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**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING ON THE VETTING OF THE
NOMINEES TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER OF THE COUNTY
RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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1. PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban planning, and pursuant to Standing Order 201 (5) (f), I am pleased to report on the findings of the committee on the vetting of the nominees for the appointment of Chairperson and Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

This is one of the sectoral committees established under the Standing Orders 201(5f) and the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders which provides that the Sectoral Committees, of which the Committee on Urban Planning, Land and Housing falls, shall *inter alia*, vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve.

1.1 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning as currently constituted comprises of the following Honourable Members: -

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| 1. Hon. Dennis Busienei | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Joseah Samoei | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ann Chepkemai | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Victor Rop | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Benard Langat | - Member |
| 6. Hon. Charles Langat | - Member |
| 7. Hon. Emily Cheruiyot | - Member |

1.2 Committee's Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning derives its mandate from provisions of Standing Order 201(5)(f) which defines functions of the Committee as being:

- a) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;
- b) To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;
- c) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
- d) To study, assess and analyze the relative success of the ministries and departments measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as may be deemed necessary, and as may be referred to it by the House or a minister;
- f) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 187 (Committee on appointments); and
- g) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Mr. Speaker,

The County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee is provided for in Section 34, 35 and 36 of the Affordable Housing Act which deals with the establishment of the Committee, the qualification and criteria for appointment as well as the tenure of the Committee.

1.3 Acknowledgements

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee registers its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk and the committee secretariat for the logistical support extended during the vetting process.

As the chairperson, I also take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their patience, sacrifice, endurance and commitment to serve the public under tight schedules which enabled us to complete the task within the stipulated period. Finally, the committee thanks the nominees for their cooperation during the vetting process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Upon receiving the names of the nominee to the position for the appointment of Chairperson and Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee on 8th April 2025, the Committee resolved to have a meeting on the 9th April 2025 to deliberate on the procedure for the vetting exercise.

The Committee complied with the Constitutional and legal requirements and established procedures for vetting. Notification inviting the public to submit memoranda were placed in the mainstream print media, in tandem with the law.

The Committee in the meeting of Thursday 9th April, 2025 resolved to invite the nominees for the appointment of Chairperson and Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee, on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 for approval hearings at the County Assembly's Mini Chamber.

The nominees were required to bring along the originals of their national identity card, academic and professional certificates and other relevant documents and testimonials. In addition, the nominees were required to avail certificates of compliance from:

1. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
2. The Kenya Revenue Authority;
3. The Higher Education Loans Board;
4. The Criminal Investigation Department; and
5. Any of the Credit Reference Bureaus.

On Friday, 11th April, 2025, the nominees were instructed to collect the vetting questionnaire from the office of the Clerk, County Assembly of Bomet. They were required to complete, sign, and return it by Thursday, 17th April, 2025. Notably, all nominees adhered to these instructions.

Additionally, the committee, in accordance with Article 196 of the Constitution and Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No 5 of 2017, issued a public invitation for attendance at the approval hearings. Members of the public were encouraged to submit written memoranda under oath contesting the suitability of any nominee for the positions they were nominated to serve.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee made several findings on the nominees during the vetting exercise. These findings guided the Committee in making its final recommendation. The Committee's final recommendation was based on the information provided by the nominees during the vetting exercise. These recommendations were agreed upon by the majority of Committee Members during the adoption of the Report on Tuesday 29th April 2025.

Mr. Speaker,

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, and pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Schedule to the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, Section 34 of the Affordable Housing Act and Standing Order no. 201(5) (f), it is my pleasant duty to table the Report of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning on the nomination of the following individuals;

1. Mrs. Grace Rop
2. Mr. Kiptoo Josephat Sigei

for the appointment of Chairperson and Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee respectively, for debate, further consideration and subsequent adoption by the County Assembly.

SIGNED..... DATE.....

HON. DENIS BUSIENEI

CHAIRPERSON

1.4 Ownership of the Report

We, the members of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning do append our signatures against our names in this report to affirm the correctness of the contents and support for the report.

No.	Name	Position	Signature
1.	Hon. Denis Busienei	Chairperson	
2.	Hon. Joseah Samoei	Vice Chairperson	
3.	Hon. Ann Chepkemoi	Member	
4.	Hon. Victor Rop	Member	
5.	Hon. Benard Langat	Member	
6.	Hon. Charles Langat	Member	
7.	Hon. Emily Cheruiyot	Member	

Dated this 29th day of April 2025

2. BACKGROUND

The Affordable Housing Act of Kenya, enacted to address the pressing need for accessible housing across the nation, establishes a crucial framework for the establishment and operation of County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committees. The committee, integral to the Act's implementation, serves as localized entities tasked with overseeing and facilitating affordable housing initiatives within each county.

