

PETITION MADE TO THE SENATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 119 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF KENYA AND PART XXIV OF THE
SENATE STANDING ORDERS

BY

FORUM OF FORMER COUNCILLORS WHO SERVED IN THE DEFUNCT
LOCAL AUTHORITIES

CONCERNING

THE PLIGHT OF COUNCILLORS WHO SERVED UNDER THE DEFUNCT
LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE

July, 2015

Petition by Forum of Former Councillors who served under the defunct local authorities in Kenya since independence concerning their plight and welfare.

We, the undersigned,

Citizens of the Republic of Kenya, and former councillors under the defunct local authorities in Kenya;

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. **THAT**, we faithfully and diligently served the people of Kenya as councillors and in various capacities under the defunct local authorities prior to the 2013 General Elections, when the said local authorities were dissolved to give way to the devolved system of Government;
2. **THAT**, while former Members of Parliament and other elective and appointive government officials are entitled to and indeed enjoy pensions and gratuity packages that ensure they live comfortably once out of office, there exists no similar mechanism to compensate or appreciate those who served this country faithfully as councillors under the defunct local authorities;
3. **THAT**, majority of those who served as councillors in the defunct local authorities since independence are now living in squalor, and face a myriad of challenges, including inability to cope with deteriorating health in the absence of health insurance covers;
4. **THAT**, we have made the best efforts to have this issue addressed by the relevant organs and agencies without any positive outcome;
5. **THAT**, the matters raised in this petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the Senate-

1. Investigates the issues raised in this petition and makes appropriate recommendations and legislative interventions thereon to address the plight of former councillors who served in the defunct local authorities in Kenya since independence, including:
 - a) making provision for payment of a one off honoraria of Kshs.1.5 million to every person who has served for a minimum of one term as a councillor in Kenya since Independence;

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- b) making provision for payment of a monthly pension of at least Kshs. 30,000/= each
- c) making provision for state-sponsored health insurance for all persons who have served as councilors in Kenya since independence;
- d) making provision for access by former councilors to premises and facilities of the current county assemblies, including canteens and the Speaker's Galleries, in our respective county assemblies; and
- e) making provision for former councilors to be exempted from paying car parking fees and other rates and fees while within the respective local authorities where they served.

And we your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated this...16th.....day of July.....2015

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Counter signed by Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo, Senator for West Pokot County.



Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo
Senator for West Pokot County