Guyana Elections Commission Vote '97
Enhancing the Electoral System

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A message from the Chairman, Guyana Elections Commission

The 1997 Elections will be one of the most important in the history of independent Guyana. The selection of the President and of the National Assembly will not only be for the remainder of the 20th Century. Who we elect will also bring in the 21st Century. The Elections are about the leadership and direction of 21st Century Guyana.

This Supplement is but a small contribution of the Voter Education & Information Unit at the Commission to help you participate effectively in the process. I sincerely hope that it answers questions you may have about how, where and why you need to vote.

On Elections Day/Polling Day

1. Take your Voter ID Card

2. Go To The Polling Place marked on your Pink Slip

3. First mark an X next to the Party of your Choice for General Election

AND THEN

Mark another X next to the Party of your Choice for Regional Election

◆ All eligible voters should receive this pink slip along with their Voter ID Card, stating Polling Division & Polling Place
◆ If You have not received a Pink Slip, Check with the Registrar or Deputy Registrar, OR
◆ Ask a Political Party activist where is your Polling Place

ELECTIONS/POLLING DAY IS DECEMBER 15, 1997
Enforcing the Electoral Process

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

ALLEN FOR GUAYANA
W.P.A.G.L./P.CITIZENS
"Guyana for Guyanese"

HAMILTON GREEN
Front-end Loader

GOD BLES GUYANA
G.G.B
"Exalt Righteousness & Honesty"

GUAYANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
G.D.P
"Organization & Management"

JUSTICE FOR ALL PARTY
J.F.A.P.
"Vote For A Change Not For Race"

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT
N.D.F
"A Better Way of Life"

NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PARTY
N.I.P
"A New Vision, A New Unity"

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS
P.N.C
"Making A Difference"

PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY
P.P.P/C
"Continued Progress in the 21st Century"

THE UNITED FORCE
T.U.F
"Meaningful Change"

POLITICAL PARTIES' CODE OF CONDUCT

To uphold the principle of free speech and to discourage members and supporters from disrupting meetings and gatherings of other political parties.

To ensure that speeches, slogans, posters, handbills and other advertisements do not contain material offending public morality, decorum, decency or taunts, ridicule, innuendoes or defamatory matter.

VOTE FOR THE PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE
YOUR BALLOT IS SECRET
Voting is one of the central ways of participating in the Democratic Process. Through the power of the Vote, citizens can decide on the Government and Policies which best represent their interests. Voting is an act of faith in the process. Voting is also a chance to change the process by deciding who determines the Policies.
The National Assembly is another name for Parliament and is made up of 65 Elected Members. It makes the laws. It can also change laws and make new laws. It made the most important law in the country which is called the Constitution. The President is part of the Parliament, but not part of the National Assembly. The President has the power to attend and speak to Members of Parliament at any time and to send any message.

Members of Parliament meet at the Public Buildings in Georgetown and these Meetings are called Sittings.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ELECTIONS

* Elections must be Free and Fair
* If you are a Guyanese citizen and at least 18 years old, you can vote in secret in elections
* The Party that wins the most votes in proportion to the entire nation becomes the Government
* Elections have to be held at least every 5 years

TOTAL ELECTORATE 460,000

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ENSURE YOU VOTE IN '97