



To;
The Director of Criminal Investigations
P.O. Box 30036 - 00100,
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The Chairman
Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission
Box 45371 - 00100,
Nairobi.

The Chairman
Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
P.O. Box 61130 - 00200,
Nairobi

Dear Sir,

RE: DESIGNATION OF ELECTION CANDIDATES

The Notable National Youth Leaders Caucus is a multi-sectorial constellation of national youth leaders made up of luminaries from political parties, youth serving civil society, student leadership, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, CBOs and notable youth leaders drawn from diverse sectors of human interest. NNYLC acknowledges and honors those who heroically struggled to bring freedom and justice to our land in the first and second liberation and remain committed to the recognition of the aspirations of all Kenyans for a government based on the essential values of human rights, equality, freedom, democracy, social justice and the rule of law, to this and to our future generations.

Premised on this we wish to state as follows;

1. That the Kenyan youth are disillusioned, dissatisfied and disenchanted by the political trajectory of the country that is a flagrant antithesis to our national values as envisaged in Article 10 of the Constitution; the Principles of leadership and integrity under Chapter Six of the Constitution; the Principles of Public finance in Article 232 and qualifications for election, moral and ethical requirements referred to under Articles 99 (1) (b) and 193(1)(b) of the Constitution. Other subsidiary legislations include the Public Finance Management Act 2012, Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2011, the Leadership and Integrity Act 2012, the Elections Act, 2011 and the Public Procurement and Disposal Act 2015.
2. That the Constitution read together with other legislative pieces presupposes that occupancy to public office will be on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability. Concisely,

those seeking public office must therefore pass the leadership and integrity test, behave in a manner that brings honor and dignity to the office both in public and private, and promote public confidence. Caesar's wife must be above suspicion.

3. That in the wisdom of the drafters of our constitution having predicted the conundrum in implementation of the aforementioned specifically touching on elections, gave vetting and clearance powers to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI)
4. That we have observed that some with unparalleled mastery in con artistry, scammers, fraudsters drug dealers, murderers, snake oil salesmen and social misfits have mutated to political aspirants with a clear chance to public office in the coming election. That if something is not done then the ballot paper will look like a criminal charge sheet complete with mugshots.
5. That those who have previously held public office and propagated incorrigible corruption and impunity, abused the public offices that they occupied bringing disrepute, ignominy and opprobrium have too declared interest in the upcoming elections. Sadly, the list also includes those who have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution.
6. That the Constitution bars any person of unsound mind from contesting for any political seat yet we have seen characters with avowed mental challenges presenting themselves for consideration.
7. That we have seen individuals with shadowy academic history falling short of the basic minimum and others with fake academic papers also seeking public office through the upcoming elections. A country that rewards mediocrity rather than merit is doomed.
8. That premised on this, NNYLC calls upon primary vetting agencies namely the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to bar such candidates.
9. That this is our generational call, we owe this to our founding fathers and future generations. We must be steadfast in protecting and safeguarding the democratic and governance gains achieved least we surrender our country to the mafia to run.
10. That we trust you shall stand to be counted.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed

Alex Matere

National Convener.

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Media Houses.

Embassies and High Commissions.