CIVIL SOCIETY
Unity creates an atmosphere and the opportunity for all to achieve and participate in the development of our City.

Your PUP City Council will:
• Maintain close dialogue with social partners on issues that affect Belmopan.
• Work with social partners to provide a home for victims of domestic violence.
• Collaborate with social partners to provide health and sex education sessions for teens and teen moms.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION:
Crime and criminal activity have the capacity to destroy a positive investment climate and undermine investor confidence and public safety.

Your PUP City Council will:
• Identify Professionals to assist “at-risk” youths and seek funding to support local agencies in the management of potential behavioral problems among youths.
• Support the Belmopan Police Department with essential resources such as motorcycles, bicycles and radios.
• Work with the Police Department for the establishment of Police sub-stations in strategic Zones.
• Promote Neighborhood Watch Committees and active community policing.

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & STEWARDSHIP
The foundation of good governance is based on the belief by the public that its affairs will be managed in a competent, honest and transparent manner. Elected officials should be accountable to the people.

Your PUP City Council will:
• Immediately upon taking office carry out a comprehensive audit of the Council's financial records.
• Publish annual audited accounts for public scrutiny.
• Hold regular public meetings as prescribed by law and provide quarterly financial disclosures to residents.
• Establish free wireless internet hotspots in partnership with the private sector.
• Establish and maintain the Council website and create a facility for the payment of Council dues and taxes on-line.
• Hold Zone meetings to allow residents to voice their needs & concerns.
• Publish all Council-awarded contracts in the Council’s official website.
• Under the Chairmanship of individual Councilors, appoint City Commissioners in accordance to assigned portfolio.
• Allocate each Counselor enough resources to implement activities in accordance to his/her portfolio.

This is the PUP’s Social Contract with the residents of Belmopan. In the new PUP City Council, service and partnership with the people will propel our actions and together we will eradicate the negligence, victimization and corruption that have plagued our City over the last nine years. With your vote for the PUP P7, it’s the best is yet to come!
Jose Chacon
Mayorial Candidate
People's United Party
City of Belmopan

Dear Residents of Belmopan,

On March 4th, 2015 you will be called upon to make a very crucial decision – one that could potentially result in continued despair at the hands of self-serving leadership or one that could bring about new hope, new vision and new leadership to our beloved City of Belmopan. I take this opportunity to ask you to elect the People's United Party Team 7 as the new Belmopan City Council. Why? Because history has proven that it is only with the Peoples United Party that our City develops, employment rates are high, our streets and roads in better condition, less crime, and more accountability of the people’s funds. Why? Because you believe in us, …… because your PUP Team 7 is prepared to transform this City into a vibrant, prosperous and attractive Capital of Belize.

I am honored to present to you the PUP Team 7 Manifesto for the City of Belmopan. This is a platform of issues that YOU have identified as most important in order to transform our City, including infrastructure, traffic management, crime prevention, sporting activities, private sector partnership, and education. This is NOT a list of empty promises, but a sacred commitment to you the people. This is our contract with you, which at the end of the day, we shall be held accountable.

March 4th, 2015 will be a historic and momentous occasion that will serve as a new beginning, not just for our Garden City, but for cities and towns all across Belize. I invite you to participate and benefit from the Social Justice Agenda and the Women’s Agenda, which will be the focus of our work as we move Belmopan forward. It is my sincere hope that you, my friends, will rise to the occasion and take this opportunity to bring about the change necessary to move our City forward. I therefore humbly ask once again that you come out and support the PUP Team 7 in this noble endeavor and together, we shall deliver.

Sincerely,

Jose Amilcar Chacon
Mayorial Candidate
People’s United Party
City of Belmopan

BUSINESS

The Private Sector is the fuel for economic growth, development and job creation. Its potential can only be realized by clear, well-defined policies.

