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26th OCTOBER REPEAT POLLS: OUR COUNTRY NEEDS URGENT HEALING BEYOND THIS ELECTION

Thirdway Alliance Kenya, as a political party believes in the rule of law, social justice and equity. We have been consistent in our quest for justice and rule of law. We believe that we have been able to help shape how politics is done in Kenya, albeit in our own small way; we know that with time we shall be a household political name. Our legal victory at the Supreme Court and later at the High Court assisted to move our country forward during this repeat election. We thank all those who came through for us in that short time before taking our message of hope back to Kenyans.

As a new party, Thirdway decided to front a presidential candidate in the August 8th general elections. We offered ourselves to participate in the election and our campaign was mainly based on the following six thematic pillars:

- 1) End social and economic injustice
- 2) End theft of public funds
- 3) Youth and women to take over government
- 4) End negative ethnicity and tribalism
- 5) Protect the constitution, devolution and rule of law
- 6) Position Kenya as a global leader

We entered this race as underdogs running our campaign armed with a shoe-string budget, a pro-people manifesto and a strong will to fight for the Kenyan people but without a big family name and with no political history. We have faced many monumental hindrances and setbacks during this campaign; we have been made to feel small and unwanted but we have never given up on our mission to save the ordinary Kenyan citizen who goes to bed hungry almost daily; we represent the plight of the ordinary and majority of Kenyans who cannot afford school fees for their children; who cannot access decent healthcare and are faced daily with myriads of challenges in their day to day life

We salute millions of ordinary Kenyans who form the majority and who struggle every day to make ends meet with the hope that one day, life will be better. Ordinary Kenyans who are the majority owners of this great nation have been reduced to paupers by insensitive minority, the political class, previous and current, for being resilient and patriotic. We know that one day the ordinary Kenyan citizen will be able to make political decisions and elect selfless leaders who will transform the lives of the poor Kenyan citizens. In the August 8th, and the 26th October repeat polls, they did not elect the kind of leadership we sold to them. As a party, we will not lose hope in the ordinary and majority of Kenyans to make a wise decision in the not-too-distant future. 2022 is just around the corner! That time is soon coming; especially when Kenyans consider the suffering they go through in the hands of the so-called dominant political parties with their leaders.

OUR MESSAGE TO ORDINARY KENYANS

To us, the ordinary majority of Kenyans remain our heroes and heroines: you wake up early to toil in your small scale farms; offer your labour to the manufacturing sector; hawk your goods in the streets; walk long distances herding your cattle; live in deplorable dehumanizing conditions in the slums; walk back home hungry and exhausted and still pay taxes that the minority ruling class openly steal from you. To add insult to injury, when you fall sick, you sleep on the dilapidated floors of neglected public hospitals where your leaders never seek medical care. Your children are misled and misused by political leaders to fight their battles; they get maimed and killed like flies in the ethnic political battles that they know nothing about. We urge you all to look beyond the interests of the minority and selfish leadership and focus on your welfare, and above all, on how we can live and co-existence as equal citizens of our great country, Kenya.

THE 26TH OCTOBER ELECTIONS

The Supreme Court, pursuant to our Constitution ordered this repeat election. I, Ekuru Aukot was enjoined as an interested party in the case that led to the nullification of the August 8, 2017 elections. We presented an audit report at Supreme Court and our observations on illegalities and irregularities were not challenged by any of the respondents. Our grounds were consequently upheld by the majority ruling, in fact even the dissenting Judges did not poke holes on our evidence.

The IEBC maliciously decided to lock our candidature out of the fresh elections and we went back to court and obtained an order directing IEBC to include us on the ballot. We fought to be included in this repeat election. I want to thank NASA for supporting us in that cause. Our decision to participate was based on the fact that Thirdway Alliance has always advocated that the Constitution of Kenya must be safeguarded and followed at all times. The repeat election could not have been enough reason for us to disrespect our Constitution.

We had our misgivings on IEBC preparedness but we decided to participate in the fresh elections, as it was the only way to avoid anarchy in our country. As a party and a candidate, we put our beloved Country first. Our decision to participate was not guided by populism as we have seen in some political quarters. We wish to make it clear that the political class is not an Election Court. The final arbiter in matters presidential election is the Supreme Court of Kenya and not any of the political players. Participating in this election did not in any way sanitize any illegalities or irregularities that were cited during the presidential petition of August 8th. We disagree with any proposals that the elections were to be boycotted. To abandon the repeat election would have caused a constitutional crisis, as the situation is not envisaged in our Constitution. We strongly believe that the supreme law of the land, and not the wishes of a tiny minority, must guide our elections now and in future.

VIOLENCE AND ELECTORAL OFFENCES

We are disturbed by the actions of some leaders, which constitute incitement to violence and obstruction of IEBC from conducting the election in some constituencies. Intimidating of voters in some parts of the country has been reported and IEBC has been unable to conduct elections. While the ordinary citizens in the affected areas were willing to participate in exercising their democratic rights, fear of violence kept them away. It is common sense that most of the affected counties are politically controlled by some leaders who boycotted the elections. We find this very unfortunate.

We are appalled at the inaction by Uhuru Kenyatta's government while known political players have committed the above electoral offences and are still hell-bent on fueling violence in Kenya. We urge all Kenyans to desist from any incitement to violence by the disgruntled leaders. The international community must also remain very firm on leaders who have chosen to take unconstitutional avenues that may sink Kenya into violence. The misguided sense of entitlement by a small minority of the political class cannot be allowed to destabilize a country that was once a haven of peace in the great lakes region and in the African continent.

WAYFORWARD

While IEBC has declared Uhuru Kenyatta as our president-elect, we first and foremost wish to congratulate him. It is undemocratic not to accept an outcome of an election even if one may have issues with it. As they say in our national language, "Asiye kubali kushindwa, sio mshindani". Secondly, we urge the government to secure the lives of all Kenyans and to ensure that ordinary Kenyans are neither killed by the police nor by militias groups as well as rowdy youths who appear to be under the direction of some political class. When Uhuru Kenyatta is sworn in as president in compliance with the constitutional timeline, we urge him to embark on an exercise of uniting all Kenyans and also work hard to end social and economic injustice in Kenya. The unity of Kenyans is not negotiable. President Uhuru has that task. It is not transferable. He should not shy from it including reaching out to his political opponents. That is magnanimity in leadership. We specifically urge President Uhuru Kenyatta to fight corruption within government ranks, in both National and county governments.

We finally remind all ordinary citizens that no political leader is worth dying for. Not even myself, Ekuru Aukot. To my fellow Kenyans, we do not have any other country. Kenya is our motherland and we all own it in equal measure. Let us love and protect her, at least for our children and their children. Let us not allow politics to destroy this common heritage that we are all proud of. Kenya is a great country.

God bless you all
God bless Kenya

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Tusipojipanga, Tutapangwa!