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# Have Your Say and Vote in Local Government Elections. Local Government Elections to be Held on November 12 Chance for Communities to take part in Local Democracy

Guyanese residing in Municipalities and Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDC) areas are being encourage to have a say in who runs their local community, by making sure that they are ready to vote in the November 12th 2018 Local Government elections.

The United Republican Party (URP) Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu is strongly encouraging citizens to participate in this year's LGE for we need strong councilors who are the foundation of an effective and efficient local Government system.

He urged residents of Linden at recent meeting to take time to assess the candidates and vote for someone who they believe will better represent them.

"By getting involved in the elections as a voter or candidate you will be taking an active role influencing the decision that are made where you live." He opined.

According to the URP's Leader, LGE will help foster greet unity and cooperation as people in each municipality or NDC will have a greater say in the governance of their respective communities as well it help to promote greater accountability as elected representatives will have to answer directly to the people in their individual communities



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he United Republican Party's (URP) goal is to assist local leaders to govern openly, effectively and ethically and work collaboratively to foster healthy and sustainable communities

In this regard, URP's Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu is calling on residents in the municipalities and NDC's countrywide to get involved as candidates at the upcoming Local Government Elections so they could influence what your Council does, how It spends its money, what services and facilities it provides, what development takes places in your neighbourhoods and what local issues are better solved by your Councils.

The Democratic process is not complete without citizens participation and in fact democracy doesn't work without meaningful participation of all segments of the population. It is our duty as citizens to ensure that our councils work as we want it to, and to assume the responsibility of taking actions when

### it doesn't.

Dr. Bandhu called on the youth to not let their ages restrict them from engaging in public service for their voices adds value to designing local policies, programmes and public spaces The URP sees youth as a resource for community solving problems rather than simply recipients of service. The youth of Guyana have the potential to stare the affairs of the municipalizes and NDC's and so a conscious effort must be made to allow them to participate in the local government process. According to the URP's Leader, Women's potential and socio economic status improves when women become more involved in decision-making and policy development at all levels of governance. Through their active involvement in community work they are fully aware of issues faced by women in their communities and uniquely positioned to address them, including women in local government is a key factor in creating gender policies and services, he declared Issue: 07

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### URP calls for full investigation into the massive agriculture project In the Intermediate savannahs

The United Republican Party (URP) is calling for the full investigation into the massive agricultural development project in the intermediate Savannahs of Region's 10 which was proposed under the PPP/C Administration to establish a large number of farming families and large agricultural producers.



The former administration had announced that a Technical Mission of the Organizations Of American States (OAS) had completed a comprehensive report on the proposals for the agricultural development of the Intermediate savannahs of the country and that a number of other consultants were engaged in preparing detailed plans covering landuse, environment, transportation, water supply and irrigation systems, as well as Investment packages for investors in agro- industry.

To date nothing has materialized in the project which was to be a place development of the area over a 15 years period which should have produced a gross annual returns of G \$ 22billion of which \$21 billion would have represented export sales of fresh fruit and beef to the CARICOM market and frozen concentrate orange juice to other international markets.

The potential of the Intermediate savannahs was at that time to be the new frontier for the agricultural diversification of the country's economy.

An estimated Jobs in the Citrus plantations, the cattle farms, the abattoir, the Citrus Nursery and the Citrus Processing Factories should has been created

It was expected that the project was to improve the life of the depressed communities in Region 10 with the mining town of Linden, Kwakwani and Ituni coming under focus.

# The Beekeeping Industry will be developed

Guyana's beekeeping Industry can make a move meaningful contribution to employment and the economy if it receives more support

A United Republican Party (URP) Administration will help create the infrastructure and better the position of the sector to make a mark both in local and overseas markets.

According to the URP beekeeping has the potential to contribute meaningfully to the country's economy for there are vast pastures countrywide which could be put into more productive.

A URP government will retool the industry and provide modern equipment for beekeepers at affordable cost, provide for education and training for beekeepers and potential beekeepers with the establishment of a training Apiary as well as seek overseas markets.

