



# DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS PEOPLE'S PARTY

*As the people of the Cayman Islands  
have always done, let us navigate successfully  
through the rough seas to new horizons.*

**The Cayman Islands People's Party:  
An Empowering and Unifying Movement Responsive to the  
Needs of all the People**

The Cayman Islands has enjoyed tremendous economic development over the past fifty years. Unfortunately, however, political development and party politics have not kept pace.

The chief failure is the cavalier disregard of participatory democracy, the neglect of which is contributing to increasing economic disparity and social splintering across the Islands' once prized state of communal harmony.

The Cayman Islands People's Party has consequently been conceived and formed to provide the people of the Cayman Islands with a more participatory style of party politics.

This Constitution is thus designed and structured to empower the Islands' people in a way that will ensure government's accountability to the people.

Fundamentally, this Constitution will give members of the People's Party greater say in the selection of candidates for political office and in the continued evolution of party policies to create and maintain a world-class democracy.

Poised on the brink of this transformative experience, the People's Party believes that the single greatest challenge now facing our people is the urgent need to tackle and reverse the disparities in wealth, health and life chances.

The achievement of this key aim rests on a solid commitment to sustainable development, guaranteeing the balance between economic growth, care for the environment, and social well-being.

The People's Party believes that the principles and values enshrined in this Constitution will guide the functioning of the Party toward these

goals and aims. It is a Constitution conceptualised to offer the best means by which the Cayman Islands can achieve today the structural changes necessary to transform its society into a more equal, safe, caring, democratic and prosperous society, without further compromising the wellbeing of future generations.

To ensure that the People’s Party safeguards the best interests of all, the Constitution is designed to involve as active partners—whether as members, activists, supporters, voters, or candidates—all those who value a free, democratic, just and prosperous society.

People’s Party members will have the opportunity to advance these principles and values through advocacy in their communities and workplaces, by their participation in their neighbourhood and district People’s Party organisation, and by their willingness to work towards the common good. Most importantly, this will include the election to leadership of those who are also manifestly committed to these values and principles.

Through these active partnerships, the Cayman Islands People’s Party pledges to work on a daily basis at district and national levels, and to promote advocated values and principles in the Legislative Assembly and throughout all government ministries, departments, and agencies in which leaders participate and have an influence.

The ultimate goal is the achievement of social and economic justice, individual freedom, and equal rights and opportunities across the spectrum of Caymanian society.

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# CONSTITUTION

## The Cayman Islands People's Party

### 1. NAME AND VISION

The name of the organisation will be the Cayman Islands People's Party (hereinafter the "People's Party").

#### VISION

An empowered and unified society inspired by a political movement responsive to the needs of all the people.

### 2. AIM

The People's Party is a political movement dedicated to the sustainable economic, social and political advancement of the Cayman Islands as a society in which opportunity for all Caymanians, sustainable development, justice and equity are among its guiding principles.

The People's Party believes that all Caymanians possess a common humanity with equal rights and freedoms as set out in the Cayman Islands Constitution and the laws of the Cayman Islands, and within an empowered society inspired by a political process responsive to the needs of all the people.

### 3. THE GOALS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY ARE TO:

- (I) promote the social, moral, economic and political welfare of the people of the Cayman Islands;
- (II) develop and maintain solidarity and understanding among the people of the Cayman Islands;
- (III) ensure freedom under the law and to ensure freedom of opportunity for all;
- (IV) protect and uphold the rights of every person under the Cayman Islands Constitution and Laws of the Cayman Islands; strive for and maintain economic, environmental, and political stability within the framework of a free market economy;
- (V) provide the people of the Cayman Islands with a sound and responsible government by the selection of its members as legislative representatives.

### 4. PROCEDURES

The People's Party shall arrange the following to achieve the above Aims and Goals:

- (I) establish and maintain a Party Organisation and Office;

- (II) establish and maintain Electoral District Committees in each Electoral District;
- (III) secure the election to the Legislative Assembly of as many People's Party Members as possible;
- (IV) provide and utilize channels of communication within the People's Party;
- (V) encourage full and free discussion at all levels within the People's Party;
- (VI) promote a framework in which young people may participate in the affairs
- (VII) of the People's Party.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

### **(I) Qualifications**

Membership to the People's Party shall be open to all Caymanians who subscribe to the Aims and Goals of the People's Party.

