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- Government is effective if it is close to the people.
 - The individual **MUST** be the cornerstone of good government policy. Each persons liberty, ability, self respect and contribution to the economy must be recognised by a good government.
 - Freedom to carry on Commerce, individual initiative and incentives are unavoidable requirements for a resilient and viable economic system.
 - Government must operate a sound financial management system.
 - There must be equality and fair-play, regardless of tribe, creed, sex or religion.
 - There must be peace, freedom, a healthy environment and personal security.
 - We must invest in the child: Educate the child, feed the child, develop the child, and care for the child.
So that future generations may not suffer our present deprivations.
 - And their mothers. We owe the women a lot. We must provide opportunities for them to develop and achieve their optimum potentials.”

BOLA AHMED TINUBU

for

SENATE
LAGOS WEST DISTRICT



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SENATORIAL ASPIRANT FOR LAGOS WEST

Statement of Mission

With an overpowering depth of feeling for the perverted marginalization of my people, and being imbued with a burning zeal and desire to lead the crusade to reverse these long-term inadequacies, I, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, formerly present myself to you as an aspirant for the Senate House, under the aegis of our great party, the Social Democratic Party (S.D.P.).

Being the highest policy making body in the land, the Senate is not an all-comers choice. It is the seat of crucial decision-making; policy initiative and impaled checks on the executive tier of government. I have weighed all these attributes and being convinced that I possess the essential experience, charisma and forthrightness vital to functioning in this noble service class, I humbly place before you my aspirations.

Programme of Action

Tourism

The Ojo-Badagry Atlantic Coastline is acknowledged as one of the world's most beautiful scenic sights. Like Americans have done with Hollywood and Disneyland, a comprehensive programme to develop the vast tourist potentials of Lagos West will be embarked upon. Again, since this project would demand massive Federal Government funding, it is imperative that only a candidate with diverse skill and connections can successfully lobby and carry fellow law-makers in a concrete resolve to development this money-spinning sector. This task I pledge to do.

Industry

A nation is only developed if it is capable of translating industrial potential into concrete, feasible projects. For us in Lagos West, there is an urgent need to overcome our present state of industrial glint, borne out of a long-term marginalisation of the area. With primary raw materials drawn from the Coast and earth, the Lagos west terrain can successfully cater for a wide range of cottage, small-scale and tertiary industries. A recent survey in Lagos State showed that there are 1,337 manufacturing plants in the State, representing 5 per cent of Nigeria's industrial activity, some of which are not producing up to their normal capacity because of poor economic policies of our Government. In addition, these factories are forced to use Generators.

Of this number 1,200 plants or 90 per cent are located in the Lagos West Senatorial district. Lots of them are bankrupt and many may die soon. We have to fashion out policy that will help resurrect the industrial growth of the area. Furthermore, the industrial activities in this area call for urgent provision of proper infrastructure, pollution control and waste management. It is my cardinal objective that the proper climate is achieved to attract and promote new investments, as well as sustain the existing ones.

Trade And Other Economic Activities

It is traditional to associate a heavily populated terrain with a bubbling market atmosphere. While it is clear that our constituent LGAS-Agege, Oshodi-Isolo, Mushin, Alimosho, Ikeja, Ojo and Badagry are about the most populous in the state, it is equally true that inadequate development of the market potentials of the area continued to deny its residents the optimum wealth possible. A number of definite steps need to be taken:

- (1) The aborted Ojo-Alaba-Badagry ECOWAS Export Free Zone (EPZ) has to be resuscitated.
- (2) More Federal Grade Modern markets have to be built and commissioned
- (3) Adequate feeder roads and coastal craft links have to be improved to encourage movement of people and goods across the far flung areas of the zone.

Infrastructures And Rural Transformation

A lot of the areas in the Lagos West Senatorial district are rural and undeveloped. Like many other rural communities in our country, they are beset by problems of lack of support-infrastructure for subsistence and industrialization, viz: good road network, adequate land and sea transportation facilities, pipe borne water supply, appropriate recreational investments and affordable housing, banking and capital generating institutions. My tenure in the Senate will witness a drastic reversal of the existing situation for the better.

Social And Welfare; Education and Healthcare

A nation desirous of leaving the underdevelopment bracket has to invest in basic human services that would equip its citizens with the basic capacity to conceive plans and execute projects. In specific terms, there is no alternative to massive investment in knowledge-garnering via the process and soundness of body and mind through the provision of facilities for

(ii) the present dearth of infrastructure and enabling facilities for both strategic sectors is vigorously combatted and overcome.

Especially, it is expedient that another Federal Specialist Hospital be provided for the area to cater for the health needs of our mammoth population.

Considering the cost-involvement of building a new specialist hospital, upgrading the existing Ikeja General Hospital may be a more feasible option. This suggestion does not however foreclose the obvious need for a General as well as some cottage hospitals in the vast and diverse areas of the zone.

Federal Presence And Status Of Ikeja

Without doubt, Ikeja today is undoubtedly the least developed State Capital In Nigeria. Apart from the State Secretariat Complex at Alausa, there is virtually nothing to indicate that Ikeja is the capital-city of Nigeria's foremost state.

Part of the problem understandably is the mistaken consideration of erstwhile Federal Capital Territory of Lagos Island, Ikoyi and Victoria Island as "the essential Lagos". Now that the Capital has shifted to Abuja, Lagos State, and especially its capital must now be appropriately considered by its multiple cognomen as:

(i) A premier state in Nigeria (ii) Nigeria's foremost business suburb; (iii) A one-time Federal Capital; and (iv) a state on its own, with a capital city that requires massive Federal Industrial and infrastructural investments in order to be rid its "underdeveloped" tag. Federal Presence is about large-scale industrial establishments, durable Trunk A roads, befitting specialist hospitals, standard modern markets, and Federal Investment in Education, Water, Transport and other associated structures that build in the citizen, pride of national belonging.

Urban Housing

It is clear that our constituency has the shabbiest housing situation in the state. Now that the Federal Government has come up with a housing policy, I will bring my experience to bear on a programme of action that would make it easier for you to aspire to better housing. As a member of the premier law making body, I will spare no efforts in seeing that all obstacles to better housing are removed by:

(1) Advocating more public housing for the area. (2) Championing the review of the land use act, a law originally designed to prevent exploitation of the lowly and access to land for development purposes but has inadvertently enabled the government to deprive poor people of their land, with little development in sight. (3) A sustained lobby using all connections at my disposal to see to better town planning, provision of better sewage systems to reduce health hazards from a polluted environment.

How To Execute

No doubt many of these programmes outlined in this document can only be implemented on a Federal basis. Also, some of them would require substantial input from the state and Local Government tiers.

As a Senator of the Federal Republic (by your grace), I shall throw in all the experience and skill I have gained these past years as an active professional in the private and public sectors.

Making laws is one thing, implementing them is another. Being a time tested administrator, I know the ropes very adequately and shall commence setting up the relevant structures and links that would take the Lagos West senatorial district to the great heights where it should rightfully belong.

Long live the Lagos West Senatorial District

Long Live our Great Party the SDP

Long Live Nigeria