

MESSAGE FROM THE
POLITICAL LEADER
HAROLD LOVELL





Why a Manifesto?

This is a question we are asked, sometimes, given the way that political campaigns have evolved and, especially, given the immediacy and agility of social media.

Well, the United Progressive Party (UPP) believes that a document like this is important for three main reasons.

First, as the “People First” Party, our Manifesto acknowledges that we have a social contract – not only with our supporters – but with all the people who call Antigua and Barbuda home.

It is our solemn undertaking, our handshake, on what we will deliver to you, the voter, in return for the faith you have demonstrated in us with your “X”.

Second, it is our policy program. In it, we capture the most important plans we have for this country’s development and our people’s prosperity. Our Manifesto presents to you our vision for the future and what we intend to get done in these five years to realize that vision.

Since the Manifesto is a collaboration between us and you, you can check here to see how well we listened and understood the change you want to see take place.

Third, our Manifesto is a report card. As our term advances, you can use this document as a checklist to see which promises have been honoured, so far, or to inquire about the progress of a program. How we have managed will determine the grade you give us and whether you believe we deserve another term in office.

To make this document available to every voter, and to ensure maximum penetration, we have decided to make it available online, so that you can make that “right choice” an informed choice – about Health, Education, Social Services, Prison Reform, Entrepreneurship, Pensions... the works!

Now, every single plan or program of the UPP is not contained here. To include everything would have made the document too long. However, be assured that the Party has considered and formulated plans for every important sector of the society and of the economy.

Other policies – such as Constitution Reform – will require further consultation with, and additional action from, The People. And so, critical decisions on matters like a fixed election date and the possible inclusion of religious ministers in electoral politics will require not simply Manifesto promises, but sit-down sessions with Civil Society.

However, once elected, this is an area of high priority for a UPP Administration.

In the meantime, I invite you to carefully peruse, analyze and adopt the policies and programs we have so carefully crafted to realize our commitment to Relief, Recovery and Prosperity as your right!

I am confident that, having done so critically and objectively, you will agree that your best life depends on your choice ... of the UPP.

HAROLD LOVELL
Political Leader - UPP



MESSAGE FROM
THE DEPUTY POLITICAL LEADER
JAMALE PRINGLE

*On behalf of the
Candidates of the United
Progressive Party, I am
pleased and proud to
present to you our charter
for Relief, Recovery and
Shared Prosperity and
the seven pillars on which
these will be built.*



These past nine years have been difficult for most Antiguans, Barbudans, residents and businesses; no objective person can gainsay that. And we have all had to weather the storms pretty much on our own, with little attention or assistance from the Browne Administration.

What we and you have gone through has served to inform the changes that must be made to ensure that The People are never again abandoned by their Government.

This Manifesto is how, together, we will create the climate needed for all to endeavour – from pre-schooler to pensioner, farmer to business executive, immigrant to Diaspora member – and all to achieve, whether a college degree, a home renovation, a business expansion or the creation of a brand-new industry.

Listening to you, The People, we have done our homework and, in this document, we have laid the groundwork and shown the side work. Now, it is all up to you, the Electorate, to give us the job.

We, the 16 Candidates of this great United Progressive Party, stand ready to take on the task of redeeming Antigua and Barbuda and taking it forward into a brighter day.

After the past nine years of the Browne Administration's neglect of The People (while Government Ministers practised self-enrichment) will our task be easy? No. Will it be achievable? Yes! Yes! We did it before and, with God's help and your patience and support, the UPP will do it again.

Together, we will clean up Government's image and this Nation's reputation. We will put you first in business and in opportunities for youth and entire families to become upwardly mobile. We will make Antigua and Barbuda a place of peace and pride and prosperity for all who are willing to work hard.

So, I invite you to carefully go through this Manifesto and see the plans and programs we have put in place, so that your vote for the UPP on Election Day is well placed.

Let us walk into that bright Blue future together.

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7 PILLARS FOR RELIEF, RECOVERY & SHARED PROSPERITY

The new UPP Government will usher in a new era of prosperity, people's empowerment and inclusive development based on 7 strategic pillars:

▶ Pillar 1

VISION 2040 *A National Master Plan*

Through a robust consultation process, create a shared **National Vision and Strategic Plan** to transform and modernize Antigua and Barbuda by 2040.

Leverage the ideas, creativity and potential within the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Foster collective responsibility and action among nationals at home and across the diaspora to achieve this bold national vision.

▶ Pillar 2

JOB CREATION *and* *Expanding Our Economy*

Expansion of Tourism and the branding of Antigua and Barbuda as a destination for exclusive Tourism and exclusive products.

Creation of new industries in the areas of agribusiness, high-end tourism, sea island cotton production and manufacturing.

Create a niche international banking center that will include digitization of the financial system, cryptocurrency, etc. Financial experts will be brought together to create a task force that will submit recommendations for transforming the banking sector.

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► Pillar 3

HOUSING *Security*

Create housing security, give dignity to low-income families and empower middle-income families through a bold new home ownership program **"Homes for You"** using **three pathways to home ownership: Rent to Own, Buyer Assist and Community Construct.**

End the waste and inefficiency that exist today by creating a transparent and accountable new National Housing Entity, merged from CHAPA and the present National Housing. This new entity will give the new UPP Government the synergies and economies of scale to deliver the most affordable high-quality housing solutions ever in our twin island state.

