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THE INDEPENDENT
LIBERAL PARTY

LET US WORK TO:
Trust One Another
Respect One Another

LET US WORK WITH:
Integrity In Our Affairs
Accountability For Our Choices

WORK WITH US TO:
Diversify our economy
Create sustainable quality jobs
Increase our local food production
Maintain law, order and justice for all
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My dear friends, the most important decision that you will make in your entire life is your vote in the general election of 2015. Never in our history have we been so racially divided and polarised as we are today. The two major parties have historically favoured their supporters and have not made available to all citizens their just due.

Elections 2015 gives us a rare opportunity to change the historical patterns of neglect. In 2010 the society in its wisdom recognised this possibility by electing a coalition of parties, but this did not provide the results expected because on winning the election everyone became a Minister of Government, accountable and beholden to the Prime Minister. This allowed the Prime Minister to appoint all her confidantes as Senators and give them strategic and important Ministries. This made them accountable to no one and the Prime Minister a virtual monarch.

The ILP is offering our country an opportunity to correct the corruption and lack of accountability and disrespect to you by being a part of the parliament and therefore holding the government to accountability and transparency. Our Westminster System of Government was intended to serve all the people, but our experience has been that political parties once they form the government operate on a winner take all and the rest of the society suffers.

The Trinidad and Tobago Model of governance requires a third party operating in the parliament and looking after the interest of those who do not support either of the two parties that have traditionally ruled our country.

Wherever we have an ILP candidate, I ask for your support. The Independent Liberal Party will be this party learning from the experiences of the last five years. We have operated in opposition, and in government and will not make the mistakes that were made by the coalition partners who on assuming office became part of the government and accountable to the Prime Minister.

The government of 2015 must have the ideas and the political will to confront and resolve the challenges that we face and to do so by maximizing all of our collective resources – our ingenious human capital, our natural resources such as arable lands and our entrepreneurial spirit.

The government of 2015 must inspire citizens to join hands in pursuit of restoring law and order, in pursuit of reform and reorganization of our outdated systems, in pursuit of diversification of our economy and in pursuit of productivity.

The Independent Liberal Party intends to represent in the Government all those persons who do not support the traditional parties, we intend to change the way we are treated by those in power, we intend to create a new style of democracy where all is at the table, we intend to be in parliament acting on your behalf.

Let us begin to restore pride to our country, wherever we have an ILP candidate. I ask for your support so together we can be the change that we desire.

JACK WARNER

In 2015 put your country FIRST

VOTE THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY
VISION STATEMENT

The ILP will provide a sustainable environment for genuine citizen participation, with people who are deeply committed to Trinidad and Tobago and in charge of their destiny; where open, honest and accountable government protects the rights and freedoms of all citizens through quality representation, sound strategies for positive human capacity development, excellence in public service and the strong commitment to integrity in public affairs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The ILP proposes to create a society where cultural, social, religious and economic diversity is respected and celebrated, where minority groups have a majority voice, where citizens will be encouraged to pursue their dreams in an enabling environment that is sustainable, progressive, safe and secure. The ILP commits to providing fairness, honesty and people-oriented need fulfilment, and to provide the opportunity for all citizens to reach their highest potential to compete within the global village. The ILP is defined by integrity, strong adherence to a spiritual and moral value system and an adherence to social justice.
VALUES

RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY:
The ILP respects the culturally diverse nature of our society and will promote, nurture and celebrate the development of respectful and positive relationships in all our communities.

GENDER EQUALITY:
The ILP will challenge our social systems and seek to reverse discrimination where ever this type of action is practised.

PERSONAL, COMMUNITY, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY:
The ILP encourages individuals to work together to improve not only their personal well-being but also the well-being of their community, their country and their region through peace, economic justice, social harmony and ecological balance. There must be harmony of action in relation to community, industry and the environment.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY:
The ILP will provide opportunities for all citizens to participate in decisions which affect their lives. A system of checks and balance will be instituted by the establishment of a Community Advisory Council to act as a guardian of democracy through community participation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:
The ILP will protect the rights and opportunities of our citizens to ensure that all persons benefit equitably from State resources and will confront/challenge any organization or institution which acts unfairly and seeks to deny fair and legitimate treatment or action to the citizens of our country.

FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY:
The ILP commits to a fair, transparent and equitable delivery of public goods and services to the people of Trinidad and Tobago, without fear or favour and within the legitimate framework of justice for all.
Community Concern #1

AGRICULTURE &
FOOD SECURITY
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

Food is the single most important essential to the survival and sustenance to every human living today. It is said that a nation that can feed itself is truly a country of 1st world status. Despite past and present plans, T&T is behind the times when it comes to providing a consistent and affordable food supply for both local and export markets.

Before the University of the West Indies was established in 1972, the world renown Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA) was the leading institute of tropical agriculture with a wealth of available and unique research materials. These research materials are not actively being used by the public and farming communities at large for the growth and development of the sector.

We can create more than ever before new developmental opportunities for you with a desire to be part of a new sustainable food production approach. We have the ability and know how to produce at least 50% more food crop by increasing yields, shifting diets, and using fertilizer that is more organic in nature.

Livestock products such as fish can be farmed in large tanks whereby reducing and preserving wild stocks as well as reusing waste fish water as a means of fertilizing food crops in closed-loop sustainable food production systems. No waste!

To meet the need of the local and regional farming communities for animal feed, we will introduce technologies that can enable high production of protein from perennial forage grasses and corn.

The ILP will ensure through its healthy food production initiatives and activities a focus on food security and sustainability.
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY
PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE

AGRICULTURE—FOOD PRODUCTION / ENVIRONMENT

• Revitalize government seed bank with a focus on preserving local stock
• Aggressively enforce the predial larceny laws and increase the number of officers throughout all farming communities
• Aggressively increase access roads, improve water supplies and drainage to new and existing farms throughout various constituencies
• Implement a food crop insurance system for registered farmers in existing associations throughout all constituencies as farm risk management
• Aggressively promote the farming, consumption, and export of local fruits
• Establish community-based farms to produce foods that are economically viable and sustainable
• Extend technical and financial support to farmers to include a focus on the business of farming as well as the ability to ensure succession planning in the sector
• Restrict Genetically Modified Organisms or engineered imported food and raw materials
• Establish agro-producer and processor farms for animal feed for local and export market
• Re-emphasize linkages – Research & Development, academia, farms, Government
• Encourage persons trained in agri-related disciplines through incentives to become involved in the coordination of the national food production diversification initiative
• Utilise a computerized database management system to propel the development of the agriculture sector of all food produce related activities, production schedules, farms, and farmers as well as quantities, type, and quality of food supply, both current and projected
• Regulate land use to facilitate and encourage investment in agriculture and food production
• Re-vitalise Homestead Farming and establish new communities for livestock, food crop, and aquaculture
• Re-vitalise the coconut industry through the use of modern disease and pest management interventions and strategies and provide the necessary financial support to farmers
• Establish a new high tech testing laboratory for the honey industry to enable testing for antibacterial levels as well as other markers naturally occurring in the honey
• Increase the number of bee Inspectors of Apiaries to ensure sanitary facility conditions are maintained and standardised extraction of honey
• Enforce the Beekeeping and Bee Products Act on the importation of bees, bee supplies and bee products into Trinidad and Tobago
• Protect food quality by creating an environment for the pesticides and toxic chemical board to be more actively involved in the testing of food at the point-of-sale to determine the level of chemical residue.
REPRESENTATION
ACTION
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Community Concern #2

EDUCATION, SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Education through the process of learning is what will unite us to work together as ONE.

Every citizen has the right to obtain a high quality education with significant financial support from the State. As ONE people and one nation, each of us has to play a role in continuously developing our educational environment in a manner consistent to the times we live. We as a nation must be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities both real and potential that now exist in the rapidly changing local, regional and global space around us.

From your computer and a reliable Internet connection and in your home, you can now successfully achieve that sought after degree with the press of a button. You only need to have the positive motivation and an educational environment that is geared to help and support the creativity that exists within you.

With the responsibility of school age children, you now more than ever before have to be more in control in the quality and content of how and what your child is learning. The educational system and supporting environments must be transformed to meet the needs of the future.