### **(II) Procedures and Initial Subscription**

An applicant for membership shall sign an application form (Schedule II) confirming that the applicant subscribes to the Aims and Goals of the People's Party and is not a member of any other political party in the Cayman Islands. Upon completion of such form, together with the first year's subscription (being received by any Officer of the Electoral District Committee in the Electoral District where the applicant resides), such applicant shall become a member of the People's Party and receive a Membership Card.

### **(III) Annual Subscription**

The annual subscription shall be such sum as the Party Council may from time-to-time determine, which shall, except in the case of the initial subscription, be due on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and, for the avoidance of doubt, membership shall be deemed to continue to and including December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### **(IV) Membership Roll**

It shall be the responsibility of Members to ensure that their names are on the membership roll of the Electoral District Committee in which they are registered and to produce proof of People's Party Membership at meetings involving membership voting rights.

### **(V) Voting at People's Party Meetings**

At any meeting of the Party, only those members who are registered shall be entitled to vote.

## 6. ORGANISATION

The People's Party shall be structured as follows:

### (I) Structure

- A. The Party Council
- B. The Party Executive
- C. Electoral District Committees
- D. The Legislative Group
- E. The Legislative Leader

These bodies shall be aided and assisted by the following groups:

### (II) Supplemental Structure

- G. The Campaign Committee
- H. The Nominating Committee
- I. The young Cayman Islands People's Party
- J. Such other committees as from time-to-time may be appointed.

## 7. METHODOLOGY

The functions of these bodies are set out hereunder:

### (I) Party Council

#### Composition

- (A) The Party Council shall comprise:
- the Electoral District Committee Chairperson;
  - one delegate from each Electoral District Committee [as defined in section 11. (I)(D)];
  - the Officers of the People's Party Council;
  - the Legislative Group;
  - Adopted Candidates for the period of the candidacy only;
  - Honorary Councillors;
  - the president of the Young Cayman Islands People's Party.

#### Electoral District

#### Delegates

- (B) Each Electoral District Committee shall elect one delegate at its first Electoral District Committee meeting from amongst the members of the Electoral District Committee.

**Alternate****Delegate**

- (C) A member of the Electoral District Committee may be appointed as an Alternate Delegate by the Electoral District Chairperson. Any person serving as an Alternate Delegate shall have all the privileges and responsibilities of a Delegate but shall not be entitled to attend any meeting other than in the absence of such delegate.

**Honorary****Councillors**

- (D) There shall be at least three and not more than five Honorary Councillors appointed to the Party Council by the Party Executive and who shall have equal voting rights.

**Annual General****Meeting**

- (E) The Annual General Meeting of the Party Council shall be held no later than January 31 in each year, at such time and place as may be designated by the Party Executive, for the purpose of considering the Chairperson's Report and the Treasurer's Report, electing officers as prescribed, appointing Auditors and considering such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**General****Elections**

- (F) People's Party Elections shall be held at the fourth Annual General Meeting following the inaugural Annual General Meeting, and thereafter every four years, unless General Elections are otherwise held for cause.

**Notice of Annual General****Meeting**

- (G) The Secretary shall in writing via electronic mail notify members of the Party Council fourteen days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

## **Special General**

**Meetings** (H) Special General Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary whenever requested to do so by the Chairperson or by at least ten members of the Party Council.

### **Notice of Special General**

**Meetings** (I) The Secretary shall give at least seven days' notice in writing to all members of any Special General Meeting of the Party Council indicating the reason for the meeting.

### **Frequency of**

**Meetings** (J) There shall be a meeting of the Party Council once in every quarter.

**Quorum** (K) One-half of the total possible membership of the Party Council shall constitute a quorum.

**Voting** (L) Subject to the provisions of section (I) above, all decisions of the Party Council shall be by vote of a simple majority of the attending members of the Party Council.

## **(II) Party Executive**

**Composition** (A) There shall be a Party Executive which shall comprise:

- the Officers;
- the Electoral District Chairpersons;
- the elected Legislative Leader;
- the President of the Young Cayman Islands People's Party.

