

## Electoral Peace Charter

*The parties to this Charter, (i.e., candidates seeking elective offices)*

*Considering* that electoral violence is a cardinal violation of the whole gamut of universally accepted human rights,

*Recognizing* that there has been electoral violence in past elections in Kenya,

*Aware* that this violence is untenable and an abrogation of the democratic rights of Kenyans,

*Realizing* that this violence has occurred despite the existence of laws and regulations that outlaw electoral violence,

*Knowing* that these laws and regulations include the Electoral Code of Conduct that all political parties and candidates seeking election are obligated to subscribe to,

*Cognizant* that this violence has led to loss of life, liberty, human dignity and damage and destruction of property,

*Concerned* that this violence should not be allowed to recur,

*Realizing* that they are obligated to strive for the promotion and observance of electoral peace,

*Agree* upon and undertake to adhere to the following articles:

1. I shall, at all times, and in all places, in word and in deed, promote the aim of a peaceful election.
2. I shall not directly or by proxy, agent, affiliate, associate or membership or other form whatsoever, engage in any form of electoral violence, which is any act/omission or series of acts/omissions that causes, or is likely to cause, harm to an individual or group of people, or damage to property, if the act/omission or series of acts/omissions is intended to or results in influencing electoral choices or outcomes.
3. To peacefully resolve our differences or other disagreements between and among ourselves.

Name:

Signature:

Party:

Date:

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