

CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC)

VIEWS OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE AS EXPRESSED DURING THE 73 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND DIASPORA CONSULTATIONS.

BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

Constitution reform is a key and strategic part of Liberia's post-conflict recovery agenda which places emphasis on inclusive governance and the rule of law. This was manifested by the Administration of Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf when she established the Constitution Review Committee in August, 2012.

The Constitution Review Committee (CRC) has the mandate to review Liberia's current Constitution (1986) through wide-spread public participation and to develop proposals from inputs (views, suggestions and recommendations) generated from the public interactions and discourses as the basis constitutional for amendments.

In furtherance of the Committee's mandate to ensure maximum citizens participation, the Committee determined that the guiding principle for the review process would be Bottoms up Approach to gather views and suggestions from the citizenry to derive and formulate proposals and recommendations to amend the Constitution of Liberia.

The Committee also determined and resolved to conduct the review of the Constitution on critical milestones that would ensure legitimacy and confidence in of the outcome of the Review Process. The milestones adopted are:

- a) Organization and capacity building
- b) Public awareness on the provisions of the 1986 Constitution
- c) Civic Education
- d) Public Consultation
- e) Collating and Analysis of views/suggestions
- f) National Constitution Conference
- g) Presentation of Proposed amendments
- h) Legislative Action
- i) Publication of Gazette on Legislative approved Constitutional amendments and Public Education
- j) Referendum
- k) Final Report

The Committee commenced its work by holding organizational and introductory meetings with stakeholders, role players, Partners and Donors.

The Committee also engaged the National Legislature on the process and has over time continued the engagement with this august body by regular updates on the process.

CRC embarked on its Public Awareness Campaign through community outreach, distribution of copies of the 1886 Constitution, deployment of suggestion boxes, radio programs on (Liberia Broadcasting System (LBS), Liberia Women Democracy Radio (LWDR) and UNMIL Radio). The Committee also established a website (www.crc.gov.lr), a facebook page (www.facebook.com/liberiaconstitutionreviewcommittee), Email addresses (crc20132015liberia@gmail.com, constitutionliberia@yahoo.com) and 2 toll-free cell phone lines (1986- on Lonestar Cell MTN and Novafone) as well as Cellcom 0776305715 (not toll-free) to enable the citizens to call CRC and express their views about the constitution and the review process. During this awareness campaign, citizens began expressing their views and making suggestions on what they want in their constitution.

While this awareness was being conducted, CRC also held consultative meetings with Political Parties, Civil Society Organizations, Traditional Leaders and Chiefs in 2013.

In 2014, consultative meetings were also held with Women Organizations, Persons with Disabilities, Youths, and other government agencies with reform mandate which have constitutional implications.

These activities preceded the official launch of Civic Education by the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. J. Alex Tyler in February 2014.

In March 2014, CRC nationwide Public Consultations commenced.

The Committee conducted consultations in all of the 73 electoral districts in Liberia. Members of the Committee also conducted consultations with Liberians in the Diaspora in Ghana and the United States of America.

The formal consultations ended in May and the informal aspect continued in the counties. CRC commenced the sorting, collating and analysis of the views from June, as Committee members continued consultations in the Diaspora and views from within Liberia continued to come in. Unfortunately, the ebola outbreak intensified in the country in July and the government of Liberia declared a "State of Emergency". This declaration created/generated immense debate among Liberians on its constitutional implications and ramifications on the rights of citizens. Consequently, citizens began requesting copies of the Constitution from the Committee and also additional views from the public came in. Notwithstanding, CRC has determined that October 31 is the deadline for the receipt of views.

This document is a preliminary summary of views of Liberians expressed in each of the 73 electoral districts, consultative meetings with Political Parties, Civil Society Organizations, Women Organizations, Traditional Leaders and Chiefs, Persons with Disabilities, and Liberians in the Diaspora. Also included is a document conveying views of the Independent National Commission on Human Rights in collaboration with Civil Society Organizations.

Also contained in this preliminary summary is the initial analysis of views of expressed by the citizens on Liberia in the 73 electoral districts.

SUMMARY OF RECURRING VIEWS FROM THE FIELD

Our preliminary assessment of the views recorded from the consultations conducted reveals some issues which could be considered as proposals for amendment. They include:

- I. Reduction of presidential term of office from six years to four years.
- II. Reduction of senatorial term of office from nine years to six years.
- III. Reduction of representatives' term of office from six years to four years.
- IV. Private Property ownership should extend beyond the surface to mineral resources.
- V. Property owners on whose land mineral or natural resources are found should share the benefits accrued by government and to be part of the negotiations.
- VI. Persons of non-negro race should not become citizens.
- VII. Dual citizenship should not be accepted in Liberia.
- VIII. Dual currency should be abolished in Liberia; the Liberian dollar note should not be rejected as tear tear.
- IX. Vice President should not preside over the Senate in respect of separation of powers.
- X. Chief Justice should be elected.
- XI. Superintendents, commissioners, mayors, and chiefs should be elected,
- XII. Respect and recognition for persons with disabilities in the constitution as well as education and job opportunities.
- XIII. Election Commissioners should be elected and not appointed by the President.
- XIV. Concession negotiation should include local authorities and citizens where the natural or mineral resource is situated.
- XV. Constitutional provisions to prioritize Liberian participation in economic activities as reflected in article seven.
- XVI. Child's rights should be revisited as it ties the hands of parents to discipline their children.
- XVII. Traditional people should own their land and be a party to any negotiation with investors or concessionaires on said lands.
- XVIII. The Constitution should ensure women's participation in governance and national affairs.
- XIX. Liberia should be a Christian Nation.
- XX. Customary laws should be made constitutional

THE 73 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

BOMI COUNTY

Tubmanburg, Electoral District # 1

- I. Proposed Presidential tenure should be 4 years; Candidate should hold a Master's Degree; should be 40 years old and mature. Should own property of value and should be God fearing. Should have US\$100,000 in his/her account.
- II. Senator tenure should be 6 years and should be married and have US\$50,000 in his/her account.
- III. Representatives' tenure should be four years and should be married with US\$25,000 in his/her account.
- IV. Chief Justice should be elected for 4 years.
- V. The Constitution should allot space for women in the Legislature.
- VI.
- VII. Superintendent and Chiefs should be elected for 4 years.
- VIII. White man should not be allowed to have citizenship in Liberia.
- IX. There should be a two party system in Liberia.
- X. If a man marries a woman without having children, the properties should be divided into two parts when divorce takes place. The properties should be divided into three parts when there are children if divorce takes place.
- XI. Same sex marriage should be ban by the constitution from taking place in Liberia.
- XII. There should be no importation of voters during elections.
- XIII. No to same sex marriage.
- XIV. Public buildings shall be accessible to persons of disabilities.

Klay, Electoral District # 2

- i. No to dual currency.
- ii. No to dual citizenship.
- iii. No to non-negro citizenship.
- iv. Want Women's rights.
- v. Benefits of citizens from natural resources, especially from communities/counties from whence they are produced (50%).
- vi. Opposition to children's rights which causes indiscipline among children.
- vii. Establishing Elections Courts independent of the National Elections Commission to hear cases of irregularities, fraud, and other grievances.
- viii. Election of Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.
- ix. Vice President should not preside over the Senate in respect of separation of powers, among others.
- x. Return Liberia to a Christian Nation.
- xi. Government should take care of old people.
- xii. Ex officials of Government should be cared for after leaving office.
- xiii. Dignifying traditional leaders by providing vehicles for them.
- xiv. Creating Islamic holidays.
- xv. Providing scholarship for students.
- xvi. Providing good salaries and incentives to teachers.

- xvii. Re-enforcing and preserving Liberian cultural values.
- xviii. Reduction in tenure: President-4 years, Representative-4 years and Senator-6 years.
- xix. The citizens should have power to elect superintendents, city mayors, other local leaders and local chiefs.
- xx. Reduction in the number of political parties to four.
- xxi. Use of single currency as legal tender. Proposed Liberian currency.

Suehn-Mecca, Electoral District # 3

- I. Natural resources should be divided amongst Land owner, government and investor.
- II. Companies should employ qualified citizens from the locality.
- III. Tenure: President-four years; Senators-six years; and Representatives-four years.
- IV. Claims courts should be established to handle issues between government and aggrieved parties.
- V. Superintendents and local government officials should be elected.
- VI. Elections Commissioners should be elected by the people.
- VII. Chief Justice and Associate Justices should be elected.
- VIII. Disabled should be absorbed by companies.
- IX. Political parties should be reduced to three.
- X. There should be one currency (Liberian dollar) to be used in Liberia.
- XI. Illiterate persons capable of serving in the law courts should be hired with the assistance of interpreters.
- XII. Traditional or Vai Script should be used as the official language of Liberia.
- XIII. The constitution should be written in local languages.
- XIV. Corrupt officials should be audited, prosecuted and penalized.
- XV. Suggest that the nation remains a secular state to give rise to religious tolerance.
- XVI. Want Government to offer free compulsory education from pre-primary to secondary.
- XVII. Want the constitution to be taught in all government and private school systems.
- XVIII. Presidential tenure should be reduced from six years to four years; senators from nine years to six years; and Representatives tenure from six to four years.
- XIX. Chief Justice should serve for only ten years.
- XX. County and local leaders should be elected by those they govern.

BONG COUNTY

Botota, Electoral District # 1

- i. There should be stable prices; reduce taxes on commodities and all goods and services in Liberia.
- ii. That GOL establish vocational training centers in all government high schools within the Country.
- iii. There should be election of Local Government administrators by citizens within the local government areas.
- iv. Reduction in tenure: Senators 6 years; Representatives 4years and President 4years.

