

**PRESS RELEASE****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****NAIROBI, KENYA: MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021****SUBJECT: CLEARANCE OF CANDIDATES FOR BY-ELECTIONS**

The Commission vide various Kenya Gazette Notices published timelines for the by-elections of one County Governor, one Senator, two Members of the National Assembly and five Members of County Assemblies (MCA) set for three dates as detailed hereunder:-

No.	By-Election Date	Electoral Area
1	18 th February 2021	County Governor for Nairobi City county
2	4 th March 2021	MNA Matungu constituency, MNA Kabuchai Constituency, MCA Huruma Ward in Uasin Gishu County, MCA Hell's Gate ward in Nakuru County, MCA London ward in Nakuru county, MCA Kiamokama Ward in Kisii County and MCA Kitise/Kithuku ward in Makueni County,
3	18 th March 2021 (previously published as 23 rd March 2021)	Member of Senate for Machakos County

The Commission has since been informed by Education Ministry that the National Examinations have been scheduled to be held in the week of 23rd March, 2021 which conflicts with the timelines of the Machakos Senatorial by-election. To this end, the Commission has revised the timelines for the by-election of Senate Machakos to 18th March, 2021 vide a corrigenda shared with the Government Printer for publication today, 4th January, 2021.

The timelines in part, as contained in the Gazette Notices in the schedule herein and pursuant to Section 31(2B) and (2C) of the Elections Act No 24 of 2011, provide that a political party submits to the Commission names of persons contesting in its party primaries before the nomination day and that the Commission shall publish the said names in the Gazette. The Commission has similarly shared this for publication with the Government Printer.

Further Section 32 and 33 provide that persons intending to contest as independent candidates shall submit to the Commission symbols they intend to use in an election. The Commission in turn is required to publish in the Kenya Gazette, the names and symbols of persons intending to contest in the election as independent candidates. The Commission has also shared the names and symbols of aspirants intending to contest as independent candidates for publication with the Government Printer.

The Commission wishes to inform all stakeholders that the publication of names of persons contesting in party primaries and those intending to contest as independent candidates is NOT clearance of candidates to contest in an election. Clearance of candidates for purposes of contesting in an election is done during the days set for Nomination by the respective Returning Officers that have been duly appointed by the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. W. Chebukati', written in a cursive style.

W. W. CHEBUKATI

CHAIRMAN