



Dear Residents of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye:

San Pedro Town is in need of a fresh and honest approach to allow our community to grow as the number one tourism destination of our beloved country. A new perspective in the municipal government will give everyone a chance to be part of the change that is so desperately needed. Transparency will bring about stability and a better quality of life for everyone in La Isla Bonita.

San Pedro has not experienced any change in the municipal government for the past 12 years. This explains why the goals and objectives of improvement have remained dormant. There has been no significant progress to suffice this growing community with regards to:

- * Education and Health Services
- * Parks and playgrounds
- * Traffic
- * Expansion of electrification program
- * Expansion of water and sewerage program
- * Street and roads maintenance
- * Infrastructure for social services

As a consequence, there has been a reduction in public safety, an increase in crime rate and a logical increase in fatalities. March 4th, 2015, symbolizes a new day for La Isla Bonita. A day when we get to say to those that have taken advantage of us that **It Is Enough, No More!!**

We are a team that is **FROM** the people **BY** the people to **SERVE** the people. We are the People's United Party (PUP), a party that believes in the concerted spirit of discussion to make the appropriate decisions in order to achieve the proper priorities for all the residents of San Pedro. We represent the New San Pedro: San Pedranos by birth and all those who have chosen San Pedro as their home.

The current Council has failed to present their quarterly financial report as promised in their manifesto. No audited financial report has been made since 2007, in other words there is no independent audited financial report of reconciliation between bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, or short and long term loans.

More than any other municipality, San Pedro has experienced first-hand the negative impact on our economy especially in the areas of tourism and investments due to increase in crime rate, lack of 24 hour health services, and lack of social investments.

On Election Day ask yourselves one simple question: Are you better off today than twelve years ago? The answer is a resounding **NO!** My fellow residents, we cannot continue to settle for substandard leadership that has offered no new vision for the future of our island.

On **March 4th 2015**, come out, support the People's United Party (PUP). **VOTE PUP 7. It's NOW time for a CHANGE!**

Dr. Giovanni Solórzano
P.U.P Mayoral Candidate.

SAFETY

The PUP 7 is fully aware that safety and crime must be tackled not only by the police department but indeed with a united community. During the first 30 days of being elected, the council will immediately hold a meeting and liaise with the police department to find methods of co-operation on matters of mutual concern with a big emphasis on **SAFETY** and **CRIME**.

Your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Install surveillance cameras at parks and other public areas for enhanced security and safety.
- Work, Support and Encourage a close network with all NGO's, private stakeholders and public agencies, so together we can implement their ideas and plans for the better development of La Isla Bonita.
- Institute the very much needed Municipal Police to assist the San Pedro Police to provide more safety.

EDUCATION

Your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Lobby Central Government and assist with the construction of Government Primary and Secondary Schools.
- Work hand in hand with the Ministry of Education so that La Isla Bonita gets its fair share to be invested in our people, "Our Best Asset".
- Lobby and work along with central government to establish a vocational school for students who are not academically inclined but have abilities with technical and manual occupations.

HEALTH

Your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Lobby with Central Government and assist with the proper planning of a Government Hospital.
- Work tirelessly to make 24-hour health service a reality for our island.
- Partner with the community to establish a medical emergency evacuation system.
- Build a proper morgue.
- Implement a health insurance program for SPTC Employees.

On **March 4th 2015**, come out, support the People's United Party (PUP), **The Blue Municipal Team**, the team with a mission, the team with vision, the team with a plan. We are more, we are the change, and we are PUP to Serve the people of San Pedro Town. We are the blue team of different age groups: vibrant, from different walks of life, of different occupations, honest and most of all dedicated to the betterment of our island.

As we move forward let's remember that we are part of a wider Belize in partnership with our National Party Council Initiatives of pushing the Principles of Social Justice.

As would have been the wish of our beloved Emeritus Very Right Hon. George Cadle Price, let us start a new and constructive revolution.



