

A Political History of Nairobi

As told through their elected representatives, 1957-2021

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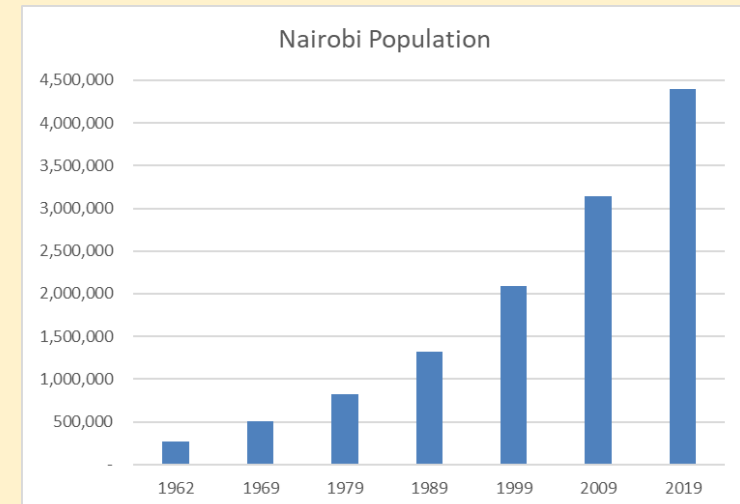
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Nairobi Political History

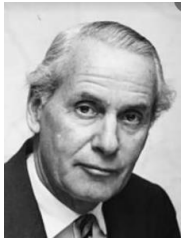
The national capital, centre of political life, home to the government. A colonial creation, originally a railway yard, Nairobi was multi-racial and multi-ethnic from its birth, though until the 1950s it was policy to treat African as guest workers rather than long term residents. One third of Nairobi's population was of Asian origin in 1962. The city's population has since mushroomed from 250K in 1962 to 500K in 1969, 1.3 m in 1989. to an extraordinary 4.3 m in 2019, nearly twenty times the independence figure, and expected to reach 5m in 2022.

The ethnicity of Nairobi's population is formally unknown. Although "tribe" is asked in every census, district level ethnicity results have not been made public since the 1989 census, when Nairobi was 32% Kikuyu, 18% Luo, 16%, Luhya, 13% Kamba, 3% Gusii, 3% Asian and 15% other, including European.



Nairobi Political History

1957

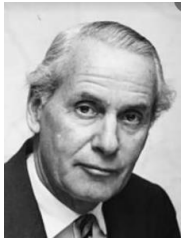


Governor
Renison



Nairobi

Nairobi has its first elected African MP in 1957. The sole African seat is won by Luo-Abasuba trade unionist Tom Mboya, defeating his Luo colleague Clem Argwings-Kodhek in an election in which most Kikuyu could not participate, due to Mau Mau deportations and the restricted franchise. No political parties are permitted, but in 1958 Mboya takes over and expands the Nairobi People's Convention Party. Europeans and Asians in Nairobi have their own elections and their own constituencies.

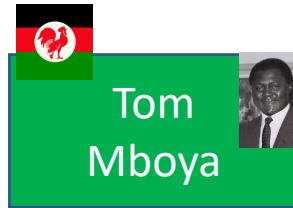


Nakuru & Laikipia

Feb 1961: The Kenyatta Election



Governor Ronald Renison
 (KADU)



Nairobi East

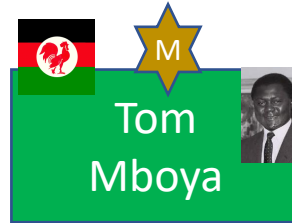
In the 1961 “Kenyatta election”, Mboya is easily re-elected for KANU. He is the dominant political figure in Kenya at this time, with Kenyatta still in detention. The NPCP merged with other regional parties to form KANU in June 1960, Mboya being elected and remaining for the rest of his life KANU Secretary-General. The three “whites only” Nairobi seats and three Asian Muslim and non-Muslim seats are won by representatives from their communities. KANU becomes the opposition in the short lived KADU government of 1961-2.



Governor Renison Jomo Kenyatta Ronald Ngala

Nairobi

Apr 1962-63: Coalition Government



Nairobi East

In the KANU-KADU coalition government of April 1962 –May 1963, Mboya becomes Minister for Labour.



Governor Kenyatta, Odinga, Mboya
Macdonald (KANU)

Nairobi

1963: For Self-Government



Ngei (APP) Ngala (KADU)

Luo-Abasuba
Tom Mboya

Nairobi Central

Kamba
J.D. Kali

Nairobi East

Kikuyu
Mnyua Waiyaki

Nairobi Northeast

Kikuyu
Mwai Kibaki

Nairobi Doonholm

Maasai-Goan
Joe Murumbi

Nairobi South

Asian
Fitz de Souza

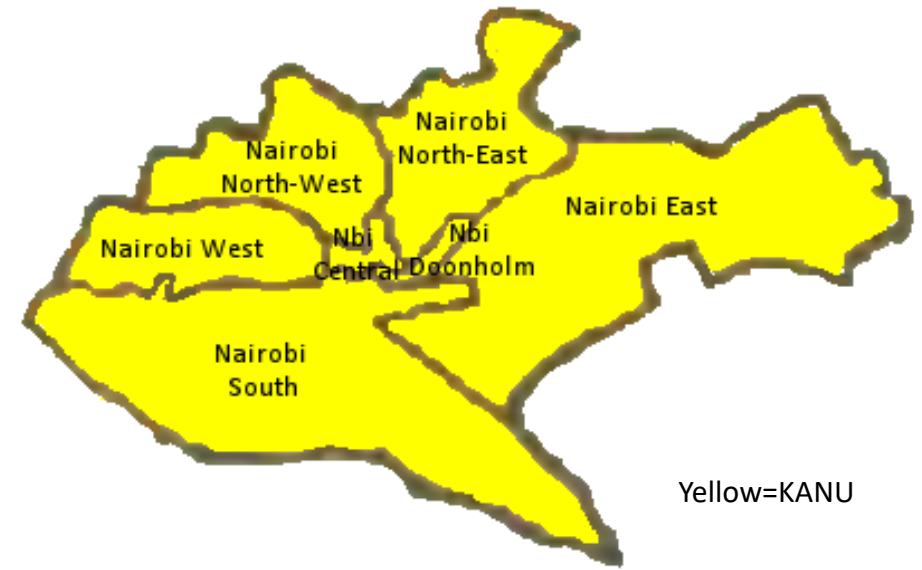
Nairobi North-West

Kikuyu
Njoroge Mungai

Nairobi West

Luhya
Clement Lubembe

Nairobi Senate



Yellow=KANU

Kikuyu
Charles Rubia

Nairobi Mayor

European
Tom Watts

Nairobi DC

In the independence elections, with new constituency boundaries, Nairobi now has 7 House seats and one Senator. KANU wins all 8 seats and their representatives are a roll call of senior figures from six ethnic groups. Nairobi also has an elected Mayor, Charles Rubia. Kenyatta appoints three Nairobi ministers, while de Souza becomes Deputy Speaker, Kali Chief Whip.