- v. Establishment of a Salary Commission for all government and private sector employees.
- vi. Revisit the motto on the Liberian seal to reflect all Liberians such as, “THE LOVE OF LIBERTY UNITES US HERE”
- vii. Freedom of worship; but let them know that this nation was built on Christian principles.
- viii. There should be better salaries, incentives and housing for teachers and health workers.
- ix. There should be only two or three political parties in Liberia.
- x. No to dual citizenship.
- xi. Only Liberian currency should be used throughout Liberia.
- xii. There should be free and compulsory education for all Liberians.
- xiii. Local authorities should be authorized to jail criminals or violators before turning them over to the proper authority.
- xiv. Capital punishment for those who kill others.
- xv. There should be traditional justice system practices like sassy-wood.
- xvi. There should be better incentives for civil servants and equal work for equal pay.
- xvii. Encourage standard dress code for all Liberians; violators should be punished.
- xviii. Return to old school system, which runs from March-December. Poro and Sandy bushes should be closed during the academic year.
- xix. Construction and rehabilitation of Farm to market roads.

Foloblai, Electoral District # 2

- I. Full implementation of the Revised Constitution.
- II. Access to equal justice and rights for all Liberians- rich or poor.
- III. Thieves should be held liable for stealing; not buyers.
- IV. Commissioners, paramount chiefs and Town chiefs should be empowered to arrest and jail criminals who violate the laws until said person is turned over to the Liberian National Police.
- V. Revisit the child rights Acts and make sure the children know the rights of their parents.
- VI. Reduction in tenures: President, 4 years; Representatives, 4years; and Senator, 6years.

- VII. There should be equal work for equal pay in Liberia.
- VIII. Capital punishment for people who kill.
- IX. Town chief should be paid better salary and given incentive because they are the first line of administration.
- X. Rubber Sales be restricted to Liberian Rubber farmers.
- XI. Stabilize price control over commodities on the Liberian market.
- XII. There should be decent dress codes for girls and boys; violators should be punished with 3 months jail terms.
- XIII. There should be no discrimination among Liberian; especially people with disabilities to work and obtain their own pay.
- XIV. Ministry of Agriculture should establish government farms in the 73 electoral districts to increase food production.
- XV. Reduce political parties to two in Liberia.

Gbarnga, Electoral District # 3

- i. Reduction in tenure of the President to 4 years; Representatives 4 years; and Senators 6 years.
- ii. Superintendents, Commissioners, Paramount, Town, and Clan Chiefs should all be elected.
- iii. Gay rights should not be tolerated in Liberia.
- iv. Reduce the number of political parties in the Country.
- v. There should be a capital punishment for murderers.
- vi. Better salaries and incentives for private and public school teachers, health workers, security personnel etc.
- vii. Asset declaration before contesting elective public offices.
- viii. No to dual currency; only Liberian Dollars should be used for salaries, taxes, incentives and other transactions, etc.
- ix. Annual Fiscal Budget should be in Liberian Dollars.
- x. There should not be dual citizenship in Liberia.
- xi. Review the Code of Conduct.
- xii. Special Court should be established for corrupt officials in Liberia.
- xiii. Reintroduction of the "Justice of the Peace Courts" in the Judiciary system.
- xiv. Land deed(s) should be signed and done by Counties Superintendents.

xv. People with disabilities should have a slot in the House of Representatives.

Zota, Electoral District # 4

- i. Reduction in tenures: President, Representatives and Senators should have a term of 4years each.
- ii. Election of Local Government Officials.
- iii. Re-visitation of Child Rights Act to include Parents' Rights.
- iv. Construction of Youth Training Centers throughout the country to enable youth leave the streets and be career oriented.
- v. There should be Government assistance to Farmers in the country to strengthen and increase food production.
- vi. Dual currency should not be allowed in Liberia; all foreign currencies should be controlled by the Central Bank of Liberia and regulated.
- vii. Abolish voters trucking.
- viii. Representatives should have farms within their electoral districts, and to mandatorily visit their farms and consult constituents during every agriculture break.
- ix. Teachers should be paid good salaries to help reduce corruption in schools.
- x. Customary laws should be made constitutional.
- xi. Create Conflict Commission for elections violation purposes.
- xii. Create Commission for Public Service Salary Structures.
- xiii. Reduce Political Parties to only two (2).
- xiv. Residency clause should be 10years within the Country.

Yellequelleh/Gbartala, Electoral District # 5

- i. The Reduction in tenures: President and Representatives should serve 4years and Senators 6 years.
- ii. Corrupt government officials should be prosecuted and if convicted, sent to prison.
- iii. There should be youth employment schemes and better pension/retirement packages.
- iv. Teachers and Health workers should be well paid and at their places of work.
- v. There should be no dual currency in Liberia. Liberian Dollars should be the legal tender.
- vi. All foreign Currencies should be kept in the Central Bank for international transactions.

- vii. Presidential aspirants should be former law makers; serving representative or senators.
- viii. That first preference is given Liberians for employment.
- ix. There should be equal distribution of the national wealth and social services.
- x. Stabilize/enforce price control in the country.
- xi. Companies in Liberia should provide better salaries and living conditions for employees, especially, good health care system, schools and secure environment for all.
- xii. Companies should fulfill their promises as per the agreement signed.
- xiii. That all schools have well trained Teacher especially in the leeward counties.
- xiv. GOL should know how to manage the crude oil found in Liberia.
- xv. Child rights should be revisited to maintain parental control.
- xvi. Dual citizenship should be eliminated.
- xvii. Election of Local government officials.
- xviii. Construction of vocational training institutes.
- xix. Corruption at University level should stop so that our children from the leeward counties will be able to attend universities within the Country. There should be no bribery in Liberian schools.
- xx. There should be a National Identification Card for the free movement of all Liberians.
- xxi. Aspirants for the position of President, Representative and Senator should have the minimum qualification of BSc.
- xxii. GOL should strengthen up the judiciary system in Liberia.
- xxiii. There should be Land reforms. Those having 200acrs of land should be reduced to 75 acres in order for citizens of the town or village to also have access to land too.
- xxiv. The adjudication of rape law in Liberia is too harsh for male offenders; some people tell lies.
- xxv. Local Administrators of the Counties should be elected.
- xxvi. There should be salary increments for chiefs, teachers, health workers and security officers to provide better living standards.
- xxvii. The Revised constitution should be Gender sensitive and guarantee gender equality.
- xxviii. Tenure for the President and Representatives should be 4years and Senators 6years.
- xxix. Construction of technical colleges throughout county districts in the country should be made mandatory.
- xxx. There should be standard set for wages and respect for labor laws.
- xxxi. Free education, furnished schools and trained teachers for all Liberians in Public schools in Liberia.
- xxxii. Capital punishment for murderers within the borders of Liberia.
- xxxiii. Child rights Act should recognize rights of their parents too.
- xxxiv. GOL should establish banks throughout the Country.

Salala, Electoral District # 6

- i. Liberia should be a Christian nation

- ii. Liberia should become a Federal State
- iii. There should be no dual currency in Liberia. Only Liberian dollars should be used as legal tender. All foreign currencies should be in the banking system and regulated.
- iv. Reduction in Tenures of elected officials; qualification for elected positions should be the following:
 - President: 4 years; age-45 years and US\$ 45,000.00 bank balance.
 - Representatives: 4 years; must be a college graduate; must own house in the District worth over US\$10,000
 - Senators: 6 years; must be a college graduate; must own house in the County worth over US\$10,000
- v. Establishment of an Independent Commission to determine salaries structures instead of the Legislature.
- vi. Election of Chiefs, Commissioners, City Mayors and Superintendents by the citizens of the county.
- vii. Election of the Chief Justice.
- viii. Capital punishment for murderers.
- ix. Local manufacturing of all natural resources found in Liberia.
- x. That women should have Equal Property Rights as their male counterparts.
- xi. People with Disabilities throughout the country should have rights to equal education, health and job opportunity.
- xii. Criminal facilitation should be changed and the doer of an act to bear full responsibility.
- xiii. Reduce Political Parties to only two in Liberia and 2 million USD to register a political party.
- xiv. There should be a dress code for all females and males in Liberia with violators to face punishment.
- xv. Child right should be revised to recognize the rights of the parents too.
- xvi. Legislators should have agriculture farms in their counties or electoral districts.

Fuamah, Electoral District # 7

- i. Want natural resources of the country to be used for the development of the area where it comes from.
- ii. Want elections for local leaders such as Superintendents, Commissioners, City Mayors, Paramount, Clan and Town Chiefs.

- iii. Want cabinet minister's families to live in Liberia instead of outside Liberia.
- iv. Do not want dual currencies. Want Liberian dollar to be the legal tender.
- v. Want presidential appointee(s) to have property value in Liberian Dollars.
- vi. Want protection of workers' rights to be made constitutional

GBARPOLU COUNTY

Bopolu, Electoral District #1

- I. Article 54 of the Constitution of Liberia should be revised. The proposed that the citizens of counties should elect their superintendents and other local officials to hold them accountable to them instead of the President.
- II. Article 22 of the Constitution of Liberia should be revised to give Liberian property owners legal rights to own mineral resources found beneath their lands and waterways on their land.
- III. Proposed that women should have the right to their husband's property.
- IV. Proposed that the constitution should contain provisions that will make government to take care of ex-government officials when they leave office.
- V. Proposed that the Chief Justice should serve for six years because there are other competent Liberians to serve also.
- VI. Proposed that there should be no importations of voters by politicians into a county where they do not reside.
- VII. Article 22b of the Constitution be revised to give Liberian property owners 50% of the resources found beneath their property.
- VIII. Article 50 should be revised to give the President a term of 4 years instead of six years.
- IX. Article 56b should be revised to empower the people to elect their superintendents, city mayors, commissioners, paramount, clan and town chiefs.
- X. Article 45 should be revised to give the senate six years term instead of nine years.
- XI. Article 48 should be revised to give members of the House of Representatives four years term instead of six years.
- XII. Article 61 should be revised to allow a president to be tried for crimes committed after leaving office.
- XIII. There should be one currency in Liberia as legal tender. The Liberian currency is proposed.
- XIV. There should be no dual citizenship in Liberia.

