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Report of the Public Urban Engagement Forum held on 9th January, 2024 at the Gilgil Hospital Ground.

Objective

The Engagement Forum was convened by Board through a notice dated 3rd January, 2024 with Objective of assessing the Urban Development Priorities of the Municipality and explaining further the role of the Board to stakeholders. The other Agenda was affordable Housing through the office of the Governor. The Forum was attended by the Governor.

Deliberations

After introducing the members of the Board, the Manager highlighted the agenda for the fora and encouraged those who wish to participate to do so through their registered groups. He also reminded the fora to stick to the agenda.

1. Daniel Kimani- representing Realtors

He noted that the Board needs to take charge of Development approvals and ensure that constructions within the municipality are done in accordance with the approved plans.

He also noted that plans take too long to approved and residents tend to proceed with their constructions without approvals. He therefore requested that this should be addressed.

He thanked the Governor for constituting the Board and empowering it by allocating resources through the County Budget and donor funding such as KUSP II. He however requested the Governor to ensure that the Board is autonomous as stipulated for in the law.

Mungai wa Njoroge- representing Residents Associations

He noted that proper zoning needs to be ensured by the Board to avert mushrooming of slums across the Municipality. He thanked the Governor for ensuring that affordable



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Housing is implemented in Gilgil Municipality. He also reminded the Board to constitute a citizen fora as per the Act.

He further noted that the Municipality is surrounded by ranches, limiting space for growth and expansion. He requested the Board to be proactive in ensuring that the ranchers donate spaces for Public utilities.

Chairman Remarks

The Chairman noted that the purpose of the meeting is to ensure that stakeholders are involved in the affairs of the Municipality. He further noted that at all stages, the Board will routinely involve stakeholders in its affairs. He thanked all the participants and encouraged them to continue pursuing dialogue as they give the Municipality Board an opportunity to deliver services as delegated by the executive. He thanked the Governor for honouring the invite.

Governor's Remarks

During a public participation meeting at the hospital grounds, she thanked residents for endorsed the construction of 2,000 affordable housing units saying it will be a game changer in Gilgil Municipality and provide jobs for hundreds of youths. Governor Kihika underscored the benefits of the housing program and urged residents to support in the growing Gilgil Municipality.

Governor Kihika said the Affordable Housing project will be constructed alongside a new structure to upgrade Gilgil Hospital to a Level 5 Hospital in addition to construction of a Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC).

Residents who spoke during the meeting urged employment of local youths during the construction of the houses and the KMTC. They also urged Governor Kihika to tarmack roads around the facility.

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