

# 15 Questions for Anyone Seeking to Represent You

*A Voter Interview Guide by The Loyal Opposition – Barbados Pressure Group*

Use this when candidates come asking for your vote

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## Why This Matters

In a democracy, **candidates interview voters every election season** — but voters rarely interview candidates.

This guide flips the power dynamic.

When someone seeks to represent you in Parliament, they are asking for:

- Authority
- Influence
- Decision-making power over your daily life

That means **they owe you answers**.

This document equips ordinary Barbadians with **clear, fair, and necessary questions** to ask any **prospective or returning candidate** who comes to your home seeking your vote.

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## How to Use This Guide

This guide is meant to be used:

- When candidates come **door-to-door**
- At **community meetings**
- During **constituency walk-throughs**
- In **town halls and political events**

You don't need to ask every question at once.  
You don't need to argue.

Simply **listen carefully** to the answers.

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## **The 15 Questions Every Voter Has the Right to Ask**

### **1. Who Are You?**

What is your name and what is your address?

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### **2. Why Are You Here?**

Why do you want to represent me and my household in this constituency?

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### **3. Affiliations Beyond Party**

What organisations do you belong to, other than the political party you are currently with?

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### **4. Record of Service**

What community have you served in before?

What community have you ever represented or actively worked in before?

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### **5. Understanding the Constituency**

What do you believe are the three (3) biggest problems facing this constituency right now?

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### **6. The First 100 Days**

If you are successful, what are the three (3) main things you would like addressed in your first 100 days in office?

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## **7. Accessibility**

How accessible will you be if elected?

How often will you meet constituents, and how can we contact you?

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## **8. Cost of Living**

Are you satisfied with the current plight of the average Barbadian, especially regarding the cost of living?

If not, what specific actions will you take to improve it?

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## **9. Youth & the Future**

What is your plan to improve opportunities for young people in this constituency? (Jobs, training, housing, education, safety.)

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## **10. Integrity & Conflicts of Interest**

Do you have any personal, business, or financial interests that could conflict with your role as a Member of Parliament?

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## **11. Party vs People**

If your party takes a position that goes against the best interest of this constituency, how will you respond?

Will you stand with the people or the party?

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## **12. Transparency**

How will you report back to constituents on your performance while in office?

Will there be regular meetings, updates, or reports?

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## **13. For Returning Candidates**

If you are seeking re-election, why should we return you to office for another term?  
What have you done to earn that trust?

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## **14. Promises & Delivery**

What promises did you make in the last election, and which ones have you fulfilled?  
Which ones were not fulfilled, and why?

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## **15. If You Lose**

If you were to lose this election, would you continue serving the people and prepare to contest another election, or would you walk away?

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## **Important Reminder to Voters**

You are not being rude.  
You are not being disrespectful.

You are **interviewing someone who wants power over decisions that affect your life.**

Asking questions is not opposition.  
It is **citizenship.**

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## **About The Loyal Opposition – Barbados Pressure Group**

The Loyal Opposition – Barbados Pressure Group is a civic advocacy movement committed to:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Citizen empowerment
- Democratic participation

We are not here to tell Barbadians **who to vote for**.  
We are here to ensure Barbadians know **what to ask before they vote**.

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**An informed voter is a powerful voter.**

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