

HONOUR BOUND TO SERVE

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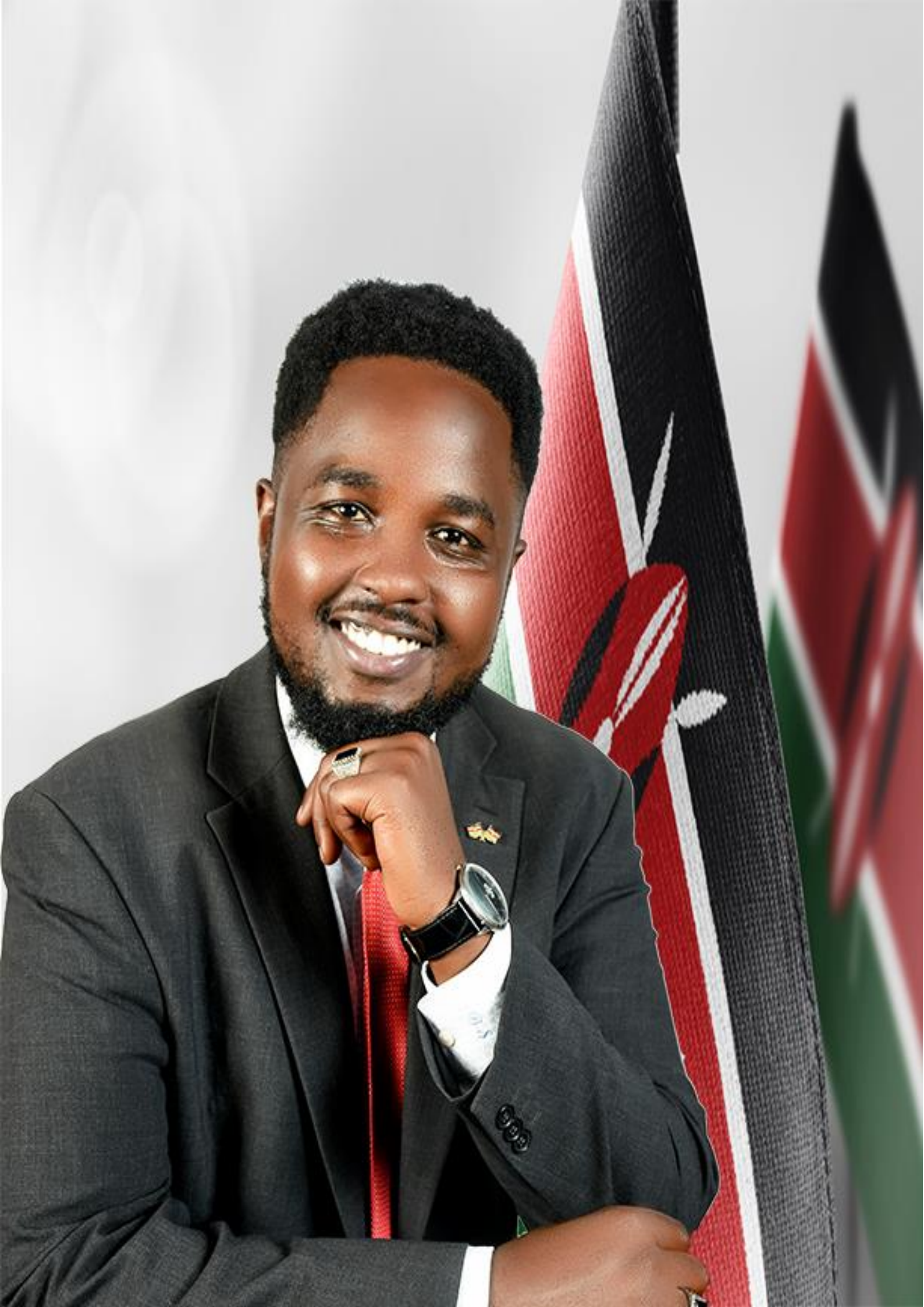
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MY MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF OLKERI

The time is ripe for the people of Olkeri Ward to transform their lives positively through incisive and intelligent leadership. The onset of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) caused a shift of the focal point of development and stability to the devolved units. It has become undeniably obvious that Members of the County Assembly need to have an elaborate blueprint and manifesto for their electorate. Similarly, the electorate should scrutinise these manifestos and analyse the ideas presented to them by all aspirants, and only elect those that seem to be more relatable to their situation.

