

National News

Brought in from the cold President Ruto creates a bloated Executive that will cost taxpayers billions of shillings

Ruto gifts loyalists and new allies with 50 CAS positions

Head of State appoints 27 more people after initially asking the Public Service Commission to only create 23 positions

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President William Ruto yesterday completed the creation of what is the most bloated Executive in Kenya's recent history, which is expected to gobble up Sh13.2 billion in five years, even as intrigues surrounding the appointment of 50 chief administrative secretaries (CASs) emerged yesterday.

The Nation has learnt that State House had initially asked the Public Service Commission (PSC) to create 23 CAS posts, which have now risen to 50, signalling competing political interests that saw the shortlist at one point reopened to accommodate more applicants.

"In view of this letter, the Commission is requested to declare 23 vacancies in the Office of the Chief Administrative Secretaries; and thereafter proceed to commence the recruitment process on a priority basis," then Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua

said in a letter to PSC on October 11, 2022.

The 50 CAS—whom President Ruto wants to act as the liaison between the ministries and Parliament as well as counties—will cost Sh460 million annually in salaries, totalling Sh2.3 billion in five years. PSC has classified CAS under CSG3, which is equivalent to Job Group V, making them entitled to a monthly salary of Sh765,188.

The CASs, like the principal secretaries are also entitled to a Sh35 million mortgage and Sh10 million car grant (Sh8 million for PSs), both of which will cost the taxpayer Sh2.25 billion in the one-off payments over five years. The taxpayers will additionally provide Sh10 million and Sh3 million inpatient and outpatient medical cover for each CAS.

For Cabinet secretaries, taxpayers fork out Sh924,000 in monthly salaries, Sh40 million mortgage, Sh10 million car loan and Sh17.18 million in gratuity once

they are out of office.

In all, over the course of five years, taxpayers will pay Sh5.856 billion for salaries, Sh4.415 billion in mortgages, Sh1.128 billion in car loans and Sh1.815 billion in gratuity for the CSs, PSs, and CASs.

And although the mortgage and car loans are repayable within the five-year period, the strain on taxpayers to foot the nearly Sh3 billion at a time of budget cuts and austerity might mean belt-tightening in other sectors of the economy.

A CAS is also entitled to two top-of-the-range vehicles, a driver, an unspecified number of security personnel to be moving around with him or her and guarding their Nairobi and rural homes, a personal assistant and two secretaries.

The government may acquire extra office space for ministries that cannot accommodate another senior official, meaning an extra cost to the taxpayer. In for-



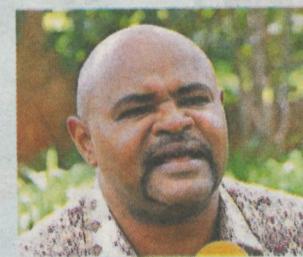
Lilian Tomitom



Jackson Kiptanui



Mary Seneta



Daniel Wamahiu



Rehema Jaldesa



Victor Munyaka

CSs, PSs & CASs Benefits

| POSITION | Gross monthly salary-each holder (KSH) | Gross salary for 5 years-all holders | MORTGAGE (KSH) | CAR LOAN (KSH) | GRATUITY (KSH) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| CABINET SECRETARY (22) | 924,000 | 1,219,680,000 | 40,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 17,186,400 |
| PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (51) | 765,188 | 2,341,475,280 | 35,000,000 | 8,000,000 | 14,232,496 |
| CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY (50) | 765,188 | 2,295,564,000 | 35,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 14,232,496 |
| TOTAL FOR ALL OFFICE HOLDERS | | 5,856,719,280 | 4,415,000,000 | 1,128,000,000 | 1,815,582,896 |

mer President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration, some CASs were housed away from their line ministries due to limited space.

The President also missed the two-thirds gender rule in the CAS list with only 14 of the 50 posts going to women.