Bokomu, Electoral District #2

- I. On Article 22, they proposed that a percentage should be given to property owners of minerals found beneath their land.
- II. On Article 7, they have proposed that the constitution should have a provision that allows participation of citizens in whose territories mineral resources are found. In their words, anything pertaining to gold, diamond, a law should be passed that we should have equal rights in decision making.
- III. Want Article 45 to be amended to give the Senate six years term instead of nine years. Article 48 should be amended to give members of the House of Representatives four years instead of six years and Article 50 to reduce the term of President from six years to four years.

- IV. Women who are not legally marry but live in with their lovers should be entitled to share of properties acquired during the period of the relationship.
- V. There should be a one currency law. They proposed the Liberian dollar.
- VI. Article 50 should be amended to give the President a four year term instead of six years. Article 45 should be amended to give a six year term to members of the Senate instead of nine years. Article 48 should be amended to give four years to members of the House of Representatives instead of six years. **REASONS:** that he or she will be serious to ably lead or represent their people in order to be re-elected.
- VII. Article 22b should be amended to give 50% of mineral resources found under the land of owners be given to them while government takes 50% and be supervised by superintendents who will be elected by his citizens.

Gbarma, Electoral District #3

- I. Proposed that the President spends four years in office.
- II. Proposed that Commissioners be elected by citizens of the districts.
- III. Proposed that Representatives spend four years in office.
- IV. Proposed that Superintendents of Counties be elected.
- V. Proposed that Senators spend four years in office.
- VI. Proposed that public officials who wish to run for other public offices should resign.
- VII. Proposed that one person should not hold two positions at the same time.
- VIII. Proposed the tenure of the President be reduced to 4 years; representatives, 4 years; and Senators, 6 years.
- IX. Proposed that citizenship should not be granted to non-Negros.
- X. Proposed that Elections Commissioners be elected by registered political parties and Chief Justice be elected by the Bar Association.
- XI. Proposed that Superintendents, Commissioners and other local leaders be elected by their own citizens.
- XII. Proposed that all impeachment proceedings go through the Supreme Court of Liberia.
- XIII. Proposed that Liberian Citizens be tried in Liberia.

GRAND BASSA COUNTY

Owens-Grove, Electoral District # 1

- i. Doctrine of separation of power should be implemented-one should not overlap the other. The lower house should be headed by the Speaker and the Senate should be headed by the President Pro- Temp.
- ii. Article 30, needs to be revised that qualifications for members of both Houses should be, Representative, BSc. and Senator, MSc. the minimum.
- iii. Tenure of the Senator 6years; Representative 4years and President 4years.
- iv. Review the article which states equal work for equal pay.
- v. Article 30 and 34: let Representative and Senator have tenure limitation in the constitution.

- vi. Article 22b needs to be revised to let land owners have some share of the proceeds.
- vii. Only Liberian Dollars should be used on the Liberian Market and foreign currencies be placed in the Central Bank of Liberia.
- viii. Concession policy needs to be revisited; and let there be a provision that 50% of raw materials be transformed into finish goods in Liberia.
- ix. The tenure for Representative should be 5 years; the tenure for Senator should be 7years; the tenure for President should be 5years and 77 add c to this article that will force all political parties to have 30% women on their tickets.
- x. Let all court heads within the Republic be appointed by the Judiciary and not the President.
- xi. The president of Liberia should not commission Lieutenants of the Army; the Chief of Staff of the Army should do that.
- xii. Tenure for the President office should be 5yrs, Senator 7yrs and Representative 4yrs.
- xiii. All taxes should be paid to Central government in Liberian dollars.
- xiv. All vehicle registration should be done in the Counties.
- xv. Put stop to dual citizenship.
- xvi. All public officials who want to contest for another position should resign his/her post before contesting for said position.
- xvii. Let there be two parties system in the country.
- xviii. Working officials who want to contest for elected position should resign 3years before elections.
- xix. The Motto: LOVE OF LIBERITY BROUGHT US HERE, should be changed to "THE LOVE OF LIBERITY PUT US TOGETHER."
- xx. Citizenship in Liberia should only be given to people with black color.
- xxi. There should be election for local officials.
- xxii. Let Liberia become a Christian state.

Compound #2, Electoral District # 2

- i. The tenure for the President should be 4years; Senator 6years; Representative 4years.
- ii. Let the Constitution be taught in all schools in Liberia.
- iii. Let there be a reduction in prices of commodities.
- iv. All local government officials should be elected for 4 years.
- v. Let there be local government elections.
- vi. Let local leaders have a little bit of education at least (High school graduate)

Buchanan, Electoral District # 3

- i. The tenure for Senator should be 6years; President, 4years and Representative 4years.
- ii. Chief Justice and associate justice retirement age should be adjusted to 50years.

- iii. Qualification for public offices: President should have MSc.; Representative, BSc and Senator, MSc and above.
- iv. Let Chief Justice be elected by the Citizens of Liberia like the President.
- v. Let there be a National Identification card.
- vi. Let us use Liberian dollars only.
- vii. All county local administrators should be elected by their own citizens.
- viii. Article 27b should be revised to allow people of non Negro descent to become citizens of Liberia and you should consider Africans from the North and South to become citizens.
- ix. Article 59 should be revised to add capital offense.
- x. Paramount chief down ward should be elected by their own citizens.
- xi. Criminal Justice system needs to be reviewed.
- xii. Make a provision for people with disabilities around the country to improve their living standards.
- xiii. Reduce multi-party system in the country let there be 4 political parties.
- xiv. Capital punishment for murderers.
- xv. Let revenue generated within the county be used for that county.
- xvi. That there should be National Housing Estate for all Civil Servants around the country.
- xvii. Any aspirant wanting to become President, he/she should reside in the Country for 20 years.
- xviii. Let the Vice President go to the Executive Mansion because he/she comes from the executive branch of government.
- xix. Let the President Pro-Tempo take over the both Houses.
- xx. Do not accept dual citizenship.
- xxi. Let there be a seat for people with disabilities in the House of Representatives.
- xxii. Let there be a provision under article 27 for people who want to be naturalized to stay in the country for 10 years.
- xxiii. If the president wants to run again, he/she should resign 6 months before the time.

Gorblee, Electoral District # 4

- i. Let the vice president go to the Executive Mansion and the President Pro-tempore head the National Legislature.
- ii. There should be a Commission to determine salaries and incentives for all government workers including Legislature.
- iii. President tenure should be 4 years; Representative 4 years and Senator 6 years.
- iv. That electorates should have the power to recall their lawmakers for not performing.
- v. Let local county officials be elected at a districts and county levels.
- vi. That the Natural Resources be divided equally.
- vii. Article 27; let people of white color be citizens in Liberia.

- viii. If you are in power and want another elected position you should resign said position.
- ix. Article 6: government of Liberia should provide equal access to educational opportunities for all citizens. Because of this, the government of Liberia has violated said provision in this article of the constitution.
- x. The president should not have the right to dismiss county elected officials.
- xi. Let the government of Liberia give tribal certificate to the citizens of the county /districts.
- xii. Let those who kill be killed.
- xiii. Let there be three political parties in the Country.
- xiv. Let members of Supreme Court bench be elected.
- xv. Let county Administrators starting from Superintendent down to Town Chief should be elected.
- xvi. Reduce the Agriculture break for law maker is too long.
- xvii. Article 35: pronoun used in Article 35 be changed to His/her.
- xviii. Part of the preamble says cultural advancement. Let there be a provision in the constitution that will clearly tell us about our cultural identity or let us teach our children our culture in the various schools.
- xix. Let there be restriction to indecent dress code in Liberia and anybody who will violate such article should be penalized.
- xx. That nobody living in Liberia should reject the Liberia bank note whether it is mutilated or not.
- xxi. Let public officials who are in government resign if they want to contest any elected position within the Country.
- xxii. Let there be limit on Human rights and child rights acts in this country; these acts have damaged this country; children are not respecting their parents and so on.
- xxiii. Let all concession companies doing logging business in Liberia give percentage to the district and County apart from what they give central government.
- xxiv. Review the act of criminal facilitation for the doer of the act to be fully responsible.
- xxv. Set up corruption courts all over Liberia

Gio Town, Electoral District # 5

- i. Tenure for the President should be 4years; age qualification, 45 years; Representatives, 4years; age qualification, 35 years-age and Senators, 6years; age qualification, 40 years.
- ii. Let Elections Commissioners be elected by the citizens of Liberia
- iii. Let Chief Justice be elected by the Citizens of Liberia.
- iv. Let County Superintendent and other local county officials be elected.
- v. Let Central Government improve the Motor road system connecting different counties together in Liberia.
- vi. Let there be two political parties system in Liberia.

- vii. Let there be a provision to create a Welfare Commission for people with Disabilities.
- viii. Let the constitution be taught in all Liberian schools.
- ix. Anybody wanting to contest for said elective position should live in Country for at least 20yrs before he/she can be accredited by the Election commission.
- x. Superintendent and all local officials should be elected for 4years like the President.
- xi. Let there be a provision in the constitution to improve the Medical system in the County.
- xii. Let logging companies transport logs at night time.
- xiii. Let all chiefs within the Republic be placed on payroll.
- xiv. Any government officials wanting elected position should resign 6month before elections.
- xv. Let traditional midwives be placed on payroll.
- xvi. Chief Justice and Associates Justices should be elected by the Citizens of Liberia.
- xvii. Let us use United States Dollars.
- xviii. Let there be a decent dress code for all male and female Liberians.
- xix. Empower the Ministry of Agriculture to make government farms to increase food production.
- xx. Let there be elections for Cabinet Ministers.
- xxi. Anywhere Concession Company is, 75% of the inhabitants should be employed.
- xxii. Chief Justice should be elected for 7yrs.
- xxiii. Regulate price control in the country.
- xxiv. Bring back our traditional culture and practices.
- xxv. Article 72b should be adjusted from 70years to 60years.
- xxvi. Let there be four political parties in Liberia.
- xxvii. Let there be one general language for all Liberians.
- xxviii. Importers should not sell at retail price.
- xxix. Let there be traditional practices, especially Sassy-wood.
- xxx. This constitution should be Gender sensitive. This time around it should be his/her.
- xxxi. Bring the old school calendar year to run from March to December.
- xxxii. Create a Commission to take care of old folks including a social welfare program for old folks in all of the Counties in the Republic.