In this document, I shall present to you the indicative pointers and the key address points of I, Hon. Raphael Kinyua Kibiri, the Candidate for Olkeri Ward (2022). It is arranged in a reader-friendly manner and is quite elaborate though concise to avoid reader lethargy. It is divided into four main chapters through which I express my views, aspirations and my vision for the people of Olkeri Ward

This is my second stab at the seat, having made my maiden attempt in 2017. Over the five years, I have gained invaluable experience in leadership by working as a research assistant in Kajiado North Constituency Office under the leadership of Hon. Joseph W. Manje. Much of this experience has been in legislative matters.

This is a binding contract between me, the aspirant and you, my voter. This manifesto shall hold me accountable to you, and when you elect me, I shall work towards its realisation and do all within my means to conform to the same.

Hard work, utmost cooperation, visionary leadership, honesty, and the precedence of all being the strength that comes from our God Almighty will be the leading principle throughout the relationship between me and you.

May God Bless you. May God Bless Olkeri Ward.

HON. RAPHAEL KINYUA KIBIRU

INCOMING MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OLKERI WARD

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HONOUR BOUND TO

SERVE –

WHAT IT TAKES

The role of a Member of the County Assembly in the Kenyan governance is critical in the development of the devolved units. The role of the Ward Representative is essential in determining the growth and stability of the counties, and ensuring that the citizenry has its opinions considered in the deliberations and decisions made in the County Assemblies.

To understand the entails of this document, every reader must understand the role of Members of County Assembly:

Role of the County Assembly

- The legislative authority of a county is vested in and exercised by, its County Assembly.
- The County Assembly makes any laws that are necessary for the effective performance of the functions and exercise of the powers of the County Government.
- Exercises oversight over the County Executive Committee and other county executive organs.
- Receives and approve plans and policies.
- Approves the budget and expenditure of the County Government.
- Approving borrowing by the County Government.
- Vets and approves nominees for appointment to county public offices.
- Should openly conduct its business, and hold its sittings and those of its committees in public.
- Should facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees.

Role of Members of the County Assembly (MCAs)

- Maintain close contact with the electorate and consult them on issues before or under discussion in the County Assembly.
- Present views, opinions and proposals of the electorate to the County Assembly.
- Attend sessions of the County Assembly and its committees.
- Provide a linkage between the county assembly and the electorate on public service delivery.
- Extend professional knowledge, experience or specialised knowledge to any issue for discussion in the County Assembly.

- Should not directly or indirectly be involved in the executive functions of the County Government and its administration; or the delivery of services as if the member were an officer or employee of the County Government.

In light of the above, I have structured my plans and vision in these four core pillars:

- **Legislation and Representation**
- **Inclusivity**
- **Leadership**
- **Development**

Through my leadership, I shall ensure that we mitigate and/or obliterate the many challenges that are faced by the Olkeri Ward Community.

My Candidature shall be via the Jubilee Party. My party affiliation is on the strong belief in building back better and a unity of purpose. Needless to state, my candidacy is pegged on character, personality, and abilities. My political party affiliation is based on a sense of belonging, and thus, I wish to encourage you to scrutinize me in my person, and not essentially regarding my party affiliations.

Vision, Mission, Slogan and Leading Scriptures

- ✓ **Vision** – For Olkeri Ward to be the premier ward in Kajiado County in matters regarding legislation, public participation, oversight and service delivery.
- ✓ **Mission** – To present the people Olkeri Ward with favourable living conditions, and to create a conducive political environment for infrastructural and economic development.
- ✓ **Slogan** – Kinywa Cha Olkeri (The voice of Olkeri) – Through this slogan, I heed the clarion call to serve the people of Olkeri Ward by being their legislative and representative voice.
- ✓ **Leading Scripture** – Exodus 18:21; But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain – and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.



Translating Vision to Reality

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves – Lao Tzu

PILLAR ONE –

LEGISLATION AND

REPRESENTATION

The core duty of a Member of the County Assembly is legislation and representation.

My knowledge of Legislation is coupled with immense experience in preparing legislative instruments. I have also had the opportunity to hone my representational skills. This has seen me address and represent the MP's office before many gatherings; from my fellow residents of Kajiado North to Cabinet Secretaries. At one point I even addressed a Parliamentary Committee sitting!

