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**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA
SECOND ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

**REPORT ON THE VETTING OF VUMI NGALERI RINGO FOR
APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR TRADE, TOURISM, INDUSTRIALIZATION
AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

MCA	Member of County Assembly
CECM	County Executive Committee Member
MCRB	Metropoli Credit Reference Bureau
DCI	Director of Criminal Investigations
EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
KNEC	Kenya National Examination
K.C.P.E	Kenya Certificate of Primary Education
K.C.S.E	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education
MKU	Mt. Kenya University
ECDE	Early Childhood Development Education

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Committee Mandate

The Committee on Appointments is established pursuant to Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No.187 (4) which provides that, *the Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval by the County Assembly, appointments under Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, (County Executive Committee).*

1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee was constituted by the County Assembly of Taita Taveta on Tuesday, 11th October, 2018 comprising of the following Members: -

1. Hon. Maganga Meshack Maghanga, *EX-OFFICIO*, MCA, Chairperson
2. Hon. Harris Keke , MCA, Vice-Chairperson
3. Hon. Ronald Habel Sagurani, MCA, Member
4. Hon. Crispus M. MasagaTondoo, MCA, Member
5. Hon. Godwin Mwamodo Kilele, MCA, Member
6. Hon. Rose Zighe Shingira, MCA, Member
7. Hon. Constance Mwandawiro, MCA, Member
8. Hon. Omar Ahmed, MCA, Member
9. Hon. Abraham Juma, MCA, Member
10. Hon. Godfrey Mwambi, MCA, Member
11. Hon. Lilian Machocho, MCA, Member

1.3 Message from His Excellency the Governor

Pursuant to the fulfillment of the powers conferred to the Governor by the Constitution of Kenya Article 179(2)(b) and as read together with Sections 30 (2)(d) and 35(1) of the County Governments Act, 2012 , the Governor submitted the name of **VUMI NGALERI RINGO** vide letter dated 3rd July, 2020 and received on 14th July, 2020 to the County Assembly for the position of County Executive Committee Member, Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development

for vetting and approval in accordance with Section 4 of the Public Appointment (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

1.4 Committal to Committee on Appointments

Pursuant to Standing Order No.43 (1), the Honorable Speaker informed the House on 14th July, 2020 that he had received the notification of nomination. The notification of nomination was therefore referred to the Committee on Appointments on 14th July, 2020 for vetting and reporting to the County Assembly within 21 days in accordance with Section 9(1) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

1.5 Committee Meetings

The nominee appeared before the Committee on Monday, 28th July, 2020 and was vetted in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the County Governments Act, 2012 and the County Assembly of Taita Taveta Standing Orders on her suitability for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member, Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development. In total, the Committee held 3 sittings in consideration of this matter.

1.6 Acknowledgement

May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk to the County Assembly of Taita Taveta for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise. The Committee is also grateful to the media for their coverage of the proceedings of the Committee, thus enhancing accountability and transparency of the vetting exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Appointments and pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and the provisions of Standing Order No. 182 (6), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly, the Committee's report on the vetting of Vumi Ngaleri Ringo for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Member, Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development.

Report of the Committee on Appointments of the Second County Assembly of Taita Taveta on the Vetting of County Executive Committee Member, Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development, July, 2020

Thank you.

Signed 

Hon. Meshack M. Maghanga
Speaker of the County Assembly of Taita Taveta County
Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments

Date 4/08/2020

Hon. Harris Keke, **MCA**, Vice-Chairperson

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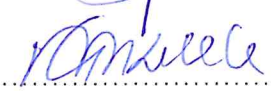
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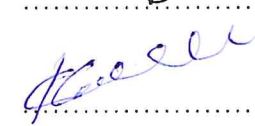
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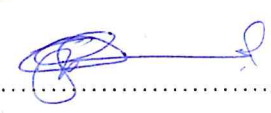
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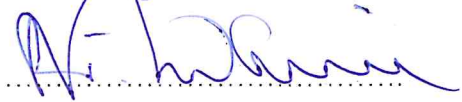
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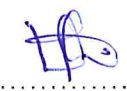
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2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Establishment of the Committee

The Committee on Appointments is established pursuant to Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No.187 (4) which provides that, *the Committee on Appointments shall consider, for approval by the County Assembly appointments under Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 (County Executive Committee)*. The Taita Taveta County Assembly Committee on Appointment was approved on Tuesday, 11th December 2018, afternoon Sitting (081), comprising of 11 Members.

2.2 Appointment Process of County Executive Committee Nominees

In accordance with the provisions of Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution, H.E. the Governor forwarded to the Speaker of the County Assembly, the nomination of VUMI NGALERI RINGO vide a letter dated 3rd July, 2020, for vetting by the Committee on Appointments and consideration for approval by the County Assembly for appointment as County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.43 (1), the Honorable Speaker informed the County Assembly on 14th July, 2020 that he had received the notification of the nomination and referred the same to the Committee on Appointments for vetting and reporting to the County Assembly within 21 days in accordance with Section 9(1) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

2.3 Notification to the Public

Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, provides that *“any person may, prior to the approval hearing and by a 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”*. The Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the Taita Taveta County Assembly website, facebook page and on WhatsApp group on Monday, 20th July, 2020 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (sworn affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Public

Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The submissions were to be received latest by Friday, 24th July 2020, latest by 5.00 p.m.

