

## ORG 2017 Candidate Questionnaire

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<b>In your view, what are the three most important problems facing the Bahamas today?</b>	Crime Lack of jobs The instability of the economy
<b>If the next government could enact only one major law, it should be:</b>	The one major law that i would push to see enacted would be a law that ensures that all persons found involved with corruption be punished and made to repay what was taken from society in the process
<b>Do you believe that Ministers should be accountable for the performance and efficiency of their government Ministries?</b>	Yes, strongly
<b>Do you support the Freedom of Information Act 2016?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support strong legislation to protect “whistleblowers”?</b>	Yes, strongly
<b>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?</b>	Yes, the most recent report must be gazetted Donations received and expenses generated by their campaigns.
<b>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?</b>	Yes, but with conditions (List any below) On conditions that the privacy of law abiding citizens are always protected and the system prevents and detects unlawful use by those responsible for its administration and execution. Any person found abusing the privilege of having access to the information obtained through the system must be severely punished and punished quickly in order to deter the said behaviour.
<b>Do you believe that the Privy Council should remain the highest court in the nation?</b>	No The Bahamas a competent body of laws that governs it. Once it is complemented by an equally competent judiciary, we will be capable of the administration and carriage of just that will help us to see the law abiding society we so desperately want at this time.

**Do you support the independence of the Judiciary and an independent Prosecutor's Office?**

Yes, strongly  
It is my firm view, that the independence of both institution and entity will cause the criminal justice system to work as desired and have the impactful affect on crime that it is designed to have.

**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  
It will ensure the levels of accountability needed to keep government agencies efficient and productive.

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

Yes, strongly  
The true demonstration of a democratic mentality begins at the party level. If it is practiced there, it will be practiced at the national level as well. There should be no compromise to the standard.

**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  
This approach will provide the opportunity to fit the learning environment and the student together with each other making the learning experience more enjoyable for the student and his/her development will be more assured.

**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

Absolutely, one of my most important subjects when it comes to public affairs and governance. It is proven that while the public sector seek to hire the brightest of minds to serve, it is also quite obvious that due to political bias, unsuitable individuals are assigned responsibilities for key functions and results are inefficiency and low productivity in many cases. The outsourcing of certain functions can result in a complete opposite outcome of efficient and productive out put.

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

Yes, strongly

It will streamline budget management and ensure that all waste or mismanagement behaviour is caught in a timely manner.

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

Yes, strongly

It is the sensible thing to do given the emergence of the local business communities all over the country and their need for capital to ensure their growth, development and sustainability.

**Do you support government intervention to lower banks' prime interest rates?**

Yes, but with conditions (List any below)

Yes but under the condition that the government do not over reach and cause more damage rather than helping the sector to improve.

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

Neither support nor oppose

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

Yes, strongly

Our workforce is in dire need of reform especially from a work ethics perspective. Experts and disciplined workers exist in the global market. I believe if we use our immigration policy to help us with exposure that can enhance and develop our workforce, that would be a great policy and initiative to engage.

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

Yes, strongly

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