

PROFILE OF KAKAMEGA MAYORAL CANDIDATE



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MY VISION FOR KAKAMEGA.

“Milembe muno Abaluhya befu.” I am vying to be a councillor in Kakamega Central ward in Lurambi Constituency on an ODM ticket. Kakamega is the capital of Western Province, and has a population of about 90,000 residents. Tourist attractions include a scenic Golf course and the Kakamega Forest known for beautiful wild butterflies and several monkey species. I want to be Mayor so that I can serve the town that I have grown and lived in all my life. I know the problems that the residents face and I have a plan that I know will improve our beloved Town and make it a better place for our youth.

My plan has five major areas of focus and will require a lot of input both technically and financially. These key areas of focus are education, health, commerce, social services and security. Let me tackle each area in a little depth so you can see my vision.

EDUCATION - Education is a priority for any society that wants to remain progressive. I want to establish a Municipal Education Board that will liaise with all heads of schools and colleges to set and maintain high standards in our institutions of learning. This board will also work with investors who

want to set up base in the Municipality to help us reach our goals. Kakamega needs a Polytechnic so that the artisans running small businesses can get certified in their trades and get training in business management. We will look for funding from the government and the private sector to make this possible.

HEALTH - A healthy society is a happy society. Sick people looking for treatment in the town have to go to the Provincial General Hospital as it is the only place that provides cheap healthcare. Getting there is only half the problem, because you then have to sit in line for a long time. There are a number of private facilities, but these are too expensive for mwananchi. I want to work with the Council to set up clinics strategically around the town so people don't have to walk long distances to get treatment. Many parts of the town do not have running water. This is a health hazard and a thorough inconvenience for the residents concerned. I will liaise with the Ministry of Water to find ways to make this dream a reality for KK residents.

COMMERCE - I want to build more markets in Kakamega to give young people a chance to do business as the present one is very congested. I want to create room for growth and expansion by moving the Approved School and the Prison as they occupy prime development land. This land will be used to develop a Market, Schools, Social centers, Housing Units and Shopping centers. All these activities will spur growth and create more jobs. I want the Jua kali artisans and hawkers allocated land and space to do their business without being harassed. The site and service scheme has been there since I was a child and is still not electrified. Electricity will improve the resident's lives, and security. It is no secret that our roads are in disrepair. This raises the cost of vehicle maintenance and takes away money from other important things we need to focus on. I would like to encourage investors to come and compliment our Agricultural Industry and establish a milk cooling plant. This would service the growing Dairy industry and improve the farmer's cash flow. Now farmers have to go out of town to get their milk processed, and this reduces their profit margins.

SOCIAL SERVICES – I believe that it is the community's responsibility to take care of the less fortunate members of the society. This is what makes us human. We currently need an Orphanage and a senior citizens home. I will liaise with the M.P and other leaders to assist the Council in achieving the goals. Roads need to be maintained so that they are passable all year round.

SECURITY - We used to have street lights that worked when I was young. I could walk around the town without worrying about being mugged in the dark. The town has expanded but the services have not been able to match the rate of growth. As Mayor I will plan development ahead so that services expand and are maintained at the same rate as the town's growth rate. To cut down on burglary and robbery I want to start neighborhood watch groups that will work with the police to keep our residents secure.

If you live in Kakamega, I want your vote. If you have an interest in Kakamega's future and know somebody who will vote in Kakamega tell them about me. I will deliver on what I promise. I know there are many other areas that need improvement, but we need to start somewhere. I want to start with the basics and keep going until it is time to pass on the reigns to others. Thanks for lending me your ears and God willing I will serve you and make this vision a reality. If you have suggestions, comments or wish to express your support for my campaign, I can be reached at plutta@krazyhouseonline.com.

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