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Residents score Chairmen in 100 Days

By Abolaji Adebayo

When the 57 council chairmen across Lagos State were officially sworn in on Tuesday, July 27, this year, the expectations were high on their performances as residents were looking forward to seeing changes in their communities in term of infrastructural development. Many of the chairmen especially the first timers were targeting their first 100 days in office to impress their people.

During their swearing in ceremony held at the Lagos State House, Alausa, Ikeja, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu tasked the newly-elected chairmen to ensure that the electorate enjoy the dividends that true democracy brings.

The Commissioner for Local Government and Community Affairs, Dr. Wale Ahmed, re-echoed the governor's words when he tasked the officers, saying: "We expect that the scope of delivery by this crop of honourable chairmen and vice-chairmen, would cover all sectors and sub-sectors, in tune with the THEMES Agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu. You are the third-tier of government and the closest to the grassroots. You have emerged only by the will and mandate of the electorate. It behoves on you to ensure that the electorate enjoy the dividends that true democracy brings."

With this challenge, many of the new helmsmen hit the ground running if only to shame political analysts who believed that the council chairmen would not achieve much within 100 days due to poor allocations and low internally generated revenue.

The report card of most chairmen in the first 100 days has elicited positive responses from the people.

In Isolo LCDA, the Otunba Adebayo Olasoju



2021 Lagos Council Chairmen's swearing-in ceremony

commissioned the rehabilitation of 12 roads with asphalt giving the council area a new look and making like easier for motorists.

Delivering his address, Olasoju listed other achievements in projects including the ongoing reconstruction of an administrative block in the council secretariat, free monthly healthcare service for the elderly ones, 200 free GCE forms for the indigent, procurement of buses to improve the revenue drive of the council.

Commenting on Olasoju's monumental projects, the former Ejigbo Council Chairman, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan wrote in article, "Fixing Roads Like a Stroll in the Park" that he was "pleasantly happy" that the chairman fixed 12 roads within the period.

"As a former LCDA chairman, I know that fixing roads has multiplier socio-economic and political impact on the polity. I was not surprised that he softened the boil where it pained the people most. But why I believe he deserves to be commended is the fact

that he achieved the objectives without controversy. It was like a stroll in the park."

The former chairman linked Olasoju's performance to his experience in the corridors of power:

"For those wondering why it seemed so easy, remember that Otunba Olasoju has been in the corridors of power in this community since 2004 when Chief (Mrs) Modupe Fafowora -Oseghale chaired the LCDA.

"Today's event comes with lessons for those seeking office: groom yourself in the corridors by learning from the masters, play the waiting game and show your stuff when you get the chance. Otunba Olasoju has started well. May God give him the wisdom and good luck to finish well."

In Oshodi-Isolo LG, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) fixed 20 roads, surprising his loyalists and critics. In addition to the road rehabilitation which was the major project, he also embarked on empowerment programme and distributed GCE forms to indigent students.

Promising to do more,

Oloyede has assured the residents that his administration will not relent in building Oshodi and making roads motorable.

For Ojo Local Government, Hon. Rasulu Olusola Idowu's achievements include: presentation of bursary award to deserving students of tertiary institutions, free medical services/eye glasses, donation of two Transformers, two speed boats to students in riverine communities, one bus each to Muslim and Christian leaders and the hosting of Spelling Bee winners in the local government as one day chairman and vice chairman in the office of Ojo LGA.

Speaking on the occasion of his 100 days, he promised to take Ojo to new heights in line with his campaign promises and manifesto of the APC emphasizing revealing that his administration had taken bold steps to build on the foundations laid during his first term.

"When we assumed office, driven by readiness to work and passion for service, we immediately hit the ground running through strategic visits, consultations, and

prompt actions. This explains why we have been able to record a string of achievements within a short period," he explained.

Projects delivered include construction of Ajakaiye road, repair of bridge at Ilufe, drilling of new borehole at Ilaje community, rehabilitation of boreholes at different locations within the Local Government, construction of Onireke/Tedi road, construction of Taiwo Akinvode road and construction/rehabilitation of culvert at different locations.

In Iba LCDA, the newly renovated Ajangbadi-Afromedia modern Town Hall is the major project commissioned by the chairman, Hon. Abiola Jubril (Abila).

In Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), the chairman, Hon. David Olusegun Odunmbaku marked his first 100 days by commissioning security, road and administrative projects to mark his 100 days. During the celebration at the council secretariat, Odunmbaku commissioned the legislative building and handed-over three patrol

vehicles to police formations within Ojodu LCDA.

But the real innovation was the breakfast meeting with captains of industries and corporate institutions where he unveiled his HEYS agenda in tandem with the Lagos State's THEMES agenda.

The HEYS Agenda, according to him, revolves around Health, Education, Youth/Women Development, and Social Infrastructure.

While presenting the patrol vehicles to Ojodu, Area G and Pen Cinema police divisions, the Council Boss enjoined the police stations to always utilize the vehicles for pursuits aimed at sustaining a safer Ojodu LCDA.

Immediately after presentation of the vehicles, the Chairman and teeming dignitaries commissioned the Newly upgraded Legislative Building which has been equipped with modern gadgets aimed at making legislative business a delightful endeavor.

With these developments, stakeholders at the local council level believe there will be rapid development at the grassroots in the four year tenure of the new helmsmen.

We're working in line with Sanwo-Olu's THEMES agenda - Olasoju

By Abolaji Adebayo

The chairman of Isolo LCDA, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju has disclosed that his administration is working in line with the T.H.E.M.E.S agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

According to him, he has to work harder to deliver on his campaign promises and raise the bar of governance in the council.

Olasoju said there are other developmental projects lined up for execution in the council area which would soon be embarked upon.

He noted that those presented to commemorate his 100 days in office including road rehabilitation, free monthly healthcare service for the

elders, free GCE forms for the indigent, procurement of buses to improve the revenue drive of the council, as well as reconstruction of an administrative block in the council secretariat are just smaller part of what is in his master plan.

He added that a lot is being done in the areas of security, traffic and waste management to continually make the council more secured, serene and conducive for habitation.

Olasoju explained that the efforts are geared towards achieving his "Isolo of our dream" mantra that is tailored into the state governor's T.H.E.M.E.S agenda, adding that various programmes and developmental projects will

soon be carried out.

He said: "We can't do less in Isolo because we are trying to emulate our hardworking governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu."

"The governor has T.H.E.M.E.S agenda which we are equally following. Our mission is to have 'Isolo of our dream' where everybody can sleep with their eyes closed, where they can access our healthcare facilities, where we can assist the primary school pupils, where people can walk freely in the local council, where we can do bursary for our indigent and indigenous students. Where everybody can be proud of a maximally functional local government, Isolo, the home of peace and hope."



Hon. Adebayo Olasoju

Pay attention to your health, expert admonishes residents

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Chief Executive Officer of Healthlane, a medical company, Alain Nteff, has admonished the residents of Isolo LCDA on the need to pay adequate attention to healthcare as a way to escape medical challenges.

According to him, focussing on healthcare rather than sickcare is the better way to stay alive.

He said the residents must learn to pay attention to healthcare rather than sick-care, which is common among Nigerians. "Most people focus on sickcare rather than healthcare. Sickcare come when you are already down with an illness, but you don't need to wait for that,

instead, do more on your healthcare as the best way to stay alive," he said.

He said his company aims at simplifying how people understand, track, and

optimise their health, enabling longer healthier lives and reducing the dependence on an overburdened primary health system.

Meanwhile, one of the concerning it.

company's doctors, Dr Lincoln Saiki, said over 75 million Nigerians have hypertension while 25 million are on medications

dangerous diseases which could end their lives.

He expressed worries over Nigeria's disposition to He, however, implored them to imbibe adequate check-up to stay healthy.

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Bamigbetan commends Olasoju over road infrastructure

By Abolaji Adebayo

For fixing 12 roads within his 100 days in office, the former Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan, has commended the executive chairman of Isolo LCDA, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju.

Olasoju commissioned the projects to commemorate his 100 Days ceremony.

Apart from the road construction, the council

chairman said he has also organised a free healthcare service for the elderly ones in the community where they can be treated and given drugs for various non-communicable diseases on monthly basis; distributed over 200 GCE forms to the indigent students in the council area; procured buses to improve the revenue drive of the council; embarked on reconstruction of an administrative block in the council secretariat to expand the workspace for

maximum performance.