Nairobi

1966: Little General Election - KPU vs KANU

Luo-Abasuba
Tom Mboya

Nairobi Central

JD Kali

Kikuyu
B.M. Karungaru

Nairobi East

Kikuyu
Munyua Waiyaki

Nairobi Northeast

Kikuyu
Mwai Kibaki

Nairobi Doonholm

Maasai-Goran
Joe Murumbi

Nairobi South

Asian
Fitz de Souza

Nairobi North-West

Kikuyu
Njoroge Mungai

Nairobi West

Luhya
Clement Lubembe

Nairobi Senate

Charles Rubia

Nairobi Mayor

Bill Martin

Nairobi DC

Only one MP, J.D. Kali, joins Odinga's KPU and is duly defeated. Waiyaki resigns from the govt as assistant minister but doesn't defect. Murumbi is appointed Vice-President and Kibaki's is made minister, putting four of seven Nairobi MPs in the cabinet




Nairobi

1967





Luhya
Clement
Lubembe

Starehe



Luo-Abasuba
Tom
Mboya



Kamukunji



Kikuyu
B. M.
Karungaru


Embakasi




Kikuyu
Munyua
Waiyaki



Mathare



Kikuyu
Mwai
Kibaki



Bahati



Maasai-Guan
Joe
Murumbi




Langata



Asian
Fitz de
Souza

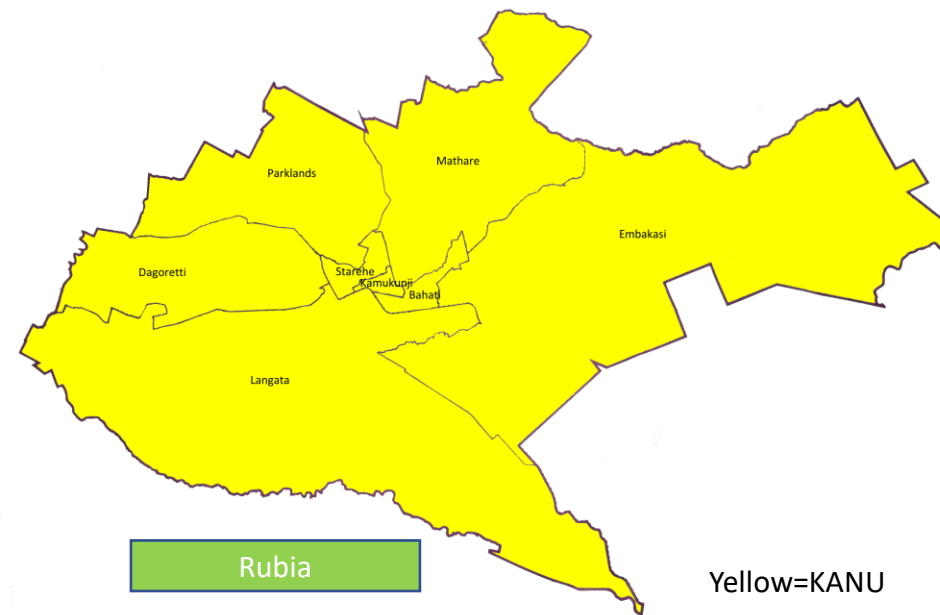

Parklands




Kikuyu
Njoroge
Mungai

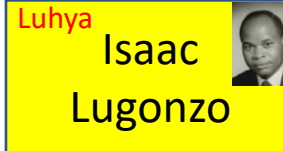


Dagoretti





Rubia


Yellow=KANU



Luhya
Isaac
Lugonzo



Nairobi Mayor



Kalenjin
Bill
Martin

Nairobi DC

Murumbi asks to be relieved of his duties and becomes a backbencher. Rubia's term as Mayor ends and he is replaced by Isaac Lugonzo. The Senate is abolished and the city centre constituencies redistributed to create a new 8th Assembly constituency.



Nairobi

1969 General Election

1969 Census:
38% Kikuyu,
13% Asian,
13% Luhya,
12% Luo.



One Party State
(Part 2):
1969-82

~~Mboya~~

Dead

~~JD Kali~~

Detained

Kikuyu
Charles
Rubia 

Starehe

Kikuyu
Maina
Wanjigi 

Kamukunji

Kikuyu
B. M.
Karungaru

Embakasi


Kikuyu
Munyua
Waiyaki 

Mathare

Murumbi

Retired

de Souza

Retired


Kikuyu
Mwai
Kibaki 

Bahati

Nubian
Yunis
Ali

Langata

Kamba
Samuel
Kivuitu 

Parklands


Kikuyu
Njoroge
Mungai 

Dagoretti

Luhya
Isaac
Lugonzo 

Nominated MP

Kikuyu
Margaret
Kenyatta 

Nairobi Mayor

Kalenjin
Bill
Martin

Nairobi DC

KPU banned, return of one-party state. Mboya's murder in July 1969 changes Nairobi politics. Murumbi retires as does de Souza. Kibaki narrowly beats Jael Mbogo in Bahati. Waiyaki and Mungai re-elected. Rubia moves from city to national politics to replace Mboya. Six of 8 MPs are Kikuyu, 2 ministers. Lugonzo chooses to step down as Nairobi Mayor and is made a nominated MP, and is replaced by Kenyatta's daughter Margaret. Waiyaki becomes Deputy Speaker.



Nairobi

1974 General Election



Starehe



Kamukunji



Embakasi



Mathare



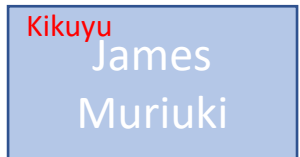
Moves to Nyeri



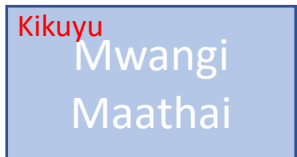
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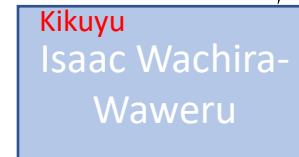
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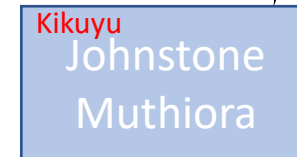
Bahati



Langata



Parklands



Dagoretti



Nairobi Mayor



Nairobi PC

1974 general election. The height of Kikuyu dominance of Kenya. Kikuyu clean sweep of Nairobi. Kibaki retires to his rural roots in Nyeri. Mungai is defeated by a newcomer due to a media campaign by Njonjo and allies of Moi. Nairobi now has no Ministers. Margaret Kenyatta remains Mayor.



Nairobi

1975-76: Infighting after JM Kariuki's murder



Kikuyu
Charles
Rubia



Starehe

Kikuyu
Maina
Wanjigi



Kamukunji

Kikuyu
Geoffrey
Muchiri

Embakasi

Kikuyu
Munyua
Waiyaki



Mathare

Muthiora

Died

Kikuyu
Njoroge
Mungai



Nominated MP

Kikuyu
James
Muriuki

Bahati

Kikuyu
Mwangi
Maathai

Langata

Kikuyu
Isaac Wachira-
Waweru

Parklands


Kikuyu
Francis
Kahende

Dagoretti

Kenyatta

Stood down, moved to UNEP

Kikuyu
Andrew
Ngumba



Nairobi Mayor

Kalenjin
Paul
Boit

Nairobi PC

Muthiora dies unexpectedly and Mungai doesn't stand in by-election, but nominated to Parliament. After JM Kariuki's murder by state operatives, Nairobi's loyalty is uncertain, but no formal changes take place. Late 1976, Margaret Kenyatta retires as Mayor to join UNEP and is replaced by Andrew Ngumba