Harness community pride to further reduce the cost of housing to the most budget conscious or vulnerable, without compromising on quality, using an innovative new Community Construct model.

► Pillar 4

EDUCATION REVOLUTION *Education as a Right*

In light of the changing global job market, we will create an environment where every citizen and resident is adequately educated and trained to seize the opportunities of today.

Create an education system to match the shared National Vision and Strategic Plan.

Train a modern workforce to deliver the National Vision.

Education relief from pre-K to tertiary level.

► Pillar 5

ECONOMIC DIGNITY *Putting More Money In The People's Pockets*

UPP will put more money back into the pockets of every citizen and resident by increasing wages, lowering the cost of living and ensuring the availability of sufficient well paying jobs for every able bodied individual.

Deliver a National Living Wage and ensure that both private sector and government wages keep up with inflation.

End the late payment of Social Security pensions and other benefits and place the scheme on a long-term sound footing.



Pillars of Hercules – Cover Photo

Pillars are a natural formation of strength, and the UPP's 7 Pillars are the platform for meaningful Relief, Recovery and Shared Prosperity.

These formations located on the southeastern side of Antigua have withstood the harsh elements of the weather over thousands of years and have fashioned the distinctive columns we see today.

▶ Pillar 6

WATER STABILITY
*Sound Infrastructure,
Clean Environment*

The new UPP Government will leverage the latest technologies and most prudent management practices to solve the deficiencies in our water supply, roads and other critical infrastructure.

▶ Pillar 7

YOUTH
Empowerment

The new UPP Government will make bold and unprecedented moves to boost the participation of youth in both economic prosperity and decision-making.



The Right Choice

POST COVID RELIEF



UPP will lower the cost of living and raise wages in line with inflation, ensuring everyone can enjoy a proper standard of living and provide for their families.

We will also ensure that workers receive their severance obligations and back pay in a timely manner.

UPP will introduce “People First” measures to lower the cost of living:

Reduce the prices of food by reducing customs duty on essential food items, including salted fish, pickled meats, breakfast cereals, cooking oil and others.

Reduce the cost of construction by reducing customs duty on building materials produced outside Caricom.

Repeal the Unincorporated Business Tax (UBT) and replace it with a flat fee based on the business size.

Negotiate special fuel arrangements with oil-producing nations like Venezuela, Trinidad, Guyana, etc.

Pass on savings when the world oil price is low, enabling consumers to enjoy fair gas and electricity prices.

Immediately lower electric bills by adjusting the fuel variation charge as the cost of fuel goes down.

Make **strategic investments in new solar power electricity generation** that will result in the reduction of electricity bills.

Encourage community wind and solar power generation to bring down the cost of electricity.

Make access to cheap renewable energy easy by partnering with credit institutions to equip over 10,000 small homes across the island with solar panels. APUA bills will be reduced by solar power generation.

Government workers will be paid the two months salary ABLP took away during the vaccine mandate.

Grant 100% duty free on importation of electric motor vehicles.

UPP will raise wages and salaries and pay workers what they are owed:

Raise the national minimum wage and reform the operations of the Minimum Wage Review committee to ensure that all citizens and residents are always afforded a **National Living Wage**.

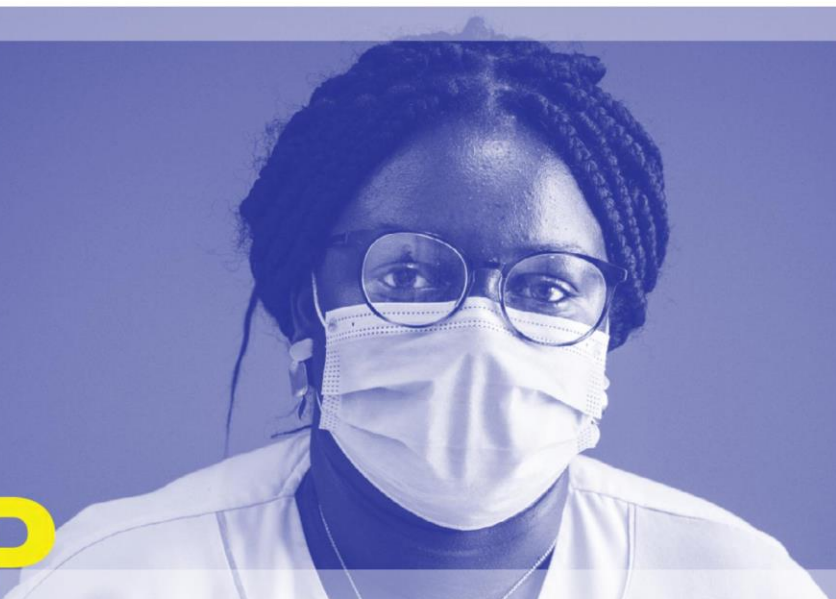
Raise the wages and salaries of government workers to a fair level, in line with inflation.

Service providers will be paid the majority of the debts owed by government within one year.

Government workers will be paid the majority of their back pay within one year.

Former employees of LIAT, CAS (Caribbean Airport Services) will receive their severance payments.

Government workers will be paid the two months salary ABLP took away during the vaccine mandate.



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