Commenting on the projects especially the road infrastructure, Bamigbetan said fixing roads has multiplier socio-economic and political impact on the residents.

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Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan

is the fact that he achieved controversy. It was like a stroll in the park," he said.

Ozoya Youth Cup: Dannaz FC emerge champions of U16, Lofty Skills wins U14 category

By Saheed Afolabi

The recently concluded Ozoya Youth Cup was a success as young football playing lads were discovered by the Ozoya Football Foundation, who powered the competition. Ikeja based side Dannaz FC emerged champions of the U16 category by defeating Fortune FA 2-1 in a dramatic fashion.

Dannaz FC took the lead early in the second half but Fortune FA equalized with less than ten minutes to the end of the match.

In what turned out to be a show of indiscipline to the Fortune FA side, their player handled an header from Dannaz FC that was destined for the top corner of the net with his hand glaringly, which



Ozoya Youth Cup

made the center referee to point to the penalty spot, which was converted clinically to give Dannaz FC the lead late in the game.

Dannaz FC held on to their lead as they emerged champions of the Ozoya Youth

Cup by defeating Fortune FA 2-1.

Lofty Skills beat Skillful FA 3-2 to march on to victory in the U14 category.

The match was a sensation to behold as young kids who are seeking to travel outside the

country to pursue greener pastures displayed technical ability of the game which was won by Lofty Skills. Sport Academy.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, the organiser of the competition, Monday Ozoya,

stated that the competition is to give a platform for young players to display their footballing skills and prowess and wish for the government to give him support in subsequent editions of the competition.

Fusion Football Championship: Ajuwa FC beat B E Arena 2-1

By Saheed Afolabi

Ajuwa FC were able to grind out a great result against B E Arena FC 2-1 in the Fusion Football Championship league one. Goals from Uche James and Junior Isa secured the win for Ajuwa FC, while Edirin Kunaughe scored the consolation goal for B E Arena FC.

Ajuwa FC got to a bright start in the game by taking the lead in the 8th minute through the

enthralling Uche James.

The error leading to the goal conceded by B E Arena was a goalkeeping error, which the goalkeeper regretted.

A glancing header from Nwankwo Emmanuel in the 18th minute went inches off the goal post as Ajuwa pressed on for more goals in the encounter. Ajuwa FC applied more pressure on the defense of B E Arena FC but failed to add to their tally as they took the lobe goal to the break.

B E Arena came back on level

terms in the 65th minute through the penalty spot, which was converted by Edirin Kunaughe.

Seven minutes later, Ajuwa FC restored their lead through an exceptional team work and creative display by Junior Isa, which doubled their lead in a great encounter.

B E Arena FC threw their all in search of a great comeback in the encounter but they met a coordinated defense of Ajuwa FC, as Ajuwa FC ran out with a 2-1 win.



Fusion Football Championship

Steph Curry sets new NBA 3 pointers record

By Saheed Afolabi

Golden State Warriors point guard, Stephen Curry, has set a record for the most 3 pointers scored in all NBA games including the playoffs as Golden State Warriors took Chicago Bulls to the sword. Curry now has 3,366 three-point baskets in all NBA games - regular season and play-offs - adding nine in the Warriors 119-93 win to pass basketball great Ray Allen's mark of 3,358.

The Warriors point guard, 33, is now chasing Allen's regular-season record. Curry ended the night with 40 points for the Western Conference leaders.

It was the 52nd time in his career he had notched up 40 points or more in a game, and came four days after he scored 50 against Atlanta Hawks.

Official NBA records do not include play-off games, so Curry's next task is to overtake Allen's regular-season record

of 2,973 three-pointers. Curry is now on 2,896.

Against the Warriors, the Bulls got off to a promising start to lead 24-14 in the first quarter. But Golden State took control of things to hold the Bulls' offense to just 33 points in the second and third quarters to cruise to a seventh straight win.

Andrew Wiggins scored 15 and Kevon Looney managed a game-high 10 rebounds for the Warriors while Zach LaVine scored 23 points and DeMar DeRozan 18 for the Bulls.

Elsewhere, the Los Angeles Lakers slumped to a 107-87 defeat against the Minnesota Timberwolves with Karl-Anthony Towns scoring 29 points to help the hosts end a six-game losing streak.