Section 34 of the Act delineates the organizational structure of these committees, emphasizing inclusivity and representation. Each committee comprises a diverse array of members, including a non-executive chairperson appointed by the county governor, the County Executive Committee member responsible for housing matters or their representative, and three additional members nominated by the county governor. These additional members are drawn from distinct sectors, ensuring a multifaceted perspective on housing issues within the county. Furthermore, the chief officer in charge of housing serves as both an ex-officio member and the committee's secretary, providing administrative continuity and expertise.

To guarantee the integrity and effectiveness of the committee, stringent vetting procedures are outlined in Section 34. Nominees for key positions, such as the chairperson and the other nominees by the Governor, undergo thorough scrutiny and approval by the county assembly. Moreover, the county governor is directed to prioritize gender diversity, ethnic minority representation, and the inclusion of marginalized groups in the committee's composition, thereby fostering broad-based engagement and equitable decision-making.

Prompt establishment of these committees is paramount to the timely execution of the Act's objectives. Section 34 stipulates that appointments to the committee must be finalized within thirty days of the Act's commencement, ensuring expeditious action and the rapid mobilization of resources toward affordable housing initiatives.

Section 35 further solidifies the competency and integrity of committee members by establishing rigorous qualification criteria. The chairperson and members are required to possess a

degree from a recognized Kenyan university, along with extensive experience in housing, built environment, banking, or finance. Similarly, members must adhere to stringent standards, including compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution and a clean legal record free from criminal convictions or financial insolvency.

Section 36 delineates the tenure of office for committee members, outlining grounds for removal and ensuring accountability throughout their term. This includes provisions for term limits, conditions for reappointment, and criteria for removal, such as repeated absences, ethical violations, or incapacity to fulfill duties.

2.1 Issues for consideration in conducting the Approval hearing

In conducting the Approval hearing, the Committee was guided by **Article 73 (2) (a) (b)(c) and (e) of the Constitution**, and the provisions of **Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017**.

2.2 Notification

On 8th April 2025, the Speaker communicated that through a letter dated 14th March, 2025 and pursuant to section 34 of the Affordable Housing Act, H.E Prof. Hillary Barchok notified the County Assembly of the nomination of two persons to serve as Chairperson and Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee,

S/No.	NOMINEE	ID NO.	CATEGORY
1.	Mrs. Grace Rop	10988908	Chairperson
2.	Mr. Kiptoo Josephat Sigei	10988905	Residential Association

The curriculum vitae and certificates of the nominees were also thereafter forwarded to the Committee to conduct approval hearings.

2.3 Notification to the nominees

On 11th April, 2025 the Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act (No. 5 of 2017), notified the nominees of the time and place for holding the approval hearing through an advert in the newspaper.

2.4 Notification to the public

Further pursuant to **Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017**, which provides that “any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”.

In the same advert of the of the 23rd April 2024, the Committee, placed notifications informing the general public of the intention of the Assembly to conduct an approval hearing, as provided for by **Article 118 (1) (a)(b) and (2) of the Constitution** and **Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011**, which allow public participation in Committee proceedings. The notification further gave provision for the submission of memoranda to the office of the Clerk on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee, by Thursday, 17th April, 2025, at 5.00pm.

2.5 Committee meetings

The Committee held a total of three meetings and during a meeting held on 23rd April, 2025 at the County Assembly Mini Chambers, the committee conducted vetting exercise.

2.6 Submission of memoranda

By close of business Thursday, 17th April, 2025 no memorandum on the suitability or otherwise of either of the two nominees had been submitted to the Office of the Clerk.

2.7 The Vetting Process

The committee allocated each candidate a maximum of one hour for vetting. In conducting the vetting exercise, the Committee was guided by, among other documents, the Constitution, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee examined the nominee using the guidelines provided for in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011. The Committee also followed the following criteria in vetting the nominees: -

- a) Academic qualifications
- b) Employment record and work experience
- c) Professional association
- d) Public office, political activities and affiliations
- e) Potential conflict of interest
- f) Suitability to the position
- g) Integrity

The Nominees were also evaluated on the following areas;

- a) Technical knowledge particularly in respect to the mandate of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.
- b) General appreciation of the Constitution and the current status of housing in Kenya.
- c) Personal Presentation by the candidate.
- d) General knowledge on public affairs.
- e) An appreciation of general knowledge and current affairs.

