

## Party politics

# DP joins Jubilee, endorse

## Uhuru, Ndathi

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The Democratic Party Governing Council Kirinyaga chapter yesterday announced a decision to join President Uhuru Kenyatta's Jubilee Party and fully support Uhuru and Ruto in the 2017 polls.

The council further endorsed Kirinyaga Governor Joseph Ndathi who will seek reelection on Jubilee ticket.

Announcing the move at Kutus during a meeting attended by 144 delegates drawn from Kirinyaga four Constituencies, DP chairman in Kirinyaga Jeremiah Gateri said the 'far-reaching' decision was reached at following consultations between party officials and the delegates.

"Having carefully listened to the calls from members and going with the prevailing political mood in Kirinyaga, it is crystal clear that the people have decided to vote wholeheartedly for for Uhuru Kenyatta, and therefore we as DP hereby announce our intentions to join hands and work with him come next year's general elections," announced Kirinyaga DP Chairman Jeremiah Gateri.

Gateri also urged Jubilee to consider integrating DP delegates who had made the decision to defect to participate in the oncoming party nominations for JP.

Kirinyaga Governor who was in attendance welcomed the move by the delegates and urged them to remain steadfast and work with undivided attention towards Jubilee's success.

"Today we make vows that you will never turn back, we welcome you and urge all of you to ensure you significantly add to the equation which brings about Jubilee's success come 2017," he said urging them to mobilize youth to register as voters to counter the opposition CORD.

Ndathi said Jubilee was keen to support efforts to come up with a unified nation hence calls for dissolution of smaller parties.

“I want to welcome this democratic move and since we are all aware that we want a united country which embraces tolerance and welcomes alternative opinions and policies, I call on our brothers from other quotas to also join us and work with us in Jubilee,” Ndathi said.

## Intentions to vie

Further Governor Ndathi who expressed his intentions to defend his seat challenged politicians from the county to promote peace while engaging in politics.

He maintained that political campaigns should not be deemed as enmity and urged leaders to distance themselves from animosity to ensure the country move forward to greater heights.

The county boss warned Kenyans to desist from electing leaders who promote violence and preach hatred.

“Whoever wants to join politics is allowed and nobody will deny you a chance to vie when the time comes, but all the contestants must adhere with the law and must do campaigns in utmost decorum, show respect for each other give peace first priority so that our country will move forward in politics and development,” pointed out the Governor.

Ndathi said instead of hurling insults at each other, politicians should focus on letting electorates know of their manifesto and sell their development policies to voters.

## Hailed Uhuru on signing Banking Act

Ndathi also joined millions of Kenyans in thanking President Uhuru Kenyatta for assenting the Banking (Amendment) Bill 2015 into law in a move to cap bank interest rates.

He praised Uhuru for giving Kenyans a ‘priceless gift.’

“The move by our president demonstrates his willingness to support Kenyans at all levels of the economy for growth, he clearly identifies with the challenges of the *Wanjiku* of this country and I salute him for that,” he added.

His sentiments were echoed by DP chairman Jeremiah Gateri.

**Caption:**

Kirinyaga DP chairman Jeremiah Gateri address delegates during a meeting when the party announced a decision to fold up and join the Jubilee party through which President Uhuru will seek reelection.



**DP delegates follow the Governors speech**



**Governor Joseph Ndathi shakes hands to showcase the “Tuko Pamoja” Jubilee Party slogan with DP Secretary Nahason Wakabeu. DP Governing Council announced the decision to join JAP  
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**Kirinyaga Governor Joseph Ndathi during a meeting when DP announced a decision join the Jubilee party through which President Uhuru will seek re-election  
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