Anthony Davis managed 22 points as the Lakers recorded their lowest points total of the season, and lost for the third time in their past five games - all of which they have played without the injured LeBron James.

Fusion Football Championship: Broadcity thrash De Pros FC 3-0

By Saheed Afolabi

Broadcity FC are gradually coming back to the form they are known for as they crushed De Pros FC 3-0 in the Fusion Football Championship league one.

China Austin grabbed a brace and Sanusi netted a goal to wrap up a convincing win for the Broadcity FC at Legacy pitch, FIFA goal project, Surulere.

Broadcity FC dictated proceedings in the game and organised passing of the game as they tried to break their opponent defense.

Sanusi Hanif tried an ambitious shot from 30 yards out but sailed off the goal post as the first half ended in a stalemate.

Chima Austin squandered a golden chance to give Broadcity FC the lead in the 58th minute, though an header, which hit the goal post to draw out a furore from the spectators.

Isaac Odaman drove into the box of Broadcity FC but met a brick wall of defense in the 70th minute.

Lawal Wasiu was guilty of wasting a great chance from close range for Broadcity FC in the 72nd minute as their wastefulness in front of goal continued.

Broadcity FC's woes in front of goal continued as Lawal Wasiu missed a penalty in the 72nd minute as they continued their treasure hunt for goals in the match.

Finally, Broadcity FC opened the goal account of the match in the 74th minute through Chima Austin to provide relief to the Broadcity FC side.

Sanusi Hanif doubled Broadcity FC advantage in the 88th minute to dash the hopes of De Pros FC.

Chima Austin completed his brace of the game by breaking the hearts of De Pros FC as Broadcity FC won the De Pros FC 3-0.

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Ejigbo CDC cautions motorists against 'one-way' driving

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Community Development Committee (CDC), Ejigbo LCDA has cautioned motorists to desist from driving against traffic in the council area, warning them of the dangers. i

Giving the strong warning, the

CDC chairman, Prince Jelili Atiku noted that driving against traffic has caused many avoidable accidents in the community leading to deaths.

He made the call following an accident on Wednesday, last week involving a motorcyclist who knocked down a woman along Iyana-Ejigbo-Jakande road.

It was said that the motorcyclist was trying to escape arrest by the police, took one-way and hit the unsuspecting woman in the process.

Though the woman was rescued after going into coma, Atiku emphasised that driving against traffic, taking one-way must be discouraged by all means.

According to him, one-way driving has been rampant in Ejigbo and has to be eradicated. He emphasised that the essence of advocating against one-way driving is not only about pedestrian safety but also the drivers themselves.

Apart from the accidents involved, Atiku noted that one-way driving accounts for much of the traffic holdups across



Prince Jelili Atiku

Lagos State.

He said some drivers also engage in aggressive driving, causing road hazards, which he

said, is becoming higher in Ejigbo.

He, therefore, charged the chairmen of National Union of

Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Tricycle Owners and Operators Association of Nigeria (TOOAN) and the other

Motorcycle Operators in Ejigbo to sensitize their members on basic riding skills they need to know as drivers.

Iyaloja urges govt to control street trading

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Iyaloja of Jakande Estate Retail Market, Chief Mrs Stella Adebisi, has warned marketers against street trading, urging the local council authority to put up control to save lives and environment.

She noted that people trading on the streets including the buyers are exposed to dangers.

According to her, the current economic situation has propelled many people to venture into street trading just to provide food for their family though, trading on street is more dangerous.

She said apart from being susceptible to accidents, the traders always cause traffic holdups on the major roads.

She added that the children are more at risk as some of the traders engage their children in their business transactions on the road.

She appealed to them to consider the dangers in street trading while struggling for economic balance in their households.

Adebisi further urged the government to put up strict rules against street trading, while appealing to the traders to strictly comply by the rules.

She also implored the buyers to desist from patronising the street traders to avoid the dangers of accident on the road.

She particularly warned against engaging the children in the street trading, saying they are supposed to be in school not in the market.

Iyaloja also called for proper management of spaces within the market to accommodate more traders.

Olaifa eyes PDP state vice chairmanship position

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The former Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Oshodi-Isolo LG, Hon. Sunday Olaifa, has disclosed his ambition to become the Lagos State vice chairman of the party.

