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Saturday, June 1st, 2013 commencing at 9:00 am
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More Illegal Indians Charged

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, May 21, 2013:

Over the past three consecutive weeks, three sets of Indian nationals of illegal immigration status have been apprehended in western Belize.

The latest incident occurred on Monday, May 20 when at around 4:00 pm the group of seven, including two minors, were intercepted by San Ignacio Police in Esperanza Village, Cayo.

Eight persons, including the Belizean driver, crammed in a small

Chevy Tracker, was the first suspicious act and when the blue vehicle was pulled off the road, the ethnicity of the passengers caused further suspicion. The incident was further compounded when the driver of the vehicle, identified as **Ever Corado**, 34, Belizean from Arenal Village, allegedly told the police that he was the handler of the group.

The Indians, all male persons were identified as **Gurleen Singh** 22, **Hardeep Singh** 26, **Baljit Singh** 18, **Jaswant Singh** 23 and **Sukhjot**



**Belizean National
Ever Corado, 34**



**Charged With Illegal
Entry**



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They appeared in San Ignacio Magistrate court on Tuesday, May 21 where they pled guilty to a joint illegal entry charge that was read to them. They pled guilty to the charge and were each ordered to forthwith pay a fine of one thousand dollars in default of payment they would spend six months in jail. They were additionally ordered to be expelled from Belize by way of a court "Order to Leave" immediately after paying the fine or

spend the time.

The Belizean was charged with purposefully aiding persons not in possession of legal travel documents to enter Belize. He pled not guilty to the charge and was released on a two thousand dollar bail. He was ordered to return to court on Thursday, June 6, 2013.

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Coach Allegedly Facing Threats

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 23, 2013:

The story of Teacher **Eddie Pinelo**, accused of sodomizing a 14 year old male student continues.

On Monday May 20, the coach, a colleague of the accused, reported receiving threats allegedly from the Pinelo family.

The coach, who's identity is being concealed, alleges that the child informed him of the incident over a month ago, during the Easter vacation.

The coach said that the student and the teacher were drinking alcoholic beverages near the river in Bullet Tree Falls Village after which the teacher invited the student to his house and to his bed where they watched a pornographic video on a laptop computer after which the teacher allegedly sodomized him. According to the coach, the student claims that the teacher took off his clothes and had intercourse with him for approximately half an hour.



Eddie Pinelo,

While doctors found no sign of the child being sexually abused, the coach says that the boy continues to maintain that he was sodomized.

It is believed that due to the passage of time, the doctors did not find any evidence of molestation. He

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said that the doctors explained that if the boy was examined within a 2 or 3 days of the alleged incident the evidence would have been present.



BTL supports EXCELLENCE CRICKET TEAM by upgrading their Cricket Pitch

May 17, 2013

With the continued development of sports in Belize, it is imperative that the business community remain committed to investing in improving our sporting facilities. With this in mind BTL is supporting the Excellence Cricket Team with a contribution of \$1,000 which will assist the team in purchasing a cricket mat.

The purchase of this mat will directly benefit players and residents of Double Head Cabbage and all the other teams hailing from the surrounding communities who play for leisure or compete in the ongoing tournaments. We are proud to play a key role in keeping cricket alive in the country for generations to come.

As the title holder of the 2012 Harrison Parks Cricket Competition Champion, BTL wishes all payers on the team and the management, the very best for the series of games scheduled for the 2013 season. We encourage the team to continue striving for excellence while developing younger generations of cricket players.



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BELPO has tried working with the Department of Environment (DOE) and its Chief Environmental Officer, since our mission is “**protecting the environment through law**”. We have attempted to amicably deal with differences and to collaborate and cooperate with DOE without antagonism.

We have had our requests for information ignored. We have been disrespected by members of DOE who have been less than forthcoming with the truth. Now, it appears, the Department is going a step further in trying to ignore our existence.

Over the weekend, we heard, from a secondary source, about a training workshop on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) to be held May 22-24; there is to be participation from Governmental Ministries and Departments and

Non-Governmental Organizations. The notice stated those interested should contact the Chief Environmental Officer, Department of Environment, for more information.

I asked our Office Administrator to call to find out about registration; she was informed that no registration was needed. She was then asked who was calling. When she identified herself, she was promptly told there

was no more space in the workshop – they reached their limit.

As an NGO interested and involved in protecting the environment and especially in laws and policies, including MEAs, we believe we should, at the very least, be notified of such meetings and given the respect due any NGO working diligently in this area.

There are so many problems

affecting Belize and the environment. We should not have to deal with such childishness. We want to put this treatment on the record as it is uncalled for and unworthy of those who are tasked to serve the people and the environment of Belize.

Candy Gonzalez

The Belize Institute of Environmental Law and Policy (BELPO)

MONEY LENDERS APPLICATION

Notice for the publication in newspaper of application for a moneylender's certificate

I, **Trinidad Juan**, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Magistrate Court, at one of its sitting in San Ignacio Town during the month of May 2013, for a certificate to be granted to me under the Moneylenders Act, Chapter 260 to authorise me to carry on business as a moneylender in the name of **LUCKY PAWN**, Located at 1 Mossiah Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District. 2nd Publication May 19, 2013.

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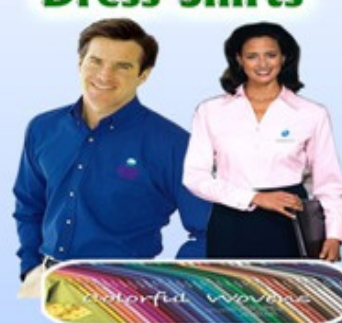
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Police Brutality

That ugly beast known as police brutality is once again raring its ugly head in our community.

The monster, laced with the consumption of alcoholic beverage, due to its frequency is beginning to strain the public relations with the police.

The presence of this monster is dangerous within any community as it often results in serious bodily harm and could even extend to death if left unchecked.

The brutal/unprofessional conduct of law enforcement personnel is a clear manifestation of indiscipline within the organization. It is a direct indication of disrespect and utter contempt that the abusers have, first to those in immediate supervisory capacity and subsequently, dependent on how deep the abuse runs, reflects to the very top of the organization.

In the San Ignacio Police theater of operations, the disrespect runs a little deeper than the first tier within the ranks. Deeper we say because this community has not forgotten that one of them came to San Ignacio several years ago on allegation of almost, in his brutal behavior, causing the death of a man in Dangriga.

In the zeal to be brutal, do these disrespectful characters not realize that the current Commissioner of Police and more so the Minister of Police have consistently demonstrated zero tolerance for police brutality? Are they seriously not seeing the swiftness with which brutal personnel are dealt with? Whenever the law of probability catches up on them, as it most certainly will, the first thing they will shout, as is the usual practice, is that someone is targeting them while they

have been targeting helpless citizens for many years.

At the STAR Newspaper, we will not sit idly by and watch the police abuse those they are paid to serve and protect.

Of course the respect is mutual. if we want the police to respect us, then we must also respect the police.

Keep your fingers crossed Mr.

Man, next time we might just be tempted to write about that fifteen thousand US dollars that was extorted

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PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Welcomes and provides tourist information to arriving guests at major points of entry in Belize (Western Border/San Ignacio Town)
- Oversees and maintains the border/town kiosk operation to include Public Relations with other agencies working at the border
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- Provides support to marketing officers such as following up on requests with private sector, liaising with wholesalers when required, assist with VIPs meet + greet and on-the ground assistance concierge service for international conference delegates hosted by BTB and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, when required.
- Assists in keeping records for the Department: inventory, fulfillment database, etc.
- Provides support to the 800 Operation: assist in answering online request for information on Belize

QUALIFICATIONS:

- An Associate Degree or higher in tourism studies and/or business administration is preferred
- At least five years' experience in the tourism industry
- Previous experience working in a customer-relations or customer service post or dealing with the public
- Should possess the ability to spot problems and challenges in the field and report them immediately
- Should be goals oriented and capable of working with limited supervision.
- Should possess excellent communication skills – verbal and written
- Proficiency in Spanish and English languages preferred
- Should have good public relations skills and an assertive personality

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications along with two letters of references are to be submitted to the Belize Tourism Board no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14th, 2013.

