



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: STATUS OF KIBRA REGISTER OF VOTERS**

Nairobi, Kenya: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - Our attention has been drawn to misinformation reported in various media, attributed to ODM MPs in regards to the Register of Voters for Kibra.

Following the death of Hon Ken Okoth and subsequent receipt of the writ from the Speaker of the National Assembly, and in line with Section 5 (1) (b) of the Elections Act the Commission suspended Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) in Kibra Constituency. As at the time of declaring the position vacant and issuing of gazette notice for the by election Kibra, just like the rest of the constituencies in the country, had a significant number of new enrolment and transfers amongst others as detailed in the table below.

KIBRA CONSTITUENCY		
1.1	Occurrence of Vacancy (Cause)	Death
1.2	Number of registered Voters as at 2017	118,276
1.3	Number of voters registered by CVR and Uploaded	333
1.4	Number of Transfers into the Constituency	44
1.5	Number of transfers within the constituency	22
1.6	Number deleted	1
1.7	Name updates (change of voters biographic details)	1

In preparation for the Kibra by election the Commission embarked on the process of facilitating the voters registered during CVR to participate in the upcoming by election immediately after receiving the notice of vacancy from the Speaker of the National Assembly. This process entails

uploading of CVR data to the biometric voter registration (BVR) server, performing deduplication process, production of the preliminary register, quality assurance and inspection of the preliminary register of voters, approval by the Commission, certification and distribution to the Constituency.

The Commission received a letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 from ODM requesting for the updated register of voters for Kibra constituency. On 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, a second letter was received reminding the Commission of the register of voters request for Kibra and polling officials for the three by-elections areas of Loyangalani, Abakaile and Ganda wards. The request for poll officials was serviced by submitting the same to political parties. Thereafter, a third letter from the ODM Advocate was sent to the Returning Officer Kibra demanding for the 2017 Register of voters for Kibra; List of new voter registered through CVR in Kibra; List of transfers into Kibra and where they were transferred from and an updated register that will be used on November 7<sup>th</sup> by election. The Returning Officer for Kibra advised the lawyer to Channel the request to the Commission Headquarters.

In response to the two letters of 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 the IEBC Acting CEO wrote to ODM advising them to pay Kshs. 15,000 which ODM paid. The Commission has from today posted the changes to the Kibra register of voters detailed above in the Constituency Returning Officer's office for seven (7) days inspection and verification. Thereafter, the register will be certified and be readily available for sharing with Political Parties including ODM and any other interested party. As the updated register is undergoing the inspection and certification process the Commission wishes to underscore that the 2017 General Election Register for Kibra is readily available for sharing.

In conclusion, the Commission wish to assure the Kibra Constituents and the Country at large, that a complete register of voters for Kibra Constituency will be ready on time for the by election scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The Commission gives assurance that it will strictly comply with the law and no registered voter will be disenfranchised as every vote counts.

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