Olaifa said this in a chat with ECHONEWS, saying his achievements as the LG chairman of the party are enough to earn him the

position.

Mentioning his achievements while in office, the former LG party chairman said he was able to produce two Federal House of Representatives members and two members of the Lagos State House of Assembly.

Olaifa, who doubled as the Secretary, Lagos State LG Party Chairmen's Forum, said his party won in 2012

the four political posts in Oshodi-Isolo Constituencies I and II.

He appreciated the party members for giving him the needed support during his first and second tenures as the party chairman.

He said his administration would not have been totally successful if members had not cooperated with him towards the development of the party.

He, therefore, advised the new party chairman to make sure he carries everyone along, saying transparency is one of the virtues of leadership.

"Let members have sense of belonging, engage in regular meeting and also penetrate into every section such as women, youths, elders and more that constitute the part. They are the ones who would make you succeed.



Hon. Sunday Olaifa

Oboye residents demand drainage to avert flood

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Oboye Street in Ejigbo LCDA have appealed to the council authority for assistance on drainage construction to avert flood. According to them, the street becomes impassable

any time it rains as it duff of flood.

They complained that the flood extends to the inner community due to lack of drains on both sides of the street.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, one of the residents, Alhaji Adewale Adelabu, said

there is need for drains on street to reduce the flood on the road, making it swampy and difficult for both pedestrians and vehicles.

He also appealed for support for the traders whose shops were destroyed during the last downpour.

Owner of damaged shop who spoke to ECHONEWS noted that the heavy downpour destroyed their goods in addition to damaging their shops.

She, therefore, appealed the government and other philanthropists in the community to render

assistance to all affected traders in the environment.

She commended the efforts of the council Chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) in the affairs of the community while appealing to him to consider drainage construction in the area to save the residents.

Fewer voters register for PVC in last 30days

By Edith Igbokwe

The rate at which people jostle to register or request for new permanent voter's card (PVC) declined by 97percent in the last three months, says the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area office of the Independent National Electoral Commission.

The officials of the Commission who spoke to ECHONEWS said the turn up for the exercise has been discouraging, noting that since the commencement of the exercise on Monday, October 4 till second week of November, this year, only 25 people came for registration. Comparing their current record with the previous one, the commission noted that it

recorded 930 between July and September.

This indicates a decrease of about 905 people in the period. ECHONEWS had earlier reported that the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe), provided free transportation to convey Ejigbo residents to the registration point in Oshodi.

Obe took the decision when he realised that residents of Ejigbo LCDA were not participating in the exercise because of the distance and cost of transportation.

One told residents at a recent meeting that though he offered to provide a comfortable place in the LCDA for INEC to conduct the exercise but the request was turned down on grounds that

there was strict guideline not to move the registration machines from the local government office.

The INEC officials hinted that by Monday, December 20, the commission will embark on a short break.

During the short break, Preliminary Voters Registration (PVR) will be displayed for people to identify errors and make

corrections before final printing of the Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs), ECHONEWS gathered.

The display of PVR is expected to start on Wednesday, December 22 for those that registered between October 4 and December 20 to visit the registration center for corrections.

Court orders indebted firms to pay PSP

By Edith Igbokwe

A Customary Court sitting in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government has ordered Bowman microfinance bank and Olasco Water factory, both in Mafoluku area of Oshodi, to maintain their contract terms with Excellence link, a Private Sector Participant (PSP) operator in charge of their waste disposal. Excellence had sued the firms for owing N139,000 and N81,000 respectively. Both agreed owing the firm but pleaded for more favourable rates to reconcile their debts.

The Managing Director of Bowman microfinance bank,

Mrs. Moni Aigbokhaode, told the court that she had earlier paid N40,000 out of the N139,000 debt but it did not reflect on the Mill's served by the waste form.

She also claimed to have paid additional N60,000 previous week on two different occasions in instalments of N40,000 and N20,000, providing receipts as her evidence.

She provided evidence of payment of up to N100,000 out of the debt, remaining N39,000 outstanding debt which was agreed by both parties to be paid by the end of November 2021.

On her part, the daughter of the CEO of Olasco Water Factory, Aminat Aderoju,



who represented the company stated that partial business operations led to the accumulated debt owed

by the company.

Citing the economic situation that has befallen the water business, Aderoju

pleaded for reduction in the monthly service charge by the PSP henceforth, for the company to be able to pay promptly.