Applications should be directed to:

Mrs. Krishna Faber
Director of Administration
kfaber@travelbelize.org

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National Celebrations Commission

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PRESS RELEASE

Call to Artists for the 'National Song Competition 2013'

National Celebrations Commission in association with **Atlantic International Bank** invites musicians, performing artists and songwriters from every level to submit songs in each of the two categories, which include the **BELIZE SONG COMPETITION** and the **Carnival Song Competition (juniors and seniors)**.

The BELIZE SONG must be a dedication to Belize as a country, our way of life, our culture. **The Belize Song** should evoke a call to build community spirit and national pride, be one that inspires national unity and must be memorable with popular and emotional appeal. **The Belize Song** must seek to replicate a Belizean flavor in any musical genre that is Rhythm and Blues (R&B), Jazz, Alternative, Soca, Reggae, Dancehall or any other genre selected by the artist.

The Carnival Song must be of Belizean flavor and evoke our unbridled celebratory spirit at our time of National Celebrations, promote a free revelry, filled with the essence of Belizean culture and overall merriment of Carnival and our celebrations.

Entries will be judged on: Audience Appeal; Musical Arrangement; Vocal Quality; Lyrical Content and Stage Presence.

Rules and Regulations

***Contestants:** must be nationals of Belize; and can enter the competition as a solo, duet or group act

***Topics:** can focus on love of country and should instill patriotism and a sense of national pride

***Songs:** must be original and never before entered into a competition in Belize

Each entry must include:

- One (1) song only, five (5) minutes or less in duration.
- Typed-written Lyric Sheet

For a detailed copy of the National Song Competition Rules & Regulations, kindly contact ica@nichbelize.org or visit the NICH Belize website at www.nichbelize.org

Deadline for submissions	July 5, 2013
Selection of ten (10) finalists for each category	July 12, 2013
Rehearsal of Songs	July 15 to August 8, 2013
Final Round of Competition	August 10, 2013
Professional production of top three (3) songs	August 16, 2013

Winners will receive:

Belize Song

Senior Category (18 & Older)

- 1st Place - \$6,000.00, Trophy, Airline Ticket to a regional song competition or festival and video music production of your song
- 2nd Place - \$3,000.00 and Trophy
- The other eight finalists will receive official recognition and a prize

Junior Category (17 & Younger)

- 1st Place - \$1,500.00, Trophy, and video music production of your song
- 2nd Place - \$1,000.00 and Trophy

Carnival Song

Senior Category (18 & Older)

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- 2nd Place - \$3,000.00 and Trophy
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- 2nd Place - \$1,000.00 and Trophy

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To schedule an interview contact: Daedra Haylock-- Ag Communications Officer at Tel. No 227- 2110 Extension 34.



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Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a copy of a university diploma showing the highest earned degree, certified or official university transcript(s), two named referees, and a copy of a valid Teacher's License.

Completed application packages can be dropped off at the College, emailed to president@shc.edu.bz. Or mail to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: **JUNE 1, 2013**

Elections and Boundaries Commission Belize, 20th May 2013

DISSOLUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Section (10) of the Village Councils Act Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, provides that the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, at least seven days before any general election of members of the council becomes due under the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder, dissolve that council, by Order published in the Gazette and on the radio;

AND WHEREAS, the general election of members of the Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto becomes due on **the 2nd June, 2013**;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the aforesaid section 10 (1) of the Village Councils Act, the Elections and Boundaries Commission hereby dissolves the Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto **with effect from 26th May 2013**

As from the said 26th May 2013, the following provisions shall apply in accordance with Section 11 of the said Act:-

- (a) All the powers, duties and liabilities of the outgoing Council shall, until the constitution of a new Council, be exercised, performed and discharged by the persons who held the posts of Chairperson, Secretary and treasurer of the Council immediately before the dissolution; and
- (b) All property belonging to or vested in or in the occupation of the Council shall, during the period aforesaid, vest in and be in the occupation, control and management of the persons indicated in paragraph (a) above.

DATED this 20th May 2013

(BERNARD Q. PITTS)
CHAIRMAN
ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM 26th MAY 2013

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

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March 22 to April 20

You may feel physical and emotional tension this week. Are you taking the time to care for your body? Has someone been putting a lot of pressure on you lately? Are you an emotionally satisfied person? The way you feel physically is a good indicator of your mental state. Try to go a little easier on yourself and you will see immediate benefits. **Lucky numbers: 06, 20, 37.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

People love to be with you because you have such natural charm. But this week you may not feel especially charming or like talking to anyone. You may have a secret inside that is screaming to get out. If someone confides in you today, do you think you could confide in him or her, too? You should get an answer to that question today. **Lucky numbers: 42, 68, 93.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Your partner may be all over you this week! Are you in the mood to listen? Are you interested in some love? Probably not. You may have had a hard week and just feel like some quiet time together. You aren't up to the demands your partner may make on you. You don't need to worry about it. It happens to everyone from time to time. **Lucky numbers: 29, 55, 82.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

You are often moved by emotion, Cancer. You like situations that make you feel alive. This week your love life may give you just that kind of adventurous feeling. If that's the case, don't get so far into your emotions that it becomes too much for you. There is such a concept as too much of a good thing! **Lucky numbers: 16, 75, 89.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

You are a helpful person, yet in your relationships, you often seem to confuse helping with parenting. You tend to do a lot of self-sacrificing. This week you may learn how to say no when you feel your partner has gone beyond the limits of what you can give. If you do this, you may rediscover something essential you may have lost along the way - your ego. **Lucky**

numbers: 02, 47, 66.

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Everyone needs to be loved, but it shouldn't be your only objective in life. It isn't the end of the world if your charms fall flat every once in a while. This week you may be tempted to be a little less charming and seductive with the people around you. Some may even say you aren't acting like your usual self. Ignore them. A little self-indulgence now and then never hurt anyone. **Lucky numbers: 31, 50, 78.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

There are days when a little humility can be good for you, and this might be one of those days. It's as if the planets are talking to you about sincerity and taking you far away from the trappings of superficiality and popularity. The things that are important to you today are much deeper concepts of humanity and compassion. **Lucky numbers: 19, 36, 71.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Your fiery willpower can help you move mountains. But you already know that. When it's combined with your legendary optimism, it is a powerful tool you just can't do without. This week you will reap the rewards for your hard work over the last month, in every aspect of your life. The fire that burns inside you and gives you your incredible determination has its limits. Don't misuse it. **Lucky numbers: 23, 45, 60.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

This week could discourage even the most ardent of passions. Even if some people say you are a bit cold, know that there is a veritable volcano burning underneath all that ice. This week you may once again find yourself at a distance from your feelings, as if you were regaining control

over your emotions. Be careful about being too cynical about things. **Lucky numbers: 04, 26, 51.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

You should try to be tolerant of other people's social and political positions. You may have to deal with certain people whose personal plans are jeopardized by events beyond their control. Don't judge them. Don't immediately defend one viewpoint without thinking how the situation affects the other person's life. **Lucky numbers: 33, 48, 72**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

This is a day for doubts, for asking

those hard questions that you need to answer. If you like to meditate, Aquarius, think about spending a little more time at it today. You could learn a lot about yourself. You will see the whole palette of human emotion in other people, from joy to disappointment. Where do you fit in? **Lucky numbers: 11, 35, 86.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

It may seem that you have been accumulating a lot of excess nervous tension and stress. Unfortunately, you won't be able to count on the people around you to make it any better. What your partner wants and what you want may not coincide. It could be time to think about reenergizing your relationship. How about planning a weekend away for just the two of you? **Lucky numbers: 57, 74, 92.**

