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PLPs, fifty-six years ago ordinary Bahamian men and women banded together to form our Party. They were from different backgrounds. They were from different levels of education and economics. They were different colours. Although these men and women had among them so many differences that could have separated them, they came together because they were united by a singular dream; a dream that their children's lives would be better than theirs, that the future would be brighter than the past.

Anchored by this dream and led by the Father of

the Nation Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling, they gained Independence, they created the National Insurance Board, the College of the Bahamas, The Bahamas Development Bank, the Central Bank of the Bahamas, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the list goes on and on. They built scores of schools, sent thousands to universities all across the world and constructed an economy that brought tremendous wealth. Many of us moved from the clapboard house with the outhouse and kerosene-powered lamps to homes fit for a king. The PLP did this, this is its legacy and as PLPs, we should always be proud!

We, the present generation of leaders of this party, are the inheritors of a truly great legacy,

but more importantly we are also the protectors of this Party's philosophy. It is our job to do all that is necessary, within our core values, to win the next election and subsequent elections. We are called on to ensure that the principles of the party, which has maintained us through good times and bad, are always passed on to a new generation, adjusted to meet both the needs of today and preparing for the challenges of tomorrow.

Today, the Bahamas is in a fight for its very existence as crime is eating-away at the very core of our community.

Everyday I read the paper or listen to the news I

am taken-aback at how brazen these fellas – and women – now are...it's like nutthin for them to gun you down or rob you in broad daylight! Our people are by terrorized everyday as they try to live their lives as best as they can - our Bahamas is slipping away!

Can you imagine what our country will look like 5 or 10 years from now if we continue down this path? What kind of country are we leaving for our children?

PLPs our march is not over...there is still further to go! We have to fix this country. Our country is in trouble... these are serious times and serious times call for serious leaders!

I call upon the prime minister to be a man and admit that he made a drastic mistake by breaking sown the urban renewal programme and put it back in place as a means to dealing with the root causes of crime. Facilities and personnel have to be put in place to speed up the prosecution before the courts of persons charged with violent crimes. We don't have to change the rules we have to make the rules work.

Today, like never before, the people of the Bahamas need the PLP!

They need the PLP to once again be the Party that continues this nation's onward, upward

march towards progress and change.

They need the PLP to create anew our commitment to our children and generations unborn and once again give all that it takes to make this country safer, more prosperous, more stable, and more respected than we met it!

PLPs, the time for talk is over, its time to get to work!

Thousands of young Bahamians who are looking for change in this country and they are looking to the Progressive Liberal Party – the party for change. It cannot be business as usual.

In our country there are too many young people who feel like second-class citizens in their own country and they are counting on the PLP!

There are too many who think that the Bahamian dream is out of reach and they are counting on the PLP!

There are too many Bahamians who feel disconnected from the 'WUTLESS' FNM governance of this country. The national decision The FNM making have caused people to become fed up and they are counting on the PLP!

There are too many Bahamians who are being

victimized, ignored and are suffering at the hands of this uncaring FNM government and they are counting on the PLP!

The taxi-drivers, the straw vendors, the business community, young Bahamians looking to buy their first home, and our young people in need of positive programs and are counting on the PLP!

There are too many people who are hurting financially, cannot afford health care, land and food in the country of their birth and they too are counting on the PLP.

We have a record! A GREAT RECORD WITH A RICH HISTROY. We in the PLP have always

listened to the cries of the Bahamian people.
And I say, we are the Party to TRUST COME
THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS!

“TRUST US Bahamas! WE IN THE PLP
DELIEVER!

We know how we will fix the problems we currently face and we have done it before! The shucking and the jiving by this FNM government have long since passed. It is time to work for people Once again! No, PLPs, our march is not finished yet. There is still a-ways to go!

And so I ask you the question, tonight, have you

had enough of this FNM government?

Hubert Ingraham said in back in 1992 said the following,

“Our homes are being auctioned off. Cars are being repossessed and sold. School fees can’t get paid. Lights are turned off. Babies pampers can’t be bought and babies crying for food. Things are tough...”

That’s what Ingraham said in 1992 and today 17 years later the people of the Bahamas are reading these words back to him.

Today with Ingraham we have come full circle, and so I ask you again, have you had ENOUGH

of this 'WHATLESS' FNM government?

Have you had enough of all this violence happening under this directionless government?

Have you had enough of all these crime now talking place against our visitors?

Have you had enough of this government with its heartless STOP, CANCEL and REVIEW Policy?

Well if you have had enough, I say to you JOIN this Great Wave of the PLP that will sweep the country! Join today your local branch of the Progressive Liberal Party!

From Grand Bahama in the north to MICAL in the South! Long Island and North Eleuthera. St. Anne's, Clifton, South Beach, Pinewood, Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador and all communities across our Bahamas JOIN THE PLP!

Our journey has not yet ended, there is still further to go!

PLPs, it's time to march again! This is our time to march once more! The Bahamas needs us NOW !

PLPs, be Brave once more! Let us together

Change the Bahamas!

God bless you, Good Night! And thank you!

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