GRAND GEDEH COUNTY

Tchien, Electoral District # 1

- i) President should include women in the appointment of local government officials.
- ii) Tribal people should have a say in how their ancestral lands are given to investors.

- iii) Child rights should not disrupt the moral and cultural upbringing of the child.
- iv) Reduce all the tenure of elected officials to 4 years.
- v) The members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) should be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) All government workers should be paid in their place of work.
- vii) Rape should not be a crime between a husband and wife
- viii) Any public official, whether elected or appointed who is aspiring for an elective public office should be require to first resign his/her position.
- ix) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

Konobo, Electoral District # 2

- i) Suggested the Liberian dollar notes and coins to be made the only legal medium of exchange on the local market.
- ii) Presidential election should be rotational per county.
- iii)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- iv) Child rights should not override parental right to discipline.
- v) The reduction in the tenure of all elected officials.
- vi) Government should restore the Vocational jobs scheme.
- vii) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge in a complaint against it then is a party as it stands now.
- viii) Any government official convicted of corruption should be barred from holding public offices.
- ix) Women should be a part of all decision making processes.
- x) There should be no crime of rape between a husband and his wife.
- xi) Government should build an equipped clinic in each district to cater to the citizens.

Gbarzon, Electoral District # 3

- i) Constitution should give the citizens the power to remove their elected officials.
- ii) Want affirmative 30% women participation in government
- iii)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- iv) Child rights should not overwhelm the traditional parental right to discipline child/children.
- v) Reduce the tenure of the President/Vice President and Representatives to 4yrs and Senators 6yrs.
- vi) Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vii) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge and defendant in a complaint against it as it stands now.
- viii) Constitution should make same sex marriage a first degree felony.
- ix) Democratic election of chiefs will undermine the sacred sanctity of our culture, traditions and values.

- x) Bassa should be made the national language since none of our foreign neighbor speaks it.

GRAND KRU COUNTY

Behwan, Electoral District # 1

- i) Constitution should give the citizens the power to remove their elected officials.
- ii) Want affirmative 30% women participation in government
- iii) Child rights should not overwhelm the traditional parental right to discipline child/children.
- iv) Reduce the tenure of the President/Vice President and Representatives to 4yrs and Senators 6yrs.
- v) Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- vii) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge and defendant in a complaint against it as it stands now.
- viii) Constitution should make same sex marriage a first degree felony.
- ix) Democratic election of chiefs will undermine the sacred sanctity of our culture, traditions and values.
- x) Bassa should be made the national language since none of our foreign neighbor speaks it.

Barclayville, Electoral District # 2

- i) President should include women in the appointment of local government officials.
- ii) Tribal people should have a say in how their ancestral lands are given to investors.
- iii) Child rights should not disrupt the moral and cultural upbringing of the child.
- iv) Reduce all the tenure of elected officials to 4 years.
- v) The members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) should be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) All government workers should be paid in their place of work.
- vii) Political parties should be not more than four (4) and not less than two (2).
- viii) Any public official, whether elected or appointed who is aspiring for an elective public office should be require to first resign his/her position.

LOFA COUNTY

Foya, Electoral District # 1

- I. Reduction of tenure of elected officials.
- II. Election of local government officials.
- III. Decentralization of governance.
- IV. Property rights of citizens should extend to mineral resources.
- V. No to dual citizenship.
- VI. Only people of Negro Race should become citizens.

Vahun, Electoral District # 2

- I. A fair share of districts in national development agenda.
- II. The use of one currency as legal tender in Liberia.
- III. Reduction in the tenure of elected officials.
- IV. Decentralization of governance.
- V. Election of local government officials including chiefs.

Kolahun, Electoral District #3

- I. That administrative and operational structure of government be decentralized.
- II. That presidential appointment should not extend to superintendents and other local leaders; but through the people.
- III. That there should be reduction in the tenure of elected officials.
- IV. That property ownership of citizens should extend to mineral resources.
- V. That right of persons with disabilities be made constitutional. That right of old folks be made a constitutional provision.
- VI. That there should be an abolition of dual currency.
- VII. That the teaching of the constitution in schools and its distribution to the citizens be implemented.

Voinjama, Electoral District # 4

- II. That local government officials should be elected.
- III. That there should be reduction in the tenure of the President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives to four years each.
- IV. That citizenship should not be extended to white people.
- V. That dual citizenship should not be accepted.
- VI. That property right of citizens should be extended to mineral resources beneath their properties and in their waterways.
- VII. That there should be election of chiefs, superintendent, mayors, commissioners and that they should serve at the will and pleasure of the People and not the President.
- VIII. That Senators should serve for a period of 6 years; Representatives 4 years and President and Vice President should serve for 4 years.
- IX. That political parties be reduced to 2.

Zorzor, Electoral District # 5

- I. That provision should be made in the constitution that will prohibit the practice of Lesbianism and homosexuality in any form or manner.

- II. That provision should be made in the constitution that would empower citizens to elect city mayors, commissioners and superintendents including chiefs and elders.
- III. That there should be drastic laws in the constitution against murderers and punishment by hanging.
- IV. That laws which tie the hands of parents from disciplining their children should be abolished. They referred to human rights provisions and child rights which are causing their children to lose the sense of values and direction.
- V. That property owner should receive compensation from exploitation of natural resources found on their property and not to be disenfranchised as the current constitution permits.
- VI. That dual citizenship request should be denied and not form part of the constitution.
- VII. That the President and Vice President should acquire at least a BSc degree or above and property value to be placed at US\$25,000 or its equivalent in Liberian Dollars.
- VIII. That Senators and Representatives should have real property value of US\$10,000 or its Liberian Dollars equivalent.
- IX. That there should be reduction in the tenure of the President and Vice President from 6 years to 4 years; Representatives from 6 years to 4 years; and Senators from 9 years to 6 years...

MARGIBI COUNTY

Zeewhore, Electoral District # 1

- i. Want two political parties in Liberia.
- ii. Want chief Justice elected.
- iii. People with disabilities should be given position.
- iv. The presidential term should be 4years; Representatives 4years and Senators 6years.
- v. Election of local government officials.
- vi. Want ambassadors to be elected.
- vii. Let there be a decent dress code for women and to be enforced.
- viii. Revisit labor law of Liberia.
- ix. Government of Liberia should improve road conditions throughout the country.

Harbel, Electoral District # 2

- i. **Tenure:** President should be 4years; Representative 4years and Senator 6years.
- ii. Article 56 (appointed position) should be decentralized.
- iii. Article 91 (review it to meet present days realities).
- iv. Review and strengthen the judiciary system.
- v. Article 51 should be reviewed and let it be put into this constitution that a day be set aside for Liberia traditional culture.

- vi.** All persons of different races should be citizens of Liberia for development reasons.
- vii.** Let it be mandatory for the constitution to be taught in all school.
- viii.** Let Liberia be a Christian nation.
- ix.** Let the name Monrovia be changed to Ducor.
- x.** Article 56b should be revised to provide removal clause for chiefs.
- xi.** Let us have one Presidents' Day.
- xii.** Let there be a commission set up by the government to establish student loan and provide job opportunities for said program to pay back loan given to students in each electoral district.
- xiii.** Capital punishment for anybody who murders.
- xiv.** Article 50b&c: let it be known which currency need to be stipulated in this article.
- xv.** 10years residential clause should be removed.
- xvi.** Do not make white man citizen, because they will buy all of our land and we will have nothing left and we will be restricted in our mother land.
- xvii.** Let us have our cultural identity.
- xviii.** Child rights should have limitations and women rights should be respected and they too should know their traditional culture from which they come from in order to know their traditional values.
- xix.** Let there be two party systems in Liberia.
- xx.** Article 1 need to be revised. Let there be a provision in this article that the people who elected them should have the right to remove them.
- xxi.** Let there be local government elections from Superintendent down ward.
- xxii.** Let concession companies employ more Liberian citizens than foreigners.
- xxiii.** Restructure the Army and Police and give them better salaries and benefits.
- xxiv.** Let the Constitution abolish transporting voters from one district to another .
- xxv.** Let every county have university to give the citizens a better education suitable for appointment and selection.

Kakata, Electoral District # 3

- i.** Reduction in tenures: Senator 6 yrs, Representative 4yrs and President 4yrs.
- ii.** Election of local government officials by the citizens of local government areas.
- iii.** Let non Negro be citizen and they should have limitation in acquiring land.
- iv.** Election of the Chief Justice.
- v.** Liberia should be a Christian Nation.
- vi.** There should be one currency, which is Liberian Dollar.
- vii.** Article 10, of the constitution should be enforced.
- viii.** Representative should have at least BSc and Senator MSc.
- ix.** Representative should live in their various districts after election.
- x.** Land owner should have percentage in any resources found on or beneath the land. He /she should be given 25%.
- xi.** Let the University of Liberia be decentralized around the 15counties.

