

Dear UNC family member,

As you know our party's National Executive (NATEX) has set December 05 as the date to elect a leader of our party and members of NATEX. I have decided that I will seek re-election as your leader and I am writing to ask for your endorsement.

I need your support so I can continue the work I have done for you both as party leader and your prime minister.

As your leader I united our party, brought together opposition groups that shared our philosophy of service for all and within four months I led our party and its partners into government.

As your Prime Minister I focused on listening and then leading and with your guidance and trust in me I undertook a national development program that was unprecedented in our history. Today the evidence is everywhere - in education, health, housing, social services, infrastructure, the economy and national security. Under my leadership we also became a global leader, attracting the highest ever direct foreign investment in our country.

It took leadership to guide a government as diverse as the People's Partnership and political expertise and skills to get so much done in so little time and with scarce resources.

But there is much more to do. And I know in my heart that once you elect me as your leader we will be back in government before long to complete the work for you.

This is why I am asking for your support. This internal election is not about me; it is about you. It is about choosing whether you want to have a stronger, more professional party that can get back into government. Only a leader with a proven and unprecedented track record of leadership and management can promise you that.

I assure you that I would bring to our party the same integrity, discipline, management and unprecedented development that characterised the government I led for five years.

What makes our party great is that we can embrace everyone – our founders, our youth who were born after 1988 and others who cherish our political philosophy – regardless of where we stood when our party was born. Our world has changed and under my leadership we will continue to adapt our policies and vision to match the changing needs of the 21st century. We will do it by opening our minds to embrace change.

I need your support to continue to make the UNC the most professional and powerful political organisation in our country. I pledge to dedicate all my energies in your service and with a strong, diverse team we will prepare our party for getting back to government.

You know that I have done it before and I assure you I will do it again with renewed vigour and energy. I am your servant and will always stand ready to serve you. And God willing and with your dedication and help I will lead you back to government. The first step is to elect me as your leader.



MY LEADERSHIP MISSION:

My political mission is to return the UNC to the seat of government in the shortest possible time. I intend to do so by strengthening the image of the party as a credible, trustworthy alternative government that will govern with integrity and compassion and with equal vision towards all citizens.

I will achieve this political mission by upholding the highest values and promoting constructive dialogue in a culture that is democratic and transparent.

I will partner with stakeholders around a common ideology that upholds the citizens' rights as my first priority.

I will preserve the great traditions of our party, will create the space for youth and women and an environment that reflects and responds to the changing dynamics of the people but at the same time is in line with the party's values.

Above all I intend to engage, inspire and involve as many of my fellow citizens in the road to government.



VISION:

MY VISION IS THAT THE UNC WILL BECOME THE PARTY OF CHOICE FOR THE ELECTORATE.

I will achieve this by engaging our membership and executive in continuous dialogue aimed at creating a professionally organized, strategically led, policy and program driven political organization that reflects the diversity of Trinidad and Tobago.

MISSION:

TO WORK STRATEGICALLY AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT AND TO SERVE ALL CITIZENS WITH VISION, INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC LIFE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

I'll achieve this by focusing on:

Respect

Equal Vision

Integrity

Professionalism

Responsibility

Accountability &

Selfless Service.

I will continue the process of constitutional reform for the party that will include the philosophy of coalition so that the UNC will always have partners in the society instead of being in isolation seeking power only for itself and no one else.

And as the leader of a government in waiting I will keep the administration accountable and fight against policies such as the property tax, the rapid rail, smelters and other projects that are not in the national interest.

**RE-ELECT KAMLA FOR UNC LEADER ...
BECAUSE YOU DESERVE THE BEST!**

RE-ELECT KAMLA;

BUILD A BETTER AND BRIGHTER TOMORROW

When you elect me and we work together here is what we can achieve.

- A credible and trustworthy party that would be an alternative government
- A political party with an agenda for Trinidad and Tobago developed through extensive consultations and based upon the needs of the people
- A political party with a well-developed network of national and international experts, members and supporters who can provide expertise to help develop policies for different issues.
- A political party that responds with speed and professionalism to the concerns of its membership
- A political party that is in continuous touch with its membership, treating each member fairly with compassion and understanding
- A political party with well-developed internal institutions that would contribute to the overall professional development of our party and its members at all levels
- A political party with an internal culture of openness, mature discussions and responses, issues-based and team-based behaviors.
- A political party with an ideological platform constructed on the premise of participation in decision making, the equality of the sexes in the political decision making and in parliamentary representation.
- A permanent home for our party.

As part of the rebuilding on the road to government and in recognition of our philosophy of participation in policy and program formulation responsive to the needs of citizens I will establish the following additional committees beyond those mandated by the UNC Constitution:

- Economic Development
- Energy
- Food Production
- Environment
- Education, Culture and the Arts
- Community Development
- Children
- National Security
- Legislation
- Local Government and Rural Development

The aim of these committees will be to review the policies of the government in office and to advise both the Political Leader and the Parliamentary Arm as well as NATEX and through these, the membership, on the position of our party on these matters.

RE-ELECT KAMLA ...
AND LET'S GET BACK TO GOVERNMENT

Persad Bissessar, KAMLA



**A FRESH START...
A STRONG VOICE**
Building a better and brighter tomorrow