The ILP’s role in government will be one that ensures that education services delivered to you is not a privilege, but it’s your right!
EDUCATION, SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE

EDUCATION / TRAINING / SKILLS

• Design, develop and incorporate an e-learning platform to effectively use computers for delivering primary and secondary school-based subject matter.

• Expand OJT Program and include an employment placement agency.

• Increase the number of social work counselors in Primary schools to assist students with family and social related problems.

• Develop and implement an electronic institutional version of UTT online to increase access and availability to tertiary education.

• Evaluate existing Primary and Secondary schools curriculum with the focus on creating a modern learning system and environment tailored to meet the need of student life within respective communities throughout T&T.

• Establish and maintain a Primary and Secondary Schools After-School training and competitive amateur sporting league using Community Centres or designated Schools and Recreation Grounds in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Sports and Local Government.

• Provide a Tax Incentive for small businesses that provide early childhood facilities for more than twenty children.

• Develop and implement an electronic Primary and Secondary Schools Information Management and Assessment Communication platform to facilitate parents, teachers, students, and other stakeholders with secure, reliable and transparent access to student activities and performance for future career placement and development opportunities.
Community Concern #3

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Transportation is what gets us together and ensures we get goods and/or services delivered on time and where we want it.

It is expected that the future of sustainable communities will be organized around a robust transportation network.

As it stands today, everyday traffic congestion is a norm that should be a thing of the past. For instance, we have many single-occupancy cars on our roadways.

Our public transit system is outdated and under threat of service cuts; and the supporting infrastructure needs to be transformed to meet future demands.

Our transportation system has not been evolving together with the growth of the number of vehicles on the roads and the growth of our communities.

Although attempts to provide relief in traffic congestion are ongoing, it is far from enough in meeting the needs of commuters today.

As a result of our traffic woes, our on-work production levels are too low to be competitive on the world’s stage, stress levels are too high, and your public safety is significantly threatened every day.

We must provide better ways to enhance our commute to and from our destination.
TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
TRANSPORTATION / INFRASTRUCTURE / UTILITIES

• Modernize all in-land public transportation hubs

• Install traffic accessibility equipment at all major crossing

• Centralize making of vehicle number plates - incl. new technology

• Restore major cities roads to accommodate a “Bus Only” Lane in order to facilitate new express Bus service

• Build and/or refurbish bus shelters throughout T&T

• Develop and implement a state of the future bus-scheduling network that can track and display the location, arrival, and departure of a bus on any given route at any time

• Install accessibility facilities at all Government buildings

• Re-introduce car-pooling on Priority Bus Route

• Increase the number of traffic wardens

• Establish and implement a Hi-way Xpress Bus Park n Ride transportation system at strategic commercial centres and points along the UBH between San F’do and POS in “Bus Only” lanes connected to the Priority Bus Route

• Install and maintain free computer network in all community centres throughout T&T

• Install and maintain free High Speed Internet access in all community centres throughout T&T

• Provide free on-going training and help sessions in basic Information Communication Technology for the future in selected schools and/or community centres throughout T&T

• Begin an initiative to install communications technology to remotely monitor and bill commercial WASA customers

• Subscribe, promote and dedicate government television channel to deliver more science and technology programming geared toward school age students
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Community Concern #4

HOUSING & LAND TENURE

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Housing must be adequate, affordable and available to you and your family as a basic citizen need that is crucial for self-empowerment to become reality

Whether you rent, lease or own your own home, there is no place like home for the holidays or any other time. The construction of houses does not constitute community development.

Past and present governments solely place focus on developing housing stock and not on community development or organisation. We must develop our family housing units as communities having also developed common community spaces (centres) or recreational facilities that support community development activities.

Government’s involvement in the housing business was to provide help to those that could not go for or afford financing using traditional means. But today (2015), the cost of housing is out of reach for the average citizen.

Together, we must re-establish and re-define our community boundaries. For instance, in the early independence life of our country the names of towns and villages were easily identified through clearly visible signage and mile markers. Over the years the maintenance culture of governments of the day simply allowed the consistent degradation of our community demarcations.