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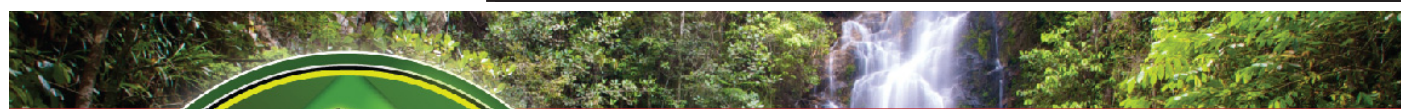
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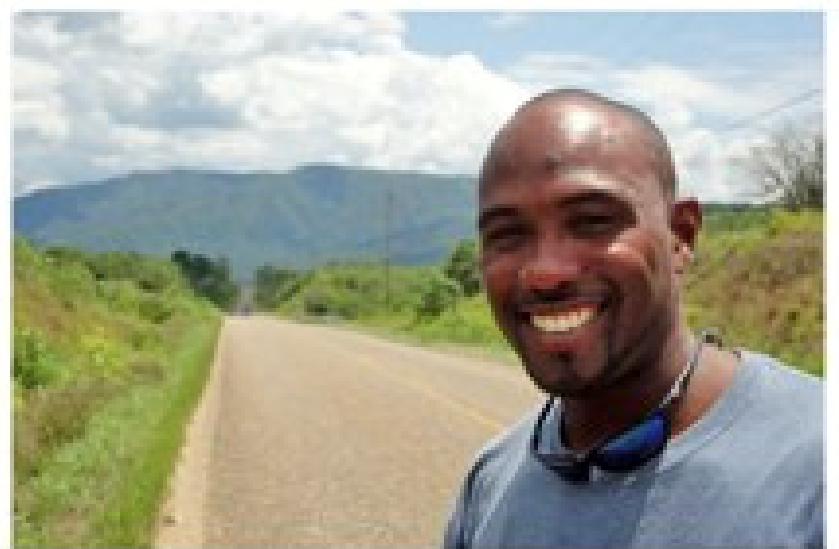
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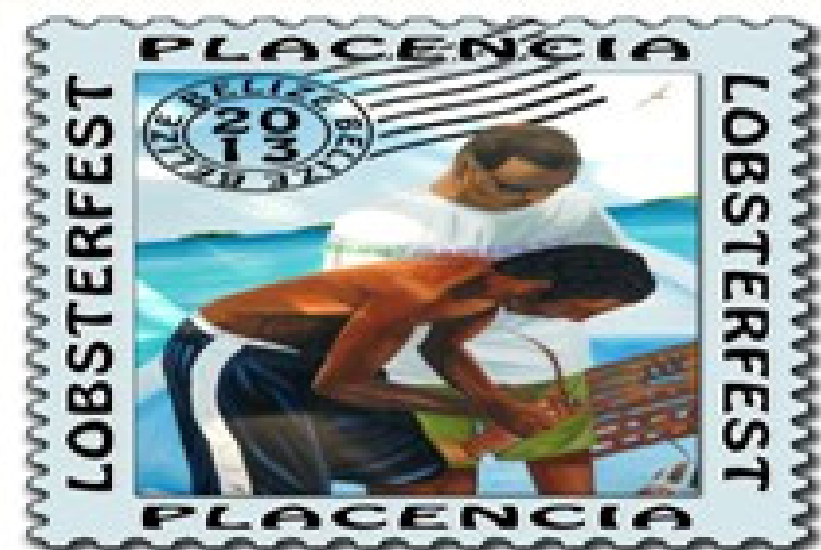
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ELECTIONS & BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT
Public Notice

The Elections and Boundaries Commission, in accordance with Part II, Sections 6 and Part VI, Section 35 of the Village Councils Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, hereby release the official schedule for Village/Community Council Elections 2013

In all villages nomination opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m.

No asterisks denote Poll closes at 1:00 p.m. * Denote Poll closes at 3:00 p.m. ** Denote Poll closes at 5:00 p.m.

2nd June 2013

COROZAL		ORANGE WALK		CAYO	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
1. Chunox **	Comm. Center	1. San Antonio	RC School	1. Santa Familia **	RC School
2. Progreso **	Comm. Center	2. Nuevo San Juan	RC School	2. Bullet Tree **	Emmaculate Concepcion RC School
3. San Narciso **	RC School	3. Guinea Grass**	RC School	3. Arenal	Health Center
4. Buena Vista	RC School	4. Santa Martha	Govt. School	4. Calla Creek	Holy Cross RC School
5. Copper Bank	RC School			5. Cotton Tree *	Comm. Center
6. Xaibe **	RC School			6. St. Mathews	Govt. School
				7. Franks Eddy	Govt. School
				8. More Tomorrow	Govt. School
				9. San Marcos	RC School
				10. Selena	Iguana Creek Govt.School

STANN CREEK		TOLEDO	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
1. Pomona **	Multi-Purpose Bldg	1. Bella Vista **	Our Lady of Bella Vista RC School
2. Hope Creek *	Comm. Center	2. Bladen	Fabian Cayetano RC School
3. New Mullins River	Comm. Center	3. Monkey River	St. Stephen Anglican School
4. Sarawee	Comm. Center	4. Punta Negra	St. Cuthbert Govt. School
		5. Trio	Govt. School
		6. Jacintoville	Comm. Center
		7. Laguna	Comm. Center
		8. San Felipe	Comm. Center
		9. San Marcos	Comm. Center
		10. San Pablo	St. Paul RC School
		11. Yemeri Grove	Toledo Christian Academy

The HOW and WHAT about PSA

The Belize Petroleum Industry is governed by the Belize Petroleum Act, Chapter 225 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, along with the subsidiary legislation, the Belize Petroleum Regulations. Section 8.1 of the Act, states that the Government of Belize reserves the right to carry out petroleum operations either on its own or by means of contracts with any qualified person.

The carrying out of petroleum operations, in particular, exploration activities requires large capital investments, thus are very costly. These investments are made at a high risk, hence; it is not prudent for it to be done with public funds. Consequently, developing countries like Belize, issue contracts to companies that have the financial and technical resources to conduct petroleum operations, to explore and develop the country's petroleum resources.

There are currently 11 **Production Sharing Agreements (PSA)** that have been issued to companies to carry out petroleum exploration and development operations.

Production Sharing Agreements are issued under Section 13 of the Petroleum Act. This can be done through a competitive bidding process or by approval of the Cabinet on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for petroleum affairs. Both processes are structured to allow for transparency.

Competitive Bidding Rounds for exploration blocks are commonly used by countries that are mature in the petroleum industry. In these countries, there are known or proven occurrences of petroleum resources. The competitive bidding process is designed to attract companies that will offer the country the best terms for the right to explore and develop petroleum resources. In the case of competitive bidding, the Minister is required to publish the description of the blocks that are available, and provide data packages with technical information along with the relevant bidding procedures and rules. This is to allow interested companies to review the data, conduct independent evaluations, run both technical and economic models with best and worst case scenarios in order to determine their interest. Companies elect to participate in these bidding rounds, as the risks associated with exploration in mature countries are generally lower and acceptable as the probability of success is significantly higher. Given this scenario, companies are generally able to propose more favorable contract terms to the country. Belize has not had a bidding round in recent times, and has been issuing contracts by approval of the

Cabinet.

Before a Production Sharing Agreement is granted through Cabinet's approval, an application to conduct petroleum exploration and development operations must be submitted to the Geology and Petroleum Department for review. The department's technical and financial personnel review each application; looking carefully at the companies' industry experience and track record, the financial capability, or the company's ability to provide this, the proposed exploration work program, and the proposed fiscal terms. A matrix is used to score each application to identify the company that is most qualified based on a combination of the technical and financial capabilities, the work program and on the fiscal terms being proposed. Based on this review,

the Department makes its recommendation to the Minister, who takes it to Cabinet for final approval. The approved application is sent back to the Geology and Petroleum Department, and the final terms and conditions of the Production Sharing Agreement are negotiated before it is signed.

Other details of the Production Sharing Agreement that are negotiated are: the terms for Government's working interest, training for the building of local expertise, signing bonuses and cost recovery.

When the negotiations are completed and the terms are agreed upon, the Minister with responsibilities for petroleum holds a signing ceremony with the principals of the successful company to sign the Production Sharing Agreement. The

effective date of the eight year exploration period begins on this date. The company is now authorized to commence carrying out petroleum operations under the supervision of the Geology and Petroleum Department and other relevant government agencies.

The Production Sharing Agreement is an eight (8) year contract that allows for exploration operations. The contract is broken into four two (2) year periods called the initial exploration period; the first renewal period, the second renewal period and the third renewal period. Each period has minimum work and financial commitments that must be fulfilled before approval is given to enter into the subsequent period. These commitments are negotiated and agreed upon by the Government and the company, and become the contractually binding obligations of the company.

