



CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR POLITICAL PARTIES CONTESTING THE GENERAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS 2025

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) recognizes the powerful influence that candidates and political leaders have on public discourse, as their words and actions have a particularly wide reach and resonance, especially through social media. As ERC, we aspire to create ways in which candidates and other political leaders from across the spectrum can agree on and voluntarily commit to standards of responsible leadership and behaviour during electoral processes.

As such, the Leadership and membership of the *undersigned political parties* hereby agree to uphold the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, with specific reference to the following articles and Acts:-

- 38G Public Service to be free from political influence,
- 146 Protection of the freedom of expression,
- 147 Protection of freedom of assembly, association, and demonstration,
- 149 Protection from discrimination on the grounds of race, etc.
- 160A Political parties prohibited from causing ethnic division,
- The Racial Hostility Act and
- The Representation of the People Act

and recognises that peace and public order, freedom of political campaigning, and compliance with the Guyana Constitution, electoral laws and regulations are essential and of paramount importance to the conduct of free, fair and peaceful elections.

In furtherance of the objectives, we, the leadership and membership of the *political parties*, declare and affirm:

1. Our Party opposes and rejects the use of any type of violence, ethnic or racial discrimination and intimidation, or plans of this nature during the campaign, on election day, and after the results are announced, and in doing so:-
 - Forbids the use of threats, harassment or tendency to commit acts of violence and forms of discrimination that might disrupt political rallies, meetings, gatherings, or elsewhere, or any other form of intimidation, including the use of violence and intimidation while political parties are announcing their activities, holding their meetings, gatherings, and rallies.
 - Forbids the use of threatening language, or language which incites people of one group to violence against any Candidate, Agent, member, or supporter of any other group.

- Forbids all actions aimed at removing, defacing, besmirching, obscuring, destroying, damaging, or altering any flag, banner, poster, notice, or other campaign materials of other Political Parties.
 - Forbids the use of intimidating behavior, threatening language, or violence on Election Day to frighten people from going to the polls to vote, or whilst they are in the polling stations, or leaving the polling stations.
2. Our Party recognizes and respects the rights of each Political Party, its Candidates, Agents, observers, members, and supporters to freely express and demonstrate their political views and to conduct lawful, non-violent activities in support of their objectives.
 3. Our Party opposes and rejects any type of intimidation, harassment, or tendency to commit acts of violence against media personnel while maintaining our Party's right to respond, factually, to any obvious and evident media transgressions.
 4. Our Party insists that its candidates, agents, members, observers, and supporters avoid behavior, including making speeches or statements, that promotes racial or ethnic tension or incites people to violence, and take appropriate steps to **prevent** public disorder.
 5. Our Party members and supporters are encouraged by senior party officials, both directly and indirectly, to refrain from any expression or action that may constitute hate speech or any form of racial or ethnic infraction, that may inflame public disorder.
 6. Our party will immediately condemn any form of hate speech or act of incitement made by our members or supporters and institute necessary corrective measures.
 7. Our party will ensure that all of its campaign contents and materials are validated and scrutinized for accuracy and accountability by responsible party agents.
 8. Moderators of our party's social media accounts will immediately remove any form of hate speech, whether in the form of posts, comments, videos, audios, or graphics.
 9. Our party will issue public service announcements to prevent and condemn any form of hate speech, incitement, and violence

In doing so we shall observe this Code of Conduct and report and bring to the attention of the ***Ethnic Relations Commission*** any such acts.

The Leadership and membership of *our parties* agree that our failure to abide by any of the provisions of this Code of Conduct may render *our parties* liable for breach of the Agreement, and necessary actions and sanctions would be implemented against *our parties* by the Ethnic Relations Commission in the said circumstances.

We anticipate in good faith that the ERC, in keeping with its constitutional mandate, will act with alacrity and diligently investigate and intervene to prevent such acts, protect the citizens, and ensure that the 2025 General and Regional Elections are safe, peaceful, and free from fear.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of our political parties, have hereto set our hands on this the *fifth* day of *August, 2025*, endorsing and affirming the provisions therein:-

NB: Parties are listed in alphabetical order and are subject to change following the release of the final Gazetted list of parties that will contest the General and Regional Elections 2025.

Name of Party	Name of Person(s) Signing	Designation	Signature
A Partnership for National Unity (APNU)			
Alliance For Change (AFC)	<i>Khensy Luythlen</i> <i>NICOLA TRETMAN</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>
Assembly for Liberty and Prosperity (ALP)	<i>E. Thomas</i>	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>E. Thomas</i>
Forward Guyana Movement (FGM)			
Horizon and Star Party (HSP)			
People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C)	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Executive Secretary</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
We Invest in Nationhood (WIN)	<i>Leshya Lowe</i>	<i>Candidate</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

In witness of

[Signature]

Shaikh Moeenul Hack,
Chairman of the Ethnic Relations Commission