Nairobi

Jan 1979 By-election



Muchiri

Jailed

^{Kikuyu}
Charles
Rubia



Starehe

^{Kikuyu}
Maina
Wanjigi



Kamukunji

^{Kikuyu}
Ezra
Njoka

Embakasi

^{Kikuyu}
Munyua
Waiyaki



Mathare

^{Kikuyu}
Njoroge
Mungai



Nominated MP

^{Kikuyu}
James
Muriuki

Bahati

^{Kikuyu}
Mwangi
Maathai

Langata

^{Kikuyu}
Isaac Wachira-
Waweru

Parklands

^{Kikuyu}
Francis
Kahende

Dagoretti

^{Kikuyu}
Andrew
Ngumba



Nairobi Mayor

^{Kalenjin}
Paul
Boit

Nairobi PC

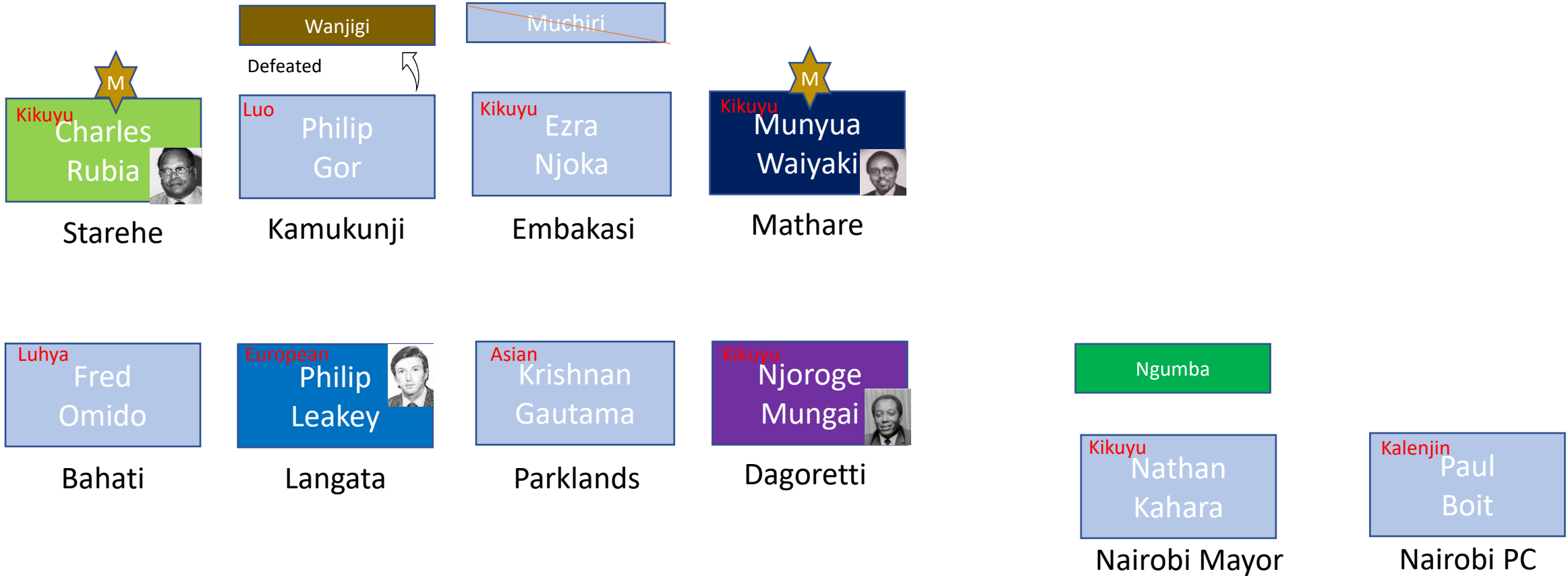
Pro "Change the Constitution Movement" MP Muchiri jailed over coffee thefts and replaced in by-election.



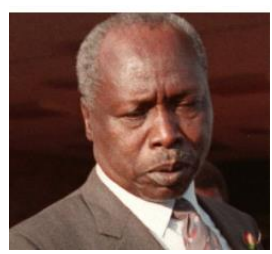
Nairobi

1979 General Election: A New Broom

1979 Census:
33% Kikuyu,
18% Luo,
16% Luhya,
12% Kamba.



Wanjigi defeated. Rubia and Waiyaki re-elected and made ministers by Moi. First European MP elected and first Asian since independence. Mungai re-elected but as one of Moi's strongest foes, remains a backbencher. Soon after Ngumba replaced by Nathan Kahara as Mayor




Nairobi

1983: Snap General Election



Kikuyu **S**
 Charles Rubia



Starehe

Kikuyu **M**
 Maina Wanjigi




Kamukunji

Kikuyu
 Godfrey Muchiri

Embakasi

Waiyaki
 Defeated

Kikuyu
 Andrew Ngumba



Mathare

Luhya
 Fred Omido

Bahati

European
 Philip Leakey



Langata

Kamba
 Samuel Kivuitu



Parklands

Mungai
 Defeated

Kikuyu
 Clement Gachanja

Dagoretti

Kahara
 Removed

Nairobi Mayor

Kikuyu
 Fred Waiganjo

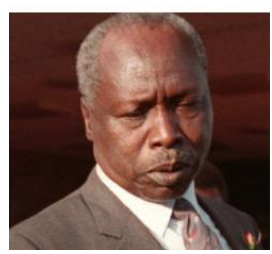
Nairobi PC

Abolished

Taita
 Patrick Mwangola

Nairobi City Commission

Waiyaki loses to ex-mayor Ngumba. Wanjigi returns. Leakey re-elected but Gautama doesn't stand and Kivuitu returns. Wanjigi made minister, but re-elected Rubia sacked for closeness to and defence of Njonjo. Nairobi City Council abolished and replaced by appointed City Commission until 1992.



Nairobi

1986: By-election



Kikuyu
Charles
Rubia



Starehe

Kikuyu
Maina
Wanjigi




Kamukunji

Kikuyu
Godfrey
Muchiri

Embakasi

Ngumba

Fled overseas

Kikuyu
Josephat
Karanja



Mathare

Luhya
Fred
Omido

Bahati

European
Philip
Leakey



Langata

Kamba
Samuel
Kivuitu



Parklands

Kikuyu
Clement
Gachanja

Dagoretti

Kikuyu
Fred
Waiganjo

Nairobi PC

Kamba
Ngala
Mwendwa

Nairobi City
Commission

In 1986, Ngumba is embroiled in a financial scandal over huge loans to his constituents before the 1983 election. He flees abroad and is replaced by a surprising new face, ex-University Vice Chancellor Josephat Karanja, from Kiambu, whose election is comprehensively rigged



Nairobi

1988 (Public Queue Voting)



Rubia

Rigged out



Kikuyu
Kiruhi
Kimondo

Starehe



Kikuyu
Maina
Wanjigi

Kamukunji

Kikuyu
David
Mwenje

Embakasi



Kikuyu
Josephat
Karanja

Mathare

Kivuitu

Defeated



Kikuyu
Njoroge
Mungai

Westlands

Kikuyu
Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti

Luhya
Fred
Omido

Makadara

European
Philip
Leakey

Langata

Kikuyu
Fred
Waiganjo

Nairobi PC

Eric
Mngola

Nairobi City
Commission, 1988-89

Boundary redistribution adds no sat at all despite Nairobi being five times larger than in 1963. Rubia rigged out. Mungai returns. Karanja briefly appointed a Vice-President



Nairobi

1989: Fall of Karanja

1989 Census:
32% Kikuyu,
18% Luo,
16% Luhya,
13% Kamba.



~~Kimondo~~

Expelled from KANU

~~Karanja~~

Resigned, expelled from KANU

^{Kikuyu}
Gerishon
Kirima

Starehe

^M
^{Kikuyu}
Maina
Wanjigi

Kamukunji

^{Kikuyu}
David
Mwenje

Embakasi

^{Kikuyu}
Zack
Maina

Mathare

^{Luhya}
Fred
Omido

Makadara

^{European}
Philip
Leakey

Langata

^{Kikuyu}
Njoroge
Mungai

Westlands

^{Kikuyu}
Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti

^{Kikuyu}
Fred
Waiganjo

Nairobi PC

^{Fred}
Gumo

Nairobi City
Commission Oct 89-?