### **Alternate**

**Delegate** (B) Other than the Officers, a Member of the Party Executive who is unable to attend a Party Executive Meeting shall appoint an Alternate to attend meeting/s with the same privileges and responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of the Member to advise both the Alternate and the Executive Officer of the People's Party of such appointment.

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| <b>Role</b>                  | (C) The Party Executive shall manage and control the general affairs of the People’s Party subject to any instructions given to it by the Party Council and for this purpose shall be empowered to employ such staff as it shall consider necessary, including a— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Secretary General who shall manage and administer the Party Office, in addition to such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Party Executive, and a</li> <li>(ii) Public Relations Manager, who shall advise on and develop and implement a public relations strategy through all the various avenues of communication. Media management will be a prime area of responsibility.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Responsibility</b>        | (D) The Party Executive shall be responsible for Party organisation and the dissemination of party policy.  |
| <b>Frequency of Meetings</b> | (E) The Chairperson shall call regular monthly meetings as well as such special meetings as may be necessary.   |
| <b>Quorum</b>                | (F) A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.  |
| <b>Voting</b>                | (G) All decisions of the Party Executive shall be by vote of a simple majority of the attending members of the Party Executive.   |

**(III) Officers**

The Officers of the Party Executive shall:

**Election** (A) be elected in accordance with subsection 7. (VII) hereof and shall serve for four years or until their successors are similarly elected.

**Qualifications** (B) be registered members of the People’s Party.

**Officers** (C) comprise the Chairperson, the immediate Past Chairperson (if available), first and second Deputy Chairpersons, the Secretary, the Treasurer and three Directors.

**Role** (D) be responsible to the Party Executive for the day-to-day management of the Party.

**Legislative**

**Caucus** (E) be entitled to attend Legislative caucus.

**Casual**

**Vacancies** (F) fill any casual vacancy among themselves through appointment by the remaining officers from amongst the members of the People’s Party.

**Voting** (G) All decisions of the Party Executive shall be by vote of a simple majority of attending members of the Party Executive.

**Quorum** (H) The majority of the members of the Party Council Executive shall be the quorum.

**(IV) Electoral District Committee**

There shall be a committee in each Electoral District of the Cayman Islands which shall be known as the Electoral District Committee and shall be elected in accordance with, and governed by, the provisions of the Electoral District Bye-Laws as set out in Schedule I.

**(V) Legislative Group**

**Composition** (A) The Legislative Group shall comprise the Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the People’s Party.

**Leader and**

**Deputy** (B) Those Members of the Legislative Group who are members of the Legislative Assembly, together with the Members of the Party Council, shall by ballot elect from among the Legislative Group a Legislative Leader and a Deputy Legislative Leader, at the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held.

**Caucus** (C) The Members of the Legislative Group shall meet together in caucus weekly. All Members of the Legislative Group are expected to attend the monthly

meeting of the Party's Executive Committee and the quarterly meetings of the Party Council.

**Suspension** (D) The Members of the Legislative Group shall have power to suspend Members and to remove the Whip from Members. For the purpose of this Constitution, any Member of the Legislative Group who has resigned the Whip, has been suspended; or, any Member of the Legislative Group from whom the Whip has been removed shall be deemed not to be a member of the Legislative Group during the period of suspension or until reinstated by the Legislative Group.

**Reinstatement** (E) Any Member of the Legislative Group who has resigned the Party Whip and who subsequently wishes to accept the Whip must re-apply to the Legislative Group to do so.

**(VI) Legislative Leader**

(A) The Legislative Leader, upon election in accordance with section 7. (V) (B) hereof, shall automatically assume the title of Party Leader, in line for appointment as Premier or Leader of the Opposition, in accordance with the Cayman Islands Constitution.

(B) The Legislative Leader shall be entitled to appoint a Shadow Cabinet.

**(VII) Campaign Committee**

**Composition** (A) The Legislative Leader, after Consultation with the Party Chairperson, shall nominate Candidates to form a Campaign Committee of no fewer than five Candidates who shall be members of the People's Party. The Campaign Committee shall be elected by the Party Council within 30 days following the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held.

