

ORG 2017 Candidate Questionnaire

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In your view, what are the three most important problems facing the Bahamas today?	The Economy/Unemployment Crime Education
If the next government could enact only one major law, it should be:	Fiscal Responsibility Act
Do you believe that Ministers should be accountable for the performance and efficiency of their government Ministries?	Yes, strongly
Do you support the Freedom of Information Act 2016?	Yes
Do you support strong legislation to protect "whistleblowers"?	Yes, strongly
Do you support The Public Disclosure Act of 1977 requiring elected officials, parties, and candidates to submit regular reports on their election expenses, to be made available to the public?	Yes, the most recent report must be gazetted
Do you support the proposed Interception of Communications Bill allowing government to conduct surveillance on the public for reasons of national security, subversion, public morality, public safety and public order?	No
Do you believe that the Privy Council should remain the highest court in the nation?	Yes, strongly
Do you support the independence of the Judiciary and an independent Prosecutor's Office?	Yes, strongly

Do you support passage of a legislation which would require regular publication of data on the performance of government agencies and their use of public resources?

Yes, strongly

Do you support standards and regulations for Political Party Constitutions that ensure the greatest level of democracy?

Yes, but with suggestions (List any below)

Do you support passage of a legislation which would require regular publication of data on the performance of government agencies and their use of public resources?

Yes, strongly

Do you support requiring all secondary schools to offer civics education that provides theoretical and political and practical aspects of citizenship, its rights and duties; the Constitution, the Westminster system of governance, democracy, and the electoral process?

Yes, strongly

Do you support requiring curriculum in all schools that focus on social and emotional skills, such as conflict resolution and decision making?

Yes, strongly

Do you support legislation making it easier to create new learning environments, such as charter schools, designed to provide students and families alternate approaches and resources than currently exist in the public education system?

Yes, strongly

Do you support requiring all secondary schools to offer job-related apprenticeship programs?

Yes, strongly

Do you support making regular teacher evaluations mandatory?

Yes, strongly

Do you support public-private partnerships and the outsourcing of certain government functions for greater efficiencies? Yes, strongly

Do you support a Fiscal Responsibility Act that would limit government spending and provide more accountability? Yes, strongly

Do you support removing exchange controls and the free circulation of both Bahamian and US Dollars? Yes, strongly

Do you support government intervention to lower banks' prime interest rates? Yes, strongly

Do you support the reduction or elimination of work permits and fees for firms that pledge to engage in industry-recognized workforce development training? Yes, strongly

Do you support reforming immigration policies to balance employment needs with skills, and to improve coordination among government agencies? Yes, strongly

Do you support legislation and administrative changes to improve collections and compliance within the current tax code? Yes, strongly