Pursuant to provisions of Article 196 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 7(5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No.43(3), the general public was also notified in the Taita Taveta County Assembly website, facebook page and on whatsapp group on 20th July, 2020 by the Clerk of the County Assembly of the intention of the Committee on Appointments to conduct the vetting and approval hearing of the nominee on Tuesday, 28th July, 2020.

2.4 Criteria for Vetting

Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, provides that; the issues for consideration by the relevant House in relation to any nomination shall be:-

- (a) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee;
- (b) any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and
- (c) the suitability of the nominee for appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's credentials, abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made.

Further, Section 7(12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, provides that a candidate may at any time, by notice in writing addressed to the Clerk withdraw from the approval process and the candidate's nomination shall thereupon lapse.

2.5 Submission of Memoranda

Pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act", 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 the candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated*", the Clerk of the County Assembly advertisement in the Taita Taveta County Assembly website, facebook page and on whatsapp group on 20th July, 2020, inviting interested members of the public to submit any representations by written statement on oath (sworn affidavit) , that they may have on the suitability

of the said nominee for appointment as County Executive Committee member for Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development by close of business on Friday, 24th July, 2020. The Committee did not receive any memorandum against the approval of the nominee.

3.0 VETTING OF THE NOMINEE

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Appointments examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, as set out in the First Schedule of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017: -

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject
- (vi) Overall suitability for the position
- (vii) Integrity
- (viii) Vision and leadership
- (ix) Expectations and key priorities

3.1 Vumi Ngaleri Ringo - County Executive Committee Member Nominee for Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development

Vumi Ngaleri Ringo appeared before the Committee on Tuesday, 28th July, 2020 at 10.20 a.m and was orally vetted pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017, and the Standing Orders of the County Assembly. The nominee presented as follows, both orally and in writing: -

3.1.1 Date and Place of Birth

She was born on 19th January, 1974 in Taveta Sub County, Taita Taveta County.

3.1.2 Academic and Professional Qualifications

She holds a Bachelor's degree (Education - Early Childhood option) from Mt. Kenya University (2013), a Diploma in Early Childhood Development and Education from Grapes ECDE College (2010) and a certificate in Education from Shanzu Teachers Training College (1998). She attended Mwasere Girls High School and obtained a certificate of Secondary education (1995) and obtained a certificate of primary education from Taveta primary school (1991).

3.1.3 Employment Record

She is currently a teacher at Dembwa primary school at Mwatate. From 2014 to 2017 she was the Director ECDE at Taita Taveta County Government. From 2008 to 2014 she was a teacher at Gatura primary school. From 2006 to 2007, she was an assistant teacher at Sowene primary school. From 2002 to 2005, she was an assistant teacher at Kitobo primary school from 1999 to 2001, she was an assistant teacher at Timbila primary school.

3.1.4 Integrity

1. She has fully complied with her tax obligations to the State as confirmed by the Kenya Revenue Authority Tax Compliance Certificate No. KRAMSS1186811120 dated 4th July, 2020.
2. The nominee provided a filled self-declaration form of leadership and integrity confirming that there are no outstanding issues or ongoing investigations against her.
3. The nominee has also neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry. She has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.
4. The Director of Criminal Investigations issued the nominee with a Police Clearance Certificate Ref No. PCC-KOTMLED dated 10th July, 2020 showing the nominee had neither committed offences nor any trial in a court.
5. The nominee has also been cleared by the Metropol Credit Reference Bureau Ltd via CRB Certificate No. MCRB/C739417 dated 24th July, 2020.

6. The nominee was cleared by the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and was issued with a Certificate of Clearance No. 232448 dated 6th July, 2020 and valid until 6th July, 2021.

3.1.6 Committee Observations on Suitability of Vumi Ngaleri Ringo for appointment as County Executive Committee for Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled Questionnaire pursuant to First Schedule of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, her Curriculum Vitae and having heard her oral submission during the vetting exercise/interview, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as County Executive Member Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development;

- The nominee was presentable, eloquent and calm in her expression before the vetting Committee.
- She satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the Kenya Revenue Authority, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Credit Reference Bureau as shown above.
- She has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution which deals with conduct of state officers that are adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of County Assembly or any Commission of Inquiry.
- The nominee has worked as a primary school teacher for twenty years and is a member at the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce.
- The nominee is conversant with the values and principles of public service which she promised to uphold as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Article 232(1) including high standards of professional ethics; efficient, Accountability to administrative Acts, involvement of people in policy making processes and representation of Kenya's diverse communities.
- The nominee exhibited knowledge on national legislations related to devolution including the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Government Act, 2012 and the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.

- The nominee has requisite experience having successfully worked in the County as an ECD Director for four years before her contract expired. She has also been a primary school teacher for twenty years which has earned her vast administration experiences having served in senior positions tasked with administration responsibilities.
- While Serving as the director for ECDE in the County she said that she traversed all the areas of our County therefore she is very well aware of the opportunities and challenges existing in the county which will come in handy in the running of the department.
- The nominee exhibited knowledge on national legislations related to devolution including the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Government Act, 2012 and the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.
- She exhibited impressive knowledge of topical and legal issues touching on the docket

4.0 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 30(2) (d) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order 192(4), the Committee unanimously recommends that this Second County Assembly approves the nomination of **VUMI NGALERI RINGO** as the County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperative Development.