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REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (SIXTH SESSION)

CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 07 of 2022)

REGARDING THE LAND ALLOCATION AND ISSUANCE OF TITLES IN RESPECT OF L.R. 11150 IN EMBAKASI SUB-COUNTY, NAIROBI

Honourable Members, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any petition, other than those presented by a Member. Further, Article 119 of the Constitution provides for the right of any person to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority, including petitioning the House to enact, amend or repeal any legislation.

Honourable Members, in this regard I wish to report to the House that my office has received a petition from various members of Riverbank Residents Housing Welfare Group of P.O. Box 72236 Nairobi calling for the urgent issuance of certificates of titles and leases to members of the group living in land registered as L.R. No. 11150 in Embakasi Sub-County of Nairobi County.

In their petition, **Honourable Members**, the petitioners aver that they were settled in the aforementioned land in Embakasi in 1997 following political skirmishes that had engulfed the area at the time. The said seven-acre parcel of land is now comprising of over 500 families. For over two decades, the petitioners have attempted, in vain, to secure allotment letters of the land as proof of ownership with a view to facilitating subdivisions among the residents.

Following a survey in 2014, the land occupied by the residents was classified as a Settlement Scheme comprising of three phases. The residents later received funding for a water supply project, street lighting and sanitation facilities supported by the Nairobi City County Government and the World Bank. This was followed by a publication of a Notice for issuance of titles and leases by the Ministry of Lands in conjunction with the Nairobi City County Government in 2018, but which was never implemented.

Honourable Members, the petitioners are thus vulnerable to risks of being displaced yet again from their land by unscrupulous land grabbers and being rendered squatters. The petitioners thus seek the intervention of this House in establishing the ownership status of the parcels of land registered as L.R. No. 11150, L.R. No.18111, and Block 10 in Embakasi Sub-County, in revoking any irregular sub-division and allocation of the land, and to secure urgent issuance of certificates of titles and leases to the residents.

Honourable Members, having determined that the matters raised by the petitioners are well within the authority of this House, I order that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227(1), this petition be committed to the Departmental Committee on Lands. The Committee is required to consider the petition and report its findings to the House and to the petitioners in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

I thank you!

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

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