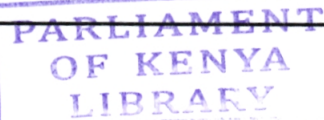


PETITION TO THE SENATE BY THE NANDI COUNTY CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK
AND THE NANDI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE NANDI COUNTY
EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY



Honourable Senators,

1. Pursuant to Standing Orders 220 (1) (a), and 225(2) (b), I hereby report to the Senate that a petition has been submitted, through the Clerk, by the Nandi County Civil Society Network (NCCSN) and the Nandi County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, concerning the management and operations of the Nandi County Executive.
2. As you are aware, under Article 119(1) of the Constitution, and I quote:-
"Every person has a right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority, including enacting, amending or repealing any legislation."
3. In their petition, the petitioners raise a number of grievances with the Nandi County Executive which they pray upon the Senate to investigate and recommend appropriate action thereon. Among these are –
 - a) That the Nandi County Executive has failed to facilitate public communication and access to information by the public, as required under Article 35 of the Constitution and Sections 93 to 96 of the County Governments Act (No. 17 of 2012);
 - b) That the County Executive has failed to establish a County Budget and Economic Forum for county budget consultation process, as required under Article 10 of the Constitution and Section 137 of the Public Finance Management Act (No. 18 of 2012);
 - c) That the County Assembly has failed to facilitate public participation in carrying out its mandate, including in the consideration of Bills before the Assembly, as well as in the County budget-making process;
 - d) That the County Executive has failed to put in place an appropriate mechanism for provision of civic education in the County, as required under Sections 98 to 101 of the County Governments Act; and

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Hon. Speaker
You may approve/read.

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- e) That the County Executive has presided over corrupt practices, wastage of public funds, and abuse of office, particularly in procurement of goods and services and in construction projects being carried out at the County.
4. The petitioners therefore pray that the Senate undertakes an investigation into the matters raised in the petition and recommends appropriate action thereon.
5. *Honourable Senators*, pursuant to standing order 226, I shall now allow comments, observations or clarifications in relation to the petition for not more than thirty minutes.

[after comments by Senators]

6. Honourable Senators, pursuant to standing order 227(1), the Petition stands committed to the relevant standing committee, in this case the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.
7. I note that a number of the issues raised in the petition fall under the mandate of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget and, as is our growing tradition when considering such matters, direct the two Committees to work together on the petition, with the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights taking the lead.
8. In terms of standing order 227(2), the Committees will be required, in not more than sixty days from the time of reading the Prayer, to respond to the Petitioners by way of a Report addressed to the Petitioner and laid on the Table of the Senate.