President Ruto has 22 CSs, in-

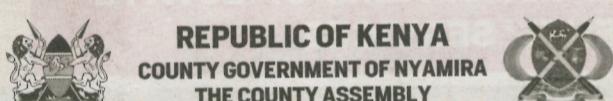
cluding Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and 51 PSs. Mr Kenyatta had 29 CASs and 44 PSs. Even though the Constitution caps ministries at 22, the CAS position that was created by Mr Kenyatta does not limit the Presi-

dent. For President Ruto, the increase in number of CASs from Uhuru's 29 to 50 has allowed him to reward loyalists, August 2022 poll losers from opposition leader Raila Odinga's Nyanza backyard and campaign bigwigs.

The intrigues in the appoint-

ment of the CASs began with the shortlisting, with six of the 16 people who were added after the first list was out being part of the 50 nominated.

Those who were conspicuous in the amended PSC list were former Mumias East MP Benjamin Washiali, ex-Migori Assembly minority leader Nicholas Rionba, ex-Baringo Assembly Speaker David Kiplagat, Kibwezi West MP poll loser James Kimathi Mbaka, ex-Saudi Arabia ambassador Ali Saleh and Nandi governor poll loser Allan Kosgey.



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SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE:

1. Nyamira County Sector Plans 2023 - 2023
2. Nyamira County Integrated Development Plan 2023 - 2027
3. Nyamira County Annual Development Plan 2023/2024

In accordance with provisions of Article 196(1)(b) and 201 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and as stipulated in section 87(1)(a), (b) of the County Government Act, 2012, The Committee on Budget & Appropriations hereby invites members of the general public, Civil Society Organizations, interested persons and all stakeholders to attend public forums and present their views and memoranda on the Nyamira County Sector Plans 2023-2027, the Nyamira County Integrated Plan 2023 - 2027, the Nyamira County Annual Development Plan 2023/2024 as below;

| Date | Day | Sub - County | Venue | Time |
|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 22/03/2023 | Wednesday | Borabu | CDF Hall - Borabu | 9:00a.m-5:00p.m |
| 22/03/2023 | Wednesday | Nyamira North | Ekereny Social Hall | 9:00a.m-5:00p.m |
| 22/03/2023 | Wednesday | Masaba North | Rigoma Market Grounds | 9:00a.m-5:00p.m |
| 23/03/2023 | Thursday | Nyamira South | CDF Hall - West Mugirango | 9:00a.m-5:00p.m |
| 23/03/2023 | Thursday | Manga | Kemera Ward Office Grounds | 9:00a.m-5:00p.m |

Copies may be obtained from the County Assembly website: www.nyamiraassembly.go.ke

Written memoranda or proposals may be submitted to the CLERK, County Assembly of Nyamira, P.O. Box 590 NYAMIRA [40500] or info@nyamiraassembly.go.ke or by hand delivery to the Office of the Clerk, County Assembly main Buildings - Nyamira so as to be received on or before 23rd March, 2023 at 1700HRS.

Daniel Orina
CLERK
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA

MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT



VACANCY

Murang'a County Public Service Board wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons to fill the following position:

Chief Officer Trade Industrialization & Cooperative development, Job Group 'S' - One (1) Post (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

Details of the vacancy can be accessed at our website www.murang'a.go.ke

Applicants should apply online using the link <http://apply.murang'a.go.ke/> on or before 31st march 2023.

Note:

- Applicants from other Counties are encouraged to apply.
- Any Form of Canvassing Shall Lead to Automatic Disqualification.
- Women, Minorities and Persons Living with Disabilities are Encouraged to Apply.
- Shortlisted Candidates Will Be Required to Produce Their Original Identity Cards, Academic and Professional Certificates, Testimonials, Clearance and Other Relevant Documents in Support Of Their Applications.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

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Please use the link below to access this tender and other attachments

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Offers to be submitted online on the above link quoting the

RFT no. 323636

Tender deadline: Friday 31st March 2023 at 11:00AM