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NAIROBI, KENYA: FRIDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2021

SUBJECT: BY-ELECTION FOR KIAGU COUNTY ASSEMBLY WARD IN MERU COUNTY.

The Commission's Leadership and Integrity Vetting Committee disqualified Mr. Milton Mwenda of Chama Cha Kazi party and Nathan Gitonga of National Ordinary People Empowerment Union party, as candidates in the by-election for Kiagu Ward in County Assembly of Meru that was scheduled to be held on 14th October, 2021. The disqualification was grounded on a finding that the two candidates did not resign from public office within seven (7) days after the declaration of vacancy for Kiagu Ward.

Aggrieved by the decision of the Committee, Mr. Milton Mwenda and Chama Cha Kazi party lodged in Nairobi High Court *Constitutional Petition No. 385 of 2021, Chama Cha Kazi and Milton Mwenda –vs- IEBC and Selesio Mutuma Thurairira*. Subsequently, the Honourable Court issued conservatory orders on 30th September, 2021 restraining the IEBC from printing ballot papers and/or taking any further steps towards preparation of the Kiagu ward by-election. Later, the Honourable Court on 7th October, 2021 extended the conservatory orders to 21st October, 2021, when judgement will be delivered.

The Commission, in compliance with the conservatory orders, shall not conduct the by-election for Kiagu ward scheduled for 14th of October, 2021 until determination of the said case.

**W. W. CHEBUKATI
CHAIRMAN**