She presented N2,000 receipt being part payment made out of the N81,000 accumulated debt.

She said the company had appealed to the PSP operator to reduce its monthly bill to N2,000 from N8,000 but the PSP insisted on N4,000.

She pleaded with the court that the factory can only afford N2,000 monthly since it is now operating partially.

However, the Excellence Waste law enforcement official in court, Mr. Kayode Akinlade said the amendment of service

charge rate could not be made in court.

Having listened to both parties, the presiding president of the court, Mrs. Funmilayo Ogunsanwo ordered Excellence PSP to permit Olasco Water to pay N4,000 every two months as service charge rate which is equivalent to N2,000 monthly.

She justified her actions that with convenience, the downsized factory that has been on partial operation will not have any excuse to default.

The court ordered both debtors to obey the reconciliation terms and ensure prompt payment of waste bills.

As part of his agenda, the newly elected state chairman of the Nigerian Automobile Technician Association (NATA), Comrade Morufu Egberongbe, has prioritised database management to grow the association.

While presenting a 4-point agenda on comprehensive database management, membership welfare, constant publicity and proper house management to the members, he emphasised the need for the database management, saying it is critical to the growth of any organisation.

For proper execution of his agenda, Egberongbe said he would set up committees to handle each programme.

New NATA chairman to create database for members

By Edith Igbokwe

According to him, setting up committees would afford more members the opportunity to be part of decision making and have sense of belonging.

As earlier promised, Egberongbe said members from Oshodi-Isolo would be given sensitive posts to direct the affairs of the association for fast growth.

Egberongbe also called on his contender at the poll, Comr. Adekunle Yekeen, to co-operate and work with him for the development of the association.

He said Yekeen's experience

as former secretary of the association is highly needed to move the association forward. He appealed to him to put the

election to the past and support his administration. He also urged other elected executive members of the

association to be up and doing and work in harmony with him. According to him, the association cannot grow

without unity among the members, saying he is looking up to the key principal to be successful during his tenure.

Oshodi-Isolo LG approves three new CDAs

By Edith Igbokwe

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government has approved three new Community Development Associations (CDAs) in addition to the existing 65.

With the three new CDAs approved, the local government now has 68 CDAs to operate in the community.

The three CD's, caved out of Old Ladipo CDA in Oshodi we're given certificate to operate by

the local government.

The old Ladipo CDA with 13 streets has been divided into four CDAs such as SHOODA, Oluwani, Adewunmi-Ogefon and New Ladipo CDA.

Meanwhile, out of the four CDAs, the New Ladipo CDA was denied certificate by the local government due to disagreement among its executive members.

The CDA was asked to put its house in order before it is allowed to handle the

community affairs.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the SHOODA CDA Chairman, Mr. Joseph Bayode, expressed a great relief, saying the old Ladipo CDA was divided for more developments to set in.

He explained that the journey behind the CDAs created started as eight years ago with some challenges that have finally given way for the new development.

He explained that SHOODA CDA got two major streets from the

existing 13 streets and part of another street.

Odalume Street, Sopeju link and part of Ajisegiri Street are the streets under the new SHOODA CDA.

While Bayode was elected the chairman of the CDA, Mr. Olayiwola Idris emerged the first vice chairman, Mr. Jolayemi Julius, second vice Chairman and Mr. Femi Maku, the secretary to run the association.

2023: Three aspirants to wrestle Reps seat with incumbent in Oshodi II

By Abolaji Adebayo

The race to the National Assembly in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II has started in earnest with the emergence of three aspirants to contest the Federal House of Representatives' seat.

The aspirants, who made their intentions known last week, include the former Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan, the former Lagos State Commissioner for Home Affairs, Hon. AbdulHakeem AbdulLateef, and the incumbent member of the Lagos House of Assembly representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Hon. Jude Idimogu.

The aspirants are battling the incumbent member of the House of Representatives, Engr. Ganiyu Johnson, who is serving his first term in the lower chamber.

All the aspirants will be jostling for the All Progressives Congress (APC) ticket to contest with other candidates from other parties in 2023.

In 2019, AbdulLateef backed Johnson to contest the party's primary against Bamigbetan's candidate, Abee Anibaba and Hammed Oseni who later joined ADP after losing the primary.

