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Date: 20th November, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE!!!

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The general public is hereby invited to attend a **CITIZEN PUBLIC FORA MEETING FOR KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY**

VENUE: THARAKA NITHI COUNTY HEADQUARTERS' SOCIAL HALL, KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY

DATE: 15th DECEMBER, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

WELCOME ALL!!!! KARIBUNI NYOTE!!!!

NIBUGUKARIBISHWA BWINTHE!!!!

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Kathwana Municipality

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CITIZEN FORA REPORT FOR KATHWANA MUNICIPALITY

DATE: 15th December, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATIONS: THARAKA NITHI COUNTY HEADQUARTERS' SOCIAL HALL,
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Introduction:

1.1 Overview

The public participation is a legal requirement which is anchored in the constitution of Kenya 2010, Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011 amended 2019, county Government Act 2012 among other pieces of legislations. Urban Areas and cities (Amendment) Act 2019 mandates the Board to ensure participation of the Municipality residents in decision making in its activities, Projects and programmes undertaken within its jurisdiction.

In compliance of the above legislations, Kathwana municipality Board organised a citizen forum 15th December, 2023 at **Tharaka Nithi County Headquarters' Social Hall, Kathwana Municipality**. The objective of the forum was to update the Municipality residents on the challenges they are facing within the Municipality and their priority issues to be implemented by the board.



1.2: Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at exactly 10.25 am by the Board Chairman who invited on member of the community to lead with a word of prayer. After the prayer the Ag. Municipal Manager, was called to do the introductions and welcome the members of the Municipality. The members present were introduced and welcomed to present their views and opinion in the following order

1. Youth
2. Women
3. People with disability
4. Boda boda operators
5. Taxi Operators
6. Development Partners – Bank managers
7. Business Community
8. Professional – Teachers (KNUT officials and KUPPET officials)
9. Religious Community
10. Security (National and County Government)
11. Kathwana Municipality Board Members
12. County Employees
13. Informal business owners

2.0 OVERVIEW OF THE MUNICIPAL MILESTONES

After introduction of all the members present the municipal manager was invited to highlight the municipality milestones and also give overview of the completed and ongoing projects /programmes within the Municipality.

The Ag. Municipal Manager began by giving an overview of the Municipality, its establishment and operationalization. She said that so far Kathwana Municipality has grown tremendously and the following development projects have been made

- (i) Construction of Kathwana road
- (ii) Construction of Kathwana Market
- (iii) Marking of parking spaces in kathwana market
- (iv) Construction of modern ablution block in Kathwana Market
- (v) Installation of floodlights in Kathwana Municipality
- (vi) Opening and grading roads in Kathwana Municipality

Finally, the Ag. Municipal manager informed the residents that establishing and promoting a livestock market in Kathwana Municipality will bring numerous benefits, including:



Economic Benefits

- **Boosts Local Economy:** Generates revenue for the municipality through market fees, taxes, and permits.
- **Employment Opportunities:** Provides jobs for traders, transporters, herders, and support services such as food vendors and brokers.
- **Market for Local Producers:** Offers a platform for local livestock farmers to sell their animals at competitive prices.

Agricultural Development

- **Encourages Livestock Farming:** Motivates farmers to improve livestock quality due to increased market demand.
- **Access to Extension Services:** Livestock markets often attract veterinary services, training, and livestock improvement programs.

Social Benefits

- **Networking Opportunities:** Provides a venue for livestock farmers to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and form cooperatives.
- **Cultural Significance:** Livestock markets can preserve and promote cultural practices related to animal husbandry and trade.

Food Security

- **Improved Availability of Meat and Dairy:** Enhances access to livestock products, contributing to local nutrition.

Environmental Benefits

- **Better Waste Management:** A regulated livestock market can incorporate systems for managing animal waste responsibly.

Infrastructure Development

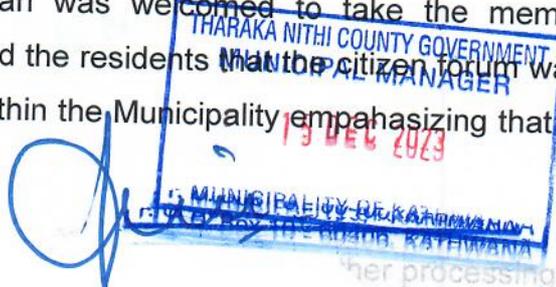
- **Improved Facilities:** Leads to the development of related infrastructure, such as roads, storage, and auction yards, benefiting the wider community.

Trade and Investment

- **Regional Trade Hub:** Positions Kathwana as a key player in regional livestock trade, attracting buyers and sellers from neighbouring areas.
- **Increased Investment:** Attracts investors interested in livestock-related businesses such as feed production, slaughterhouses, and leather processing.

3.0 PRESENTATION FROM THE RESIDENTS

The municipality board Chairman was welcomed to take the members through the presentation session. He informed the residents that the citizen forum was the best means of engagement with the public within the Municipality emphasizing that the agenda of the



meeting was key since projects identified by the public would be forwarded to the County executive Committee for adoption and implementation.

The public views were represented as follows: -

1. Opening blocked roads in the municipality. Key emphasis being given to the area along the bus stage
2. grading and opening the roads within the Municipality CBD
3. Networking and partnership with the development partners within the Municipality
4. Provision of sewerage facilities for the municipal residents to ensure proper liquid waste management which has since has been a problem within the municipality over time. A proposal of partnership with development partners was suggested for this high investment project.
5. Presence of trucks moving and parked along the narrow roads and highway resulting to frequent accidents . proper parking spaces be designated within the municipality especially kathwana Market and Itugururu market during market days.
6. Establishment of proper solid waste transfer stations and holding sites. this will enable proper management of solid wastes generated and dumped indiscriminately within the Municipality
7. Improvement of water connectivity and sanitation facilities within Kathwana Municipality Markets
8. Street lighting within the Municipality to mitigate frequent insecurity cases within the CBD
9. Proper location of bodaboda shades within the CBD and undertaking beautification programmes within the Municipality markets

4.0 PRIORITIZED PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY

After intense deliberations the Municipality residents prioritized the following projects

1. Upgrading of Kathwana Municipality CBD roads to bitumen standards
2. Provision of water and sanitation facilities in major municipal markets; Kathwana, Chiakariga, Itugururu, Kaanwa and Nkarini.

Conclusion and Way forward:

The citizen Fora a provided a vital opportunity for public participation in Kathwana Municipality's Urban Development processes. The Municipality management reaffirmed its commitment to addressing the concerns raised by citizens, with actionable timelines provided for each agenda item. The members of the public were encouraged to remain engaged in the follow-up processes to ensure the successful implementation of the discussed projects.