Honey production in Guyana peaked in the early to mid1970's when beekeepers accounted for several hundred which included commercial small scale production and hobbyists but decline in the 1980's because of little governmental support



children in Charity Housing Scheme Essequibo Coast recently. The recipients were delighted by this gesture

### Bribery and Corruption have become so much to the harmful effect which they have on the so said URP's Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu we better his own position at the expense of oth industry. What is inexcusable in the practice is not the citizen's position is in peril where he may now where even his rights maybe delayed or even "The harm done in any situation in which be"

Says URP's Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu Bribery and corruption have become so much an everyday occurrence in our society that not much attention is generally paid to the harmful effect which they have on the economic and social structure of the Nation.

So said URP's Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu who described the practice as the dishonesty of the unscrupulous person seeking to better his own position at the expense of others. According to Dr. Bandhu it is all over the place and has become a National industry.

What is inexcusable in the practice is not the dishonesty of the unemployed or partially employed. He pointed out that every citizen's position is in peril where he may not justly achieve what he bargained for, where he pays far more he ought to and where even his rights maybe delayed or even denied altogether.

"The harm done in any situation in which bribery, corruption, nepotism and favoritism assume National proportions and is a way of life from the top down can never be calculated.

A URP administration will work to ensure that bribery and corruption in the Public Sector and the country as a whole will be eradicated.

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Yellow

Green

Violet

Sky blue

**Dark blue** 

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY (URP)-

Established in USA March 1985, launched in Guyana May, 1986, registered April 26, 1988

### Motto- "ONWARD. UPWARD WE WILL GO!"

# **WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**

- A Free nation
- Freedom of the Press
- Freedom of Choice
- Free and fair Election every Five years
- Restoration of Law and Order
- More accessible and modern medical facilities and better education system
- A reduction in the size of the government
- Foreign investments with safeguard in Guyana Constitution
- A re-introduction of duty free agriculture and industry
- Settle the border disputed area between Guyana and Venezuela and working in harmony with all our neighboring Countries including Brazil and Suriname.
- Making available accessible land development
- Bursting open Guyana with roads, electricity and pure water supply, harnessing all rivers with bridge from island; development of all infrastructure
- Introduction of Railroad system throughout the coastlands and Railway from Berbice to Lethem.
   Providing better pay for police, civil servant, general worker, unemployment benefit and social security
- Open Guyana for massive development
- All government employees from the President, prime Minister, Ministers top civil servant when committed fraud penalty for them must be made clear in Guyana Laws must be double
- Trade Union should be able to organize and function without influence or intimidation from government.
- Sustainable living and care for all elderly and pensioners.

The URP open its arms to one and all- Guyanese at home and abroad of all races, all classes, all creed and all cultures. We invite you to become a part of the process towards the rescues and transformation of our beloved country.

We recognize that Guyanese at home and abroad have significant roles to play in this process. We may not have all the answers, but we have the zeal, commitment and love for our dear country. The URP feels that once we join hands together, we could throw off shackles of corruption that bind our country



### PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF URP FLAG COLORS FLAG COLORS

- Land and harnessing resources **Red**
- Land of many water
- New beginning/happiness
- Land of agriculture
- Safe aviation
- Art and all culture
- Religious harmony

### **SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATION OF URP FLAG COLORS**

### **FLAG COLORS**

• Empowering yourself Red Purifying yourself Orange Bring joy into your life Yellow Love & forgiveness Green Find peace in yourself Sky blue Enlightenment of mind **Dark blue** • Experience divine blessings : Violet

# **SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR LOGO**

The United Republican Party chose to embrace the head of the cow as our logo since it has great significance to the earth and to many civilizations around the world. The cow signifies good. It displays respect and power. It has immense value to many people for various reasons. It symbolizes strength and



courage yet at the same time displays a nurturing and protective nature. The cow also represents patience and abundance. It is a symbol of fertility, richness, and renewal, all of which the URP intend to bring to our country. We the United Republican Party pride ourselves in having all these attributes such as respect, strength, courage, conviction, and determination in which we will exercise in making Guyana great. SEPTEMBER, 2018

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# **URP Supports ban on plastics**

The United Republican Party (URP) fully supports the Government's decision to ban plastics in the country but pointed out that industrial hemp plastics could be the beginning of the end to the age of plastics as it holds many possibilities as a eco-friendly replacement.