We must restore the community spirit and develop housing as part of a well-defined community of the future.
HOUSING & LAND TENURE CITIZEN
PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
HOUSING & LAND TENURE

• Re-establish and implement Rent Assessment Board legal functions with a mandate to ensure minimum living quarters standards are kept as regulated

• Re-vitalise the Town & Country Division to make it more people friendly

• Restructure and provide a faster and transparent process to select housing applicants and distribute existing and new lands for housing use

• Convert Letters of Comfort to an entitlement document

• Prepare and deliver deeds for new HDC mortgages within 12 months

• Make special consideration for housing for members of the Protective Services
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Community Concern #5

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Your health is your wealth. Living a healthy lifestyle is what will promote good health! There is no substitute.

But our health care sector support systems must be transformed to satisfy the changing face of the environment.

The platform necessary for the delivery of our future healthcare services depends on public and private sector collaboration as it relates to for example:

- Electronic patient records management
- Connectivity and accessibility
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Data and information sharing
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Cost effectiveness

Healthcare must reflect the fact that primary care providers are in shortage and are challenged in providing this needed support for our Senior Citizens.

We must transform our healthcare sector to include a network of coordinated care providers and incorporate the role of pharmacies to address any gaps in the delivery of services to you and your family.

Our systems must link to patients, doctors, nurses, care team members, and labs into a robust network of providing quality healthcare services to you.

Our systems must have a role for monitoring equipment as well as computer oversight to ensure your safety while receiving care.

In the future, patients should have a health environment that is responsive to their needs in a timely and professional manner. For instance, you should have the ability to interact with the system of care providers through e-scheduling, e-monitoring, e-visits, e-messaging, e-test results, and e-referrals if desired.
Such electronic systems in place will ensure a better experience and improvement in the management and administration of overheads linked to a paper-based filing, sorting, and processing system.

We must thrive with urgency to make paper based medical records and reporting things of the past and only as an exception to the rule of medical practice.

The ILP intends to see you benefit from our planned healthcare initiatives in ways that have never been done before in our healthcare sector. For example, we will eliminate the delay, film cost, and lost or misplaced file associated with getting imaging test results to and from the doctor.

As a patient you should be able to communicate from within your own home for telemedicine consultation with your doctors, nurses, and other professional caregivers. These service levels will reduce transportation headaches and costs associated with the delivery of instant healthcare services in home crisis and problem situations.

We will develop and build effective interfaces that will enable seamless connectivity to disparate systems of care. ILP’s goal is to provide a system of healthcare to you that make available patient records on a 24/7 basis in every hospital throughout Trinidad and Tobago.

In order to do this, we need to have a formal national healthcare plan with you as a primary registered member.

We must collaborate between public and private sector healthcare service providers as a network of coordinated caregivers. The new system of healthcare must be accessible from your home, anywhere, and anytime. Remember, the owner of your healthcare records is you and not the insurance companies, doctors, hospitals, healthcare companies or the government of the day.

Before the evolution of the information era, you as a patient did not have any control over your medical record use, health status, and illness causes, treatment, and symptom management.

The basis of the ILP’s proposed programs and initiatives recognise that information is power, but the ability to share and publicise the information has even greater power.

Our system of healthcare must cater for the revolution in healthcare information that is upon us as a nation as it rapidly becomes demystified. More control will be given to you as a patient, which is an unprecedented change of how we in Trinidad and Tobago deliver quality healthcare services.
HEALTH & WELLNESS

CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

• Re-establish mobile basic healthcare services in primary schools

• Increase quality, quantity, and availability of CDAP medicines and provide a CDAP Home-Delivery Service for the elderly and people living with disabilities

• Establish the T&T comprehensive (medical, dental, mental health, and chemical dependency services) Healthcare Plan for citizens

• Shift delivery of healthcare to a patient-centric system with a proactive focus toward a system designed for maintaining good health in order to reduce the incidence of preventable chronic diseases from infancy to old age

• Promote wellness and create empowering environments that are conducive to healthy consumer lifestyles and behavioral choices through ongoing educational information and healthcare provisioning opportunities

• Promote electronic patient records with privacy and confidentiality protection through legislative safeguards that will enable secure sharing of information among healthcare professionals

• Establish and implement a transparent system for publishing information on the prices and quality of healthcare options available from providers

• Develop effective healthcare prevention strategies that can promote good health and prevent priority diseases from birth to end-of-life

• Develop and implement an authoritative electronic platform for healthcare education and awareness as well as ensure relevant literacy campaigns that are clear, accurate, consistent, and readily available to those who need more information

• Provide and implement on-going training opportunities for medical staff in the areas of human service delivery

• Introduce effective physical audit system at all medical facilities.