- xii. Review labor Law for employees and casual labor in Liberia.
- xiii. Let Concessionaire give 10% of the proceeds to residents of the areas where the concession operates.
- xiv. Child Rights Act should be reviewed and have limitation.
- xv. Rape complaints should be properly investigated.
- xvi. Equal protection of the law for all citizens; no matter the status.
- xvii. Article 83a should be review and be changed to November the second Wednesday during the election year.
- xviii. Let murderers be put in jail for life time.
- xix. Article 52 should be revised to add property value of 1million USD or its equivalence in Liberian Dollars.
- xx. Any man who rape and found guilty should be incarcerated.
- xxi. President Pro-Temp should be the head of Senate while the Vice President should be with the Executive branch.
- xxii. Motor vehicle registration should be decentralized.
- xxiii. Strengthen land Commission to help investigate land issues around the country.
- xxiv. Review the Rape Act. It is too harsh.
- xxv. Let people vying for the positions of Representative and Senator stay 4-5years in district/county before elections; should have property value of 350,000USD with cash of 50,000USD or its equivalence in Liberian Dollars.
- xxvi. Let there be a provision in the constitution to help people with disabilities around the country.

Larkay-Tay, Electoral District # 4

- i. Let there be decent dress code.
- ii. Let local government officials be elected by the citizens of the county or district.
- iii. Drug addicts should be put in jail for 10yrs.
- iv. Let there be a provision for better incentives for health workers in the districts/counties.
- v. Make provision for people with disabilities.
- vi. Let local government leaders be voted for.
- vii. Any resources found within a given locality. The dweller of such areas be given 30% benefit.
- viii. Let there be price control.
- ix. Let the constitution be taught in various schools.
- x. Child rights should have limitation.
- xi. Let there be President Day.
- xii. Let there be one National Language as our major speaking language.
- xiii. Tenure: President 6years; Representative 4years; Senator 6years.
- xiv. Let us use Liberian Dollars only on the Liberian Market.
- xv. Let's institutionalize our traditional culture/poro/sandy bush including other traditional learning systems of other tribes.
- xvi. Let there be vocational schools in the 73 electoral districts of Liberia.
- xvii. Let there be factories to process unfinished products in Liberia.
- xviii. Reintroduce old school calendar which runs from March –December.
- xix. Let government enforced decentralization policy.
- xx. Let colleges be built all over Liberia.
- xxi. Traditional laws should be put into the new constitution for amendment.

- xxii. Reintroduce Communal farming in the county by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- xxiii. All Commissioners of Liberia be given transportation allowances.

Worhn, Electoral District # 5

- i. All aspirants vying for elected positions should be a resident of that district.
- ii. Built high school in all electoral districts in the Country.
- iii. Tenure for: President 4years; Representative 4years; and Senator 6years.
- iv. Review child rights in the Country and it should have limitation.
- v. 25% of Resources found within any electoral district should be given to said district.
- vi. Enforce Article 10 of the 1986 Constitution.
- vii. Let there be County budgets.
- viii. Revisit the Judiciary system and let it have its own appointing power over Judges.
- ix. There should be a decent dress code for all Liberians.
- x. Human rights and child rights should have limitation in Liberia or be cut off. This is why our country is damaging now.
- xi. Let there be equal distribution of County development funds among the various electoral districts within that County.
- xii. Let local government officials be elected.
- xiii. The appointment in government between male and female should be 50-50.
- xiv. Do not accept dual citizenship.
- xv. Let us have agricultural machineries in the entire 15 Counties, to make large farming program.
- xvi. Let Liberia be a Christian nation.
- xvii. Let districts funds reach the district for development purposes.
- xviii. Let us promote two parties system in Liberia.

MARYLAND COUNTY

Harper, Electoral Districts # 1,

- i) The Liberian dollar is used as the only official currency for all business transactions and payment of all workers in both public and private sectors across the country and all taxes be paid in it
- ii) The Liberian money should not be refused on the market and termed as tear money.
- iii) There should be no dual citizenship in the constitution.
- iv) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- v) That those serving in any public office should resign before contesting another elective position.
- vi) The tribal people should own land and be a part of the decision making process that would give their ancestral lands to concessionaires, companies or investors

- vii) That private individuals and communities with deeded lands should benefit or share (percentage) in the proceeds from mineral resources found on or beneath their land.
- viii) The tenure of the President and Vice President be reduced from 6 to 4 years,
- ix) Representatives and Senators be reduced from 6 to 4, and 9-6 years respectively
- x) That Liberians be given first preference for employment opportunities
- xi) Chiefs and Traditional leaders be selected by traditional protocol and not by ballot voting or party politics so as to preserve the culture and customs.
Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

Pleebo-Sodoken, Electoral District # 2

- i) Chiefs and Traditional leaders should be selected by traditional protocol and not by ballot voting or party politics so as to preserve the culture and customs.
- ii) Affirmative 30% women participation in government
- iii) Child rights should not override parental discipline
- iv) The reduction in the tenure of the President, Vice President, Representatives and Senators from 6 to 4 years for President, Vice President and Representatives and 9 to 6 years for Senators.
- v) That members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- vii) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve a judge in a complaint against it and also as a party as it stands now.
- viii) Reduction of political parties to not more than two.
- ix) Traditional women should have property rights of their spouse and family.
- x) Any public official caught stealing taxpayers money should be barred from holding public offices.
- xi) Retail businesses should be reserve for only Liberians.
- xii) There should be no dual citizenship in our constitution.
- xiii) Investors in Liberia should be forced to open factory and provide jobs.

Barrobo-Karluway, Electoral District # 3

- i) That there should be no dual citizenship
- ii) That only natural born Liberians should be allowed to contest the Liberian presidency
- iii) That tribal people should be a party to any decision making process that surrenders their ancestral lands to concessionaires or investors
- iv) That private individuals and communities should benefit or share in the proceeds from mineral resources found on or beneath their deeded lands.
- v) That the tenure of the President and Vice President, Representatives and Senators be reduced from 6-4, 6-4 and 9-6 years respectively

- vi) That there should be one national language that is only spoken in Liberia that will be used as the official national language.
- vii) Disabled people should be given greater access to jobs and educational opportunities.
- viii) That the Liberian dollar be used for all transactional purposes in Liberia (Salaries –public and private, taxes).
- ix) That Chiefs and Traditional leaders be selected by traditional protocol and not by ballot voting or party politics so as to preserve the culture and customs of the tribe.
- x) That traditional women have inheritance rights to property from spouse or family
- xi) That anyone found of corruption should be barred from holding public office, whether elected or appointed.
- xii) That foreigners should not be allowed to do retail business
- xiii) That concession(s) operating in their county should recruit locals in senior management positions
- xiv) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

MONTSERRADO

Electoral Districts 1 & 2,

- i. Tenure of President should be reduced to 4 years.
- ii. Tenure of Representatives should be reduced to 4 years.
- iii. Tenure of Senators should be reduced to 6 years.
- iv. Decentralization of state powers.
- v. Election of superintendents and other local officials including chiefs.
- vi. Ownership of property should extend to mineral resources.
- vii. Vice President should not preside over the Senate in respect of separation of powers.
- viii. Constitution should be disseminated to the public and taught in all public and private institutions.
- ix. Whites should not be granted citizenship.
- x. Dual currency should be abolished.
- xi. Dual citizenship should not be accepted.

Electoral Districts 3, 4 & 5,

- i. Decentralization of state power
- ii. Election of members of the National Elections Commission
- iii. Liberian Dollars should be the legal tender of the Republic. Dual currency should be abolished.
- iv. There should not be dual citizenship in Liberia.
- v. Whites should be denied citizenship rights.
- vi. Superintendents and local officials should be elected.
- vii. Citizens who own properties should benefit from wealth found on their properties.

- viii. Reduction in the tenure of elected officials. President, 4 years; Rep. 4 years; Senators, 6 years.
- ix. There should be laws against same sex marriage and affairs in Liberia.
- x. Local leaders should be included in concession agreements affecting their counties, districts or chiefdoms.

Electoral Districts 6, 9 & 10

- i. Reduction in the tenure of the President from 6 years to 4 years; Representatives from 6 years to 4 years; and Senators from 9 years to 6 years.
- ii. Decentralization of state powers.
- iii. Election of superintendents and other local leaders.
- iv. Recognition and inclusion of physically challenged people.
- v. Dual citizenship should be denied.
- vi. People of non-negro race should be denied citizenship.
- vii. Constitution should be taught in all institution of learning and distributed free of charge by government.
- viii. Dual currency should be abolished. The Liberian Dollar should be the legal tender of the Republic.
- ix. Education should be free in Liberia.
- x. Vice President should not preside over the Senate.
- xi. Same sex marriage should be condemned by law.

Electoral Districts 11, 12 & 13,

- i. Superintendents and local government officials should be elected.
- ii. Property rights should be extended to mineral and natural resources and that owners of said properties should have a percentage of revenue generated from exploitation and should be a part of concession negotiation.
- iii. Dual currency should be abolished. There should be one currency.
- iv. Election Commissioners should be elected.
- v. Reduction in the number of Political parties.

Electoral Districts 7, 8 & 14

Presidential term of office should be reduced to 4 years.

- i. Representatives' tenure should be reduced to 4 years.
- ii. Senatorial tenure should be reduced to 6 years.
- iii. The rights of persons with disabilities should be respected and discrimination against them should be stopped.
- iv. Old folks should be cared for and former leaders of the Republic and their families should be cared for as well.
- v. There should be election of chiefs, superintendents, commissioners, and city mayors.
- vi. Concession negotiation should involve county authorities.
- vii. Property rights should extend beyond the surface to mineral and natural resources. Owners of properties should share in the revenues collected from investment.
- viii. The Government should give priority to Liberians in the economic development of Liberia.
- ix. There should be a rigid land law that will prevent double sales of lands.

- x. There should be no dual citizenship in Liberia. Whites should not be granted citizenship rights.

