REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 15 of 2020)

REGARDING ENCROACHMENT OF THE NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

Honourable Members, Standing Order 225(2) (b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any petition, other than those presented by a Member. I therefore wish to report to the House that my office has received a petition submitted by Ms. Maureen Memo of the Wild Now Foundation.

Honourable Members, the petitioner wishes to draw the attention of the House to some of the proposals in the Nairobi National Park 2020-2030 Management Plan. The petitioner avers that the current encroachment of the park by projects such as the Southern Bypass, the Standard Gauge Railway and Internal Container Depot has led to degradation of the environment through increased air and noise pollution, change in migratory paths of wildlife, increase in human wildlife conflict and decreased sighting of animals.

Honourable Members, the Petitioner is therefore concerned that some of the proposals in the Management Plan such as fencing and introduction of eateries may contribute further to the deterioration of the Park.

Honourable Members, the petitioner prays that the National Assembly through the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources looks into the matter to ensure the future of this unique park located right in the middle of the capital is not threatened by continued encroachment.

I thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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TO THE HON. JUSTIN MUTURI, EGH, MP,

THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,

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NAIROBI.

I am citizen of Kenya and the Chief Executive Officer of the WildNow Foundation and the Petitioner herein and I do make this Petition on behalf of the Foundation.

IN THIS REGARD, WE WISH TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE TO THE FOLLOWING-

- 1. **THAT** the WildNow Foundation is a youth-based organization that aims at promoting conservation and sustainability in Kenya.
- 2. **THAT** Nairobi is the only Capital with a natural park and it is 117 square kilometers with 400 bird species and over 90 mammalian species.
- 3. **THAT** the Nairobi National Park has been a source of revenue for the national government obtaining from both local and foreign tourism.
- 4. **THAT** despite the economic value of the National Park to the country, there have been plans to hive and fence off land for the newly designed Nairobi National Park 2020-2030 Management Plan which presents challenges to both flora and fauna at the Park.
- 5. THAT over the years, encroachment of the Park have led to further degradation of the environment through air pollution, change of migratory routes/paths for wild animals, increase in animal-human life conflicts, rapid decrease of wild animals population due to encroachment of their normal feeding and grazing areas and interference with the aquatic resources that have affected the aquatic ecosystem for aquatic animals.

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- 6. **THAT** further the plans to now build the National Park Hotel will not only lead to further environmental degradation of the Park but will also render the Park nearly nugatory as the encroachment shall be done to an ecosystem that is barely in existence due to the encroachment that has happened over the years.
- 7. **THAT** despite our efforts to have the matters raised herein addressed by the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and other relevant bodies our efforts have been futile.
- 8. **THAT** the issues in respect of which the Petition is made are not pending before any court of law or constitutional or legal body.

THEREFORE, THE PETITIONER PRAYS AND WILL EVER PRAY-

- (a) **THAT** the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources does pursuant to Standing Order 216(5)(a) investigate and inquire into all the matters raised herein; and
- (b) **THAT** it does make the relevant and appropriate recommendations thereof with a view of ensuring that the economic value of the National Park to the country is not threatened through continued encroachment and that the flora and fauna at the Park is also protected from extinction.

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