When elected, I will purposely introduce legislation that I believe would address these among other matters that may arise during my tenure:

- **Employment**
- **Environment and its Conservation**
- **County Finance Management**
- **Statistics**
- **Alcoholic Beverages Control**

1.1. Employment

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, only 42.7% of the entire population in Olkeri work for pay. 15.3% are in family business, 6.4% are in family agricultural holding, 1.5% are volunteers/interns, 13.6% are retired and 12.6% are fulltime students. While 0.3% are incapacitated, 7.6% are without income.

This is a clear indication that unemployment is a teething issue in the ward.

My Plan

Unemployment is not unique to this ward. It is a problem that faces many countrywide. Most affected are the youth. For a region where unemployment is rife, I believe various issues must be addressed through legislation:

- The formulation of a Kajiado County Employment Bill, that will among other things, address issues concerning:
 - Anchorage of the Youth Fund (in law) to supplement the efforts by the National Government. This fund shall be lent to Youth Groups and charged minimum or zero interest.



Experienced Legislator

My time in service as a Research Assistant in the Office of the MP; Kajiado North Constituency gave me an opportunity to gain extensive knowledge in legislative matters.

- Ensure fair remuneration and protection of the right of, as well as oversight of the employment of the County Workers. This will assist to curb nepotism and bribery in the county jobs opportunities.
- Safeguarding the general rights of workers
- Capping to a certain percentage the number of 'local' technical workers to be attached to various infrastructural projects in the area (such as roads and railway construction) to ensure that the populace is given a priority in selection for these technical jobs.
- I shall lobby for tax incentives and reliefs for men and women aged below thirty-five (35) years in business.

1.2.Environment and its Conservation

The Olkeri Ward community lives next to diverse environmental resources that are within Kajiado County. The community lives and benefits from the Ngong Forest, Ololua Forest and is also close to the Ngong Hills which is a great tourist attraction in the region. There is as thus a God-ordained duty to the Olkeri Ward Community to protect, nurture and conserve the environment. Similarly, the community may be able to maximise its benefits from these environmental resources.

For a community that relies quite highly on agriculture and livestock, the community must protect its environment. As infrastructural development kicks in, the environment continues to be highly

compromised. This development must not render future generations into oblivion.

My Plan

Once elected, I shall table before the County Assembly a Bill to address issues on Environmental, Water and Natural Resources Protection. Through this bill, the County Assembly shall among other things be moved to enforce:

- ✓ The Community Forest Associations adopted in Kenya in 1997 through the introduction of Participatory Forest Management.
- ✓ That as the infrastructural projects are implemented in the community, the environment remains conserved, and to ensure that those undertaking these projects engage in Environment Conservation projects.



Nurturing Mother Nature

With CAS Ababu Namwamba at a past tree planting exercise

1.3.County Public Finance Management

Proper checks and balances and a well designed public finance management systems are intended to ensure that public resources are used fairly and efficiently to reduce corruption and abuse. Good financial management is about setting clear objectives through policy and plans and then ensuring that budgets are directly linked to these plans.

One of the main hurdles in the management of County Public Finances has been that budgets are not built on plans. Well-conceived plans are developed but then budgets are developed separately without a clear link to the plans. Another challenge is that when the policy is reviewed and changes proposed, budgets often prove sticky, meaning they do not shift with policy change. A good Public Finance Management System should also reduce the likelihood of this happening by keeping a number of eyes on the planning and budgeting process.

My Plan

Once elected, I shall spearhead the review of the guidelines adopted by Kajiado County on matters concerning the management of County Finances.

1.4.County Statistics

During the formulation of this manifesto, I was confronted by one of the most tedious tasks ever; sourcing for Kajiado County statistics. For a period of 10 (ten) years, Kajiado County has failed to undertake the development of a statistics policy.

The collection, review and interpretation of County Statistical Data is essential for County Planning and Development. These stats must be collected and documented for purposes of general awareness and evaluation.

My Plan

Once elected by the people of Olkeri, I will endeavour to create a County Statistics Policy that will enable proper planning within the County. This framework will enable growth as well as evaluation of the growth in the ward and Kajiado County in general.

1.5.Alcoholic Beverages Control

Any conscious society must have a proper policy on the control of alcohol, wines and spirits. This will help to curb the effects of drug use which has greatly affected our communities.