**Role** (B) The Campaign Committee shall direct electoral policy and, when required, any particular electoral campaign for the Party and, furthermore, shall:

*Party Policy*

in consultation with the Legislative Leader formulate declarations of Party policy, subject to ratification before promulgation by the Party Council, and be responsible for

*Approval of candidates*

approving all persons who are desirous of offering themselves as Legislative Election Candidates for the People's Party, subject to the right of any person for whom approval is refused to appeal the decision, in accordance with section (11.) hereof; and be responsible for compiling,

*List of Approved Candidates*

maintaining and revising annually a list of such "Approved Candidates" and "Legislative Election Candidates".

(VIII) **Nominating Committee for Officers**

**Composition** (A) A Nominating Committee comprising no fewer than five and no more than seven members shall be appointed by the Party Executive by September 30<sup>th</sup> in the year preceding the General Election.

**Role** (B) The Nominating Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining a Slate of Officers, and the Nominating Committee shall report to the Party Executive at least twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held, at which time their proposed Slate of Officers shall be posted in the Party Office and sent to each Electoral District Committee.

**Nominations** (C) Nominations shall also be accepted from the Party membership, accompanied by confirmation of the candidates' consent. However, nominations shall cease seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held, at which time all such nominations shall be posted in the Party Office, including the names of proposers and seconders and sent to each Electoral District Committee.

(D) All nominations thus received shall be voted on at the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held, unless a nominee withdraws, in which case the name of such nominee shall be removed from the ballot.

## **8. YOUNG CAYMAN ISLANDS PEOPLE’S PARTY**

- (I) **Qualifications** Any Caymanian who has attained the age of fourteen years, has not passed the age of twenty-five years, and subscribes to the Aims and Goals of the People’s Party shall be eligible to become a Member.
- (II) **Bye-Laws** The members of the Young Cayman Islands People’s Party shall be empowered to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to provide for the participation of young people in the affairs of the Party, consistent with the terms of this Constitution.

## **9. SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Chair of the Party, in consultation with the Party Executive, shall appoint such sub-committees as he may deem expedient or as may be recommended by the Party Council.

## **10. ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

In addition to the Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held, and other Special General Meetings, the Party Executive shall arrange a Party Conference at least once a year, which shall be open to all Party Members to attend for the purpose of discussing and acting upon Party philosophy, policy and performance.

## **11. CANDIDATES**

- (I) **Definitions**
- (A) “Approved Candidate” means a person who has been approved pursuant to section 7. (III) (VII).

- (B) “Adopted Candidate” means an Approved Candidate who has subsequently been adopted by Electoral District Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral District Committee Bye-Laws.
- (C) “Legislative Election Candidate” means an Adopted Candidate contesting a General Election or Bye-Election.
- (D) “Prescribed number of Delegates” shall number one from each Electoral District.

## **(II) Procedures**

**Approval** (A) Persons seeking to be a Legislative Election Candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly shall first obtain approval of the Campaign Committee, subject to the right of any person for whom approval is refused to appeal to the Party Executive whose decision shall be final.

### **Qualifications**

(B) Any person approved by the Campaign Committee and placed on the list of approved candidates must have been a member of the People’s Party for a minimum of thirty days immediately prior to seeking approval.

### **Undertaking**

(C) Persons seeking to be placed on the list of Approved Candidates shall give a written undertaking (Schedule IV) to the Party through the Campaign Committee that if unsuccessful in obtaining Adoption by Electoral District Committee they will loyally support the Candidate/s Adopted by the Electoral District Committee and will not oppose such Adopted Candidate/s in any manner whatsoever and will not run in any capacity unless as an Adopted Candidate or a Legislative Election Candidate.

## **12. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year for the People’s Party shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **13. AUDIT**

The People's Party's financial statement shall be audited and published before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year, and the Auditor's Report, together with the financial statement, shall be made available at each Annual General Meeting of the Party Council. The Party Executive shall fill any vacancy in the office of the Auditor.

### **14. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution, including the Schedule, may be amended from time-to-time by the Party Council subject to the requirement that any amendment must be approved by three-quarters of the members in attendance at an Annual General Meeting, provided that no such amendment shall be considered by the Party Council unless at least twenty-one days' notice thereof shall have been given in writing to the Legislative Group and each Electoral District Committee Chairperson and Electoral District Committee Secretary.

