

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 21st February 2023

Assembly Building

The House Met At 03: 05PM

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Elijah Mwaura): In the Chair].

PRAYER

PETITION

REVIEW OF REVENUE ALLOCATION OF LARE WARD TO MATCH THE POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL SIZE, CAPTURING LARE AND NAISHI WARD WHICH WERE MERGED TO FORM LARE WARD.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Elijah Mwaura): There is a Petition to be presented by the Chairperson Budget Committee.

Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker; there is a Petition that was presented to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations by Mr. Joseph Ngugi and others seeking review of revenue allocation of Lare Ward to match the population and geographical size, capturing Lare and Naishi Ward which were merged to form Lare Ward.

In view of that, the major concern of the petitioner is the review of the Revenue Allocation. In view of the above, the current Ward Allocation pursuant to Section 4 of the Nakuru County Revenue Allocation Act of 2018, allocate not less than 45 percent of the Development Expenditure each Financial Year. In addition Mr. Temporary Speaker, the parameters for sharing revenue among the Wards has been as follows;

As per population we normally award 30 percent equitable share 60 percent, land area, 10 percent. Mr. Temporary Speaker you realise that we held within the budget allocation these parameters are very essential and hence part of the population as enumerated by this petitioner, has insinuated that the Budget and Appropriations Committee come to a conclusion that we must review all the matters as indicated.

In conclusion, the Committee has embarked on reviewing the Nakuru County Revenue Allocation Act 2018 to reflect the current 2019 Population Census with the new parameters. In this circumstance the Prayer of the petitioner will be answered once the said Act is reviewed accordingly. Mr. Temporary Speaker, as a concern of the Budget Committee, we say that all the parameters will be met in this budgetary allocation this Financial Year. Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Elijah Mwaura): That pursuant to Standing Order 204, I am going to allow a few Members to comment on the Report. Hon. Anthony Kamau.

Hon. Anthony Kamau: I want it to be on record. Allow me to stand and commend Chair Budget Committee for the response that he has given. I want to say this notwithstanding that this Petition was brought concerning Lare Ward. This matter cuts across the County because you find most of our Wards are very vast and their population is big and as the Chair has said, we are waiting that review of the Act so that those parameters can be captured in this budget cycle. I support the response.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Elijah Murage): Hon. Wajeff.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker for catching your eye. I think this is very prudent in terms of the population being a Ward in this City, you know some times there is a lot of population influx from different areas. People coming to the urban and when we are doing our budget allocation, I do not know we have been using the issue of area population because our areas and I think we should be using the recent census so that our Wards can have better allocation in terms of the population that it has. It is not only Lare and Naishi, we have so many Wards that have been having those populations which do not match with the population those Wards have. I would request Chair Budget to have the recent Population Census so that our Wards can gain from that allocation. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Elijah Murage): Chair Budget, it would be prudent if you expedite the review of the Nakuru County Revenue Allocation as soon as possible so that these matters can be taken into consideration. Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Those are the Orders of the day; this House stands adjourned until tomorrow 9.30am.

The House rose at 3.10pm