Elito Arceo
BRS Standard Bearer



Rural South Candidate



The People's United Party
San Pedro Town
Ambergris Caye
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March 4th, 2015

VOTE PUP 7

To Serve the People

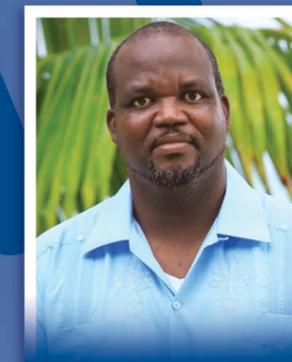
2015 MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR CANDIDATES



CONCHITA FLOTA



OMAR GUERRERO



ALEX NORALEZ



MUNDO NUNEZ



WALLY NUNEZ



MARINA KAY

CLEANING HOUSE – IT’S TIME FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY!

Following 12 long years of waste and mismanagement, residents deserve to know exactly how their tax dollars are being spent by the Town Council. For the record, the last official detailed financial report of The San Pedro Town Council was presented 12 years ago by the then PUP administration.

Upon elected, your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Within the first 60 days in Office, swiftly order a detailed and precise Forensic Audit Report to determine the true state of the Council’s finances, assets and liabilities.
- Upon completion of this crucial report, by way of a media blitz through all local media houses, we will invite all of San Pedro to this highly important meeting. We will hold a public meeting to reveal the results in detail of the Audit Report for the benefit of residents and the media alike.(Yes we are fully aware that it is going to be a grim report)
- Ensure that the Audit Report extends from the year 2007 to present so as to give a clear picture where your new Town Council and Community stands on financially.
- Publish quarterly and end-of-year reports as prescribed and mandated by the Town Council Act.
- Immediately proceed to appoint a financial committee comprised of residents of this island who are well respected and in good standing with community to advise the council on serious matters pertaining to finance.

TAXES

The collection of taxes has become a difficult scheme.

Your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Revise our tax rates to create a level playing field that is fair and equitable to all.
- Work along with residents in an amicable manner to ensure that arrears are brought up to date. This will apply to all regardless of political affiliation.
- Implement an effective collection system that will oversee the proper administration and efficient collection of both current and back taxes due to the Town, For example - online payments.
- Ensure that all taxes are invested properly and efficiently.
- Liaise with Central Government to ensure that La Isla Bonita gets its fair share in the tax dollar it generates and truly deserves, as promised by our party Leader.
- Legislate locally to hold wrong doers of the people’s monies and assets accountable.

STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Many residents might not recall, but it was a PUP Central Government that secured the funding for the implementation of cobblestone streets for our Town. With the Town’s expansion over the last 12 years, more streets, more beaches and more parks are in urgent need of our attention.

Your P.U.P. Town Council will:

- Start a program for proper drainage for our streets to achieve a better result for our pedestrians and motorists.
- Repair the public pier and do a child friendly recreational central park.
- Rehabilitate **ALL** streets in San Pedro, not just the main streets.
- Revive parks and maintain existing parks and playgrounds and create new ones so that our children can recreate, relax and enjoy their youth.
- Keep **ALL** public beaches neat and clean, and where necessary do beach beautification respecting ecology and biodiversity, ensuring respect for the environment.
- Beautify all areas of our Town by planting trees to go greener.
- Special attention will be given to areas such as San Mateo, San Juan, San Pedrito an DFC area in response to the needs that the residents have made us aware of.

MASTER PLAN FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING

Your PUP Town Council will:

- Revise and implement through local legislation, proper zoning of residential, commercial and industrial areas. This will be done also in close consultation with stakeholders and the Ministry of Housing and Planning.
- Immediately seek to review, gazette and implement the master plan for our island for the benefit of all.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Our island is in urgent need of, proper, efficient and scheduled disposal of garbage.