• Provide on-site Medic paid by the state

• Ensure at least two (2)-dialysis machines in every district hospital
REPRESENTATION
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Community Concern #6

WEALTH CREATION

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The ILP recognises that Business Ownership for Ordinary People is a strategic issue because many of our citizens experience a disconnect between the economic success of Trinidad and Tobago and their experience as part of the growing working poor.

Many of our citizens believe that there is no hope and no solution to this situation.

The ILP will provide a solution by introducing the Business Ownership for Ordinary People Initiative that will demystify the requirements for Business ownership by Ordinary People. This reorientation supported by possible tax incentives will be introduced to support the new attitudes required for business success. A monitoring and support mechanism will be established to determine success and contribution to economic growth.

The Credit Unions and Cooperative Sectors and our Culture Development Agenda as a business will be important to the success of this initiative.
WEALTH CREATION
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

• Convert contract government staff with over two (2) years of service to full-time and appoint a contract employment commission

• Upgrade National Insurance System & Technology to support faster turnaround time for claims adjudicating and processing

• Develop and implement an electronic platform to track the unemployed or those seeking employment to reflect current job openings, skills retraining, and career development opportunities available in collaboration with Government and Private Sector organizations

• Develop and implement an online public service jobs database for hire within Ministries

• Provide a tax incentive for employers who hire differently abled people in the work place

• Institute a policy of flex-time for staff within public services and encourage private sector to do same as a means of adding value to family life and in turn alleviate traffic congestion on the nation’s roadways

• Institute a policy option to pay monthly paid workers within public services twice per month as a means of stimulating individual and family economic growth
REPRESENTATION
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Community Concern #7

SECURITY, SAFETY & JUSTICE

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The ILP’s major focus will be the safety and security of all citizens and residents of Trinidad and Tobago. To further strengthen the legal and regulatory framework, the ILP will pursue legislation to support the work of law enforcement.

The Physical Infrastructure and Technology will be provided to the Protective Services to improve detection rates. The resources that are required to reduce crime will be provided. The following specific measures will be introduced:

- Re-introduction of Night Courts.
- The establishment of courts in the remand yard of the Maximum Security Prison.
- The return of the Prison Service under the Ministry of National Security.
- Integration of a transformed Transit Police into the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and allow the traffic wardens to police the Priority Bus Route.
- The reintroduction of the highway patrol unit 24 X 7 along all the major highways.
- The establishment of 32 Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Community units.
- Increase of the police fleet by over 300 vehicles including motorcycles.
- The introduction of the use of radar guns and taser guns.
- The recruitment of 5000 SRP officers to be trained at UWI (St. Augustine) and out of this group 3000 to be assigned as community support officers.
- The creation of a virtual/cyber command centre.
SECURITY, SAFETY & JUSTICE
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
CRIME, CORRUPTION & NATIONAL SECURITY

• Begin initiative to aggressively restore order by making clear all street names, driving regulation signs, and road markings on all major roads throughout all constituencies

• Adjust all members of the Protective Services compensation to inflation index

• Provide on-going annual training opportunities for Protective Services officers in the area of delivering quality human services to Citizens

• Re-introduce night and establish weekend courts with an emphasis to reduce court cases backlog and speed up the delivery of justice

• Increase the number of Traffic Wardens throughout T&T with a consistent presence and sense of duty

• Establish Summary courts in the Remand Yard of the Maximum Security Prison

• Establish new TIPS stations and posts throughout T&T

• Introduce Radar and non-lethal Taser guns and maximise the utilisation of the TTPS highway surveillance bays with photo enforcement cameras

• Implement new technology for Red Light enforcement

• Create a Virtual/Cyber Command Centre as a new approach to ‘policing’ the Internet as well as an Intelligence gathering mechanism

• Recruit 5000 SRP officers with 3000 to be absorbed as Community Support Officers