Karanja is hounded out of office in 1989 and the result is by-elections in Mathare and Starehe. Separately Fred Gumo, ex-Mayor of Kitale, appointed new City Commission Chair.



Nairobi

1990: Saba Saba



Kikuyu
Gerishon
Kirima

Starehe

Kikuyu
S
Maina
Wanjigi

Kamukunji

Kikuyu
David
Mwenje

Embakasi

Kikuyu
Zack
Maina

Mathare

~~Rubia~~

Campaigner
for pluralism
- detained

Luhya
Fred
Omido

Makadara

European
Philip
Leakey

Langata

Kikuyu
M
Njoroge
Mungai

Westlands

Kikuyu
Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti

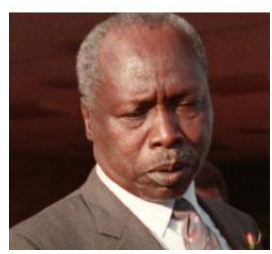
Kikuyu
Fred
Waiganjo

Nairobi PC

Fred
Gumo

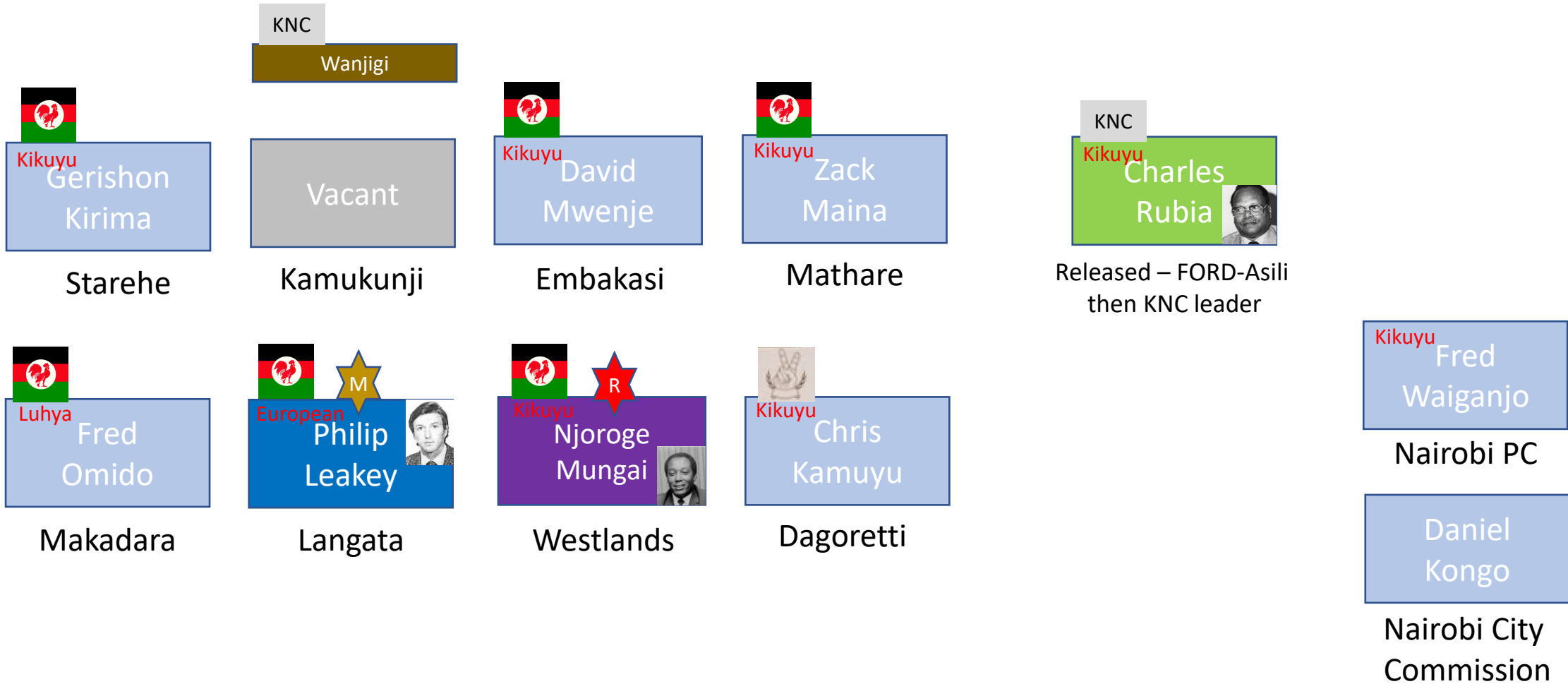
Nairobi City
Commission

Saba Saba riots and campaign for pluralism. Wanjigi sacked after protested vs slum evictions and replaced by Mungai.
Rubia detained for campaigning with Matiba for multiparty elections



Nairobi

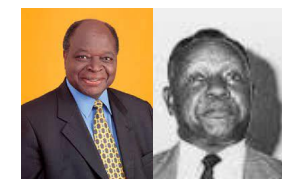
Late 1992: Multi-Partyism



Queue voting abolished 1991. Multi-party democracy returns Dec 1991, but most politicians sit tight in KANU through the summer. Wanjigi joins Ford early and loses seat. Mungai resigns as minister, defects, then returns to KANU. Leakey replaces him. Kamuyu defects when parliament dissolved.