2.8 VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER OF THE COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

2.8.1 VETTING OF MRS. GRACE ROP

During its sittings held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at County Assembly's Mini Chamber, the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning vetted Mrs Grace Rop, the nominee for the position of the chairperson of the County Urban Rural Affordable Housing Committee.

Mrs Grace Rop appeared before the Committee at 10.00 am and was vetted under oath. The Committee noted the following:

Date and Place of Birth

The nominee is a female Kenyan born in 1970 in Bomet County. The nominee currently resides in Tarakwa village located in Mutarakwa Ward, Bomet-Central Sub-County. The nominee further confirmed that she is a Kenyan citizen, holder of I.D No. 10988908, and did not hold any other citizenship. She submitted all her original academic certificates as well as documents required from statutory bodies for verification.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

The nominee is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Business Administration at Kabarak University, holds a Master of Business Administration (Strategic Management Option) from Catholic University of Eastern Africa, a Master's Arts in Christian Studies, Bachelor's Degree in Business Management (Enterprise Management) from University of Kabianga and Diploma in Business Management from Kenya Institute of Management (KIM). She attended Kitale Girls High School for her secondary education and Uasin Gishu Primary School for her primary school education.

Employment Record

The nominee has a diverse background in Public Service. She has worked in various capacities, including as a Tutorial Fellow at Kabianga and Bomet University College, where she implemented the college curriculum for the School of Business in 2019-2020 in the latter.

Prior to that, Mrs. Rop served as the Acting Deputy Director of Gender, Children, and Social Protection at the Bomet County Government from 2016-2017. In this role, she was instrumental in policy formulation, interpretation, advisory guidance, and planning all departmental programs at the county level.

Before her role as the Acting Deputy Director, Mrs. Rop held the position of Bomet Town Administrator in 2015-2016. During her tenure, she oversaw the affairs of the town, demonstrating her ability to manage and coordinate public duties effectively.

Roles of the Affordable Housing Committee

The nominee stated that some of the roles expected of her include advising the Governor on affordable housing programmes within the County, developing a framework for attainment of affordable housing programme and developing a five- year affordable housing investment programme for the County.

Relevant skills gained

The nominee stated that as a Town administrator and Director Lands and Urban Planning in Bomet County, in this capacity, she provided support to the director and other managerial staff, which demonstrated her collaborative and team-oriented approach to work.

Benefits of Affordable Housing to the People of Bomet

The nominee stated that housing in Bomet is expensive and affordable housing programme will help the residents have affordable housing and will also be of great benefit to the University students as they will get cheap houses.

Observations

The committee noted that Mrs. Grace Rop has a wealth of experience in various roles, demonstrating a strong background in both academic and practical settings. From her tenure as a Tutorial Fellow at Bomet University College, where she implemented the college curriculum for the School of Business, to her leadership as the Acting Deputy Director of Gender, Children, and Social Protection at the Bomet County Government, she has consistently shown a dedication to policy formulation, interpretation, and advisory guidance.

It was observed that her experience as the Bomet Town Administrator further underscores her ability to oversee complex operations and manage diverse responsibilities. As an Assistant Director in Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, she provided invaluable support to senior staff, showcasing her capacity to work collaboratively and effectively within a team. Mrs. Rop's extensive experience and dedication to public service make her a valuable asset to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Furthermore, it was noted that she aptly demonstrated her skills in conflict resolution through negotiation and engaging with either party to ensure mutual understanding.

It was also noted that she possesses strong academic credentials, including a Master's Degree in Strategic Management. This, combined with her skills and experience, will be instrumental in aiding the committee in implementing the Affordable Housing Programme.

Additionally, Mrs. Rop's experience is vital in representing residential associations, ensuring that their perspectives and needs are effectively communicated and addressed within the Affordable Housing Committee's mandate. Her ability to navigate complex policy issues and engage with diverse stakeholders will be instrumental in advocating for the interests of residential associations and contributing significantly to the committee's objectives.

On Leadership and Integrity as per Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the committee noted that the nominee satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six having obtained clearances from the KRA, HELB, CRB, DCI and submitted a copy of a sworn self-declaration form from EACC as required under the Leadership and Integrity Act.

The committee found Mrs. Grace Rop **suitable** for appointment as the Chairperson of the Bomet County Rural, Urban and Affordable Housing Committee to represent the Residential Associations.

2.8.2 VETTING OF MR. KIPTOO JOSEPHAT SIGEI

On Wednesday, 23rd April 2025, the Committee on Lands, Housing, and Urban Planning convened at the County Assembly Mini Chambers to vet Mr. Josephat Kiptoo Sigai, the nominee for the position of Member of the County Urban and Rural Affordable Housing Committee.