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National Celebrations Commission

PRESS RELEASE

The National Celebrations Commission announces the 2013 September Celebrations "THEME Competition"!

All Belizeans living at home or abroad are invited to submit their most creative ideas for the theme of this year's September Celebrations in commemoration of the **215th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye and the 32nd Anniversary of Belize's Independence**.

The 21st September is also designated as the International Day of Peace. The theme may also include ideas about any relevant aspect of Belize's aspirations for development and/or about the value of our people to national development.

The theme should **not be** more than ten (10) words and the deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 31st, 2013**. The winner of the chosen theme will receive a **cash prize of \$1000**.

Submissions can be emailed to: septembercelebrationsbze@yahoo.com or dropped off at the House of Culture on Regent Street in Belize City or any of the **offices of the District Town Councils**.



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★ STAR HUMOR ★

Happily Married

A blond guy and a brunette girl were happily married and about to have a baby. One day, the wife started having contractions, so the husband rushed her to the hospital. He held her

hand as she went through a trying birth. In the end, there were two little baby boys. The blond guy turned to his wife and angrily said, "All right, who's the other father?"

Bar Compliments

A man walked in to a bar after a long day at work. As he began to drink his beer, he heard a voice say seductively "You've got great hair!" The man looked around but couldn't see where the voice was coming from, so he went back to his beer. A minute later, he heard the same soft voice say "You're a handsome

man!" The man looked around, but still couldn't see where the voice was coming from. When he went back to his beer, the voice said again "What a stud you are!" The man was so baffled by this that he asked the bartender what was going on. The bartender said "Oh, it's the nuts-- they're complimentary."

Drunk Husband

A wife was in bed with her lover when she heard her husband's key in the door. "Stay where you are," she said. "He's so drunk he won't even notice you're in bed with me." Sure enough, the husband lurched into bed none the wiser, but a few minutes later, through a drunken haze, he saw six feet sticking out at the end of the bed. He turned to his wife:

"Hey, there are six feet in this bed. There should only be four. What's going on?"

"Nonsense," said the wife. "You're so drunk you miscounted. Get out of bed and try again. You can see better from over there."

The husband climbed out of bed and counted. "One, two, three, four. You're right, you know."

Healthy Life

Grandpa John was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and

asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

Playing The Blame Game

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.

Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could

do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

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The HOW and WHAT about PSA

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It is common after a commercial discovery that the negotiating power of the host country increases, and the Government can ask for higher royalty and production sharing terms as in the case of Belize.

Government revenues from petroleum is derived from multiple sources: Royalty, Government Production Share, Government Working Interest

and Income Tax. Income Tax is set by law at 40% of the net revenues. The Regulations sets the minimum threshold for royalty on oil at 7.5 % and 5 % for natural gas. The examples in the table below shows a comparison of the royalty and production sharing rates for contracts negotiated and signed before Belize's first petroleum discovery in 2005 and for those that are post petroleum discovery.

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Hubert Flores	3233 Trapeach Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	B.D.F
Crecencio Smith	Esperanza Village, Cayo District	Belize Natural Energy Limited (BNE)
Danny Benito Cal	# 28 Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town	Belize Natural Energy Limited (BNE)
Micheal Rosado	# 25 Guadalupe Street, San Igancio	Police K-9 Unit, Belmopan
Bernadine Sagasa	Victoria Street, Benque Viejo Town	Benque Viejo Police Station
Cesar Domiguez	Church Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District	Bob’s Contracting Belize
Rodofo Boteo	Cahal Pech, San Ignacio, Cayo District	Creative Tiles, San Igncaio, Cayo
Bibino Teul	Awe Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District	Fort Point Security Services Ltd.
Xiomara Thompson	# 4 Paslow Lane, San Ignacio, Cayo District	
Augustin Rosado	San Jose Succotoz Village, Cayo District	Institute Of Archaeology
Carmita Cruz	Bullet Tree Falls Village, Cayo District	Kalim Habet
Amanda Leiva	Bullet Tree Falls Village, Cayo District	Lady of Gudelope R.C School
Diego Grajales	Alta Vista Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District	Lands Department, San Igancio
Shantel Gladden	#24 Avella Street, Santa Elena, Cayo District	Las Vegas Casino, Corozal
Robert Bradley	# 411 Branch Road, Cayo District	Mendoza Trucking, San Ignacio
Peter Perez	New Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	Ministry of Agreculture, Central Farm, Cayo
Kenroy Pinelo	Bradley Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District	Ministry Of Agriculture, Central Farm, Cayo
Sharette Ireland	Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District	Ministry Of Foreign Affairs (G.O.B)
Phillip Allen	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	Pine Lumber Company, Georgeville, Cayo
Sonia Tobar	Independce Street, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo	Poly Clinic, Benque Viejo Town
Raymond Amaya	3236 Trapeach Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	Port Authority Security, Belize City
Adelita Hernandez	Santiago Juan Layout, Cayo District	Princess Casino
Lydon Perez	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	S.I/S.E Town Board
Winston Gordon	Elizabeth Ortega Street, Santiago Juan Layout	Lab Technician, San Ignacio Hopital
Krista Zelaya	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	San Ignacio Hospital.
Loyda Oliva	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	San Ignacio Hospital.
Mary Gillett	7-9 Chiquibul Street, San Igancio, Cayo District	San Ignacio Hospital.
Raymond Stephens	Shawville Area, San Ignacio, Cayo District	San Ignacio Hospital.
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Jerome Ingram	West Street San Ignaiio, Cayo District	San Ignacio Police Station
William Ifield	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	San Ignacio Taxi
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Leticia Jones	Cahal Pech, San Ignacio Cayo District	Self Employed
Sharon Chacon	Camalotte Village, Cayo District	Self Employed
Linston Augustine	Coconut Drive, Santa Elena, Cayo District	St. Pallotte RC School, Unitedville, Cayo
Jesus Arellana	Esperanza Village, Cayo District	Technical Security Co.Ltd (TSS), San Ignacio
Esmond Loague	Shawville Area, Cayo District	Western Hardware, Burns Avenue, San Ignacio
Rosalind Williams	# 9 Venisuala Street Belmopan City	Western Regional Hospital, Belmopan
Luis August	Hillview Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	Yalback Ranch
David Wright	Orange Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District	
Jeronimo Carillo	San Antonio Village, Cayo District	
Jody Ingram	Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena, Cayo District	

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COROZAL DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Roman					357	3	18
		Alicia E. Ramirez	Chairperson	186	Elected			
		Ilsa Y. Burgos	Chairperson	153				
						2014		
	Gervacio E. Casteneda	Member	190	Elected			15	
	Gian Carlos Tzul	Member	190	Elected				
	Bernari R. Gonzalez	Member	190	Elected				
	Rosany V. Torres	Member	189	Elected				
	Micaela Durantes	Member	187	Elected				
	Ever Abelino Moh	Member	176	Elected				
	Jose M. Lin	Member	148					
	Ludwin J. Garcia	Member	146					
	Norely N. Marin	Member	145					
	Hubert C. Mesh	Member	147					
	Darvin O. Palacios	Member	145					
	Windy M. Suarez	Member	146					

COROZAL DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Consejo					117	6	
		Edilberto Escalante	Chairperson	73	Elected			
		Carlos Arana	Chairperson	44				
						678		
	Rojer Escalante	Member	69	Elected			2	
	Joyce Wiltshire	Member	66	Elected				
	Ricardo Rivero	Member	66	Elected				
	Jose Garrido	Member	64	Elected				
	Richard Zambito	Member	60	Elected				
	Rodolfo Rivero	Member	60	Elected				
	Alexandria Arana	Member	51					
	Karina Torres	Member	49					
	Rony Arana	Member	49					
	Darvin Torres	Member	48					
	Christian Loza	Member	48					
	Alejandro Arana	Member	46					

