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## **INCLUSIVITY, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

Office of the County Chief Officer - Public Participation, Citizen Engagement and Customer Service

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### **PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON THE PROPOSED NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE BILL OF 2024.**

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The Nairobi City County Government proposes to have in place an Animal Control and Welfare Bill with the intention to put in place guidelines for welfare and control of animals within Nairobi City County and in so doing protect residents from physical, medical, psychological and environmental harm as they relate with animals.

In addition, animals' welfare will also be protected by measures in this Bill from harm posed by human activities and lifestyles within the County cognizant of the high population density in the City.

Pursuant to Article 10 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 115 (1) of the County Government Act 2012 and Section 6 (a) iv of the Nairobi City County Public Participation Act 2016, that provides for Public involvement and engagement in making decisions affecting them, the County Executive organized a public participation forum on the proposed Animal Control and Welfare Bill 2024. It invited interested members of the public and interested stakeholders to the public participation forum which was held on Friday, **2nd of August 2024** at Charter hall from **noon till 3PM**.

This initial feedback to participants and residents of County should help citizens to follow through with the proposal.

#### **THE INVITED PARTICIPANTS**

i. Animal Welfare institutions. ii. Livestock Farmers. iii. Dog and Cat owners. iv. Resident Association v. Education Department. vi. Dog breeders vii. Security Firms viii. Animal Health and Vaccine manufacturers ix. Interested members of the public x. Animal trainer's xi. 4th Estate(Media) xii. Jockey Club –Kenya. xiii. Livestock Traders. xiv. Livestock Transporters. xv. Special Interest groups. xvi. Private Sector Representatives. xvii. Development Partners. xviii. Political and Religious Leaders. xix. Research and Academia.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To inform and sensitize the stakeholders about the Animal Control and Welfare Bill.
2. To get stakeholders responses and inputs for the Animal Control and Welfare Bill.
3. To prepare the stakeholders on what is expected on the commencement of the Animal Control and Welfare Act once it is enacted.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS REPORT

### i. ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

|                                 | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL | BELOW 35 | ABOVE 35 | PWD |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|-------|----------|----------|-----|
| 1. Total number of participants | 66   | 79     | 145   | 39       | 106      | 0   |

## SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDERS VIEWS AND GOVERNMENT'S TAKE

| PARTICIPANTS VIEWS AND QUESTIONS   | GOVERNMENT'S TAKE  |
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| Participants questioned why the document was not well organized with objectives coming in the latter pages and not in the formative pages  | That's a reasonable observation and the redone bill will certainly be more well-organized.   |
| Participants asked to be shown minutes and record of earlier stakeholder engagement in drafting the zero draft since not a single stakeholder present confirmed to be present during such meetings.  | Records will be scrutinized and once there is clarity of occurrence or nonoccurrence of said meeting/s we shall in the shortest time possible and not more than a month revert to participants   |
| Stakeholders requested that definition of words and terms used in the document be improved to meet prevailing usage and understanding  | The said definitions shall be reconsidered and amended as used in other legislations   |
| One stakeholder wondered why the government was quick on control rather than a focus on welfare of animals. Raising the idea that government was on control as a means to raise more taxes. A proposal was thus given to have the bill be amended to read "Animal Welfare and Control Bill or Animal Welfare and Management Bill". | This was taken note of. Indeed, a society is judged too on how it treats animals, renaming the bill to focus initially on animal welfare strikes a responsive chord and the new bill will deliberately consider this proposal on name. The constitution in schedule four enumerating functions of devolved governments uses the word control, so really it is not a bad word. Control is always necessary in any society cognizant of persons who in enjoyment of their rights go so far as to infringe on the rights of others. |
| Participants complained about the disparities between the contents of the bill shared online and the hard copies given at the Charter hall participation forum   | The promoter of the bill apologized for that mistake and thanked the participants for accepting that it was an innocent mistake and the one shared online was in fact the correct one which the participants used for deliberations.   |

The promoter of the Bill promised to as best as humanly possible to avoid those occurrences.

The County government admits from the peaceful and candid engagements held during the public participation forum, that there is need to start afresh since there was inadequate stakeholders' engagement at the configuration of the initial draft. A notice shall be issued to invite all stakeholders for a meeting to redraft the Bill that will give preference to animal welfare including management and control of the same as stated in our constitution. The County Government and stakeholders will deliberate on all non-contentious issues in the bill to seek concurrence and consensus with the existing national and international legislations.

Please learn about the 6 Boroughs Service Centers, coming soon after your endorsement in the public participation held last year.

| Borough          | Sub County   |
|------------------|--|
| 1. Western       | 1. Westlands 2. Dagoretti North 3. Dagoretti South     |
| 2. Southern      | 1. Lang'ata 2. Kibra                                   |
| 3. Central       | 1. Starehe 2. Kamukunji 3. Mathare                     |
| 4. Eastern       | 1. Embakasi North 2. Embakasi West 3. Embakasi Central |
| 5. South Eastern | 1. Embakasi South 2. Embakasi East 3. Makadara         |
| 6. Northern      | 1. Ruaraka 2. Roysambu 3. Kasarani                     |

**DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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