According to the URP we have a world of plastics that needs to be replaced by other biodegradable materials, for we have come to rely on this destructive material for every single facet of daily life.

it wasn't always this way, we have seen as explosions in the lasts 80 years plastics went from 1.7 million tons to 520 million tons per year

According to the Davos Report by the World Economic forum the oceans will contain by weight more plastics than fish in 2050, with 77% of the marine waste entering the oceans via streams, rivers, drainage and all manner of marine vessels and fishing activities. The URP is of the opinion that the goal today is to radically reduce and collect plastics footprint with a major shift in lifestyle and some primary new earth sending materials



## Vote for a Real change at LGE Vote URP

Guyanese get serious and vote for the third force in Guyana the United Republican Party (URP) at the upcoming local Guyanese elections vote for the Cow Head

A vote for the APNU, AFC is a vote for the same manner of business for the PPP/C.

We need a real complete change not an exchange. Vote URP at the November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 election.



# URP greetings to the Indigenous People

The United Republican Party (URP) wishes to extend greetings to our Indigenous people and other Guyanese on the occasion of Indigenous Heritage Month 2018 being held under the theme 'Proud of our Indigenous Identity- Celebrating in Unity. The URP recognizes that Indigenous heritage Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and to express their history and culture.

It is also the recognition of the unique vital and sometimes unrecognized contributions that the indigenous people have made to Guyana.

The URP feels that today our indigenous people are enjoying higher living standards in Guyana compared to their members in other parts of the world, for they are no longer treated as children of the forest or museum pieces as was the practice in the colonial era.

The URP understands that before Guyana became independent, indigenous people were a dwindling marginalized people, but after years of struggling and holding their own alongside other Guyanese they have become a valuable segment on the country's social, economic and political life.

September is Indigenous Heritage Month and as we celebrate the occasion with our indigenous brothers and sisters, it will be good to reflect on what that means not only to our nine Indigenous tribes-Arawaks, Caribs, Warau, Akawaio, Arukuna, Patmona, Makushi, Wapisiana and Wai-Wai but all Guyanese

# Guyanese teachers need to be better compensated

The teaching profession is crucial to Guyana's society and the economy, but Public School teachers need to be better compensated and with better working conditions.

According to the United Republican Party (URP) no one doubts the significance of high quality teachers to the school system and to the economy in general.

If we want to attract, retain and motivate the best and the brightest we need to raise the salaries of teachers to be competitive with other professionals.

The URP recognizes the important role the teachers play in shaping future generations and as a result sees the need for increasing teachers' salaries. Teachers are the future and they keep the world going.

Whoever thinks that teachers don't need better salaries and working conditions are a bunch of idiots and the people who oppose higher pay and benefits for teachers have no real idea what they do and how immensely difficult teaching is.

The URP is of the opinion that salaries must keep pace with other professionals that are lurking people away from the classrooms. But the need for more teachers is great and growing and teaching is enormously gratifying and many more would like to make it their career if they felt teachers were treated professionals.



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# **Scenes from URP LGE meetings on the Essequibo Coast**



# Local Government Leaders must not be spectators

Says URP's Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu

Local Government Leaders must not be spectators but active participants and true workers in managing the affairs of their municipalities and Neighbourhood Democratic Councils (NDC) as well as initiating development products and providing the best quality of service for the citizens.

United Republican Party (URP) Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu emphasized that we need leaders who are incorruptible, dedicated and interested in the development of the people and their communities

"Leaders who possess the ability to organize their citizens to perform other functions which are relevant to their communities, leaders who can set the example of hard work and determination and who can keep their communities united into an effective force.