### **15. INTERPRETATION**

The Cayman Islands People's Party is registered with the Elections Office in accordance with the Elections Law and should be interpreted in accordance with Cayman Islands Law.

## SCHEDULE I

### ELECTORAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE BYE-LAWS

#### 1. NAME

The name of the Electoral District shall be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Cayman Islands People's Party  
(hereinafter the "People's Party").

#### 2. OBJECT

The object of the Electoral District shall be to promote the Aims and Goals of the People's Party in the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, in particular, and of the Cayman Islands, in general.

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP

##### (I) Qualifications

Membership shall be open to any Caymanian resident in the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_, in particular, and the Cayman Islands, in general.

##### (II) Membership Application

An Applicant for membership shall sign an application form and, upon the form being received by the Secretary of the Electoral District Committee, together with the first year's subscription, the applicant shall become a Member of the People's Party and receive a membership card, subject to the rights of any person whose application is refused to appeal to the Party Executive, whose decision is final.

##### (III) Subscription

The annual subscription shall be such sum as the Party Council shall determine, and which is ratified at the Annual Conference of the People's Party.

##### (IV) Membership Roll

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain a roll in which shall be entered the names and addresses of all persons who have become Members of the Electoral District. A copy of the current roll of Members shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Party no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. When a Member moves his residency from one Electoral District to another, the Secretary shall amend the Electoral District Membership Roll accordingly.

#### **4. GENERAL MEETINGS**

##### **(I) Annual General Meetings**

- (A) The Annual General Meeting at which elections are held shall be held in the month of November as prescribed for the purpose of electing the officers and the Electoral District Committee and to enable the Members to review the annual statement of accounts and activities of the Electoral District.
  
- (B) In any case where the Annual General Meeting, at which elections are held, is not held within the month of November, the tenure of office of Electoral District officers and the Electoral District Committee may be terminated by the Party Executive. The Party Executive shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, cause an Electoral District meeting to be held for the purpose of discharging the business which should have been conducted at the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held.

##### **(II) General Meetings and Special General Meetings**

- (A) Electoral District Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter.
  
- (B) Special General Meetings of an Electoral District Committee shall be called by the Electoral District Executive whenever it considers it necessary or desirable. In addition, a Special General Meeting shall be called by the Electoral District Executive whenever requested in writing by five Members of the Electoral District (save as provided for in section 8).

##### **(III) Notice of Meetings**

General Meetings shall be called by notice in the press or by such means as the Electoral District Executive may decide, provided that seven days' notice shall be given of such meeting. Such notices shall give the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting and such other information as the Electoral District Executive considers necessary or desirable.

##### **(IV) Quorum**

At any General Meeting, a majority of the attending Members of the Electoral District shall form a quorum.

##### **(V) Voting**

At Electoral District Committee meetings, only those Members who are registered members in that particular Electoral District and who have been Members for no fewer than fourteen days shall be entitled to vote. All decisions at any Electoral District meeting shall be reached by a majority vote of the Electoral District Committee Members attending

and voting, except that a decision on disciplinary proceedings as provided for in section 8. (1) hereof, shall require a vote of at least two-thirds of such Members attending and voting.

## 5. ELECTORAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### (I) **Composition**

The Electoral District Executive Committee shall comprise the Officers, the Electoral District Representative in the Legislative Assembly or Adopted Candidate, and no fewer than three members.

### (II) **Election of Electoral District Executive Committee**

The Officers and other Members of the Electoral District Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting, at which elections are held. During such elections, the Chair shall be taken by a Member who is not standing for Office.

### (III) **Officers**

**Officers** (A) The Officers of the Electoral District Committee shall comprise:

- Chairperson
- Two Deputy Chairpersons
- Secretary, and
- Treasurer.

#### **Dual Role**

(B) The same person may not hold the office of Secretary or Treasurer.

#### **Non-Resident**

**Officer** (C) Non-resident Members of any Electoral District Committee may not become officers, voting Members, in any Electoral District Committee except his or her own.

#### **Prohibition**

(D) An Officer of the Electoral District Committee shall not be a serving Party Officer, nor a Member of the Legislative Assembly or an approved candidate.