Mr. Sigai appeared before the Committee at 12:00 noon and was vetted under oath. The Committee made the following observations:

Personal Details

Mr. Joseph Kiptoo Sigai is a male Kenyan citizen, born in 1970 in Raiya Village, Bomet County. He resides in the same locality and hails from Township Ward, Bomet Central Sub-County. He confirmed his Kenyan citizenship by birth and provided his national identification number (ID No. 10988905).

Mr. Sigei affirmed that he does not hold dual citizenship. He availed all original academic certificates and relevant documents from statutory bodies for verification by the Committee.

Academic and Professional Qualifications

Mr. Sigei commenced his formal education at Kamwingi Primary School, where he studied from 1975 to 1985. He subsequently pursued his secondary education at Kericho Day and Londiani Secondary Schools between 1987 and 1989, culminating in his A-Level certification.

Employment History

For the past three decades, Mr. Sigei has been engaged in business within Bomet Town. Additionally, he has served as the Chairperson of the Board of Management at Raiya Primary School and as a member of the Board of Management at Bomet Primary School. His roles in these institutions have equipped him with substantial experience in overseeing building and construction projects, teamwork, and fostering collegiality — competencies he intends to utilize effectively if appointed to the position.

Relevant Experience

Mr. Sigei demonstrated a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities associated with the County Urban and Rural Affordable Housing Committee. When questioned by the Committee, he exhibited a high level of clarity and comprehension regarding the expectations and tasks of the role.

His direct involvement in the management of school projects, particularly in the construction of infrastructure, has endowed him with practical experience that positions him well to discharge his duties successfully if approved.

Moreover, Mr. Sigei possesses strong interpersonal and communication skills, attributes he has cultivated through his extensive entrepreneurial engagements. He emphasized the importance of community involvement in decision-making processes, particularly in matters relating to affordable housing. He articulated a vision where sensitizing the community would encourage greater uptake of affordable housing opportunities, thereby improving living standards across the county.

Observations

The Committee observed that Mr. Josephat Kiptoo Sigei demonstrated a commendable understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of a member of the County Urban and Rural Affordable Housing Committee. His long-standing engagement in community-based roles, notably as Chairperson and Member of various Boards of Management in local schools, reflects his commitment to public service and local development.

His involvement in the supervision of school infrastructure projects has equipped him with practical experience in construction oversight and project management — skills directly relevant to the implementation of affordable housing initiatives. The Committee further noted that his leadership in these community institutions showcases his ability to work collaboratively and foster a sense of ownership among stakeholders.

Additionally, Mr. Sigei displayed strong interpersonal and communication skills developed through years of entrepreneurial activity. His emphasis on community participation and awareness in the uptake of affordable housing demonstrates a people-centered approach aligned with the County's housing objectives.

The Committee also acknowledged that Mr. Sigei provided all required statutory clearances, including those from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Credit Reference Bureau (CRB), and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). He also submitted a duly sworn self-declaration form as required under Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity.

Based on the above, the Committee found Mr. Josephat Kiptoo Sigei **suitable** for appointment as a Member of the County Urban and Rural Affordable Housing Committee.

3 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

3.1 MRS. GRACE ROP AND MR. JOSEPHAT SIGEI

After meticulous consideration of the nominees' curriculum vitae and their verbal presentations during the vetting process, the Committee has formulated the subsequent observations:

1. **Academic and Professional Background:** Each nominee possesses the essential academic and professional qualifications required to effectively execute the responsibilities of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.
2. **Understanding of Roles:** While the two nominees exhibited a reasonably sound comprehension of the committee's functions, it was identified that a comprehensive induction program would be advantageous in acquainting them with the broader landscape governing land use and urban planning within the County.
3. **Passion for Service:** The nominees demonstrated admirable zeal for serving the County, with an expectation that such enthusiasm will be met with collaboration from the County Governments and other pertinent National Stakeholders engaged in Affordable Housing endeavors.
4. **Chairperson Nominee Evaluation:** The nominee demonstrated relevant leadership competencies having participated in public service activities in the past. Further, the nominee substantially met the requirements of section 35(1) as listed here below: -
 1. Possession of a degree from a recognized university in Kenya.
 2. Minimum five years' experience in housing matters.
 3. Residency in the county for no less than five years.
 4. Compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Based on these findings, the Committee deems the following nominees **suitable** for appointment to the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee: -

1. **Mr. Kiptoo Josephat Sigei as member; and**
2. **Mrs Grace Rop as the Chairperson.**