Nairobi

December 1992: Multi-party General Elections




Kikuyu
Kirihi
Kimondo

Starehe


Kamba
George
Nthenge

Kamukunji


Kikuyu
Henry
Ruhii

Embakasi



Kikuyu
Geoffrey
Macharia

Mathare



Luhya
John
Mutere

Makadara

Leakey
Defeated


Luo
Railla
Odinga

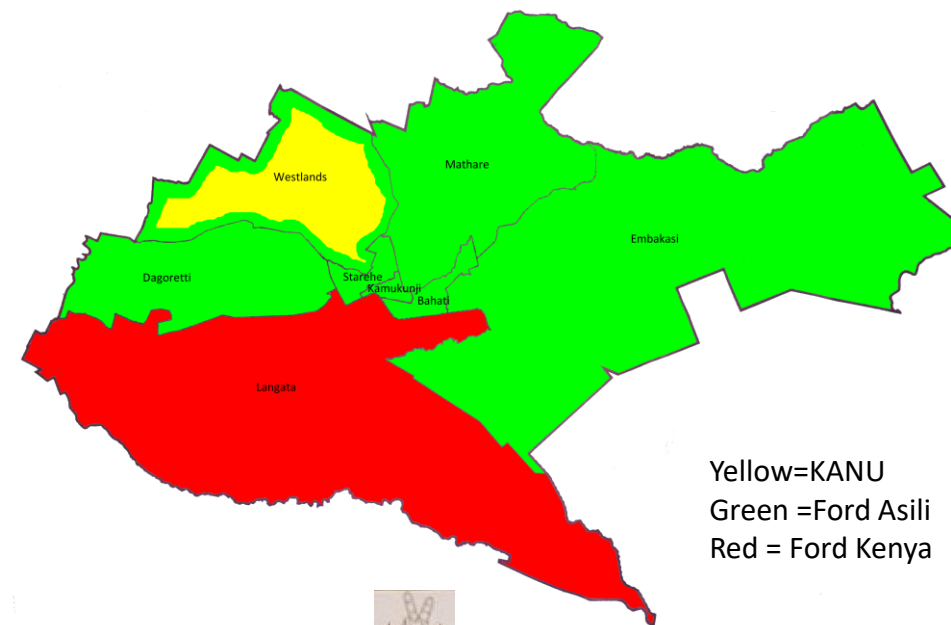
Langata



Asian
Amin
Walji

Westlands


Kikuyu
Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti




Steve
Mwangi

Mayor of Nairobi

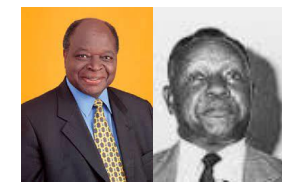
Kikuyu
Fred
Waiganjo

Nairobi PC

In the December 1992 elections, Matiba wins seven of 8 seats in the presidency, and six in parliament. Railla Odinga wins Langata for himself and his father Oginga. Amin Walji holds Westlands for KANU. FORD-Asili's MPs are generally little known figures. Most senior politicians (Rubia, Waiyaki, Ngumba, Muchiri, Omido, Mwenje, Leakey, Gachanja) all lose on other parties.

Nairobi

1994 Petitions, Deaths and Defections



Kikuyu

Steve
Mwangi

Starehe



Kamba

George
Nthenge

Kamukunji



Kikuyu

Henry
Ruhii

Embakasi



Luo

Ochieng'
Mbeo

Mathare



Luhya

John
Mutere

Makadara



Luo

Raila
Odinga

Langata



Asian

Amin
Walji

Westlands



Kikuyu

Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti



Kikuyu

Dick
Waweru

Mayor of Nairobi

Samburu

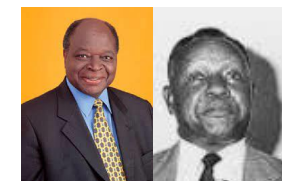
Francis
Lekool

Nairobi PC

1994 Macharia nullified in petition, Ford-K wins seat in by-election but candidate dies just before poll. Second by-election same year also won by FORD-Kenya. In Starehe, Kimondo defects to KANU but loses KANU primaries, ex-Mayor Mwangi wins again for FORD-Asili

Nairobi

1996 Resignation, Petitions, Deaths and Defections



Kikuyu

Gerishon
Kirima

Starehe



Kamba

George
Nthenge

Kamukunji



Kikuyu

Henry
Ruhii

Embakasi



Luo

Ochieng'
Mbeo

Mathare



Luhya

John
Mutere

Makadara



Luo

Raila
Odinga

Langata



Luhya

Fred
Gumo

Westlands



Kikuyu

Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti



Kikuyu

John
King'ori

Mayor of Nairobi

Samburu

Francis
Lekolool

Nairobi PC

Ex-Mayor Mwangi resigns from parliament; this time KANU wins the seat. Amin Walji dies and replaced in by-election by Fred Gumo



Nairobi

1997 Raila's first great leap



Kikuyu

Gerishon
Kirima

Starehe



Kamba

George
Nthenge

Kamukunji



Kikuyu

Henry
Ruhii

Embakasi



Luo -Abasuba

Ochieng'
Mbeo

Mathare



Luhya

John
Omutere

Makadara



Luo

Raila
Odinga

Langata



Luhya

Fred
Gumo

Westlands



Kikuyu

Chris
Kamuyu

Dagoretti



Kikuyu

John
King'ori

Mayor of Nairobi

Gusii

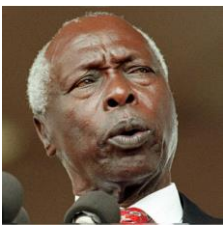
Zachary
Ogongo

Nairobi PC

Unable to wrest control of FORD-Kenya from Wamalwa and his allies, Raila defects to the NDP (symbol a tractor or "Tinga") and brings many allies including most Luo MPs with him, though he is the only one to formally defect and force a by-election

Nairobi

Dec 1997 General Election



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Kikuyu

Maina Kamanda



Starehe

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Mbeere

Norman Nyagah



Kamukunji

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Kikuyu

David Mwenje

Embakasi

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Kikuyu

Adolf Muchiri

Kasarani

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Kikuyu

Paul Mugeke

Makadara



Luo

Raila Odinga



Langata



Luhya

Fred Gumo



Westlands

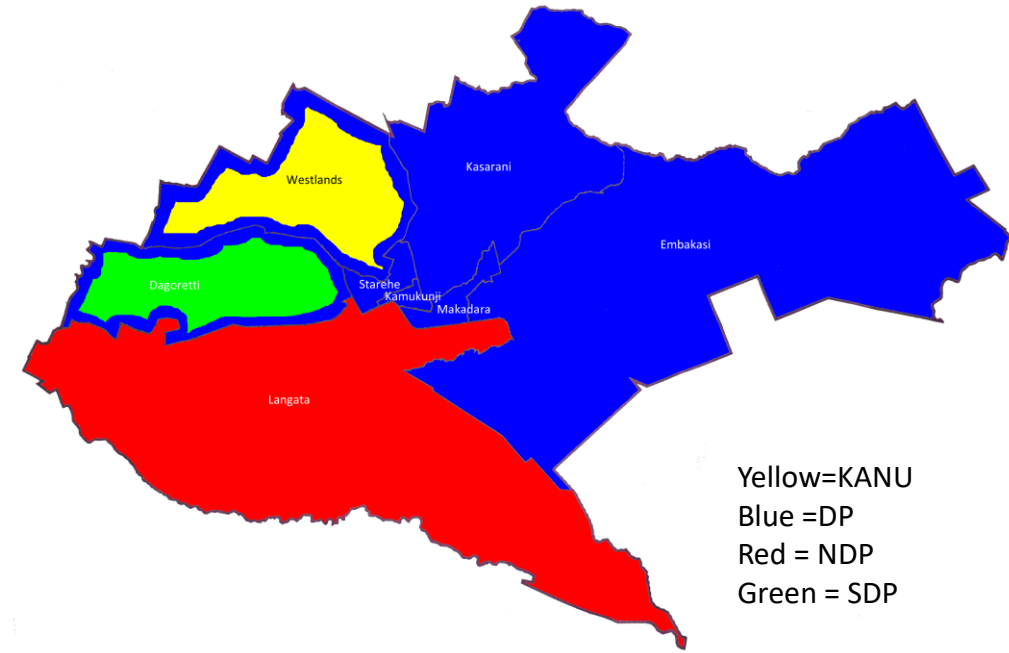
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF KENYA

Kikuyu

Beth Mugo



Dagoretti



Kikuyu

Sammy Mbugua

Mayor of Nairobi

Kikuyu

Joseph Kaguthi

Nairobi PC

Boundary redistribution again adds no seats for Nairobi. FORD-Asili having imploded, Kibaki wins every seat except Langata in the presidency and five in Parliament. Gumo controversially holds on in Westlands and Jomo Kenyatta's niece Beth Mugo (SDP) elected for Dagoretti. FORD-Kenya unrepresented.