COROZAL DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Santa Clara					369	3	11
		Romel Cowo	Chairperson	229	Elected			
		Marciana Beh	Chairperson	129				
						2115		
	Deima Sanchez	Member	228	Elected			8	
	Dierdre Xiu	Member	237	Elected				
	Adolfo Morales	Member	236	Elected				
	Calvin Rosalez	Member	227	Elected				
	Juan Tuyub	Member	230	Elected				
	Abner Tun	Member	228	Elected				
	Xannia Castaneda	Member	116					
	Cristal Tun	Member	119					
	Norman Martinez	Member	120					
	Yuri Morales	Member	120					
	Elsner Morales	Member	125					
	Adilemny Chan	Member	121					

COROZAL DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Chan Chen					364	5	6
		Leonardo J. Hall	Chairperson	247	Elected			
		Petronilo Oba	Chairperson	111				
						2071		
	Marcelino M. Hall	Member	227	Elected			12	
	Braulio Casteneda	Member	244	Elected				
	Yolanda Hall	Member	242	Elected				
	Angela S. Eck	Member	243	Elected				
	Hermenegildo J. Chi	Member	242	Elected				
	Sergio R. Balam	Member	235	Elected				
	Roque D. Tun	Member	113					
	Neidy N. Ruiz	Member	105					
	Jose A. Balam	Member	103					
	Benito Mena	Member	104					
	Roberto C. Ruiz	Member	101					
	Emiliano Keme	Member	100					

COROZAL DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Louis-ville					346	3	18
		Eleodoro B. Yah	Chairperson	244	Elected			
		Everaldo Puck	Chairperson	84				
						1869		
	Desiderio Coba	Member	231	Elected			21	
	Rudy E. Pena	Member	244	Elected				
	Santiago Cob	Member	244	Elected				
	Eifel Castaneda	Member	244	Elected				
	Rodrigo Cobb	Member	242	Elected				
	Jose Flores	Member	242	Elected				
	Dervin Garcia	Member	83					
	Faustita Cowo	Member	80					
	Ester A. Coc	Member	80					
	Floralma Aragon	Member	79					
	Melvin Sanzores	Member	79					

BELIZE DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Burrel Boom					390	1	7
		Paullett Dawson	Chairperson	318	Elected			
		Derick Stewart	Chairperson	65				
						1611		
	Gilbert Gillett	Member	268	Elected			6	
	Fiona Usher	Member	239	Elected				
	Kenny Williams	Member	225	Elected				
	Eduardo Miranda	Member	264	Elected				
	Benigno Mayora	Member	195	Elected				
	Christopher Vernon	Member	272	Elected				
	Michael Waight	Member	75					
	Evelyn Kerr	Member	67					

BELIZE DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Freetown Sibun					34		1
		Dexter Neal	Chairperson	18	Elected			
		Alfredo Tun	Chairperson	15				
						191		
	Jose Juarez	Member	22	Elected			1	
	Giovanni Tun	Member	22	Elected				
	Glenda Neal	Member	25	Elected				
	Alicia Tun	Member	26	Elected				
	Whilda Murillo	Member	25	Elected				
	Roberto Tun	Member	21	Elected				
	Bernard Villatoro	Member	19					
	Assucena Juarez	Member	14					
	Gladys Robinson	Member	16					

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Pablo							
		Victor Cawich	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Marlon S. L. Garcia	Member		Uncontested			
	Stefanie Marin	Member		Uncontested				
	Jeny Sabido	Member		Uncontested				
	Desita R. Manzanero	Member		Uncontested				
	Ana M. Menenzes	Member		Uncontested				
	Jose B. Bacab	Member		Uncontested				

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Roman					251	1	6
		Jose Manuel Novelo	Chairperson	171	Elected			
		Saulito D. J. Vasquez	Chairperson	74				
						1487		
	Nency Y. Aguirre	Member	174	Elected			1	
	Graciliano Figueroa	Member	180	Elected				
	Rigoberto Gomez	Member	178	Elected				
	Rafael Edgar Cajun	Member	174	Elected				
	Sergio E. Villamil	Member	175	Elected				
	Valeria E. Vasquez	Member	168	Elected				
	Antonio Viallamil	Member	69					
	Abelardo M. Chan	Member	77					
	Julio Toledano	Member	73					
	Jenaro Vargas	Member	75					
	Roque A. Viallmil	Member	72					
	Vito Toledano	Member	71					

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Yo Creek					848	11	27
		Evelio Cal	Chairperson	443	Elected			
		Gabriel J. Campos	Chairperson	378				
						4913		
	Jian C. Teck	Member	458	Elected			24	
	Nelson E. Blanco	Member	442	Elected				
	Elsita Cal	Member	440	Elected				
	Raul Gonzalez	Member	451	Elected				
	Martha Novelo	Member	454	Elected				
	Pedro Garcia	Member	444	Elected				
	Virgilia Gongora	Member	362					
	Shermadine Carrillo	Member	368					
	Rafaelita G. Hernandez	Member	370					
	Paolo R. Ack	Member	361					
	Manuel Rejon	Member	372					
	Alexis Y. Blanco	Member	367					

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BELIZE DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	La Democracia					103	1	6
		Paul Smith	Chairperson	54	Elected			
		Kimberly Nado	Chairperson	43				
						551		
		Therese Brakeman	Member	52	Elected			9
		Neekaa Jones	Member	51	Elected			
		Jorden Williams	Member	48	Elected			
		Trevor Estrada	Member	50	Elected			
		Devane Hyde	Member	50	Elected			
		Gilroy Welch	Member	47	Elected			
		Mark Lopez	Member	42				
		Kamel McFadzcan	Member	42				
		Loraine Sanchez	Member	36				
		Gregory Estrada	Member	41				
		Emmanuel Clarke	Member	41				
		Pamela Young	Member	42				

BELIZE DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Gales Point					129		6
		Ionie Samuels	Chairperson	49	Elected			
		Myrtle C. Altschaft	Chairperson	38				
		Katherine Dawson	Chairperson	36				
						690		2
		Ionie Slusher	Member	70	Elected			
		Shyрил Fuller	Member	60	Elected			
		Sherlene Andrewin	Member	59	Elected			
		Leonard Myers	Member	55	Elected			
		Robert Chavez	Member	53	Elected			
		Clifton Bailey	Member	52	Elected			
		James L. Gaulie	Member	47				
		Karim Smith	Member	38				
		Kenneth Welch	Member	49				
		Shermadine Samuel	Member	45				
		Amelia Requena	Member	33				
		Bridget Smith	Member	33				
		Jeromie Samuels	Member	45				
		Alpheus Smith	Member	49				

CAYO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Gracie Rock					99		10
		Philip Clarke	Chairperson	51	Elected			
		Raphael Gardiner	Chairperson	38				
						519		
		Sherie Hoare	Member	45	Elected			5
		Denfield Robinson	Member	51	Elected			
		Anesia Hoare	Member	48	Elected			
		Ara Usher	Member	50	Elected			
		Samuel Brakeman	Member	48	Elected			
		Audrey Arnold	Member	49	Elected			
		Orin Joshep	Member	37				
		Mario Rivero	Member	40				
		Trenton McKoy	Member	36				
		Michael Kerr	Member	40				
		Jermaine Castillo	Member	37				
		Kieran Samuels	Member	33				

BELIZE DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Western Paradise					304	0	20
		Acencion Cal Sr.	Chairperson	158	Elected			
		Terrence Casasola	Chairperson	126				
						1608		
		Cheryl Gabourel	Member	146	Elected			15
		Merlene Carr	Member	137	Elected			
		Darrin Morgan	Member	135	Elected			
		Melhelm Gonzalez	Member	156	Elected			
		Anthony Arzu	Member	131	Elected			
		Matthew Flowers	Member	135	Elected			
		Justin Gill	Member	117				
		Libby James	Member	124				
		Aprill Samuels	Member	130				
		David Young	Member	129				
		Michelle Majil	Member	124				
		Ann Marie Castillo	Member	129				

BELIZE DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	St. George's Caye	John Searle	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Lynn Young	Member		Uncontested			
		Francis Codd	Member		Uncontested			
		Lilia Boman	Member		Uncontested			
		Gordon C. Roe	Member		Uncontested			
		Kay Menzies	Member		Uncontested			
		Anthony P. Hunt	Member		Uncontested			