Electoral Districts 15, 16 & 17

- i. Vice President should not preside over the Senate in respect of separation of powers.
- ii. Presidential powers should be limited by electing superintendents, and other local officials.
- iii. There should be election of members of the Election Commission.
- iv. The National Election Commission should not preside over cases of electoral mal-practices, irregularities and other grievances resulting from the conduct of elections.
- v. There should be reduction in the tenure of the President from 6 years to 4 years; Representatives from 6 years to 4 years and Senators from 9 years to 6 years.
- vi. Property rights should extend beneath the surface and property owners should share in the investment of mineral resources found on their land.
- vii. Citizenship rights should not be extended to whites.
- viii. Dual citizenship should not be encouraged.
- ix. Persons of disabilities rights should be respected in terms of employment, education, and entry facilities at all public buildings.
- x. Constitution should be taught at all institution of learning in the Republic of Liberia and distributed to the public free of charge.
- xi. Same sex marriage should be condemned constitutionally.
- xii. There should be decentralization of state powers and governance.

NIMBA COUNTY

Ganta, Electoral District # 1

- i. Tenure for president should be 4years; Representative 4years and Senator 6years.
- ii. Election of local government officials.
- iii. Stop all Agriculture break for Legislators.
- iv. That Liberia remains a secular state.
- v. Lifetime imprisonment for any official of Government guilty of stealing state funds.
- vi. Cabinet Ministers should be elected as well.
- vii. That there should be a policy for loan scheme for Liberian students.
- viii. That there should be punishment for abandonment child/children.
- ix. Provision of jobs for citizens based on merit.
- x. There should be a capital punishment for murderers including witches.

Sanniquellie, Electoral District # 2

- i. There should be laws to solve land issues in the country. Government should pay all surveyors.
- ii. Capital punishment for people who kill and do witchcraft activities.
- iii. Reintroduction of Justice of the Peace Court into the Judiciary system.
- iv. Decentralize government ministries and agencies throughout the country for easy access to government functionaries.

- v. Government officials found transferring tax payer money from Liberia to another country should be sent to life time imprisonment without bond.
- vi. Do not touch the act creating Liberia as a secular state.
- vii. That the wealth of the country should be used for development purposes.
- viii. That Legislators' terms of office should be limited.
- ix. That the work of the traditional leaders should continue by performing its cultural activities throughout Liberia.
- x. The tenure for the President and Representative should be 4years and Senator 6years.
- xi. Equal salaries, incentives and job opportunity for all Liberians.
- xii. Members of the Judiciary system should be elected too.
- xiii. There should be no dual currency in Liberia.
- xiv. That Town Chiefs should be placed on Government payroll.
- xv. Let county development funds be distributed according to county populations.
- xvi. Election of Local Government officials.

Let us review human rights and child rights acts in order to go back to our old day's culture, wherein children used to respect their parents and people respecting each other rights.

Yekepa, Electoral District # 3

- i. Reintroduction of the teaching of civic in all Liberian schools.
- ii. Reintroduction of the old school calendar; honoring Holidays for students to know their importance.
- iii. That Concession Companies provide some set of benefits for stakeholders residing around the concession areas, like housing, good pipe borne water, electricity and good road network from towns found within the concessions areas.
- iv. Youth in concession areas should be given priority to education, health and security.
- v. Liberians should be a priority in any job employment within Liberia, not contracts.
- vi. Concessions companies should have factories to have some to the raw materials be made into finish products.
- vii. Concessions Companies should provide good healthcare system for its employees and citizens residing within the concession areas.
- viii. Want the signing of the decent work bill to be signed by members of the Legislature.
- ix. Let there be adequate free education for all Liberian school going age group.
- x. All aspirants wanting elected positions should have assets worth not less than US\$25,000.00.
- xi. President should be a Master degree holder.
- xii. Senator and Representative should have a minimum of Bachelor degree for said position and for any local government position; highest should be from high school down wall.
- xiii. The Bill pass on the labor law of Liberia be revised to reflect equal work for equal pay.

- xiv. Preference should be given to students who top the WAEC. Say no to cheating/corruption in academic system.
- xv. All Presidential aspirants must be former legislators and also who have worked at a local government level and educationally have a first degree.
- xvi. Put stop to dual currency in Liberia.
- xvii. That teachers should be paid better salaries, have good incentives like housing, social security and medical assistance for all.
- xviii. Let labor law be taught among employees and contractors in concession areas.
- xix. All Representatives elected should live in their various constituencies/electoral districts.
- xx. Taxes collected from citizens and foreign investor should be used for its intended purpose
- xxi. That there should not be any Agriculture break for Legislature.
- xxii. We want government to revisit Acelor Mittal concessions agreement for social benefits to the citizens.

Let there be equal rights and equal Justices for all Liberians.

Karnplay, Electoral District # 3/4

- i. Land reforms should be fully implemented which we are lacking of.
- ii. Change the seal motto: to; THE LOVE OF LIBERTY UNITES US HERE.
- iii. No to dual citizenship.
- iv. Teachers should have better salaries and incentives.
- v. The tenure for the Presidency should be 4years; Representative, 4years and Senators 6yrs.
- vi. Judiciary system needs to be revamped for the poor to have justice.
- vii. No dual currencies; all foreign currencies should remain in banks.
- viii. Decentralized the presidential power to local leaders and empower them with logistics.
- ix. Development fund should be distributed according to population.
- x. GOL should speak against snake society in Nimba County.
- xi. Town Chiefs should be on payroll.
- xii. Capital punishment for murderers who use juju and also criminals who kill.
- xiii. Give health workers better incentives and salaries throughout Liberia.
- xiv. Child right Act is creating problem for us Parents; let there be a limitation to child rights.
- xv. There should be no act for gay rights in Liberia.
- xvi. No man should abandon his family for another woman. If he does that, his property should be confiscated and be given to his former wife.
- xvii. Create banks in all districts in Liberia.
- xviii. Local people should be a party to the negotiation and signing of any Concession agreement.
- xix. Land ownership should be considered; especially birth right of local land owners.

- xx. There should be equal distributions of the National cake to all citizens in the country.
- xxi. There should be election of local officials.
- xxii. GOL should review all land deeds in the Country and County Superintendents should be authorized to sign all land deeds in the County, like what the President is doing now.
- xxiii. GOL Officials who embezzles should be punished to the letter.
- xxiv. Create Centers for persons with disabilities across the entire County; including districts.
- xxv. Small or big man who rape, should be dealt with under the rape law of Liberia.
- xxvi. There should be a stable price control on commodities.
- xxvii. The system of government in Liberia should be changed to a Federal State system.
- xxviii. All traditional midwives around the country should be paid locally by government.
- xxix. Rape law in Liberia is too harsh. Reduce punishment.

Buutuo, Electoral District # 5

- I. Reduction in tenure; President 4yrs, Senator 6yrs and Representative 4 ys
- II. Want road improved by government to the district
- III. Want stable currency the (Liberian dollars)
- IV. Do not want dual citizenship
- V. Want what beneath the land belong to the land owners
- VI. Want local leaders elected instead of being appointed by the President
- VII. Want local chiefs put on payroll
- VIII. Want local leaders audited for any project undertaking/for fund receive from government
- IX. Want government to provide provision for midwifery and put on payroll by government
- X. Want indecent dress code for Liberians/violators should be punish by the law or jail
- XI. Want child rights law abolished because of the disobedience parents are receiving from their children
- XII. Want improve security in Buutuo instead of just two police officers at the border where there is no court house and police stations
- XIII. Want government provide quality and better education
- XIV. Want girls/at the age of 16 to bear child/children instead of 18years
- XV. Want cabinet minister/s to construct housing units within their respective counties of origin
- XVI. Want duty free on local importer/s but taxes should be imposed on exporters
- XVII. Want government intervene to get back late father inherited land
- XVIII. Want government reduced line ministries including agriculture
- XIX. Want government control prices/decide goods prices on the local market
- XX. Want development decentralized
- XXI. Want police station constructed in Buutuo

- XXII. Do not want police taking bribe/money for cases
- XXIII. Wants magistrate court constructed in Buutuo
- XXIV. ant capital punishment for murderer/s or witchcraft/s
- XXV. Want government audit entrusted fund for development given to public officials/s
- XXVI. Want indecent dresser/s punish in accordance with the law
- XXVII. Want skill workers from other country/s to liaise with their local counterparts for job
- XXVIII. Want an amendment law for mining/miners
- XXIX. Want geo-balance employment within every sectors
- XXX. Want logistics for local authorities and security
- XXXI. Want government defend poor/indigent people
- XXXII. Want government restrict video clubs operation so as to enable children pay attention to their lessons
- XXXIII. Want child rights law repealed

Tappita, Electoral District # 6/9

- i. The tenure for the Presidency should be 4years; Representative 4years; and Senator 6years.
- ii. No to dual citizenship.
- iii. There should be at least three political parties in Liberia.
- iv. Land owners who do not develop their lands within the period of 10 years, the government of Liberia should resell the land for development purpose.
- v. Liberia should be able to produce her own staple food.
- vi. Representative should live in their district for 6months and go for sessions for another 6months.
- vii. Stop the use of dual currency.
- viii. Liberia should be a Christian Nation.
- ix. County development funds should be allocated based on population.
- x. All public officials should have farms within Liberia.
- xi. The transport union in Liberia should be dissolved and controlled by the government of Liberia.
- xii. GOL should establish 73 banks in all of its 73 electoral districts, especially Agricultural Banks.
- xiii. Local government officials should be elected by the citizens of the county.
- xiv. Tribal land issues are one of the major problems in Liberia/look at tribal certificate issues.
- xv. Reintroduce coins on the money market.
- xvi. Signing of land deed (public land deeds) should be transferred to the Superintendent of the County for his/her signature in place of the President of Liberia because it is hard to get the President of the Republic to sign over land deeds.
- xvii. Officials found guilty of corruption should be jailed and property confiscated, sold and said proceeds be put into national coffers.
- xviii. Teachers' salaries and incentives should be increased.