The Municipalities and their NDC's provide vital s services to communities within the precincts and these services include Public Health, Environmental services, Maternal and Child welfare, roads, bridges, drainage and enforcement of the municipals and NDC's bylaws and building codes and maintenance of markets and cemetery.

According to the URP's Leader these services include money to provide, manage and maintain by the Council and leaders must be able to encourage property owners to pay their rates and taxes.

# Involvement in Local Government - You can make a Difference

United Republican Party URP Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu has said that getting involved in the managing the affairs of your communities is one of the opportunities community members especially the youth could make a difference, for youth and young adults can send a powerful message.

He emphasized that local government elections are important for the health of democracy in the country, for these election enable ordinary citizens to become responsible for the finances and administration of their communities.

"By taking post and responsibilities people feel they are an integral part of the system so their stake in the system increases.

There are very developmental works done by local leader which otherwise will remain undone, for people who are leaders in local government have more impact and influence on our citizens' everyday lives.

According to Dr. Bandhu locally elected councilors are supposed to be the perfect example of democracy, for they act a citizens' behalf and key in the buffer between what citizens want and how they get what they want.

We need dynamic candidates that capture the interest young voters, he added.



### TUNE IN TO THE UNITED

REPUBLICAN PARTY (URP) PRACTICAL TALK <u>GEORGETOWN</u>- ON CHANNEL TWO ON MONDAYS AT 20:00HRS (8:00PM) AND CHS CHANNEL 6 ON THURSDAYS AT 20:00HRS (8:00PM)

BERBICE CORENTYNE-DAVE'S TV- CHANNEL 8 – WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM CHANNEL 10- FRIDAYS AT 8:30 PM

<u>ESSEQUIBO COAST</u> – CHANNEL 8 SATURDAYS AT 7:30PM THE REPUBLICAN

# **Fwo More United Republicans Party Offices Opened**

The United Republican Party (URP) as it continues will its mandate to properly serve the people of the country recently opened two offices in Region Six (East Berbice, Corentyne) The offices "Liberty House" are located at Lot 3 Public Road, Manager's Compound at Port Mourant while the other is at the Arawak Hotel Building at Skeldon, Corentyne. Already URP has established offices at Linden Region 10 at 271,Greenheart Street and the other Kwakwani, Berbice River,while on the Essequibo Coast the URP Liberty House" is located at Lot 9 Frampton Street, Anna Regina. The Headquarters of the United Republican Party (URP) is located at Lot 49 New Road, Vreed-en-Hoop West Coast Demerara. These offices are open from 8am-5pm Monday to Saturdays.



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### Local Leaders Should Be Perfect Example of Democracysays URP's Leader Dr. Vishnu Bandhu

Leader of the United Republican Party (URP) Dr. Vishnu Bandhu told Essequibians that locally elected Leaders are supposed to be perfect example of democracy.

Addressing a number of meetings along the Essequibo Coast recently, he explained that they act on citizens behalf and are expected to assist in solving issues.

According to the URP's Leader the elected Councilors are required to assist citizens, but when citizens don't vote they create a disjoint between themselves and the local leaders.

"They are the buffer between what citizens want and how they get what they want, so not voting at Local Government elections is not only undemocratic but is also counterproductive." Dr. Bandhu expressed the view that there's no place where one's voice can be heard more than in his/her own backyards, so by voting solidly on November 12, 2018 your voices will be heard.

"Participating in local Government elections is also the best way to become politically active, and if more people participate in the LGE, then there is a possibility more than likely that they would want to participate in the 2020 National and Regional elections.

He strongly emphasized that local government t has an enormous impact on people's everyday lives and on the services that people have the most contact with, so that it's why is so important for citizens to cast their vote, but also to become candidates so if elected could help shape your community.

# URP Administration will Pursue a Path of Economic Diversification

A United Republican Party (URP) administration will pursue a path of economic diversification and also place focus on Agriculture, Forestry, Sustainable Energy and Non Resource based Industries.

So said URP's Leader, Dr. Vishnu Bandhu while addressing a group of small business owners on the Essequibo Coast recently.