My Plan

To formulate an Alcohol and Alcoholic Beverages Bill that will, among other things:

- ✓ Ensure that a percentage of all the revenue that is collected from bars and liquor shops is directed towards rehabilitation and advancement of youth empowerment projects such as sports.
- ✓ Oversee and anchor in law the establishment and constitution of a proper alcohol control board.

PILLAR TWO – INCLUSIVITY

in decision making, and to ensure that their input is well floored and considered in the County Assembly.

It is because of the above that I vow to address these, among other matters, once elected as Member of County Assembly for Olkeri Ward:

- **Public Participation**
- **County Assembly Operations**

2.1.Public Participation

Public Participation is a right enshrined in the Constitution.

My Plan

When elected as the Member of County Assembly for Olkeri Ward, I shall endeavour to ensure that the public is consulted on all matters. To achieve this, I shall adopt the following procedures to ensure Public Participation:

- ✓ Creation / Enhancement of community groups – For easier dissemination of information from the ground, I will strive to facilitate the easy working of community groups in the various sub-locations within Olkeri Ward. The sub-locations are existing administrative units and would thus facilitate easier processes of public participation.

These sub-locations will elect committee members (some already exist) that will meet occasionally to review and report on matters affecting the electorate. I will arrange to meet the committees at least once every three months. Similarly, these committees will receive direct communication from the aspirant on matters necessitating public participation.

- ✓ Member of County Assembly Office premises – I will open offices in strategic locations within Olkeri Ward. I shall also subject myself to living within the Ward throughout my tenure.

Through my office I shall, without prejudice, give appointments and meet members of the Ward to discuss and discourse on matters that relate to the day to day running of the Ward. I shall also ensure that I shall be readily available to congregate with the aspirants during social events to create adequate time to interact with the electorate on a personal basis.

- ✓ Social Media Interaction – As we are living in a digital era, it shall be important that both parties embrace technology. With proper Social Media Interaction, it shall ease the processing and dissemination of information. I shall also maintain a publicly known cell

phone number that will be reachable to him within at least 24 hrs. when within the country and network range.

2.2. County Assembly Operations

Over my time working at the National Assembly, I realised major gaps in the manner in which our County Assembly operates. Members of the public have very little ways to interact with the activities that take place in the County, and even sourcing for the Houses Orders of Business and other statutory instruments is next to impossible.

My Plan

Once elected, I will purpose to ensure that:

- ✓ The Kajiado County Assembly Standing Orders are reviewed to allow for the live broadcast of all sittings.
- ✓ The Order of Business, Hansard, Petition, Motions, Bills and all other such material is available on the Kajiado County Assembly Website for access to the public.
- ✓ The people of Olkeri can petition the County Assembly on matters that affect them.



PILLAR THREE – LEADERSHIP

If elected, I will employ a social approach (Community Development and Social Welfare) in the solution of the problems that are faced by the electorate, by being a piecemeal problem solver, keen deal-breaker and efficient team leader. I shall ensure that all social groups in the community have the issues affecting them addressed:

3.1. The Youth

Being within this bracket, I shall particularly focus on positively influencing the lives of the youth in Olkeri Ward. The youth in this region have myriad problems facing them, mostly being unemployment and consequently drug abuse.

My Plan

To deal with youth-related issues, I shall endeavour to:

- ✓ Create self-employment opportunities for the youth – The youth can be greatly assisted by assisting them to be in Youth Groups and/or SACCOs that can easily attract funding. I have largely considered bridging the problem of unemployment and that of environmental conservation. The youth in the different sub-locations, when empowered, will be able to undertake environmental cleaning and maintenance jobs by running waste disposal projects and shall benefit from payments made for their services.
- ✓ Establishment of a technical centre – I shall also commit myself to lobby for the establishment of a technical institution within Olkeri Ward. This would enhance the training of the youth in technical jobs and see them fend a living for themselves.
- ✓ Mentorship – Mentorship of the youth, especially those that complete high school will better the new crop of youthful *Olkerians*. Once elected, I will liaise with the different high schools in Olkeri Ward and commence an elaborate mentorship program that will see the *youngins* spend time with adults in different fields and get mentored on different life aspects.
- ✓ Nurturing of sports and individualistic talents – I am an ardent football fan. Should I mention Arsenal? I am an entertainment fan as well, especially music and arts. Hip-hop when the mood is low, Reggae when I need to jam a little. Local music seems to fit almost every

occasion, Mugithi and Ohangla as well.