- xix. No to Agriculture break for the National Legislature and no to compensation.
- xx. Before qualifying a Court to be a Magisterial Court, Government of Liberia should provide two judges for that court.
- xxi. All taxes should be paid in Liberian Dollars- not USD.
- xxii. GOL should put stop to rental offices for its Ministries and Agencies.
- xxiii. Public officials who are appointed to government posts must have a property value of 20,000.00 United States Dollars or its equivalent in Liberian Dollars.
- xxiv. There should be a seat for persons with disabilities in the National Legislature and should also have the right to run for the Presidency.
- xxv. The Ministry of Youth should be headed by a Youth.
- xxvi. The Ministry of Education should monitor the activities of instructors throughout the Country.
- xxvii. Reside in Liberia 6-7years before contesting the presidency.
- xxviii. Government of Liberia should see reason to stop making village as City because of money making.
- xxix. The Government of Liberia should establish vocational schools within the 73 electoral districts (skill training) for those students graduating out of high school.
- xxx. Liberians should be given preference at all working places; not foreigner.
- xxxi. That nobody should refuse all Liberian dollar notes; be it rotten or mutilated.
- xxxii. Government of Liberia should provide job opportunities for all Liberian University/College graduates.
- xxxiii. Establishment of a Welfare Bureau throughout the Republic “for Welfare purposes”.
- xxxiv. Establishment of loan scheme for all Liberians willing to do business.
- xxxv. Provide job opportunity for all Liberians and Government should be nationalistic on that.
- xxxvi. Teaching of the constitution in all public and private school operating within the Republic of Liberia.
- xxxvii. All elected public officials children should do their primary and secondary education at the district level and seek highest education in the capital city of the county.
- xxxviii. Capital punishment for murderers.

Bahn, Electoral District # 7

- i. Land reforms should be fully implemented which we are lacking of.
- ii. Change the seal motto: to; THE LOVE OF LIBERTY UNITES US HERE.
- iii. No to dual citizenship.
- iv. Teachers should have better salaries and incentives.
- v. The tenure for the Presidency should be 4years; Representative, 4years and Senators 6yrs.
- vi. Judiciary system needs to be revamped for the poor to have justice.
- vii. No dual currencies; all foreign currencies should remain in banks.
- viii. Decentralized the presidential power to local leaders and empower them with logistics.
- ix. Development fund should be distributed according to population.

- x. GOL should speak against snake society in Nimba County.
- xi. Town Chiefs should be on payroll.
- xii. Capital punishment for murderers who use juju and also criminals who kill.
- xiii. Give health workers better incentives and salaries throughout Liberia.
- xiv. Child right Act is creating problem for us Parents; let there be a limitation to child rights.
- xv. There should be no act for gay rights in Liberia.
- xvi. No man should abandon his family for another woman. If he does that, his property should be confiscated and be given to his former wife.
- xvii. Create banks in all districts in Liberia.
- xxviii. Local people should be a party to the negotiation and signing of any Concession agreement.
- xix. Land ownership should be considered; especially birth right of local land owners.
- xx. There should be equal distributions of the National cake to all citizens in the country.
- xxi. There should be election of local officials.
- xxii. GOL should review all land deeds in the Country and County Superintendents should be authorized to sign all land deeds in the County, like what the President is doing now.
- xxiii. GOL Officials who embezzles should be punished to the letter.
- xxiv. Create Centers for disabilities across the entire County; including districts.
- xxv. Small or big man who rape, should be dealt with under the rape law of Liberia.
- xxvi. There should be a stable price control on commodities.
- xxvii. The system of government in Liberia should be changed to a Federal State system.
- xxviii. All traditional midwives around the country should be paid locally by government.
- xxix. Rape law in Liberia is too harsh. Reduce punishment.

Saclepea, Electoral District # 7

- i.** There should be good water system and road for the country.
- ii.** Witches should be penalized and put into jail for 50years.
- iii.** The tenure for President should be 4years; Representative 4years and Senator 6years.
- iv.** There should be no dual currency in Liberia; use only Liberian Dollar. All foreign currencies should remain in the banks.
- v.** There should be a provision to discourage mob Justice.
- vi.** Create good health facilities and pay health workers good salaries and better incentives in the county.
- vii.** Everyone in Liberia should accept the Liberian Bank Note- be it dirty or damage. Do as Guinean do.
- viii.** All Town Chiefs in Liberia should be placed on payroll.
- ix.** Review the child rights act to improve child and parent relationship and the rights of the parents too. Because the Bible says, children respect your parent so you may live long.
- x.** Capital punishment for those guilty of murder.
- xi.** Article 32b; should carry Him /her.

- xii.** All local government administrators should be elected.
- xiii.** Government of Liberia should provide student loan for all active university students at the state run University of Liberia (UL).
- xiv.** Reintroduction of coins for exchange on the Liberian Market. (Liberian Coins).
- xv.** There should be municipal elections.
- xvi.** County development funds should be distributed based on county populations.
- xvii.** Change the seal of Liberia motto: "THE LOVE OF LIBERTY IS WHY WE ARE HERE".
- xviii.** Let there be good salary structures for all Liberian teachers and security personnel both private and public schools operating in Liberia based on qualification and better incentives like housing facilities so that Liberia can be improved like that of Ghana, Ivory Coast and Nigeria.
- xix.** Decent Dress code for all Liberian; these days dress code for Liberian especially females do not represent us as Liberians.
- xx.** That all 73 electoral districts in Liberia should have good high school laboratories and Libraries for students in that district.
- xxi.** There should be no friendship in job placement (nepotism).
- xxii.** Central Bank should have branches in the various Counties.
- xxiii.** Local manufacture of raw materials into finished goods for the Liberian Market before exporting such raw materials to create more job opportunities for Liberians.
- xxiv.** That land owners who have tribal land deed or deeds should have 50% as benefit from any natural resources found above and beneath said property.

Flumpa, Electoral District # 8

- i. All Town Chiefs should be placed on payroll in the Country.
- ii. That government should provide job opportunities/vacation jobs for high school graduates and internship for those graduating from various Universities/Colleges within Liberia.
- iii. That all Liberian farmers should be given subsidy to farm.
- iv. No foreigner should do businesses that are intended for Liberians.
- v. That any man and woman living together for the period of 5yrs. be considered automatically married under the law of Liberia.
- vi. That Teachers should be paid better salaries and with good incentives.
- vii. Witchcraft who confess that he/she did the act of killing someone, should be found guilty and send to jail for life time imprisonment without a bond.
- viii. All aspirants contesting for the offices of, President, Representative, Senator or other elected positions in government, should declare his /her asset.
- ix. That the child/Children rights should know the rights of their parents too.
- x. Let the nation wealth be divided according to county populations.
- xi. Only Liberians should do retail business in Liberia not foreigner. If foreigner want to do retail business in Liberia, that business should be operated by Liberian starting from the position of a Manager downward.
- xii. Liberian women should have the right to public offices in terms of employment.

- xiii. Let Commissioner, Clan Chief, Paramount Chief and General Town Chief be given the chance to handle cases and the power to prosecute criminal before turning them over to the relevant Central Government authority as required.
- xiv. Land cases, should be judge with the owner and the local Town Chief of the Town.
- xv. Let all elected positions such as the President, Representative, and Senator tenure be 4yrs.
- xvi. Concessions Company operating in Liberia should only or mostly employ Liberians in order to create good job opportunities for all working age Liberian citizens.
- xvii. Customary land ownership should be directly beneficiaries of said land.
- xviii. Any natural resources found beneath one own land, 50% percent should be given to the land owner.
- xix. Enforcement of Labour laws.
- xx. Use only Liberian dollars on the Liberian market; all foreign currencies remain at the banks.
- xxi. Concessions companies operating in Liberia should first of all identify with the locals of that areas before government sign any agreement.
- xxii. Let all raw materials in Liberia be put as finish goods by building factories in Liberia.
- xxiii. All resources found beneath the land owned by a person having a land deed, such person, government should be to divide the percentage of 50/50 with said owner.
- xxiv. Rights of persons with disabilities be in the Constitution.
- xxv. Voters trucking should warrant immediate denial to participate in elections.
- xxvi. Election of Local government officials.
- xxvii. Make provision for scholarship and job opportunities and housing for people with disabilities.
- xxviii. Let those that steal be dealt with not the buyer/receiver.
- xxix. There should be stable price control in the selling and buying of rubbers at a local level from farmer within Liberia.
- xxx. Traditional midwives should have pay and incentives.
- xxxi. Rape law in Liberia should be visited.
- xxxii. Let GOL build more schools throughout Liberia for all Liberian children.
- xxxiii. Capital punishment for murderers.
- xxxiv. The tenure for President 4yrs. Representative 4yrs. and Senator 6yrs.

RIVERCESS COUNTY

Bodowhea Town, Electoral District # 1

- i. The Chief Justice should be elected for 4 years by the citizens of Liberia.
- ii. The associate Justices should be appointed by the Chief Justice.

