

MANIFESTO FOR ST PHILIP SOUTH



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CORRUPTION: Both the payers and receivers of bribes will confidentially pay a fine of the full value of the bribe during a 3-month amnesty. Thereafter, whistle-blower legislation will be enacted where the offender's fine will be 10 times the value of the bribe. The whistle-blower will be rewarded with the full value of the bribe. However, the whistle-blower may be liable for defamation if there is no evidence of corruption.

CHARGED PERSONS: Only the charges and court cases of those convicted will be published. Publishing any such details of innocent and not-convicted persons will attract defamation fines. Fines will be quantified based on the loss of reputation and loss of earnings due to publication.

OPPOSITION COOPERATION: The Opposition should work with the Government in proposing solutions, but they are concerned about snap elections. Therefore, elections can only be called one year in advance.

LIFETIME PENSIONS: The lifetime pension arrangement for politicians will be abolished. Parliamentarians will receive pension contributions to their pension accounts only while they are in office.

PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE: The Privilege that allows politicians in parliament to accuse individuals without consequences will be abolished. Parliament should be the place where exemplary debates and discussions are held, not a place of incivility.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: All government contracts, where the total value is over \$25,000, shall be publicly tendered through a fair tender process. The tendering process shall be managed by a non-political tenders committee, most of whose members shall comprise representatives of professional organisations with effective disciplinary sub-committees.

TAXES: Personal and business taxes should be affordable, fair, easy to pay and easy to audit. Therefore, all individuals and businesses will be taxed at 10% of total (gross) income with no deductions. All old debts will be forgiven, and VAT will be abolished.

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Please send us your concerns so that we can represent you better.



Grenville Phillips II
Leader

Dear People of St Philip South.

My name is Grenville Phillips II. I am a Structural Engineer and the President of the political party called **Solutions Barbados**.

To build a house, you need: (i) drawings that describe the house, (ii) a financial plan to pay for its construction, and (iii) competent builders.

Every election, political parties offer to build something, which is described in their manifestos. Our manifesto is summarised in this flyer.

Our economic plan to reduce the cost of living in Barbados, has been favourably assessed by a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados. Solutions Barbados consists of competent persons, who love God, and want to serve Barbados. Mr Ronald Lorde is one of them.



VOTE for: Ronald
LORDE
- WEALTH CREATOR -

Dear Resident:

My name is Ronald Lorde and I am honoured that you would consider me to be your representative in Parliament.

I was born, grew up and currently reside and work in this constituency. I am concerned about the increasing levels of crime, including break-ins. I am also concerned about the limited support for small-farmers, the poor access to some communities, the limited

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job opportunities, and the limited financing options for businesses.

I am very concerned about the increased cost of living, and the limited opportunities for our youth to become independent. We have invested so much in our country, but we are not seeing the promised returns in quality public services.

Many of these issues are not peculiar to us in St Philip South, but to Barbados generally. However, we are simply reminded of them every five years, but no effective solutions are implemented.

I have over 2 decades of experience as a businessman, and I believe that my experience has prepared me to solve problems both in our constituency and nationally. I pledge to you I will faithfully represent your concerns.

Seven (7) years ago, we published workable solutions to the main problems hindering Barbados' development on SolutionsBarbados.com. Some of them are outlined below, but the full list and description is on our web page.

CHARTER OF BARBADOS: The supremacy and blessings of God must be maintained in Barbados. Parliament recently passed the Charter of Barbados, where they appreciated the “*value added*” of all “*spiritual entities, and their continuing capacity to have a strong and lasting influence on the quality of life in Barbados.*” This will be revoked at our first sitting in Parliament. Persons may worship what they want without discrimination, but Parliament should not provide thrones for their “*spiritual entities*”.

PRIMARY SCHOOL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: All primary schools should be open. We need to learn to live with COVID-19 without (i) restricting the development of our primary school children, and (ii) preventing their parents from earning.

REPUBLIC: Public consent will be obtained with a referendum. Consent should never be taken – that is a violation that should never be tolerated or justified. Consent should always be willingly given. Becoming a Republic was not consensual - but dismissively taken. That violation must be corrected. Public consent is to be measured within three months.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: All students should leave school with at least one marketable skill that they can use to generate income. Therefore, the school curriculum will be revised so that the easier-to-learn practical aspects of subjects are taught during the first 3 years (eg. conversational language & applied science), followed by CXC preparations.

AGRICULTURE: Government should share the crop theft risks. Therefore, farmers will be reimbursed immediately for thefts, and an effective praedial larceny section will be set-up within the Police Force to investigate and charge offenders. **Tractor services will be available to small farmers.** Properties with food bearing trees will pay reduced land tax.

WELFARE: Welfare should be available to all, not just to those who complain the loudest. Therefore, all households will receive a small amount of water and electricity each month at no cost. The cost of the amounts above this minimum will be increased to pay for this subsistence amount.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Criminals should pay for the cost of the criminal justice system. Therefore, all offences will attract a fine of 10 times the value of the offence. Work maintaining the national infrastructure will be found for those who cannot afford to pay their fines. Prison will be reserved, primarily for violent offenders.

HEALTH: Healthy foods should be affordable. Therefore, all taxes will be removed from healthy foods, and a health tax will be applied to all high-fat, high-salt, high-sugar and high-alcohol products. Those who choose the higher priced unhealthy food will be pre-paying for their future health care.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Complaints should be permanently addressed, and wastage should be minimized. Therefore, all public (Government managed) services will be developed and delivered to the international quality management standard, ISO 9001.

NATIONAL BANK: A national development bank will be established, primarily to assist small businesses. Transactions can be performed at the various post offices across Barbados, over the Internet, and at ATM's.