

His Excellency, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode,
The Executive Governor Of Lagos State,
Lagos House,
Alausa, Ikeja,
Lagos, Lagos Sate.

Your Excellency.

RE: APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHANCELLOR FOR THE LAGOS STATE
UNIVERSITY (LASU), CONCERNS OF EKO FOUNDATION, INDIGENES OF
LAGOS STATE & THE ACADEMIA.

Seasons Greetings.

Your Excellency would recall that during your electioneering campaign and prior to your victory at the polls and election as the Executive Governor of Lagos State, you had an interactive session with members of our Foundation at the Protea Hotel, Awolowo Road Ikoyi. That forum afforded us the opportunity to intimate you of the dilemma of marginalization of the indigenes of this State in the public service, appointments to key offices and generally in the governance of the State.

In the most recent past, we have carefully watched with dismay and trepidation that this trend has continued in the State and we are deeply worried and disturbed, because we know as a fact that this is contrary to the principles of federalism entrenched in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Federal Character Commission Act and allied legislations.

The appointment of a substantive Vice Chancellor for the Lagos State University (LASU) is an ongoing exercise, awaiting Your Excellency's confirmation of who among the three (3) short-listed nominees would be announced as your choice in your capacity as the Visitor to the University. The result of the Interview conducted to fill this Office has been published in most of the news and electronic media in the order of meritorious performance at that interview. The Lagos State University is a citadel of learning established to produce 'well grounded' elites who can comfortably compete with graduates of other academic institutions locally and internationally. It is, therefore, obligatory that the appointment of the substantive Vice Chancellor be based on Merit as a primary parameter and consideration.

We hereby urge your Excellency to confirm the appointment of the candidate who performed best at the interview, who incidentally is an Indigene of

Lagos State as Vice Chancellor. This would accord with the principles of fairness, equity and natural Justice and further douse the tension caused by the media fervor that this ordinarily domestic exercise of the Institution has attracted.

Be assured of our high regards and consideration at all times.

Kind Regards,

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