Nairobi

Late 2002: LDP/Rainbow Defection



Kikuyu
Maina
Kamanda



Starehe



Mbeere
Norman
Nyagah



Kamukunji



Kikuyu
David
Mwenje

Embakasi



Kikuyu
Adolf
Muchiri

Kasarani



Kikuyu
Paul
Mugeke

Makadara



Luo
Raila
Odinga



Langata



Luhya
Fred
Gumo



Westlands



Kikuyu
Beth
Mugo



Dagoretti

Kikuyu
Dick
Waweru

Mayor of Nairobi

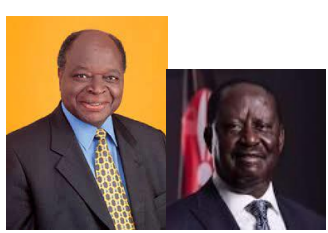
Kikuyu
Cyrus
Maina

Nairobi PC

DP MPs mostly align with National Alliance Rainbow Coalition (NARC) as do the NDP and most other KANU leaders including Gumo.

Nairobi

2002: Moi Retires, Kibaki Elected



 **Kikuyu**
Maina Kamanda 

Starehe

 **Mbeere** 
Norman Nyagah 

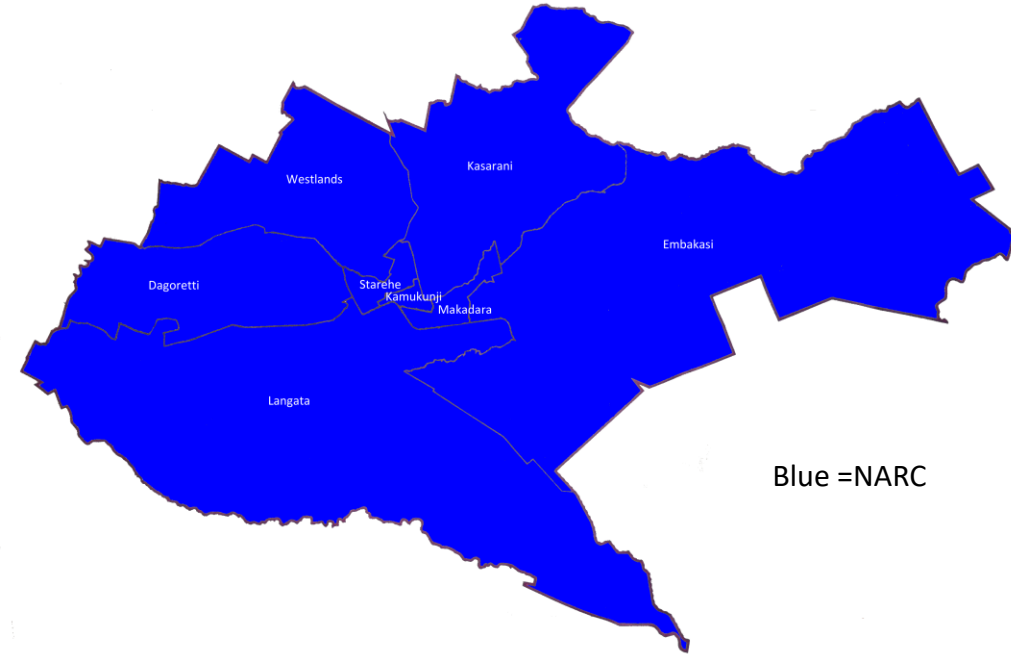
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 **Kikuyu**
David Mwenje

Embakasi

 **Luo**
William Omondi

Kasarani



Blue =NARC

 **Luo**
Reuben Ndolo

Makadara

 **M**
Luo
Raila Odinga 

Langata

 **Luhya**
Fred Gumo 

Westlands

 **Kikuyu**
Beth Mugo 

Dagoretti

Luo
Joe Aketch

Mayor of Nairobi

Kikuyu
Cyrus Maina

Nairobi PC

NARC clean sweep in presidency and parliament. Now three of 8 NARC MPs are Luo 3 Kikuyu. Raila becomes senior minister, Norman Nyagah Chief Whip

Nairobi

2005-6: Second Coalition Government



Kikuyu
Maina
Kamanda

Starehe

Mbeere
Norman
Nyagah

Kamukunji

Kikuyu
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Reuben
Ndolo

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Luo
Raila
Odinga

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Luhya
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Westlands

Kikuyu
Beth
Mugo

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Kikuyu
Dickson
Wathika

Mayor of Nairobi

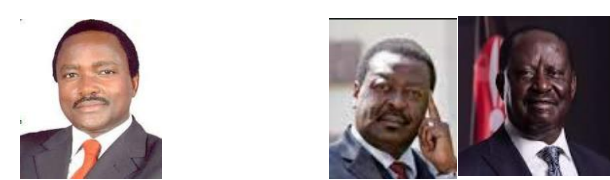
Kalenjin
Francis
Sigei

Nairobi PC

The 2005 Banana-Orange referendum split leaves Odinga and he other pro-Orange team sacked after the reshuffle of November 2005. Most Kikuyu stay with Kibaki (whatever party he is on); the Luo MPs and Gumo go Orange. Kamanda replaces Odinga as Minister.