Following Johnson's emergence, Bamigbetan also gave Engr. Johnson total support to win the election.

Meanwhile, the political atmosphere has started changing with the declaration of some of the aspirants last week indicating their intentions to succeed Rep Johnson in 2023.

Though the incumbent reps member himself is nursing



Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan



Hon. AbdulHakeem AbdulLateef



Hon. Jude Idimogu

the ambition of second term as his loyalists has started canvassing for his return in 2023, Hon. AbdulLateef, who was Johnson's loyalist and prime supporter in 2019 was seen declaring his intention on his Facebook page to contest in 2023.

He wrote: "All powers and authorities are in the hands of Allah. Join me with prayers as we commence our journey to the House of Representatives in 2023 ONLY if Allah approves. PRAYERS ONLY PLEASE!"

Hon. Jude Idimogu came into the political limelight after winning the Lagos House of Assembly election under the platform of Peoples Democratic Party in 2015. He defected to the APC when he wanted to contest for re-election in 2019 and eventually won the seat again under the platform of All Progressives Party.

Although Idimogu has not come out clearly on his ambition to run for the Federal House of Representatives in 2023, his followers have created a WhatsApp platform - SUPPORT HON JUDE FOR

REPS - through which they canvass support for him. Earlier in April this year, the lawmaker had told ECHONEWS that he would not contest for the Lagos House of Assembly any more but did not disclose his next ambition.

Idimogu told ECHONEWS that his ambition would be dictated by his political godfather, the Speaker of the Lagos House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa. Bamigbetan, a political leader in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II used a teaser on his Facebook page to declare his ambition on Friday by simply writing: "Hon Kehinde Bamigbetan, Member, House of Representatives, 2023-2027. What do you think?"

The next day, the political Juggernaut returned to his page to canvas support still went back to his Facebook page to write "About 24 hours ago, I spoke what was on my mind aloud. In this short period, the positive feedback from persons I value and respect has energised my idea. I thank God for preserving me to this

moment so that I can, once more, aspire to serve you again. I thank everyone who has been part of my journey to make lives better for our kids, easier for the women and fulfilling for everybody. When the INEC announces the time-table, God is going to open a new window of opportunity for me to represent you at the Federal House of Representatives. As you did during the six years of my chairmanship in Ejigbo LCDA, I know you are going to walk by my side, whisper in my ears and cheer me to victory, a victory of all for all. I live next door to you in Ejigbo. I am available and accessible. Call me: 08023049261"

Barely some minutes after his message, his loyalists across the constituency started mobilizing to actualize his ambition. First, they created a WhatsApp group platform tagged "Youth Earnestly Ask For KOK Bamigbetan (Y. E. A. 4 KOK Bamigbetan)", which was later changed to "Progressive Youth 4 KOK". As at the time of putting this report together on Saturday

night, the membership of the platform had reached 244.

One of the group administrators, Olugbenga Ebitigha wrote: "Once again, we would like to welcome you all into this great platform. It is officially christened "Youth Earnestly Ask For KOK Bamigbetan". "Youth Earnestly Ask For KOK Bamigbetan is a socio-political group set up with the sole aim of campaigning for, as well as facilitating the actualization of KOK's political aspirations in the forthcoming NHA's election 2022.

"The stage is set.... Y.E.A 4 KOK Bamigbetan will recognize, engage and work with youths and women of all caucuses in Oshodi/Isolo Constituency II to actualise our objectives." John Kayode said: "Enough is Enough. He has been patient all the time and fully committed. Still continue to step down for others. This time I beg let them allow him to contest. KOK is OK. It is OK for me and OK for you."

The immediate past Secretary to the Local

Government (SLG), Ejigbo LCDA, Dr. Fregene Omatseye said Hon. Bamigbetan has consulted widely before declaring his intention to contest.

He said: "Our principal, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan having consulted with leaders, members of our party and convinced by God, his making himself available for the office of member federal house of representatives Oshodi/Isolo constituency II. Therefore we seek your support."

His career in political communications started off at the office of the Governor of Lagos State where he served as Deputy Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, 2003 to March 2005, and was Chief Press Secretary to former Governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu till October 2008.

Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Bamigbetan, who was formerly the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, held the position of Special Adviser on Communities and Communities.

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