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Palmar					612	8	21
		Orlando "Latch" Balan	Chairperson	395	Elected			
		Araceli Gongora		196				
						3464		
		Hector "Chico" Sosa	Member	395	Elected			22
		Orlando "Landy" Ayuso	Member	395	Elected			
		Ismael "Puss" Cantun	Member	382	Elected			
		Hugo "Roach" Tzul	Member	388	Elected			
		Liborio "Lib" Cantun	Member	384	Elected			
		Yanny "Yanni" Jones	Member	377	Elected			
		Derwin Bruhier	Member	185				
		Evencio Cal	Member	192				
		Estela Torres	Member	189				
		Alejandro E. Mendez	Member	196				
		Juanita Sabido	Member	175				
		Adoralida Sanchez	Member	184				

CAYO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Roaring Creek					730	2	43
		Jervis Banner	Chairperson	397	Elected			
		Godwin A. Flowers	Chairperson	290				
						3937		
		Dorothy D. Nembhard	Member	338	Elected			45
		Raymond A. Garbutt	Member	379	Elected			
		Elroy W. Pandy	Member	338	Elected			
		Fredrick A. Banner	Member	337	Elected			
		Candy K. Newfield	Member	330	Elected			
		Ronaldo E. Richards	Member	324	Elected			
		Vanessa M. Richards	Member	324				
		Estelita O. Romero	Member	318				
		Andrea Banner	Member	313				
		Ari C. Vanzie	Member	307				
		Chanica L. Anderson	Member	296				
		Bruce S. Thompson	Member	288				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Duck Run 1							
		Adolfo R. Carillo	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Carlos H. Moralez	Member		Uncontested			
		Josue Navarajo	Member		Uncontested			
		Jayson Vasquez	Member		Uncontested			
		Johan Reimer	Member		Uncontested			
		Randy Carillo	Member		Uncontested			
		Gelbin Padilla	Member		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Camalote					545	4	43
		Oliver Ernest Wiltshire	Chairperson	315	Elected			
		Gilbert A. Middleton	Chairperson	187				
						2939		
		Jose A. Linarez	Member	282	Elected			35
		Kenia V. Torres	Member	286	Elected			
		Kent A. Fuller	Member	310	Elected			
		Isidoro E. Ho	Member	292	Elected			
		Nicholas Maldonado	Member	300	Elected			
		Fredy N. Olmedo	Member	290	Elected			
		Miguel A. Aldana	Member	180				
		Mikayla V. Banner	Member	204				
		Maria Hernandez	Member	185				
		Ron S. Waight	Member	182				
		Kent L. Longsworth	Member	186				
		Robert A. Matute	Member	207				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Buena Vista	Eddie De La Rosa	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Juan A. De La Rosa	Member		Uncontested			
		Josue M. Galindo	Member		Uncontested			
		Valentin Cano Jr.	Member		Uncontested			
		Rubelio Galindo	Member		Uncontested			
		Raphael Garcia	Member		Uncontested			
		Brenda Y. Palma	Member		Uncontested			

CAYO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Duck Run II					163	1	35
		Juan C. Ruano	Chairperson	98	Elected			
		Manuel De Jesus Catalan	Chairperson	59				
						925		
		Claudia V. Valdez	Member	92	Elected			
		Wilmer Monroy	Member	97	Elected			
		Juan J. A. Leonardo	Member	97	Elected			
		David G. Lei	Member	97	Elected			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Hopkins					732	1	23
		Wayne Casimiro	Chairperson	267	Elected			
		Felix F. Miranda	Chairperson	240				
		Ted R. McKoy	Chairperson	202				
						3586		50
		Terrill Castillo	Member	294	Elected			
		Hilton Rodriguez	Member	270	Elected			
		Hilaria Ramos	Member	256	Elected			
		Rodrick E. Castillo	Member	254	Elected			
		Ashford Miranda	Member	253	Elected			
		Nisha C. Lewis	Member	270	Elected			
		Kyra Lewis	Member	244				
		Uwahinie Martinez	Member	231				
		Orlando Augustine	Member	228				
		Elodia Casimiro	Member	222				
		Walton Rodrigrez	Member	214				
		Ronald Williams	Member	212				
		Albert Nunez	Member	203				
		James Casimiro	Member	194				
		Denmar Ventura	Member	191				
		Francis Zuniga	Member	252				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Sittee River							
		Darren Ramirez	Chairperson		Uncontested			
						615		
		Isaac Kelly Jr.	Member	94	Elected			5
		Windell McDougal Jr.	Member	65	Elected			
		Delcie Espinosa	Member	64	Elected			
		Bryan Andrews	Member	80	Elected			
		Horace Andrews	Member	71	Elected			
		Kendis Kelly	Member	71	Elected			
		Sarita Andrews	Member	57				
		Quintin Espinosa	Member	46				
		Sylvia Williams	Member	19				
		Ava Kelly	Member	43				

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Seine Bight					390	4	
		Peter Justo Augustine	Chairperson	245	Elected			
		Eloise J. Lopez	Chairperson	145				
						2103		
		Elizabeth Zaiceus (Liz)	Member	189	Elected			4
		Floret Valerio (Beauty)	Member	200	Elected			
		Lavern Arzu (data)	Member	177	Elected			
		Albert Flores (Amando)	Member	199	Elected			
		Sinclair W. Diego	Member	200	Elected			
		John Augustine (Mankia)	Member	179	Elected			
		Emmanuel Ogaldez (Og)	Member	143				
		John R. Ogaldez (Ray)	Member	147				
		Jacey Estrada	Member	143				
		Lorris Moriera	Member	139				
		Janet Moriera	Member	138				
		Leonard Williams	Member	141				
		Mark Augustine	Member	21				
		Sammuel Lopez	Member	25				
		Gregory Morera	Member	25				
		Joyce Garcia	Member	22				
		Jose Maria Aleman	Member	15				

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Placencia					361	1	3
		Isla S. Villanueva	Chairperson	261	Elected			
		Charles B. Leslie	Chairperson	97				
						1980		5
		Harold Wallen	Member	279	Elected			
		Warren B. Garbutt	Member	229	Elected			
		Jodie A. Leslie	Member	222	Elected			
		Glenford W. Eiley	Member	181	Elected			
		Nick C. Pollard	Member	161	Elected			
		Lloydia L. Westby	Member	158	Elected			
		Carolyn J.Westby	Member	155				
		Victor “Salva” Zabaneh	Member	152				
		Wendy J. Lemus	Member	127				
		Conrad L. Villanueva Jr.	Member	127				
		Andria F. Villanueva	Member	104				

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Barranco					69	3	4
		Joseph Palacio	Chairperson	41	Elected			
		Leslie Colon	Chairperson	24				
						357		
		Angelina Nicholas	Member	48	Elected			
		Kevin Zuniga	Member	36	Elected			
		Francis Arzu	Member	34	Elected			
		Alvin Loredo	Member	33	Elected			

CAYO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Duck Run II	Erick R. Guerra	Member	98	Elected			5
		Angel A. Alvarez	Member	94	Elected			
		Willians Vinicio Castro	Member	54				
		Ediberto Alcantara	Member	58				
		Alcario Lorenzo Cano	Member	57				
		Ermelindo Garrido	Member	59				
		Fernando Garcia	Member	58				
		Etelvina Perez	Member	59				

CAYO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Billy White					235		12
		Benjamin Cano	Chairperson	120	Elected			
		Hermenegilio Veliz	Chairperson	103				
						1163		14
		Clemente Escobar	Member	105	Elected			
		Alex S. Menjibar	Member	104	Elected			
		Mario Garcia	Member	103	Elected			
		Nasario Alonso	Member	105	Elected			
		Jeremias Garcia	Member	102	Elected			
		Gladimir Cano	Member	102	Elected			
		Pablo Marroquin	Member	89				
		Toribio Ramos	Member	89				
		Fernando Figueroa	Member	88				
		Esau Mendoza	Member	87				
		Perfilio A. Ruiz	Member	87				
		Bernabe Quintanilla	Member	88				