Nairobi

2007: General Election and Subsequent Chaos



Kamanda

Defeated



Kikuyu
Margaret
Wanjiru

Starehe

Nyagah

Defeated



Kikuyu
Simon
Mbugua

Kamukunji



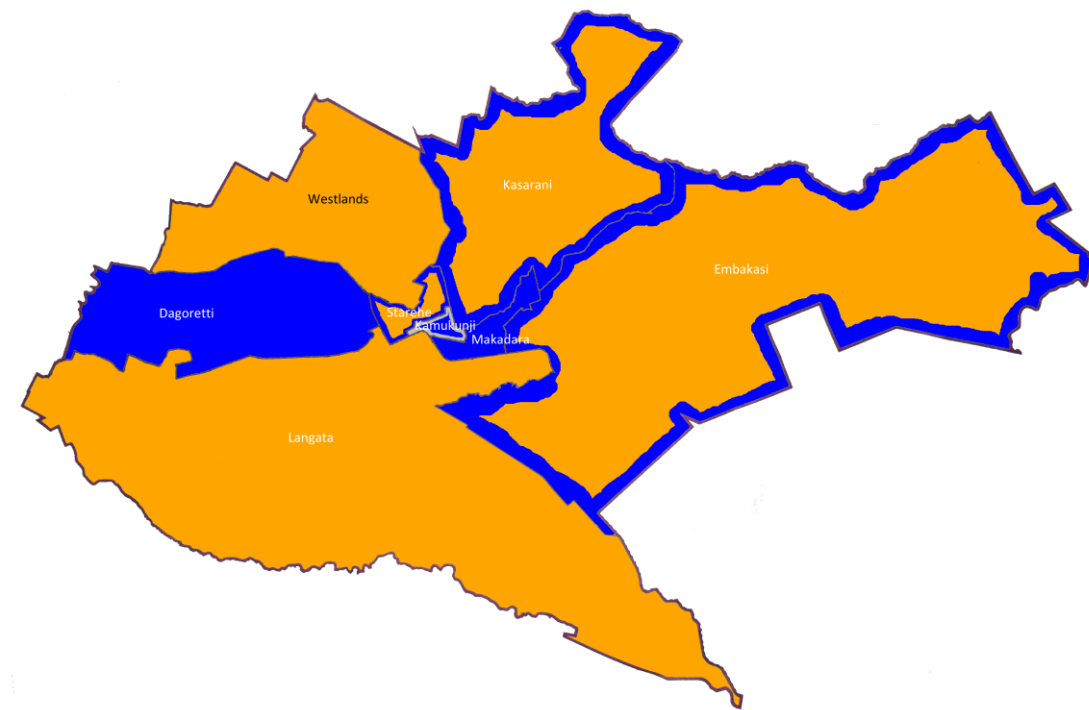
Luhya
Melitus
Were

Embakasi



Luo
Elizabeth
Ongoro

Kasarani



Kikuyu
Dickson
Wathika

Makadara



Luo
Raila
Odinga

Langata



Luhya
Fred
Gumo

Westlands



Kikuyu
Beth
Mugo

Dagoretti

Luo
Geoffrey
Majiwa

Mayor of Nairobi

Kikuyu
James
Waweru

Nairobi PC

ODM-PNU battle nationwide, Kikuyu vote mostly PNU, Luo, Luhya and others ODM, Kamba for Musyoka. ODM wins 5/8 seats in parliament but curiously only 2 in presidency, with Kamukunji's results annulled. Embakasi, Starehe and Kasarani all elect ODM MPs but record strong Kibaki votes. No ministers in Kibaki's short coalition with Musyoka.

Nairobi

2008: Grand Coalition



~~Were~~

Dead



Kikuyu
Ferdinand
Waititu



Embakasi



Luo
Elizabeth
Ongoro

Kasarani



Kikuyu
Margaret
Wanjiru

Starehe



Kikuyu
Simon
Mbugua

Kamukunji



Kikuyu
Dickson
Wathika

Makadara



PM

Luo
Raila
Odinga



Langata



Luhya
Fred
Gumo



Westlands



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Kikuyu
Beth
Mugo



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Nairobi PC

In grand coalition (PNU-ODM-ODM-K), Raila is Prime Minister while Mugo becomes a minister. In the meantime, Were has been murdered. Ferdinand Waititu (“Baba Yao”) of PNU wins the resulting by-election, giving a 4-4 split.

Nairobi

2010-11: Three Results Nullified



Nullified but re-elected



Kikuyu

Margaret
Wanjiru

Starehe

Mbugua

Nullified



Somali

Yusuf
Hassan

Kamukunji



Kikuyu

Ferdinand
Waititu

Embakasi



Luo

Elizabeth
Ongoro

Kasarani

Wathika

Nullified



Kamba

Mike
Sonko

Makadara



PM

Luo

Raila
Odinga

Langata



Luhya

Fred
Gumo

Westlands



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Kikuyu

Beth
Mugo

Dagoretti

Luo

George
Aladwa

Mayor of Nairobi

Kikuyu

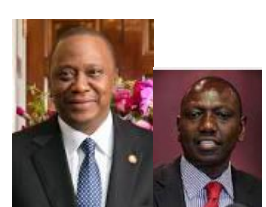
Mwangi
Ndirangu

Nairobi PC

In 2010, two by-elections bring in wealthy matatu boss Mike Sonko for Narc-Kenya (as neither of the main parties would have him), replacing Mbugua (nullified) and re-elect Wanjiru for ODM after nullification of her 2007 victory. In 2011 Yusuf Hassan elected in Kamukunji, the first Somali MP in Nairobi.

Nairobi

2013: New Constitution



Def for Presidency



TNA
Kikuyu
Maina Kamanda

Starehe

TNA
Somali
Yusuf Hussein

Kamukunji

TNA
Kikuyu
Benson Kangara

Makadara

TNA
Kikuyu
George Theuri

Embakasi W

TNA
Kikuyu
John Ndirangu

Embakasi C

TNA
Kikuyu
James Gakuya

Embakasi N

Luo
John Omondi

Embakasi E

Asian
Irshad Sumra

Embakasi S

TNA
Kikuyu
John Chege

Kasarani

TNA
Kikuyu
George Wanjohi

Mathare

Luo-Suba
Tom Kajwang'

Ruaraka

TNA
Kikuyu
Isaac Ndirangu

Roysambu

Luo
Kenneth Okoth

Kibra

Luo
Joash Olum

Langata

Luhya
Timothy Wetang'ula

Westlands

Gusii
Simba Arati

Dagoretti N

TNA
Kikuyu
Dennis Waweru

Dagoretti S

Luo Waititu
Evans Kidero

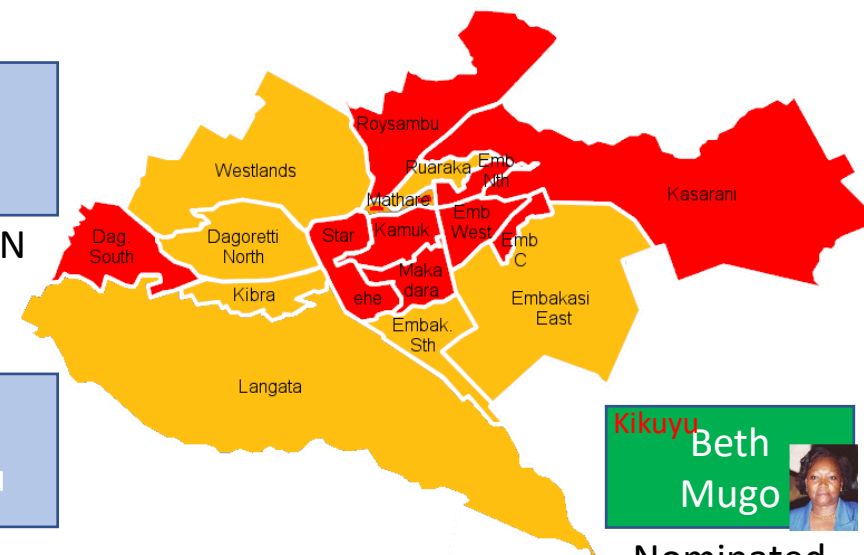
Governor

TNA
Kamba
Mike Sonko

Senator

TNA
Kikuyu
Rachel Shebesh

Women's Rep



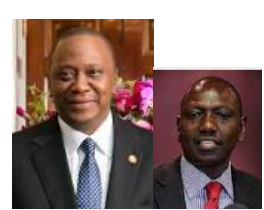
Kikuyu
Beth Mugo

Nominated Senator

New constitution, new boundaries and Nairobi jumps from 8 to 17 constituencies. Bicameral parliament, Governors. Ministers no longer MPs. Nairobi splits in half, with TNA (supported by their URP ally) winning 10 seats and ODM 7. Raila stands unsuccessfully for the presidency and narrowly wins Nairobi. Mathare is the only seat to split ticket, voting Raila for president but TNA for parliament. All but one TNA MPs are Kikuyu, no ODM MPs are. Kidero beats Waititu to win the governorship for ODM, but Sonko and Shebesh win the Senator and Women's Representative. Gumo and Mugo stand down and Mugo is nominated to the senate.