- iii. The tenure for Senator should be 6years; President 4years and Representative 4years.
- iv. Superintendent down ward should be elected by their own citizens.
- v. Review the fundamental human rights act.
- vi. Build colleges and universities all over Liberia.
- vii. Chief of Staff of the Army and the President should not come from the same county.
- viii. Let there be a decent dress code for all Liberians.
- ix. Minister and County officials contesting for any elected position should resign 2yrs before elections are held.
- x. Reduce child rights Acts within the Republic of Liberia; let there be limitation to that act.
- xi. Let the teachers' pay come direct to them in the classroom.
- xii. Those contesting for higher offices should have National Identity.
- xiii. Place Town Chief on payroll because they are the first point of contact.
- xiv. All government officials and employees working at county level should be paid within their respective places of work.
- xv. All local county authorities at district level should know how to read and write.
- xvi. That there should be dual currency in Liberia. Let us use Liberian Dollars only.
- xvii. Let us go back to our traditional practices to enable us know our culture.
- xviii. Review the probate court act because it is the probate court that deals with Land issues in the country.
- xix. We do not want white people becoming citizens in Liberia.
- xx. Let probate court signed land deed instead of the President because access to the president is very difficult.
- xxi. Let teachers have a better pay and incentives.
- xxii. Empower youth of various districts within the Republic of Liberia through vocations skill training programs.
- xxiii. There should be a provision for decent dress code with punishment for violators.
- xxiv. Let there be two political parties.
- xxv. There should be no Gay marriage in this country.
- xxvi. Let there be a seat in the national legislature for people with disabilities.
- xxvii. Let Liberia be considered a Christian nation.
- xxviii. Qualifications: Representative at least High School graduate; Senator should have at least a BSc.

Cestos, Electoral District # 2

- i. Let there be two party systems in Liberia.
- ii. The vice president is part of the Executive Branch therefore should go back to the Executive.
- iii. This article 57, let the pronoun be he /she in this article not "He" alone.
- iv. That the constitution should protect widows after their husbands died.

- v. Improve the Judiciary system for equal access to Justice and a speedy trial of cases.
- vi. There should be local government election in all of the 15 counties of Liberia.
- vii. The tenure for the President should be 4years; Representative 4years and Senator 4years, and not more than two terms.
- viii. Provide stipend for Town Chief or salary.
- ix. Let CRC be autonomous agency that will have a skeleton staff to remain very active.
- x. Let there be Gender equality in term of membership in both Houses of the Legislature.
- xi. Let there be vocation education institutions in all electoral districts for those who don't want to go to academic school.
- xii. Child right and Human right: review these acts that created them in order for the child to have respect for the parents and also to know their limits towards their parents.
- xiii. Open up citizenship to other nationals.
- xiv. Art 22b: add to this article that a percentage go to the owners if any resources found in their district and let 50% go to the central government and 50% to the dwellers of that area.
- xv. Article 52: review this article/clause. Let the law cover everybody and not exclude law makers. Let the law take its course. Because according to the constitution, everybody is equal under the law.
- xvi. That all companies operating in Liberia should establish factories here.
- xvii. Any government official who is corrupt should not run for any public office throughout the Republic of Liberia and such person property (ies) should be taken away from him/her.
- xviii. Let there be one currency (that is the Liberian dollars).
- xix. Article 70b: retirement age for both Chief Justice and Associates Justices should be not more than 65years.
- xx. Any aspirant wanting to run for public offices should resign.
- xxi. Article 10 should be taken into serious consideration by enforcing it.
- xxii. Let there be Women Rights.
- xxiii. There should be a provision for a seat in both houses of the legislature for disable people.
- xxiv. Before any Representative runs for the position of Senator, he/she should stay in his/her present position until said tenure is over.
- xxv. Once you are civil servant and you die, you should be given a state buried too.
- xxvi. Let all tribal certificates be signed in a large citizen meeting that will involve youth and women group and let them be signatories to said document.
- xxvii. That contempt power be taken from the legislature and be given to the Judiciary, because it is the branch that interprets the law.
- xxviii. Anyone wanting to become President should not have dual citizenship.

- xxix.** That only Liberians should be employed and should have office in concessional areas.

RIVER GEE COUNTY

Fish Town, Electoral District # 1

- i) President should include women in the appointment of local government officials.
- ii) Tribal people should have a say in how their ancestral lands are given to investors.
- iii) Child rights should not disrupt the moral and cultural upbringing of the child.
- iv) Reduce all the tenure of elected officials to 4 years.
- v) The members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) should be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) All government workers should be paid in their place of work.
- vii) Political parties should be not more than four (4) and not less than two (2).
- viii) Any public official, whether elected or appointed who is aspiring for an elective public office should be require to first resign his/her position.
- ix)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

Tuobo-Gbarweleken, Electoral District # 2

- i) Suggested the Liberian dollar notes and coins to be made the legal medium of exchange on the local market.
- ii) Presidential election should be rotational per county.
- iii) Child rights should not override parental right to discipline.
- iv) The reduction in the tenure of all elected officials.
- v) Government should restore the Vocational jobs scheme.
- vi) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge in a complaint against it then is a party as it stands now.
- vii) Reduction of political parties to not more than two.
- viii) Women should be a part of all decision making processes.
- ix) There should be no crime of rape between a husband and his wife.
- x) Government should build an equipped clinic in each district to cater to the citizens.
- xi)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

Karnweaken, Electoral District # 3

- i) Constitution should give the citizens the power to remove their elected officials.
- ii) Want affirmative 30% women participation in government
- iii) Child rights should not overwhelm the traditional parental right to discipline child/children.

- iv) Reduce the tenure of the President/Vice President and Representatives to 4yrs and Senators 6yrs.
- v) Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge and defendant in a complaint against it as it stands now.
- vii) Constitution should make same sex marriage a first degree felony.
- viii) Democratic election of chiefs will undermine the sacred sanctity of our culture, traditions and values.
- ix) Bassa should be made the national language since none of our foreign neighbor speaks it.
- x) Disabled people should be given greater access to economic opportunities.
- xi) There should regional supreme courts save the people time and expenses.
- xii) Foreigners should not be allow to do retail businesses
- xiii) All government workers should be paid in their place of work to spare them the stress and expenses to get their pay elsewhere.
- xiv) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

SINOE COUNTY

Greenville, Electoral District # 1

- i) Constitution should give the citizens the power to remove their elected officials.
- ii) Want affirmative 30% women participation in government
- iii) Child rights should not overwhelm the traditional parental right to discipline child/children.
- iv) Reduce the tenure of the President/Vice President and Representatives to 4yrs and Senators 6yrs.
- v) Members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge and defendant in a complaint against it as it stands now.
- vii) Constitution should make same sex marriage a first degree felony.
- viii) Democratic election of chiefs will undermine the sacred sanctity of our culture, traditions and values.
- ix) Bassa should be made the national language since none of our foreign neighbor speaks it.
- x) Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)

Juarzon/Bilibokree, Electoral District # 2

- i) President should include women in the appointment of local government officials.

- ii) Tribal people should have a say in how their ancestral lands are given to investors.
- iii) Child rights should not disrupt the moral and cultural upbringing of the child.
- iv) Reduce all the tenure of elected officials to 4 years.
- v) The members of the Board of Commissioners of the National Elections Commissions (NEC) should be voted for to guarantee their independence.
- vi) All government workers should be paid in their place of work.
- vii)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- viii) Political parties should be not more than four (4) and not less than two (2).
- ix) Any public official, whether elected or appointed who is aspiring for an elective public office should be require to first resign his/her position.

Government Camp, Electoral District # 3

- i) Suggested the Liberian dollar notes and coins to be made the legal medium of exchange on the local market.
- ii) Presidential election should be rotational per county.
- iii) Child rights should not override parental right to discipline.
- iv) The reduction in the tenure of all elected officials.
- v) Government should restore the Vocational jobs scheme.
- vi) Establishment of a special court to adjudicate election matters because NEC can't serve as a judge in a complaint against it then is a party as it stands now.
- vii) Reduction of political parties to not more than two.
- viii) Women should be a part of all decision making processes that affect their community and their wellbeing.
- ix)** Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Trial by Ordeal-Sassy wood)
- x) Reduce all the tenure of elective public offices from 6yrs to 4yrs and from 9yrs to 6yrs.
- xi) Tribal chiefs should be selected through traditional protocols and processes so as to preserve the culture and value system of the tribe.
- xii) A husband should not be charge with the rape of his wife

STAKEHOLDERS PROPOSALS:

a. REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES

National Elections Commission:

- I. Political parties, civil society organizations and religious groups shall recommend nine names to the President from which seven commissioners shall be appointed. They shall serve for five years and shall be limited to two terms of office.
- II. The minimum bank balance for political parties shall be US\$500.00 in addition to assets.
- III. All other fees that were certified by the new elections law shall remain the same.
- IV. The day of elections shall be the first Tuesday in November of the election year.
- V. An election court shall be constituted to adjudicate all electoral disputes.
- VI. The National Elections Commission shall have financial autonomy.
- VII. There shall be state funding for all political parties in Liberia.
- VIII. Voters' registration shall be done twice prior to the holding of presidential and general elections.
- IX. The NEC Commissioners shall be removed from office for proven cause.

Qualification:

Requirements for electable offices for the presidency, vice presidency, senators and representatives

- I. AGE: in order for a person to be qualified to contest for the presidency, vice presidency, senate and representative, he or she must attain the age of 35 years.
- II. In order for a person to be qualified to contest the positions of president or vice president, the parents shall have been Liberians at the time of the candidate's birth with his or her parents belonging to one of the tribes, clans, chiefdom, provided that descendants of Liberians of Americo-Liberian settlers who can trace their roots will not be disenfranchised.
- III. That citizenship is fully maintained.
- IV. Resident in the Republic 10 years prior to his/her elections provided that the president and vice president are not from the same county and region of the country.

Citizenship:

- I. That Article 27a of the Constitution remains as it is. (consensus)
- II. That Article 27b remains as it is. (Derived by vote: 11 for; 3 against.)
- III. That Article 27 remains as it is. (Consensus).
- IV. That Article 28 remains as it is. (Consensus)
- V. Dual citizenship refusal is made constitutional.
- VI. There should be penalty for those who practice dual citizenship.

Decentralization:

- I. Article 54d: superintendent, district commissioners, paramount and clan chiefs shall be elected.

- II. Article 56b: the removal of local administrations shall be done through special petition by eligible voters in their own localities, and not by the President and/or Legislature considering the process.
- III. