

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY - (THIRD SESSION) COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

NO. 38 of 2024

COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE MAJORITY PARTY - LEADER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY AND MAJORITY PARTY WHIP.

Honourable Members,

As you all recall, since the constitution of the House leadership there has been some changes in the leadership of the Majority Party. This has seen changes in the positions of the Leader of the Majority Party, Whip of the Majority Party and the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party summarized as hereunder;

- 1. On 30th November, 2022, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15(8) and (9), the then Majority Party Whip informed my Office via letter of the Party's decision to replace Hon. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno, the then Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, with Hon. Jacquelyne Cate Kalenga. This decision was communicated to the House through my Communication No. 21 of 2022 dated 30th November 2022.
- 2. On 24th April, 2023, the Majority Party Whip once again wrote to my Office, communicating the Party's decision to reinstate Hon. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno as the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party. This was subsequently communicated to the House via my Communication No. 15 of 2023 dated 17th May 2023.
- 3. On 26th March, 2024 via my communication No. 9 of 2024 I informed this House of the High Court's ruling on the legal proceedings concerning the positions of Leader of the Majority Party and Majority Party Whip. The Court found no merit in the application filed by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia and Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula on 17th January 2024, upholding the PPDT ruling that restrained

them from holding or acting as the Leader of the Majority Party and Majority Party Whip, respectively, pending the hearing of the appeal. Since then, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi and Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima have been serving as the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Party Whip, respectively.

Honourable Members,

Standing Order Nos. 15(8), (9) and (10) provides for the procedure for removal of a Member from the Assembly Leadership and election to fill any arising vacant position/s. In line with these provisions, the Whip for the Majority Party via a letter accompanied by minutes and resolutions of the Party Members dated 3rd September, 2024 addressed to my office Communicated the decision reached by the Majority Party in regard to the positions of the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Party Whip, positions held by Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi and Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima respectively.

Honourable Members,

The letter referred above informed my office of the decision made in regard to the Offices of Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Party Whip and I wish to communicate to you as follows;

- 1. That Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi has been removed as the Leader of the Majority Parry with immediate effect and has been forthwith replaced with Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia.
- 2. That Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima has been removed as the Majority Party Whip with immediate effect and has been forthwith replaced with Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula.

I wish to thank Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi and Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima for their service to this House and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Honourable Members,

Consequently, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders and by virtue of holding the Office of the Leader of the Majority Party;

- i. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia assumes the role of Chairperson of the Selection Committee replacing Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi;
- ii. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia replaces Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi as a Member in the Appointments Committee; and



iii. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia should be a Member of the County Assembly Business Committee.

Honourable Members,

Lastly, I wish to congratulate Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia and Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula on their appointments. I extend my best wishes for success in their new roles and assure them of my full support as they transition into their new roles. My Office shall remain open for any consultations or assistance they may require.

Thank you.

HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA

SPEAKER, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

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