

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Submission of nomination papers for by-elections**

The Malawi Electoral Commission today received nominations papers from aspiring candidates in the October 7, 2014 by-elections. Candidates who were duly nominated in postponed elections were required to inform the Commission in writing on their intent to contest again.

The following are the names of candidates who have presented nomination papers or informed the Commission on their intent to contest:

#### **Zgeba Ward, Karonga Nyungwe Constituency**

1. Jonathan Jody M. Matandala      Independent
2. Spencer Jona Mwalweni          Independent

The following have submitted letters of intent to contest:

3. Gibson Mulwa                      Peoples Party (PP)
4. Ganyavu Ngwira                    Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
5. Victor Connex Nthara              Malawi Congress Party (MCP)

### **Mbalachanda Ward, Mzimba Central Constituency**

There were no new nominations and all the three candidates have submitted letters of intent to contest as follows:

1. Palipose John Chipeta                      PP
2. Moses M.J. Kamanga                      DPP
3. Davis C.K. Manda                      Independent

### **Lifupa ward, Kasungu West Constituency**

There were no new nominations and the following submitted letters of intent to contest:

1. Giff Magwalangwa Banda                      DPP
2. Mathias Chimowa Banda                      MCP
3. Samson M.B.C. Banda                      UDF
4. Jairos K. Bonongwe                      Independent
5. Josophat Kadzakalowa Kasese                      Independent
6. Shadrack Keith Phiri                      PP

### **Kandeu Ward, Ntcheu North East Constituency**

1. Raynox Master Gobede                      Independent
2. Francis Doba Gama Maliro                      UDF
3. Gabriel Edward Misomali                      Independent

The following have submitted letters of intent to contest:

4. Andrew Alexander                      DPP

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| 5. Dave Kachingwe       | NLP |
| 6. Harold Jones Liwonde | MCP |
| 7. Stanly Duma Siyasiya | PP  |

### **Lisanjala Ward**

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| 1. Davy F.C Chitedze   | Independent |
| 2. Chancy Often Tiwale | DPP         |

The following have submitted letters of intent to contest:

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| 3. Ashraf Tepani Botha    | Independent |
| 4. John Chipojola Dyton   | Independent |
| 5. Suzen Yasin Gama       | PP          |
| 6. Loveness Katembo       | Independent |
| 7. Richard Matenje        | Independent |
| 8. January Sozibele       | Independent |
| 9. Charles Mbewe Thomondo | UDF         |

### **Blantyre North Constituency**

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| 1. Wyson Dominic Makungwa | Independent |
| 2. Willy Chikaiko Maulana | MCP         |
| 3. Aubrey Mukwacha        | Independent |

One candidate above who was duly nominated in the May 2014 elections has changed affiliation and submitted a fresh nomination. The following are the candidates who have submitted letters of intent to contest:

4. Paul Jonas Maulidi PP
5. Caleb Charles Ng'ombo UDF
6. Francis Lucky Phiso DPP

### **Thyolo East Constituency**

1. January Chewasi Bwanali Independent
2. Florence Bertha Chisanga MCP
3. Gerson Timothy Solomon DPP
4. Elisha Joel Milanzi Independent

The Commission will scrutinize the nominations to ensure that the aspirants are eligible to contest. The Commission will announce all candidates who will be allowed to contest on September 15, 2014.

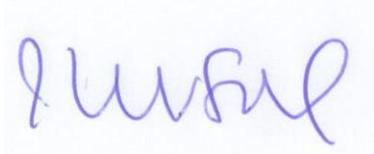
Members of the public wishing to challenge the eligibility of any candidate mentioned above should write the Commission with substantiated evidence of the ineligibility.

Those challenging the eligibility of a candidate on the basis of understanding or interpretation of the law are encouraged to seek opinions of their legal counsel before challenging the eligibility of any of the contestants.

All stakeholders should also take note that the Commission will not be moved to disqualify any candidate basing on challenges raised

through media press briefings of which the Commission has not been properly furnished with details.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 at Blantyre

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Kalonga', is centered on the page.

PP: Willie Kalonga

**Chief Elections Officer**