**Role** (E) The Officers shall coordinate the activities of the Electoral District Committee.

**Secretary's**

**Role** (F) The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and after approval forward copies thereof to the Secretary of the Party as soon as possible and shall otherwise maintain the records of the Electoral District Committee.

**Treasurer's**

**Role** (G) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account and present an annual statement of accounts at each Annual General Meeting.

**(iv) Vacancies**

Should any vacancy occur among the officers or other Members of the Electoral District Executive Committee, the remaining Members of the Electoral District Executive Committee may appoint another Member of the Electoral District to fill the vacancy.

**(v) Management**

The Electoral District Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general management of the Electoral District, including recruitment of new Members and arrangement of Electoral District Committee meetings. It shall be the duty of the Electoral District Executive Committee, immediately after publication of the Register of Voters, to ensure that a record of pertinent details is prepared and maintained for every registered voter.

**(vi) Frequency of Meetings**

The Electoral District Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every calendar month. The Secretary shall notify each Member by telephone, or otherwise, of the time and place of the meeting.

**(vii) Quorum**

A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the Electoral District Executive Committee.

**(viii) Delegates to Party Council**

**Appointment of Delegates**

(A) At the first meeting, which shall be held within ten days after the Annual General Meeting at which elections are held, the Electoral District Executive Committee shall elect by ballot one of its Members to serve as Delegates to the Party Council in accordance with the provisions of section 7. (I) (A) of the Party Constitution.

### **Alternate Delegate**

- (B) A Member of the Electoral District Executive Committee who has not been elected as a Delegate may be appointed an Alternate Delegate in accordance with 7. (I) (C) of the People's Party Constitution.

### **Notice to Central Council Office**

- (C) The Electoral District Secretary shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of the Party of the names of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Party Council.

## **6. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Financial Year of the Electoral District Committee shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> in each year.

## **7. AUDIT**

The accounts of the Electoral District Committee shall be audited and published before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## **8. DISCIPLINE**

### **(I) Members' Conduct**

The Electoral District Committee may decide that the name of a Member who is guilty of undesirable conduct should be referred to the Party Executive to be removed from the roll of Members. The decision of the Electoral District Committee shall be by two-thirds majority of the Members attending and voting at a Special General Meeting.

### **(II) Notice**

Such Member shall be given seven days' notice of the Special General Meeting and shall be entitled to attend and be heard. Such Member may appeal to the Party Council.

### **(III) Decision by Party Executive**

The decision of the Party Council to remove the Member from the roll of Members shall be by two-thirds majority of those attending and shall be final, the Member having the right to attend and be heard.

## 9. CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF CANDIDATES

### (I) Election Readiness

The Electoral District Executive Committee shall ensure that there are Adopted Candidates for the Electoral District at all times.

### (II) Vacancy in the Legislative Assembly

Whenever any seat in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District becomes vacant, an Adopted Candidate shall without further process become the Legislative Election Candidate for that seat.

### (III) Challenge

- (A) Whenever an Approved Candidate has, prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> in any year and with written support of at least ten persons who at that date have been members of the Electoral District for the previous six months, given written notice to the Electoral District Chairperson of intention to stand for adoption, the Electoral District Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting (or Primary Election, if required) to adopt Candidates. This meeting shall occur in September prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Electoral District at which elections are held.
- (B) Elected Members of the Legislative Assembly shall be subject to challenge.
- (C) In the case of a Primary Election resulting from a vacant seat due to death, resignation or removal otherwise, there shall be a Primary Election involving only approved Candidates who seek to become Adopted Candidates to fill the vacancy.
- (D) In any case, no challenges to Elected Members of the Legislative Assembly will be accepted other than the year in which elections are held by the Party.

### (IV) Adoption of Sitting Members

An Elected Member of the Legislative Assembly who is a member of the Party shall be considered an Adopted Candidate without requiring confirmation of adoption unless the Elected Member of the Legislature has:

- (A) been successfully challenged in accordance with the procedures set out in 8 (III) above; or
- (B) given the Electoral District Executive written notice of intention not to seek re-election; or

- (C) resigned the Party Whip and not been reinstated by the Legislative Group within a period of six months of such resignation; or
- (D) is under discipline of the Party for a period of six months; or
- (E) ceased to be a member of the Party; or
- (F) died; or
- (G) lost the confidence of at least two-thirds of the Members of the Electoral District Committee Executive who consider the Elected Member of the Legislative Assembly to be unsuitable to represent the Party at a General Election and who furthermore consider it to be in the interest of the Party to bring the matter before the Electoral District Members in General Meeting; or
- (H) lost the confidence of a majority of the Members of the Electoral District who at that date have been People's Party Members for the previous six months and who are also registered and have agreed in General Meetings that the Elected Member of the Legislative Assembly is unsuitable to represent the Party in General Election.