• Combine the TIPS Youth Club and TIDF Youth outreach programmes and add Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to a Protective Services Youth Club, exercising a unified effort in all areas of the Protective Services interest with ongoing financial support

• Fast-track the COMPSTAT approach by using Computer Statistics as a medium to the Crime Reduction initiative

• Review the Regulations of the SRPs and the Auxiliary Service of the T&T Fire Service with immediate effect and create legislation governing same

• Decentralise Police repair garages
SECURITY, SAFETY & JUSTICE
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
CRIME, CORRUPTION & NATIONAL SECURITY

- Conduct and maintain TTAG border and maritime patrols 24/7 around T&T with an escalated vigilance to Air Law Enforcement missions

- Establish a Multi-Agency Maritime Task Force (MAMTF) Comprising of Coast Guard, Customs, TIPS and Immigration personnel. The TICG would be the lead agency in this initiative. The MAMTF would be stationed around the coasts at strategic positions/bases and assume a tactical response mode to coastal policing.

- Construct Strategic moorings on the Coast of T&T for new coastal police stations

- Commence the TTGC Community Coast Guard approach with programs and activities that bridge the TTCG and Coastal villages together

- Commence a vigilant and increased surveillance approach to all personnel at the 41 Legal Ports of entry in T&T

- Re-vitalise the Crime Scene Investigation Unit (CSIU) with a structure and staff separate and apart from the Forensics head office. The two (2) entities would operate within parameters to complement each other

- Provide scholarships in the area of crime fighting

- Develop and staff additional Forensic facilities at strategic locations

- Establish with immediate effect a Tucupita consulate to be manned by but not limited to TTPS Special Branch officers. Such a Consulate will also look at Pedernales, which is a mere 20 minutes from Cedros

- Establish a Regional Security Headquarters in T&T

- Establish and staff a Protective Services Hospital

- Increase and make optional the retirement age in the Defense Force

- Institute a general insurance policy for all members of the protective service

- Establish a National Crime Reduction Advisory Committee

- Review the process of hiring the Commissioner of Police

- Establish devolution of authority for approval of firearms licensing

- Establish a special licensing authority to issue liquor and bar licenses
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NEW ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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Traditional Energy and Energy Services

The traditional energy sector will be further expanded and diversified by projects that can contribute to a diversification of revenue within the sector through continuing attraction of foreign direct investment. The ILP supports an energy policy that focuses on downstream projects providing significant value-added and with meaningful linkages between the energy sector and the rest of the local, regional and global economy. The ILP will establish several new industrial estates to accommodate new energy-based industries.

The ILP’s diversification effort on traditional energy will focus on the deepening and widening of downstream activities through the development of a world class plastics industry. The ILP will consider the feasibility of a Methanol/Propylene/Polypropylene Project for plastics as it expands its revenue potential.


The ILP will focus on enhancing energy efficiency through reduction in waste by aggressively pursuing a strategy of energy efficiency in government buildings and public spaces.

The ILP will provide mechanisms to encourage private business and households to switch to energy-saving appliances, equipment and other good practices.

As a matter of priority, this strategy will be pursued through: Implementing energy efficiency standards for Government buildings and fixtures alongside minimum energy performance for state-owned vehicles.

The ILP will introduce a Green Energy Policy. This policy will be guided by consultations with key public and private sector stakeholders in the energy sector, civil society organizations and the general public.

The ILP will promote the Alternative Energies Renewable Energy development Agenda by introducing clean and renewable sources of energy, such as wind, hydro and solar power.

The ILP will encourage the development of alternative sources of energy for domestic and industrial use.

The ILP will provide direct incentives to energy service providers who produce direct heating, cooling, or mechanical services such as solar water heating and other mechanisms, which reduce demand for electricity.
NEW ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE
PRODUCTIVE SECTOR INITIATIVES

• Create an environment to encourage and support private sector business investments and innovation in recycling facilities to handle plastic, glass, electronics, construction materials and paper

• Introduce a Green Energy Policy in collaboration with key stakeholders namely residents, business and others in the energy sector

• Promote renewable energy that include wind and solar power through energy savings tax credit to all business sectors and residents

• The Energy Sector will continue to be the main engine of growth and in order to give focus to Alternative Energy there will be two major points of focus
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SAVING & INVESTMENT

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The ILP will introduce incentives designed towards improving the contribution by the Financial Services Sector by leveraging the strengths of the local financial sector.