I would be proud to see Olkeri Ward become a cultural and sports centre, to create homogeneity and



Cheza Kama Wewe!

Many young men and women are thriving in sports, and I have been a great supporter and fan of our local teams

iron out the inter-community contours.

Once elected, I shall promote sports in the community, and shall see the Community Hall(s) get into good use by promoting youth groups that are involved in drama, music and arts. This will be in line with my plan to ensure that funds are sourced, from among other things, levies and taxes paid by bars and liquor shops.

- ✓ Youth Ministry – I shall strongly advocate for a Ministry of Youth Affairs.

3.2 Children

The young children are the future of the community of Olkeri Ward. It is quite notable that the current leadership has been keen to improve education and ensure that all children get to attend school.

My Plan

Once elected as the Member of County Assembly for Olkeri Ward, I shall ensure that this positive trend is maintained. The issuance of bursaries, for instance, shall be done fairly and transparently. This will ensure that education remains a great pillar in our community.

The Children shall also be promoted in sports as well as nurturing talents from a young age.

3.3 Women and Men

Women are considered a minority group, and many would wish to address their issues individually. I reckon that encompassing them in the same calibre as men is however the greatest significance of gender equality there can ever be. Most of the issues affecting women affect men as well (adult and middle-aged).

My Plan

Women are more affected by misrepresentation as well as non-representation. Therefore, in the formation of the Olkeri Ward sub-location committees, I shall strive to ensure that both men's and women's issues are taken into account.

3.4 The Elderly

My Plan

When elected as Member of County Assembly for Olkeri Ward, I shall also be keen on ensuring that the elderly members in the community are looked after and that the services required by them are

rendered to their satisfaction. I shall also facilitate their identification and registration to ensure that their situation is constantly monitored and assessed by my office.

I shall also lobby for the establishment of a policy to ensure that the elderly members in our communities are offered health insurance covers.

3.5 Persons Living With Disabilities

Olkeri Ward has several persons and their needs should also be taken into account.

My Plan

1. Oversight County Government projects and ensure that their planning and construction takes into account the usage by Persons Living with Disabilities.
2. Have a data policy on Persons Living with Disabilities.

3.6 BodaBoda Operatives

Olkeri Ward has at least four hundred (400) active bodaboda riders. These are young men who operate these motorcycles face many challenges in their day to day activities.

My Plan

Once elected, these are part of the initiatives that I shall come up with to offer solutions:

1. I shall facilitate the registration of all the bodaboda riders to SACCOs per requirements. These SACCOs will also be used to negotiate for cheaper services such as medical covers and training fees.
2. I shall facilitate the training of the riders on proper road use.
3. I shall oversight the County Government projects such as roads to ensure that the design and construction of these roads take into account bodaboda riders.

3.7. Business Community

Leadership is also about galvanising the people and giving them the ability to be part of solutions.



My Plan

I shall coalesce the businesspeople in the Ward, facilitate the registration of their associations to allow them to agitate for issues that affect them.

PILLAR FOUR – DEVELOPMENT

There is a wide scope of infrastructural development undertaken by the County Government. Members of The County Assembly Members have no Constitutional role in Development. They do oversight though. Counties have also developed Ward Development Funds under the patronage of Members of County Assembly.

My Plan

Once elected, I shall advocate for development in particular key areas:

1. Water and Sanitation

Even though Kajiado North has a much higher number of people with access to improved water and sanitation, there is still a need to improve and address perennial water and sanitation-related issues. This can be achieved through the streamlining of community water projects, training employees on management and ensuring that the by-laws are adhered to.

I shall also interrogate the status of the stalled Kiserian Sewerage Project that was commissioned years back.

2. Completion of Stalled Projects

I shall purpose to ensure that all pending projects in the Ward are completed. These include the Eno Matasiani Market and Social-hall and the Ole Kasasi ECD. Seeing as that Olkeri Ward is one of the few in the area without a public stadium, I shall also be keen on agitating for the completion of the Ngong Stadium.

3. Agitation for Various Projects

I shall also agitate for the construction of the Kiserian Hospital, possibly a tannery that would add value to the skin and hide produced in the Kiserian abattoir, maintenance of street lights as well as the establishment of a Muslim abattoir and cemetery.



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