Your PUP City Council will:

• Provide the necessary support to assist and facilitate the establishment of small and medium-size enterprises.
• Promote new investments within the Commercial and Industrial Zones.
• Review the current Trade License Law to enhance a win-win partnership between the Council and the business community.
• Review the current issues of Liquor License Trade License to ensure that they comply with zoning regulations.
• Review the current Garbage Collection Fee.
• Provide a cash incentive rebate to business entities that keep clean public areas and drains in front of their property or those who adopt recreational areas and schools.
• In consultation with the people, identify the most suitable area for a Modern Market Plaza for the City of Belmopan and assist in mobilizing resources for its construction.

EDUCATION

If we are going to mould tomorrow's generation of leaders, then we must invest and work with our children and youth today by setting examples of responsibility.

Your PUP City Council will:

• Revive and re-establish High School and Tertiary scholarship programs for deserving students based on merit.
• Establish a “School Book Revolving Fund”.
• Re-establish Resource Centers in all zones in the City that will also serve as a venue for meetings with the Mayor and Councillors.
• Collaborate in lobbying for an Information Technology Vocational Education Training Center (ITVET) for the City of Belmopan.
• Assist schools with security lighting, pedestrian safety and proper road signs.
• Continue the Students Summer Job Program.

LAND DISTRIBUTION

Your City Council will ensure that land, our national patrimony, is shared equitably, with fairness and transparency.

Your PUP City Council will:

• Re-introduce policies that ensure the equitable distribution and ownership of residential and commercial lots in the City of Belmopan.
• Lobby with the relevant authorities for the provision and adequate access to farmlands.
• Review the present status of abandoned/neglected properties and dialogue with property owners with the aim at arriving at an amicable and fair purchasing system.

RECREATION AND SPORTS

A sound mind and body embraces the spirit of happiness & productivity, enabling the individual to contribute in the development process.

Your PUP City Council will:

• Upgrade and maintain all sporting facilities.
• Provide scholarships annually to young athletes to attend a high school in Belmopan.
• Develop a public/private partnership to maintain and improve existing parks/playgrounds.
• Collaborate with the National Sports Council for the establishment of new sporting facilities.
• Continue with the annual City Fair to raise funds for Community Projects.
• Foster and support cultural events such as fairs, band fest, and concerts, while promoting the observance of special events, such as Independence Day, Garifuna Settlement Day, and Belmopan Day.
• Initiate a “Beautify Your City Campaign”.
• Construct an open - air Band Stand for the promotion of the arts, music and culture.

TOURISM

The City of Belmopan is a destination that awaits discovery. It offers a natural habitat for all to enjoy and interact with MOTHER Nature.

Your PUP City Council will:

• In collaboration with the private sector, establish an Arts & Craft market.
• As the nation's capital we deserve and will lobby for a Natural History Museum of Belize.
• Collaborate with the Department of Archaeology, High Schools and Universities to explore archeological sites within the city limits.
• In collaboration with the University of Belize and relevant NGOs, establish trails in West and East Belmopan for bird watching, herbal trails, botanical gardens and wildlife sanctuaries.
• Collaborate with Diplomatic Missions and Sister Cities for cultural exchanges and technical assistance.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRAFFIC

All residents living, working or investing within the City of Belmopan are entitled to all-weather roads, and proper drainage systems in order to live and work in harmony.

Your PUP City Council will:

• Review and implement the Belmopan Master Plan.
• Assign a proper allocation of revenue collected from the Traffic Department for the construction and maintenance of roads and drainage systems.
• Establish an effective public transportation system that would include taxis and shuttle buses.
• Establish traffic lights at busy intersections to facilitate smooth flow of traffic at peak times.
• Advocate for proper lighting of streets and public areas.
• Construct sidewalks near schools and shopping areas.
• Maintain the main access roads in Las Flores, San Martin, Salivapan Water Reservoir, Cohnane Walk, Maya Mopan, Riviera and Central Belmopan.
• Establish storm drains in flood-prone areas.
• Lobby with the utility companies for the expansion of basic electrical, water and sewage services.
• Lobby for the construction of new two-way bridges in Maya Mopan and Salivapan.
• Develop an environmentally responsible solid waste management programme.

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