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Dear Sir,

MEMORANDUM ON NAIROBI CITY COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CIDP) 2018 - 2022

We the undersigned in our capacity as representatives of Kangemi market traders' associations wish to bring to your attention our submissions on the draft County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022

Introduction

Kangemi market is one of the main city market in Nairobi located in Westlands sub county. Kangemi market accommodate over 1000 active tax payers to Nairobi city county.

Objective of memorandum

During the county public consultation held on 30th August 2017, traders in the aforementioned market participated and provided views on trade sector priorities to for consideration in the CIDP 2018-2022. However, the draft CIDP does not reflect priorities highlighted by Kangemi market traders. It is in this regard that we raise our priority concerns for consideration in the Nairobi City County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018 -2022.

The following are key priority areas for Kangemi traders

Whereas the Traders appreciate efforts by the county to construct both wholesale and retail markets in the county towards reduction of unemployment, the same remains inadequate in terms of effective service delivery and social development by the county that in turn remain a key hindrance for traders in Kangemi market.

The following are key priority areas for consideration in the CIDP 2018-2022:

Sub-sector priorities:

1. Environment, energy, water and sanitation

- i. There is need to designate and manage garbage collection sites/points and provide a schedule to collect garbage within the markets preferably twice a week. Further disclose of garbage collection responsible teams is required provision of litterbins within market

- ii. There is need to repair and construct the Kangemi market drainage systems. The operations within the market remain hampered during rainy seasons due to flooding of traders' operational areas.
- iii. The county should increase the number of public toilet in markets.
- iv. Adequate water supply points in the markets should also be installed in a bid to address sanitation concerns.

Trade

- i. The county Government of Nairobi should consider negotiating for inter-county regulations for small business operations to redress extortion of traders who transport their goods from other counties to destination Nairobi. Traders are forced to pay taxes in all county stop overs which lead to loses at the close of business.
- ii. The county should provide their officers with identification cards which will help in dealing with extortion and imposters who disguise as county officers. The identification cards should detail: designation and photograph of the holder and location/area of operation.
- iii. We request that prior to any form of market demolition, the county should provide notices to owners that will allow all adequate preparations to vacate or take necessary measures and precautions.
- iv. Business information center for market traders should be prioritised by the county government of Nairobi to allow for establishment of easy of trade as well as markets to the small scale traders.
- v. The county should increase number of Market Shades.
- vi. Installation of floodlight for security purpose within Kangemi market. This will allow for security of especially women and ample opportunity for trading into late hour by traders who as of now are forced to close up their businesses early for fear of their security.
- vii. The county under trade sub-sector should prioritize tarmacking of pathways within the Kangemi market. During rainy seasons pathways into the market remain impassible hindering effective business for traders located inside the markets.
- viii. The county should in the CIDP 2018-2022 prioritize on standby firefighter around Kangemi market. This will help combat fire incidences that have from time to time erased the market leaving the small scale traders with no means of survival.

Conclusion

Nairobi County Integrated Development Plan 2018 draft largely fails to recognize Kangemi market trader's priorities. This in essence means that traders in the market will negatively be affected in the next five years. Noting the significant concerns surrounding the traders and the market, it is imperative that the county consider strategizing on addressing the issues raised above in the County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022

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