

Press Release

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From: NPP Members, Sympathizers and Citizens of Sekyere Kumawu District

DO NOT REAPPOINT MR. SAMUEL ADDAI AGYEKUM AS THE DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF SEKYERE KUMAWU DISTRICT

We, the NPP Members, sympathizers and citizens of the Sekyere Kumawu District wish to plead with The President, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo not to reappoint or reengage the services of the current District Chief Executive (DCE), Mr. Samuel Addai Agyekum as the next DCE for the Sekyere Kumawu District.

We emphatically proclaim that assuming the DCE position were to be by elections, Mr. Samuel Addai Agyekum will have lost drastically, because he has woefully failed in performance of his function as the chief representative of the central government in the district, as a supposed member of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) and as an appointee of the President. It is our duty as NPP faithful's and citizens as empowered by the constitution of Ghana, to hold our leaders, (in this case the DCE) accountable, demand quality district services and better representation of assembly members for the development and improved standard of living for us all.

We have unanimously come to this decision based on numerous reasons culminating from both constituency and district level agenda by some individuals to unseat the then member of parliament which ensued before, during and after the parliamentary primaries for the 2020 election, but shall state just a few.

As an appointee of the President, and a supposed NPP member, it behoves on Mr. Addai Agyekum the DCE to support the agenda of the President by working together with the Member of Parliament, who happens to be the elected Parliamentary Candidate for the 2020 elections, in the interest of the New Patriotic Party in order to retain the Parliamentary seat. This was not exhibited in many instances by the DCE.

Sekyere Kumawu is one of the strong holds of the NPP and has contributed to the numbers of NPP members of parliament since 1996. Under the leadership of Mr. Addai Agyekum, instead of working harmoniously with the NPP Parliamentary Candidate to improve upon the 78.2% height attained in the 2016 parliamentary elections, he, by his actions and inactions caused the NPP to nearly lose the seat to an Independent Candidate as the NPP party struggled to attain 51.1% in the 2020 Parliamentary Elections, the worse ever performance in the history of the NPP in Sekyere Kumawu. As an appointed leader of his stature with all the powers entrusted to him by the president, MR. Addai Agyekum was almost virtually absent in every party organized activity and campaigns, participate with a

lukewarm behavior if he is present which we believe it was just for the cameras and he would not willingly wear MP branded paraphernalia on any occasion. Mr. President, we wonder what would have happened to the NPP caucus in parliament should we have lost the seat to the independent candidate taking into cognizance the current political composition of 8th Parliament.

Again, it is of no secret that Mr. Addai Agyekum has never been in good terms with the Elected MP of the constituency and by his activities and otherwise, visibly sabotaged the Member of Parliament's activities, projects and supports to his constituents. He has displayed his gross disrespect to the Member of Parliament on several platforms and has refused an amicable solution to this fractious situation on several occasions even in the presence of party officials such as F.F. Anto and Ashanti Regional Secretary, Sampang. This led to the drastic drop of votes for the NPP Party but in favor of opposition and the independent candidate.

Also, Mr. Agyekum goes from one radio and TV stations to the other to speak for the whole world in his praise and glory. He attributes almost every single supposed development/project to himself and never in moments seize the opportunity to say anything positive of the Parliamentary candidate or attempt to credit him in anyway, rather to the ridicule of the MP and the NPP for these past 4 years. He hardly, other than in principle, invites the MP to grace his programs and activities and will mostly not be present in general gatherings where the MP is in attendance.

We hereby state that, since the MP has been reelected by the people of Sekyere Kumawu and from all indications, both the MP and current DCE cannot work together in harmony for the development of the people, it is in wisdom for us as citizens and not spectators, to appeal and plead with our listening father and President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo to NOT reappoint MR. Samuel Addai Agyekum as DCE.

We therefore suggest that the president appoint and engage the services of a different person who has the leadership competence and vision as District Chief Executive for Sekyere Kumawu District so that the development of the district can be facilitated. The appointment of a new person, we believe, would change the narratives and both the MP and the new DCE would work to improve the worsened standard of living of the constituents.

We are very confident that the President, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo being the great and listening leader that he is, will not punish the people of Sekyere Kumawu District with a reappointment of Mr. Samuel Addai Agyekum. We cannot threaten our President but we promise that we will show our displeasure if the unlikely reappointment happens.

Sekyere Kumawu has numerous sons and daughters who are proactive, industrious, well-connected, and ready to work in harmony with the MP to ensure the development of the district and a motivated grassroots in the years ahead. We shall not hide our displeasure if Mr. Agyekum is reappointed.

We are grateful to the President already for we know he will give head to our plea.

Long Live Ghana!!
Long Live Sekyere Kumawu!!
Long live NPP!!

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