

VOTE WISELY CAYMAN

The Crucial Need For Voting Wisely

With reference to VOTING in the upcoming election, I would like to ask that you, the registered voters... 'The People' of the Cayman Islands, make every effort to vote responsible & intelligently. As I ask this, I do so in troubled PLEA. I am pleading with the Electorate of the Cayman Islands to vote responsibly because you are responsible for the future of not only yourselves and your families, but for the country as a whole. To be clearer, when I make this plea, I'm saying there MUST be a time for a change at some point if we are to be smart about our future... a CHANGE for HOPE... The CHANGE I speak of is a change in the reasons and rationale behind your vote. The TIME for change I speak of is NOW. The HOPE I talk about is the hope for the PRESERVATION of the Social, Economic (Socioeconomic) and if that was ever possible, the Cultural elements of this set of Islands we call HOME.

THE CHANGE: -

As some of us may know, MOST(not all) of the electorate population vote for a candidate/politician based on several factors being: (1)-Personal monetary favours by candidate to self or Family – Where an existing MLA or Candidate may pay for products or facilitate services for individuals and families:- This could be called 'Buying your vote' or quite simply fooling those who feel that because that MLA or politician did a personal favour then he or she is deserving the elector's vote. (2)-The MLA/Candidate being a 'People's Person' – The MLA/Candidate who is sociable and kind hearted and favored by many:- Beware, the 'People's Person' personality can be used to pull the wool over your eyes or in other words, deceive you to get you to vote for that candidate. (3)-Candidate being family or an Associate of the voter him/herself. (4)-Simply being a popular or well-known MLA/Candidate. (5)-Being influenced by a friend, family or another voter's choice:- Each voter should have with individual choice and with valid, intelligent reasons to vote. (6)-Voting based on accomplishments as an MLA being done for their respective districts or has accomplished something that benefits the voter or a small group or sector for instance in business or sports: - While accomplishments can be good merit for votes, it should also be understood that sometimes these accomplishments are not really tangible or beneficial to the district/people or country as a whole therefore should not be counted as totally good merits (7)-**Controversially, even good things being done for the country:- Remember a MLA can do good deeds and BAD deeds, sometimes good and bad can be achieved all in the same stroke of the pen. It should be understood that BAD deeds can have a greater NEGATIVE impact on us the people and the country as a whole, either in the short term or long term. NOT Good!!** (8)-The most appalling of all is the case of the elector voting for an MLA/Candidate just because that Candidate has been a 'Winner' in previous elections or is being seen to be a 'Winner' in any upcoming elections. In this scenario, the registered voter simply decides that because the MLA/Candidate has been a winner in previous elections or feels the candidate will be a winner, then chooses to be on the "Winning Side":- It should be SOLEMNLY understood that NOT because an MLA/Candidate was/is in the 'Winning' category means that you the voter has had or will have a **'winning result' for you, your respective district or country.** It should be clearly understood that an MLA could be a winner in previous elections, but may not have done anything good or tangible for you, the electorate or the country as a whole or instead may have committed acts or offenses that were unlawful (to ANY degree), but was still elected or re-elected by voters over any period of tenure. Please double-check to see if the candidate you propose to vote for has any record of committing unlawful acts. If so this should be a good sign NOT to vote for that candidate (9)- All other unwise reasons for voting for a particular candidate.

People, we must remember that politics can be seen as a game from a political standpoint in that the political candidate says he/she will do all the good things for the people and the electorate all too frequently just cast their vote on those promises. Then in many cases, after the candidate has been elected those promises are either simply NOT fulfilled or that there is a change of agenda for some odd reason, usually personal, hence the electorate has been consequently

“played” whether you want to see it that way or not. On the other side of the coin, for the people of our country, Politics is completely the opposite. People, People... this IS NOT a GAME we are playing, nor should we be the FANS of any particular TEAM or PLAYER. Politics, elections and governments is a serious matter. MLAs/Governments are merely the management staff that is elected and HIRED by ‘The People’, and literally so. They are paid from our taxes to do the job of operating our ‘Business’ better known as our Country. We HAVE to understand that when WE, the electorate make a foolish choice to elect any candidate or government based on any of the above foolish reasons, we are in fact assisting in the ultimate ruination and failure of the very foundation/source we live from. That foundation/source is the economic and social aspects of our beloved country. Effectively and unfortunately that ruination will apply to the majority of the people of this country except those that may, in a few known ways benefit from your unwise choices. You should also understand that when our beloved country is brought to its knees by actions or failure of Government we foolishly elect, the wealthy people will not suffer as much or none at all because they have the wealth to sustain themselves. On the contrary, those who do not have the wealth will perish. VOTE with GOOD REASON!

THE HOPE

As all too many Caymanians are talking about daily, the drugs, the crime, the lack of real immigration control and the rapid out-numbering of the native Caymanian by the immigrant and the very real fear for the native that goes with that scenario, the growing discrimination against the native Caymanian by foreigners on our own soil, the growing contention between both sides, the general cost of living spiraling, the cost of real estate which is being pushed out of reach of even the average income Caymanian, primarily induced by the Real Estate industry, as well as all the other bleeding wounds this country suffers. PEOPLE, PEOPLE... the writing is on the wall. The eminent fall and demise of our once beloved and hopeful country will not be too long from now if our Governments continue to manage it the way they have/are or allowing it to slip over the edge into freefall.

That HOPE I speak of is the hopeful preservation and betterment of this country in that its longevity or lifespan is put at front and center of the Government’s agenda. To see the future of this country as a serious matter and take the required actions to correct and preserve what is left of our nation. Remember this is where most of us will have to or choose to live for the rest of our lives, be it 10 years or 50 years. This is CRUCIAL to our future existence as a people in our land. VOTE with HOPE!

THE TIME

As I mentioned above, the TIME I speak of is NOW, NOW, NOW. Remember, politics will always be politics, but your future, our future, our lives will NOT always be as easy as politics or the lives of the Politicians who has all gotten rich while we foolishly elect and re-elect them to do (or NOT to do) what they should do for ‘The People’ of this once hopeful little country.

VOTE WISELY PEOPLE!!!

God Bless the Cayman Islands