The ILP will ensure that the International Financial Centre is the key mechanism to create highly value added jobs by way of harnessing and using the talent and skills of available qualified human resources that are necessary for the development and sustainability of this initiative.
SAVING & INVESTMENT
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION,
& PERFORMANCE
CITIZEN SAVING AND INVESTMENT

• Encourage saving for Primary and Secondary School education through a $1000 contribution toward a Children Education Fund

• Establish a New Start in Life Fund to Pay-off citizens of Trinidad and Tobago debt with loan of up to $5000

• Ensure the sustainability and progress of the Credit Union sector as a viable saving and investment vehicle in law

• Encourage young people to save and invest toward acquiring their own homes as well as developing agricultural assets through a National Investment Programme for youth development. The program is a long-term initiative that will eliminate future housing crisis and improve food security. The government of the day will be obligated to ensure that lands and infrastructure are made available at current expenses for qualified citizens of T&T
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BUILDING COMMUNITY BUSINESS

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The ILP will use culture to create “Business ownership for Ordinary people” as a commodity with a potential for several growth industries; creating significant employment opportunities, particularly for small and medium sized enterprises; and generating foreign exchange earnings.

Establishment of a steel pan export factory

Continue the development and protection of the pan not only as the National Musical Instrument but also as a symbol of our cultural identity.

The ILP will place emphasis on culture culture as a means of building national character, national unity and forging a greater sense of national pride among our people, and contributing to overall national socio-economic development.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

• Enable regional corporations to have and manage their own budgets

• Enable Regional Corporations to collect their own land taxes to be used for constituencies’ development

• Initiate a recycling program to encourage communities and constituents to begin sorting household waste into plastic, glass, paper, and other for scheduled pick-up

• Establish and maintain a Citizen electronic platform to Voice Your Concerns on any government service delivered

• Enable Regional Corporations to take charge of community policing

• Devolution of authority from the state to regional corporations for approval of state lands

• Decentralise the ODPM to the local government corporation creating shelter by Regional Corporation operating under the same policies

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

• Selection of Senators through proportional representation

• Make provisions for citizens to formally have the rights to the country’s natural resources in law

• Whistle Blower Protection Act in order to combat corruption

• Ensure that the national policy for differently abled persons is reviewed and fully implemented

TRANSITION PLAN INTO GOVERNMENT

• Rationalize the number of ministries
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The ILP will as a matter of policy work with the Tobago House of Assembly to provide services of high quality to the people of Tobago recognizing that there is an objective to be the first in the world in the Hospitality and Visitor Care Sector (Tourism)

The growth potential in Tobago lies in niche tourism activities. The focus of the ILP will be on supporting investment in product, plant, infrastructure, education and training. In particular, high priority will be given to upgrading the facilities at the major beaches on the islands, and improvements to life-guard operations to enhance the comfort, safety and security of visitors.

The ILP will continue to promote Trinidad and Tobago as a preferred sustainable tourism destination through a dynamic marketing plan which will ensure recognition in every principal tourism source market for a high quality and best value for money experience, positioning Tobago as an ideal leisure and eco-destination and Trinidad as a business, conference and event destination.
TOBAGO
CITIZEN PRIORITY AREAS OF REPRESENTATION, ACTION, & PERFORMANCE

TOBAGO AFFAIRS

Upgrade the PTSC fleet of buses and ensure a sustained maintenance program

Develop Northeast Growth Pole with special emphasis on Tourism, Fishing, Agriculture, and Agro processing

Setup a Student Mission with full secretariat in Trinidad that will seek the needs of Tobago Students

Make available a Housing Allowance of $1,000.00 for all full time Tertiary Students from Tobago

Develop in collaboration with the THA an Urban Development Plan for Roxborough with a focus on developing a state of the art Sea and Land Transportation Hub

Construct in collaboration with the THA the Roxborough Police, Fire, and Judicial Complex

Conduct a feasibility study into construction of an additional Airstrip

Commission two (2) new Sea Bridge Vessels
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