Women brace themselves for 2013

THE BEGINNING IS HERE

County Leadership

Wanjiku Mwangi- Women Representative Nairobi County

"New Constitution, New Mandates, New Leadership". Vision- Socio-economic security for every person who lives and lor works in Nairobi!

INTRODUCTION- WHO IS WAN-JIKU MWANGI

Born in Nairobi 35 years ago and lived here for the greater part of my life, I am standing up to the task of leading residents and visitors of Nairobi- both male and female-as the Women Representative.

I laud the people of Kenya for passing the new constitution which has provided a very enabling environment for women leaders to emerge and contend for various leadership positions at national and county levels.

I am a teacher by profession - trained at the Maseno University B. Ed Special Education & later at the Erasmus University's Institute for Social Studies in The Hague for post graduate qualifications in Socio-economic Security. Am a development worker by occupation and being a family woman myself, I have worked with families in Nairobi and beyond, addressing the plight of orphaned and abandoned children, promoting family based care and strengthening their families so that they are not abandoned. I am passionate about keeping children safe and worked tirelessly to ensure that children have a way of airing their concerns through the establishment of Childline Kenya. I believe that in order to improve our lot in life, each and every one of us and our children who shall come after us, it is our collective responsibility to develop a legacy of which we all shall be proud. A legacy of an environment that

is conducive for learning and working, a legacy of safety and security, a legacy of harmony in diversity... in short, a legacy of systems and structures that work to support livelihoods in the capital city, and the whole country.

It is upon this belief that I stand to be elected into this new mandate of Women Representative for Nairobi County. I represent new leadership with fresh ideas to see our lovely city make that leap forward towards being a world class city. My pledge is to work with other elected leaders from the various constituencies in Nairobi towards our common purpose.

What I would do for Nairobi County

Top on the agenda is Service Delivery. Nairobi as the capital City of Kenya is one place where many people come to for various services. I promise to work towards making service to the Mwananchi very efficient, timely and relevant. Common services that the citizen seeks on a day to day basis such as garbage collection, health services, education must be accessible and of acceptable quality.

Transportation and mobility in the city is another key area that needs to be addressed. It is estimated that Kshs. 30 Billion in lost productivity is what Nairobi faces each year as a result of traffic Jams. I believe a woman's creativity at legislative level is needed to complement the already existing efforts to address this challenge. This is an area that I have my sights on!

Trade, commerce and business forms the backbone of Nairobi's economy as such, It is in my plans to deliver a conducive business environment in Nairobi County, one which also keeps track of all revenue that passes through the county for purposes of due declaration. As counties are tasked to raise revenue for their



development in addition to the share that they will get from the 15% national budget. As women representative, I will work closely with the county government to assure revenue for development is raised and secured.

As the nation's Capital, Nairobi is a melting pot for various cultures and creeds. Peoples from within the country and even from without have made Nairobi their home. The need for cohesion & peaceful coexistence cannot then be overemphasized. It is for this reason that I have narrowed down to deliberately promoting the different cultures and traditions that are represented in our glorious nation and beyond as a main activity. Through this, artistic expression such as poetry, drama and dance shall also find relevance and thus increase the range of choice for occupation for our population.

Closely related to this is the issue of Security, which is of paramount importance and must be assured for all by the government. Security of the people of a country comes first before socio-economic security can be achieved within that country. I will ensure that security is an agenda item for all meetings in order to keep the matter current and by so doing, work towards its realization for all the residents and visitors of Nairobi.

Aspiring MP for Makadara (UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY)



Primary School : Our Lady Of Mercy Primary School (South B) Secondary School : Loreto Convent Msongari (Lavington) BComm from Delhi University, India MBA from Sheffield University, UK Elected treasurer for URP Nairobi County.

OBJECTIVES:

To serve the citizens of Makadara in an ethical and transparent manner, for the development of the region both socially and economically. I believe in implementation of long term solutions to the problems in Makadara. The high level of unemployment is a major concern and therefore, I believe in teaching self reliance which in turn will assist in stabilizing the family structure in Makadara.

AND IF ELECTED:

I bring accountability and transparency to the table. Focus will be made on proper sanitation, employment and education. I shall create a conducive and trust worthy environment for increased international and local investment, thus generating employment opportunities for our



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people. I shall also address the dilapidated infrastructure upon which the industries rely on for the economic development of the region and the industries as a whole. I will focus on the uncompleted CDF projects in the region and trace and completely account for missing CDF funds. I will reduce badly implemented CDF projects for the benefit of Makadara. If elected, I will work towards achieving the goals set in the principles and pillars of vision 2030. Join Sonia in changing the face of Makadara.

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Aspiring Women Representative For Machakos County

"Wasya wa mundumuka wa masaku"

ERADICATING POVERTY IN MACHAKOS COUNTY BY EMPOWERING WOMEN.

Women have continued to contribute enormously towards national development and with effective articulation of issues affecting them, much can be achieved.

Given the support and well-structured systems, women have demonstrated that they can highly contribute to general growth of a nation owing to the fact that they are the pillars of the society.

As an Aspirant for the Machakos County
Women Representative's position in the forthcoming General Elections, I must hail our country's
New Constitution as being supportive of women in particular by giving them, opportunities to vie for leadership positions on an unprecedented scale.
This has given women big voice in the society.

Together we will eradicate poverty

Given the opportunity in Machakos County, I will work in tandem with Machakos women and by extension their families to reach our key goal of eradicating poverty and improving the quality of lives in Machakos. This is my key objective since poverty is a recurring problem in Machakos with the burden being borne by the women.

We will be guided by a strategic plan which will highly focus on:

- Water problem has for long been a thorny issue in Machakos County. This problem is solely borne by women who travel many kilometres searching for it. Together with the communities, we will ensure that water is available by digging boreholes and dams in every location. Women will therefore be able to engage in agricultural projects hence eradicating poverty.
- We will champion and advocate for women issues and create relationships that will enable them to access the resources that they require to enhance their economic activities.
- We will ensure that we work together in creating market for products from our women and youth groups as well. We will attain this by creating more marketing associations.
- We will ensure that women in Machakos
 County have access to funds and capital to start
 their own businesses. We will liaise with the
 Government and other key institutions to make
 this available.
- In tandem with Industries and the Govern-



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ment, we will ensure we set up incubation centres so that locals can have access to employment opportunities within the County.

 As a woman I will address the issues affecting the elderly in the county, the sick and degrading family values. Together with the necessary bodies we will address the issues affecting our girl child in Machakos County. Our girls have been neglected without assistance in getting higher education and employment opportunities.

I bring with me a lot of knowledge in leadership and development having worked with various women groups and initiated several development projects. I have the requisite skills of a leader and would like to offer myself to serve the people of Machakos County.

God bless you and remember that we can transform our lives by making the right choice!

Joyce Kamene, "The voice of women in Machakos County"

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