Acknowledging that agriculture is the fundamental to a healthy Nation under an URP administration it will be open to investments, combined with the abundance of freshwater, there are excellent opportunities for agriculture produce and manufacturing industries.

A URP Government will also focus on developing the manufacturing sector so it could continue to be responsible for significant portions of the country's GDP and providing jobs and career opportunities for Guyanese.

But we need more investment in the sector, if it is to contribute to the collective growth and development of the country.

# **Viewpoint** - Micheal D. Kirton Hemp is not Marijuana – It's the Economic Stimulus and Green Jobs Solutions for Guyana

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Industrial Hemp's feasibility and a continued rising demand could generate thousands of sustainable new jobs, helping Guyana to get back on Track

Industrial Hemp is an important facet and has tremendous economic potential.

Economically and Environmentally industrial hemp is Industrial hemp is an important part of the sustainability pie.

with 25.00 known applications from paper, clothing, and food products to construction and automobile materials to name a few hemp could be just the crop to jump start the country's Green Economy.

But growing hemp remains illegal in Guyana and the APNU/AFC administration has continued to lumped the low THC plant together with its psychoactive cousin marijuana making Guyana among the few other Nations to ban hemp production.

We can import from China, Canada and other countries which have legalized it, but we can't grow it

Industrial Hemp is answer but not the answer, it has a great deal of potential but it doesn't have any potential if you can't grow it.

### **URP Press Release**

Local Government Elections is a chance for citizens to participate in the shaping of the level of governance that most influences their everyday life.

It is a crucial moment for Local Politics and Governance to act and show effectiveness.

The United Republican Party (URP) is of the opinion that there is a strong appetite for people to have a greater say in the places they live and work and local government can provide the momentum to re-inaugurate democracy.

Anyone who can vote for their councilors must choose those who they believe will truly and honestly represent them and the URP candidates when elected will work to ensure that they provide true representations to the citizens of the community.

Sometimes people focus more on General Elections but November 12, 2018 Local Government Election should not be overlooked for they are the more important ones that should be taken seriously as with the General Elections.

The URP controlled Municipalities and NDC's will be pushing new ways to drive economic growth and provide excellent and reliable services that resident use on a daily basic.

The URP Led Councils will undertake providing better garbage collections, drainage, clean and better maintain parapets and parks as well as up to date market facilities and burial grounds. The URP program will also include better Rates and Tax collection and employment of professional staff to provide better services to the community.

The United Republican Party (URP) will be contesting the November 12, 2018 Local Government Election in many municipalities and NDC's under the symbol the Cowhead, and urges citizens to vote for a change, Vote <u>URP</u>.

# Youths – Be part of the Local Government Elections

The young Republicans, youth wing of the United Republican Party (URP) are encouraging the Nation's youth to be part of the Local Government elections on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 not only as voters but as candidates which will empower them to make strategic decisions on the development of the municipality or NDC.

According to the young Republicans we need elected youth councilors who would promote accountability and good governance and will be more responsive and accountable to the people.

'The Nation's youth have a pivotal role to play in the local Government elections beyond casting their vote to get elected to manage the affairs of their communities.

The Young Republicans are of the opinion that Local Government plays a pivotal role in the lives of the people, it serve as means of educating the citizens of their municipality on NDC on sensitive local issues and seek their involvement in the managing of the their communities.

It is a fallacy, that Central Government can single handed develop the socio-economic and infrastructural

development of the country without the help of the Local Government, who interface with the rural community.

The Municipalities and NDC's want to see dividends of democracy, have access to good roads, better garbage disposal, better drinking water, health and educational facilities, recreational and sport facilities, hygiene modern markets, burial grounds and good policies.

"Without credible councilors over the towns and NDC's all the dividends of democracy will be a mirage. The Young Republicans embraces positive behaviors that is essential with the requirement of efficient alternatives of democratic goals, while a sound system a local government will ensue that all by laws are enforced and the people enjoy the

dividends democracy.