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Maya Center					232		6
		Gregorio Chun	Chairperson	131	Elected			
		Antonio Bolon	Chairperson	95				
						1357		4
		Daniel Bolon	Member	132	Elected			
		Martin Teck	Member	134	Elected			
		Mariano Bolon	Member	132	Elected			
		Anselmo Choc	Member	135	Elected			
		Isidoro Cucul	Member	134	Elected			
		Marcelo Pau	Member	137	Elected			
		Vicente Pau	Member	93				
		Philip Acosta	Member	92				
		Secondino Coc	Member	90				
		Rosenda Pop	Member	93				
		Emiliano Pop	Member	92				
		Paula Sho	Member	89				

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Santa Cruz					469	1	61
		Reinerio Lobo	Chairperson	215	Elected			
		Pedro Cal	Chairperson	193				
						2522		
		Gilma Robles	Member	232	Elected			42
		Jose Aleman	Member	229	Elected			
		Nery Recinos	Member	229	Elected			
		Brigido Chica	Member	230	Elected			
		Maria Banegas	Member	228	Elected			
		Gladis Cruz	Member	221	Elected			
		Luis Mejia	Member	187				
		Ysela Aleman	Member	186				
		Margarita Guevara	Member	187				
		Esvi Castillo	Member	187				
		Justo Yanez	Member	183				
		Jaime Magana	Member	181				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Silk Grass					274	26	7
		Solomon Andrews	Chairperson	112	Elected			
		Ewing Wade	Chairperson	48				
		Dolores Sho	Chairperson	107				19
						1457		
		Eric Pixabaj	Member	114	Elected			
		Iris Ramircz	Member	108	Elected			
		Joyce Whyte	Member	106	Elected			
		Frank Brooks	Member	96	Elected			
		Guadalupe Bull	Member	95	Elected			
		Florentino Bol	Member	93	Elected			
		Natasha Guy	Member	90				
		Hipolito Ical	Member	93				
		Glendy Ortiz	Member	45				
		Elaine Mejia	Member	46				
		Rosana Acal	Member	48				
		Delia Cabral	Member	31				
		John Rubio	Member	55				
		Israel Pau	Member	90				
		Terrence Salam	Member	77				
		Julia Williams	Member	68				
		Westino Assi	Member	93				
		Dykes Flores	Member	90				

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19/05/2013	Barranco	Dale Gutierrez	Member	32	Elected			2
		Irma Gonzalez	Member	30	Elected			
		Francis Nunez	Member	22				
		Ignacia Reyes	Member	29				
		Dersic Zuniga	Member	19				
		Lynn Zuniga	Member	12				
		Derek Moreira	Member	17				
		Antonette Zuniga	Member	14				
		Beatrice Mariano	Member	13				
		Cruz Rodriguez	Member	16				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Sunday Wood	Maxcimilliano Tush	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Pablo Salam	Member		Uncontested			
		Jose Che	Member		Uncontested			
		Jose Ba	Member		Uncontested			
		Martin Paaw	Member		Uncontested			
		Manuel Acte	Member		Uncontested			
		Edwardo Tush	Member		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Crique Sarco					126	0	4
		Marcos Chub	Chairperson	53	Elected			
		Juan Choc	Chairperson	46				
		Alejandro Coy	Chairperson	23				
						643		4
		John Bo Jr.	Member	47	Elected			
		Francisco Keh	Member	48	Elected			
		Luis Cho	Member	46	Elected			
		Thomas Cal Jr.	Member	45	Elected			
		Edgar teul	Member	48	Elected			
		Antonio Rash	Member	44	Elected			
		Ismael Cal	Member	43				
		Hilaria Hoo	Member	20				
		Sebastian Hoo	Member	22				
		Mateo Cal	Member	23				
		Humberto Keh	Member	23				
		Edwardo R. Cal	Member	25				
		Samuel Choc	Member	42				
		Fernando Bo	Member	41				
		Marcos Coy	Member	42				
		Marcos Choc	Member	41				
		Josais Bo	Member	39				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Na Luum Ca	Diego Oh	Chairperson		Uncontested			
		Geraldo Sho	Member		Uncontested			
		Antonio Sho	Member		Uncontested			
		Ismael Bol	Member		Uncontested			
		Benito Sho	Member		Uncontested			
		Thomas Sho	Member		Uncontested			
		Donata Paquiul	Member		Uncontested			

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Pueblo Viejo	Cyriaco Tush	Chairperson		Uncontested			9
						392		
		Marcos Cucul Jr.	Member	68	Elected			
		Maximo Salam	Member	84	Elected			
		Vicente Perez	Member	56	Elected			
		Augustin Coc	Member	58	Elected			
		Pablo Caal	Member	48	Elected			
		Roberto Coc	Member	45	Elected			
		Dalia Sho	Member	24				

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Jose					296	2	8
		Virginio Sub	Chairperson	111	Elected			
		Thomas Coh	Chairperson	101				
		Clifford Cal	Chairperson	76				
						1351		22
		Fidelio Mess	Member	134	Elected			
		Heliodoro Peck	Member	117	Elected			
		Gregorio V. Sub	Member	115	Elected			
		Basilio Cal	Member	111	Elected			
		Benjamin Bolon	Member	106	Elected			
		Gregorio Ical	Member	106	Elected			
		Eusebio Cal	Member	102				
		Cornelio Teck	Member	105				
		Albino Cal	Member	101				
		Felipe Teck	Member	97				
		Anselmo Bolon	Member	82				
		Marciano Cal	Member	55				
		Eugenio Pop	Member	98				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Antonio					375	2	9
		Candido Chun	Chairperson	169	Elected			
		Placido Sho	Chairperson	164				
		Pablo Bolon	Chairperson	5				
		Iredeo Bolon	Chairperson	28				6
						2114		
		Felicia Chiac	Member	188	Elected			
		Ruperto Cho	Member	206	Elected			
		Wallace Salam	Member	189	Elected			
		Sophia Coc	Member	189	Elected			
		Sylvino Salam	Member	192	Elected			
		Cayetano Coy	Member	183	Elected			
		Fermin Castellanos	Member	162				
		Demeterio Cowo	Member	160				
		Juan Castellanos	Member	171				
		Prudencio Paquil	Member	164				
		Regino Cowo	Member	148				
		Geraldo Coc	Member	156				

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Conejo Creek					62		6
		Enrique Makin	Chairperson	31	Elected			
		Juaquin Cucul	Chairperson	29				
		Marcos Makin	Members		Uncontested			
		Melinda Chub	Members		Uncontested			
		Manuel Coy	Members		Uncontested			
		Antonio Cucul	Members		Uncontested			
		Armando Makin	Members		Uncontested			
		Martinez Maquin	Members		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	San Vicente					74		1
		Pedro Cal	Chairperson	33	Elected			
		Miguel Tzalam	Chairperson	17				
		Gilberto Pop	Chairperson	18				
		Guillermo Caal	Chairperson	5				
		Ricardo Coc	Member		Uncontested			
		Domingo Caal Pop	Member		Uncontested			
		Cristobal Caal	Member		Uncontested			
		Juan Pop	Member		Uncontested			
		Carmelina Quib	Member		Uncontested			
		Milvia Caal	Member		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Midway					82		1
		Juan Ico	Chairperson	51	Elected			
		Oscar Canelo	Chairperson	30				
		Jose Ishim	Member		Uncontested			
		Augustine Cucul	Member		Uncontested			
		Oscar Paau	Member		Uncontested			
		Eduardo Ishim	Member		Uncontested			
		Federico Cho	Member		Uncontested			
		Abelino Cab	Member		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Jalacte					98		18
		Jose Xol	Chairperson	55	Elected			
		Pablo Chun	Chairperson	25				
		Ricardo Choc	Member		Uncontested			
		Esteban Caal	Member		Uncontested			
		Queven Choc	Member		Uncontested			
		Lorenzo Pop	Member		Uncontested			
		George Koy	Member		Uncontested			
		Justino Augustin	Member		Uncontested			

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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Santa Cruz					129		3
		Aram Canti	Chairperson	63	Elected			
		Raymundo Sho	Chairperson	47				
		Marcos Sho	Chairperson	16				1
						603		
		Orlando Canti	Member	89	Elected			
		Rafael Ash	Member	87	Elected			
		Manuel B. Pop	Member	81	Elected			
		Jose Mes	Member	79	Elected			
		Valentino Ical	Member	79	Elected			
		Venancio Canti	Member	74	Elected			
		Isidoro Makin	Member	64				
		Apolonio A. Pop	Member	49				



Readers Write



Dear Editor:

I found your article, Ten Reasons Why Buggery Should Not Be Decriminalised, starting on page 10 of the May 19, 2013, edition from the Caribbean Centre for Family and Human Rights, to be so astonishingly inaccurate and misinforming that I am compelled to write what I hope will be a helpful response. I take each of the claims in order.