Your PUP Town Council will:

- Implement and promote an educational campaign to encourage recycling and civic pride in keeping our island clean and beautiful at all times.
- Improve and Upgrade the Council’s trucks and equipment for proper collection of our garbage.
- Implement a proper and reliable schedule for the pick-up of garbage.
- Revive the “Keep La Isla Bonita” program and utilize proper garbage bins to ensure that we separate our garbage in a more environmentally friendly way.
- Actively pursue the long overdue project of shipping out the garbage to the national collection center on the Western Highway.

SPORTS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We recognize that our Youth is the foundation and hope for a better San Pedro. We must ensure that they are not forgotten and that we stimulate their interest to get involved and be a part of our progress. This will also help in keeping them away from crime and drugs.

Your PUP Town Council will:

- Lobby the Ministry of Sports to allocate more funds to the development of sports on our island.
- Restore and Rehabilitate all sporting fields and parks on the island including Ambergris Stadium and Boca Del Rio Park.
- Ensure that our sporting facilities are equipped with modern day amenities and well-maintained restrooms.
- Revive and promote five-a-side competitions and tournaments for basketball, volleyball and other sports to keep our youth involved and healthy. A healthy body will have a healthy mind.

SOCIAL ISSUES & WOMEN’S AFFAIRS

Families are an integral part of our community and it is crucial that they are kept involved at all levels of governance and development. Women are an integral part of the family and as such help to build stronger homes which will produce better men and women for the future.

Your PUP Town Council will:

- Revive and activate Women’s Groups for greater participation and input from our women as expressed by our PUP National Women’s Affairs Agenda.
- Encourage and provide the necessary support and assistance for women to implement programs that promote family values and responsibility in our children and youth.
- Establish a “single mother” program with training in embroidery, baking, sewing and other skills.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT IN ADMINISTRATION

The San Pedro Town Council has been computerized for many years now but of late it’s been known to be fragmented with many problems. Despite the advancements in technology,

residents and tax payers are still subjected to inconvenient and unnecessary delays in the delivery of service.

Your P.U.P Town Council will:

- Carry out a proper continuous training program for all Council employees so as to provide accurate, reliable and efficient service.
- Establish Social Networks through free wifi at Parks etc. to promote openness, inclusiveness and interaction with citizens.
- Maximize transparency by having the Council’s financial records available on the internet.

BRIDGE

Every resident that has crossed the Boca Del Rio Bridge knows that it needs maintenance. The toll paid by users should be enough to maintain the bridge properly.

Your P.U.P Town Council will:

- Relocate the collection booth to the north side of the bridge.
- San Mateo residents will have free access across the bridge for pedestrians as well as for cargo delivery.
- Consult with Northern Residents to establish a fair and equitable monthly toll for golf carts.
- Establish a POS (point of sales) for the collection of toll funds and a security camera for the safety of all pedestrians and vehicles.

TRAFFIC

A fast growing community like ours definitely needs a comprehensive traffic plan.

Your P.U.P Town Council will:

- Hold meetings with stakeholders to develop a long-term plan to solve our traffic situation.
- Identify new parking areas for the downtown of San Pedro.
- Immediately address downtown traffic congestion to allow for free and constant flow of traffic.
- Identify and open alternate streets for the smooth flow of traffic.

Development And Protection Of The Environment

Over the last 12 years politicians have exploited our environment in an unsustainable manner. Together with island residents and established organizations we can take control of all future developments on the island to ensure that our natural resources are protected for future generations to enjoy.

Your P.U.P Town Council will:

- Invite all organizations dedicated to protecting our environment to join us to make sure that the policies already existing are implemented.
- Seek expert advice for future development that is sustainable and long term.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE

The Town Council is responsible to the public, not to other way around. Public officials are to serve the people, not to impose on them. We must always remember that they are the ones that pay our salaries.

Your P.U.P Town Council will:

- Invite and encourage every area to organize a committee and appoint at least one representative to act as a direct go between you and the Council.
- Each Councilor will be assigned to a specific portfolio to ensure that we are all properly represented and that no zone is left behind.