided by the Constitution of Kenya, Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, No.33 of 2011, County Governments Act and Standing Orders.

The whole process was done by meeting with the nominee, examining Correspondences from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Higher Education Loans Board, Kenya Police and the Kenya Revenue Authority as no sworn affidavit were received from the Public.

### **3.0VETTING OF PHYSICAL PLANNER SARAH MUTHONI GICHANGA FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER TO THE COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Ms. Sarah Muthoni Gichanga appeared before the Departmental Committee on Lands, Housing , Physical Planning and Settlement for vetting on January 23, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. Having submitted his fully filled questionnaire, the Chair informed her that the Committee had not received any memoranda in support or against her from the public. She informed the Committee as that;

1. She holds a Masters in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, USA (2008-2011).**(Annex 3)**
2. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior design Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, USA. (2002-2006).**(Annex 4)**
3. She holds a Certificate in Front Office Operations from Kenya Utalii College in Nairobi.(KACE).**(Annex 5)**
4. She holds a Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) 1993 from Moi Girls' School, Nairobi.**(Annex 7)**
5. She has computer skills in Microsoft Office, AUTOCAD, ArcGIS, Photoshop.
6. She has worked as a volunteer at Tree giveaway(University of Oklahoma),International Festival, Display and Dance(University of Central Oklahoma), Habitat for humanity-painting affordable housing(University of Central Oklahoma), The big event-packing food for needy families(University of Central Oklahoma), Kibera slums clean up(Moi Girls School, Nairobi).
7. She is a corporate member of Kenya Institute of Planners Association.**(Annex 6)**.
8. She is a member of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association.

9. She has never been involved in any political activity nor affiliated with any political establishment.
10. She has never been adversely associated with practices that depict bias, favoritism or nepotism in the discharge of public duties.
11. She has no deferred income/future benefits
12. She has no plans whatsoever for outside commitment during service in office.
13. She earned Kshs 175,000 in the year 2014 from International Project Planning and Management Ltd Consultants.
14. She is tax compliant.
15. She is valued at KShs 3,000
16. She doesn't know of any potential conflicts of interest in the position for which she is nominated and should such a case arise, she will try to address it in a transparent manner to the higher authority.
17. In solving any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure she could follow, she said she could follow down laid down laws and regulations as provided in the Constitution and the County Governments Act, 2012
18. She has conducted Pro-Bono/Charity Work/Donations to charity both in Kenya and United States of America.
19. She has never been charged in court.
20. She has never been adversely mentioned in an investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry for the entire of her life.
21. She didn't have any objection in making any enquiries with her employer/referee in course of consideration of her nomination.

#### **4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON SARAH MUTHONI GICHANGA**

1) She has no any potential conflicts of interest in the position for which she is nominated.

2) She has never been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any other Commission of Inquiry.

3) She is well knowledgeable in Lands, Housing and Physical Planning issues as she responded to the various questions posed professionally.

4) She will no doubt add value to the department given the fact that she has the necessary qualifications for the position.

5) She meets constitutional, statutory requisites pertaining to the job she is nominated.

6) Based on the fact that she is young, energetic and with a good education and professional background, the committee was convinced that she was ready to take up new challenge.

## **5.0 COMMITTEES RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to Article (7) of Public Appointment (Parliament Approval) Act, the Committee found Physical Planner, Sarah Muthoni Gichanga suitable and recommended her to be appointed as a member to the County Land Management Board.

## **ANNEXES**

- Annex 1                      Message from H.E the Governor
- Annex 2                      Daily Nation Newspaper Advert
- Annex 3                      Master of Regional and City Planning Certificate
- Annex 4                      Bachelor of Fine Arts Certificate
- Annex 5                      Kenya Utalii College, Nairobi Certificate
- Annex 6                      Kenya Institute of Planners Certificate
- Annex 7                      Kenya Certificate Of Secondary Education Slip
- Annex 8                      Kenya Revenue Authority Clearance Certificate
- Annex 9                      Compliance Certificate from the Higher Education  
Loans Board
- Annex 10                     Certificate of good conduct from the Department  
of Criminal Investigations
- Annex 11                     Certificates from Credit Reference Bureau
- Annex 12                     Copy of National Identity Card
- Annex 13                     Copy of Curriculum Vitae

## Committee Members

Name	Signature
1. Hon. Duncan Mwangi Njuguna      Chairperson	
2. Hon. Samson Kago Njoroge      Vice Chairperson	
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