1. Decriminalising buggery means legalizing homosexuality. This opens the door for the legalization of, every conceivable form of sexual perversion as a **“sexual orientation”** or **“alternative lifestyle”**.

Homosexuality is not illegal in Belize. **“Carnal intercourse against the order of nature”** is outlawed, but the law is silent about what that means. It has been taken

to mean oral sex, anal sex, or anything other than male-female penile-vaginal sex. It applies to these acts whether engaged in by two men, two women, or a man and a woman, including married couples. The law is just not enforced by the GOB. But it authorizes the GOB to knock on your bedroom door and ask what you’re doing in there. The challenge to S53 is about the fundamental right to privacy and the sanctity of the home guaranteed to every Belizean citizen, nothing more, nothing less.

2. Legalising homosexuality opens the door to for legalization of same sex “marriage” and can also be used to justify legalizing other forms of relationships such as polygamy, incestuous couplings, or any type of **“loving relationship”**.

Upholding the fundamental right

Belizeans have to conduct their private lives without the interference of the GOB has absolutely nothing to do with same-sex marriage, polygamy, incest, or even loving relationships.

3. It will undermine the family, the fundamental cell unit of society. Strong, healthy families are essential for strong, healthy societies.

There is not one iota of scientific evidence for this claim by anti-homosexual activists. In fact, what evidence we have from around the world points to just the opposite.

4. Same-sex marriage denies the child the basic right to a mother and father.

Same-sex marriage has in fact been shown to improve the lives of children of same-sex couples. However, this claim is completely irrelevant to the

fundamental right to privacy and the sanctity of the home guaranteed to all Belizeans.

5. Homosexuality has not been proven to be genetic. Evidence suggests that environmental, familial, and personal influences contribute significantly to homosexual tendencies. A tendency toward homosexuality need not be acted upon. It can be successfully overcome.

This statement goes against the overwhelming body of scientific research on the topic. Nonetheless, choice is irrelevant. If the indigenous Maya of Belize could somehow magically become Creole or European, would that mean that GOB discrimination against the Maya who choose not the change would then be acceptable? Discrimination on the basis of status is evil, period.

6. Homosexuality is an unhealthy and harmful practice which leads to

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Official Result Of The 19 May 2013 Village Council Elections

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TOLEDO DISTRICT								
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Crique Jute					98		
		Lawrence Bolon	Chairperson	49	Elected			
		Victor Bolon	Chairperson	49				
						403		
		Rodrigues Pop	Member	63	Elected			
		Salvio Paquil	Member	56	Elected			
		Jose Castellanos	Member	50	Elected			
		Elidoro Lara	Member	51	Elected			
		Fermin Cho	Member	47	Elected			
		Bruce Cho	Member	45	Elected			
		Candido Cho	Member	45				
		Norberto Alcalha	Member	45				
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Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	Total Votes Polled	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
19/05/2013	Santa Elena					66		
		Edgar Caal	Chairperson	38	Elected			
		Pedro Cus	Chairperson	25				
						342		
		Dionicio Choc Jr.	Member	39	Elected			
		Demetro Choc	Member	39	Elected			
		Mateo Caal	Member	37	Elected			
		Eduardo Choc	Member	37	Elected			
		Manuel Ico	Member	37	Elected			
		Alberto Tzub	Member	36	Elected			
		Lucia Ico	Member	20				
		Elsa Choc	Member	18				
		Armando Choc	Member	21				
		Luisa Cus	Member	20				
		Hermelinda Choc	Member	19				
		Arcencio Garcia	Member	18				
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Readers Write

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injury, disease, and early death.

There is no scientific evidence that homosexual sex is any more or less dangerous than heterosexual sex or their consequences. All STDs are equal opportunity diseases, and the evidence indicates the most dangerous result of sex to either males or female is the dangers of pregnancy, which no one would want to outlaw except the Chinese with respect to second children.

7. Engaging is homosexuality or any kind of **“alternative sexual lifestyle”** is not a human right.

Engaging in ANY type of sex is not a human right. The relevant human rights to the S53 are: Article 1 Right to Equality, Article 2 Freedom from Discrimination, Article 7 Right to Equality before the Law, Article 12 Freedom from Interference with Privacy, Family, Home and Correspondence, Article 18 Freedom of Belief and Religion, Article 30 Freedom from State or Personal Interference in the above Rights. Notice sex isn't mentioned.

8. Gay rights activists promote a radical agenda which seeks to undermine fundamental Judeo-Christian principles which have been the bedrock of western civilization.

The entire **“gay rights agenda”** is equality under the law. I don't see how that can be a radical concept. That agenda can be contrasted with the Dominionist agenda endorsed by leaders of the anti-homosexuality movement, namely, to place Christians in control over the seven forces that shape and control our culture: (1) Business; (2) Government; (3) Media; (4) Arts and Entertainment; (5) Education; (6) Family; and (7) Religion, believing that Jesus' return depends on accomplishing the dominion of nations. The leading member of Belize Action was a student of one of the two founders of the Dominionist movement. Gays want equality; the Dominionists want to take over the world. Which group do YOU fear most?

9. The sexual rights agenda imposes acceptance of **“alternative lifestyles”** on all peoples. It undermines freedom of religion and freedom of conscience. It disregards sovereign rights of states, unfairly coerces smaller developing nations and unjustly links recognition of these “rights” to development aid. This is a new form of cultural imperialism.

No one and no law can impose acceptance of any lifestyle. While **“lifestyle”** is itself a denigrating label, as if one's sexual nature were a fashion choice, one can put that insult aside and focus on fact: LGBT persons have no legal right, fundamen-

tal or otherwise, to being accepted or liked. They DO have a fundamental right in both the Belize constitution and the International Declaration of Human Rights to their freedom of conscience and right to privacy and equality under the laws of their state. Whatever the outcome of the S53 challenge, sodomy will still be a sin in most (but not all) Christian congregations, and those who do not accept homosexuality will still be able to encourage others to agree with them.

10. Legalising buggery will deny the fundamental right of parents to determine the quality of education which their children receive.

In Belize, parents are already being denied the fundamental right to determine the quality (or content) of the education which their children receive. Parents who don't want their children to receive religious education

from church schools whose teachers are paid out of parents' taxes that they should go elsewhere if they feel that way. Where could they go? The GOB sets the curricula for the schools, most often without parent input and without opt-out provisions. People who find that a problem, as I do, should be yelling at their

government representatives to change that situation, not using it to justify denying LGBT persons their fundamental rights.

Please see that this alternative and correct information gets the same prominence that you gave the misguided and incorrect information.

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Public Service Announcement

The Elections and Boundaries Department reminds the general public of the following in relation to the Village Council Elections:

1.) Persons wishing to contest the elections must be:

- a) A citizen of Belize; and**
- b) Is at least eighteen years old; and**
- c) Has ordinarily resided in the village for at least one year immediately preceding the elections.**

2.) Persons wishing to vote are allowed to vote only if:

- a) Name is on the official voters list for that village or community; or**
- b) At least eighteen years of age; and**
- c) Is a Belizean either by birth or naturalization and has been residing in the village for a continuous period of not less than two months prior to the date of the elections; or**
- d) Is a Permanent Resident in Belize, and is in possession of a Permanent Resident Card or proof of possession thereof; is at least eighteen years of age and has been residing in the village for a continuous period of not less than two months prior to the date of the elections.**

Please be reminded that the Village Council Regulations do not speak about Social Security Card nor Work Permits for verification of Permanent Residence nor qualification to contest the Election. The **only** document that is acceptable for permanent resident **who wish to vote** is: Permanent Resident Card or passport with stamp showing proof of Permanent Residence.

Residents of Villages/Communities are reminded that they are entitled to vote in **only** one Village or Community Council Election for that period.

It is an offence for a person to vote in more than one village or community. This offence is punishable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

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