Nairobi

2014: By-election




Kikuyu
Maina Kamanda



Starehe



Somali
Yusuf Hussein

Kamukunji



Kikuyu
Benson Kangara

Makadara



Kikuyu
George Theuri

Embakasi W



Kikuyu
John Ndirangu

Embakasi C



Kikuyu
James Gakuya

Embakasi N



Luo
John Omondi

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Asian
Irshad Sumra

Embakasi S




Kikuyu
John Chege

Kasarani



Kikuyu
Stephen Kariuki

Mathare



Luo-Suba
Tom Kajwang'


Ruaraka



Kikuyu
Isaac Ndirangu

Roysambu

Kikuyu
Beth Mugo



Nominated
Senator



Luo
Kenneth Okoth

Kibra



Luo
Joash Olum

Langata



Luhya
Timothy Wetang'ula

Westlands



Gusii
Simba Arati

Dagoretti N



Kikuyu
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Dagoretti S



Luo
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Governor



Kamba
Mike Sonko



Senator



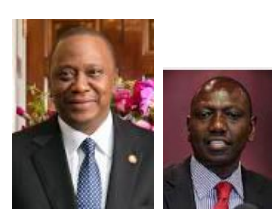
Kikuyu
Rachel Shebesh

Women's Rep

Mathare by-election 2014 as Wanjohi (TNA) nullified. Won by Stephen Kariuki (ODM), Margaret Wanjiru's son.

Nairobi

2017: General Elections

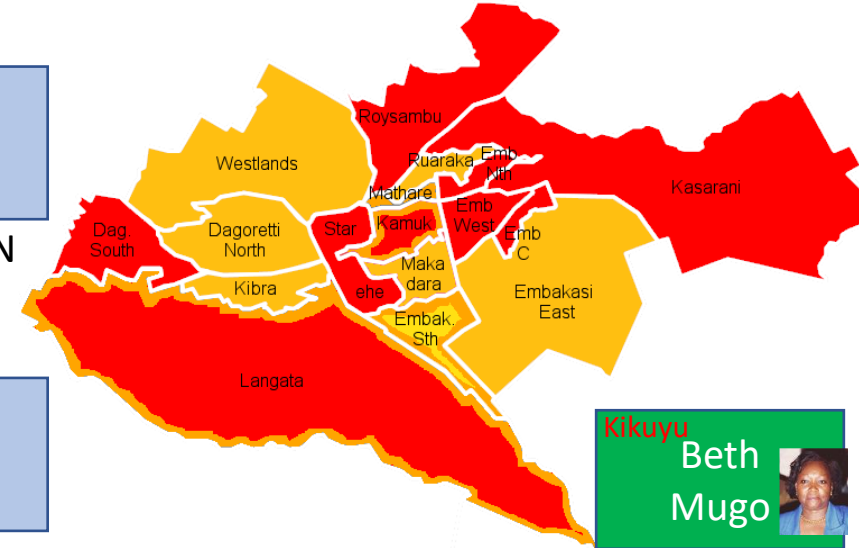


Nominated MP



Nominated Senator

 <i>Kikuyu</i> Charles Njagua Starehe	 <i>Somali</i> Yusuf Hussein Kamukunji	 <i>Luhya</i> George Aladwa Makadara	 <i>Kikuyu</i> George Theuri Embakasi W	 <i>Kikuyu</i> Benjamin Mwangi Embakasi C	 <i>Kikuyu</i> James Gakuya Embakasi N
 <i>Luo</i> Babu Owino Embakasi E	 <i>Kamba</i> Julius Mwawathe Embakasi S	 <i>Kikuyu</i> Mercy Gakuya Kasarani	 <i>Luo</i> Anthony Oluoch Mathare	 <i>Luo-Suba</i> Tom Kajwang' Ruaraka	 <i>Kikuyu</i> Isaac Ndirangu Roysambu
 <i>Luo</i> Kenneth Okoth Kibra	 <i>Kalenjin</i> Nixon Korir Langata	 <i>Luhya</i> Timothy Wetang'ula Westlands	 <i>Gusii</i> Simba Arati Dagoretti N	 <i>Kikuyu</i> John Kiarie Dagoretti S	 <i>Kamba</i> Mike Sonko Governor
	 <i>Kalenjin-Luhya</i> Johnson Sakaja Senator	 <i>Greek-Kikuyu</i> Esther Passaris Women's Rep			



Wiper rejoins ODM in NASA but loses to the Kenyatta-Ruto Jubilee alliance. Kamanda loses Jubilee primaries but gets a special nomination. First Kalenjin ever elected in Nairobi. John Kiarie(ex-Redykulass) and Charles Njagua ("Jaguar") show blurring lines between politics and performance. ODM and Jubilee swap once seat, same result 9-8 for the opposition. Sonko evicts Kidero as Governor. Again, Nairobi narrowly votes Odinga over Kenyatta. Mugo renominated.

Nairobi

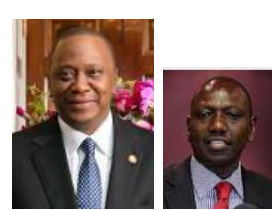
2019: by-elections



Nominated MP



Nominated Senator



Kikuyu
Charles Njagua

Starehe

Somali
Yusuf Hussein

Kamukunji

Luhya
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Women's Rep

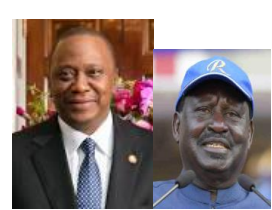
Wiper's Mwawathe nullified in petition but wins again. Kenneth Okoth died and replaced by his brother Bernard.

Nairobi

2020-21



Nominated MP



 *Kikuyu*
Charles Njagua

Starehe

 *Somali*
Yusuf Hussein

Kamukunji

 *Luhya*
George Aladwa

Makadara

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Ruaraka

 *Kikuyu*
Isaac Ndirangu

Roysambu

Somali
Major-Gen Mohammed Badi
NMS Head

Kikuyu
Beth Mugo

Nominated Senator

 *Luo*
Bernard Okoth

Kibra

 *Kalenjin*
Nixon Korir

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Senator

 *Greek-Kikuyu*
Esther Passaris

Women's Rep

Chaos in Nairobi politics, establishment of Nairobi Metropolitan Services March 2020, impeachment of Sonko Dec 2020, numerous arrests and legal cases. Benson Kangara (Nairobi Assembly Speaker) then Anne Kananu Acting Governor, eventually Kananu sworn in Nov 2021. Badi originally appointed to cabinet but ruled unconstitutional.

From fact to opinion

- The next image captures my understanding of the current political alignment of this group of elected (and appointed) individuals as of December 2021/January 2022.



Nakuru & Laikipia

Jan 2022: Current estimated alliances




Kikuyu
Charles Njagua

Starehe



Somali
Yusuf Hussein

Kamukunji



Luhya
George Aladwa

Makadara




Kikuyu
George Theuri

Embakasi W



Kikuyu
Benjamin Mwangi

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James Gakuya

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Ruaraka



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Senator



Greek-Kikuyu
Esther Passaris

Women's Rep



Kikuyu
Beth Mugo



Nominated Senator

Odinga dominates Nairobi, but through the Kikuyu community - whose loyalties are predominantly with Ruto - he is still represented. 5/7 Kikuyu MPs are with him. Mudavadi's and Wetangula's alliance with UDA should bring gains here for UDA but its not yet clear how much. Sakaja will probably back Ruto. While Sonko was a populist, loosely pro-Ruto, Kananu was selected to be firmly pro Handshake/Azimio.