In any of the above cases, the Electoral District Executive Committee shall schedule a Special General Meeting (or Primary Election, if required) as soon as practicable and in accordance with section 9 (C) hereof to adopt a Candidate for the seat of that Elected Member of the Legislative Assembly.

## **10. PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTING CANDIDATES**

### **(I) Duty and Definition**

The Electoral District Committee shall adopt Candidates as required by the provisions of these Bye-Laws, and a Candidate so adopted shall be referred to as an "Adopted Candidate."

### **(II) Approved Candidate**

The only Candidates considered for adoption shall be those who have been approved in accordance with section 7. (III) (B) of the People's Party Constitution.

**(III) Procedures**

The adoption of any Candidate shall be conducted at:

- (A) a Primary Election, where there are more than the required number of approved Candidates seeking adoption; or otherwise at—

*Special General Meeting*

- (B) a Special General Meeting, and voting shall be by secret ballot and the result shall be immediately notified to all Candidates who sought adoption. A Primary Election shall not be held during the period following the Bye-Election unless by reason of special circumstances where is/are no Adopted Candidate/s.

In all Primary Elections each Approved Candidate shall give a written undertaking of his willingness to accept the results of the Primary Election and pledge support to the successful Adopted Candidate in accordance with section 7 (II) (C) of the People’s Party Constitution.

**(IV) General Meeting prior to Primary Election**

In the event of an adoption to take place by Primary Election, Candidates shall be entitled to attend and address a Special General Meeting convened at least three days prior to the Primary Election.

**11. TRANSITIONAL**

As from the making of an Order by His Excellency the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Elections Law (Law 36 of 1983) of the Cayman Islands whereby any or all of the boundaries of the Electoral District are to be revised on the dissolution of the Legislature, the Officers and Members of the Electoral District Executive Committee for the existing Electoral District shall remain in Office until the next Annual General Meeting, after which the revised Electoral District boundaries shall be recognized for the purpose of elections of the Electoral District Executive Committee.

**SCHEDULE II  
FORM I**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, resident in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District, hereby apply for

Membership in the Cayman Islands People's Party.

I subscribe to and support the Aims, Vision and Constitution of the Cayman Islands People's Party.

My physical address:

House/Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In the \_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District.

My Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This section to be completed by EDC Secretary:**

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of: \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral District Committee.

Date Accepted/Rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE III**  
**FORM II**  
**APPLICATION TO BE AN APPROVED CANDIDATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
registered member of the Cayman Islands People's party in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District, hereby  
apply to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District Committee of the Cayman Islands People's  
Party in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Electoral District to be an Approved/Adopted Candidate.

I am a registered voter in the Cayman Islands and my voter registration number is  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District.

- I am qualified to be a candidate in the Cayman Islands General election and my  
date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have attached my police record and a copy of my Voter's ID.
- I am supported in this application by the following members of the Cayman Islands  
People's Party in the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District Committee:



**SCHEDULE 1V**  
**FORM III**  
**UNDERTAKING AS AN APPROVED CANDIDATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an approved candidate of  
the \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral District Committee, hereby give written assurances and pledge, in accordance  
to section 11. (III) (C) of the Cayman Islands People’s Party Constitution and section 10.  
(III) B of the Electoral District Committee Bye-Laws, that—

*“If I am unsuccessful in obtaining adoption by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electoral District Committee I will loyally  
support the Candidate/s Adopted by the Electoral District Committee and will not oppose  
such Adopted Candidate/s in any manner whatsoever and will not run in any capacity  
unless as an Adopted Candidate or a Legislative Election Candidate.”*

Signature Approved Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness’s Signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Witness’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This section to be completed by EDC Secretary:**

Date received by EDC Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Secretary EDC: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_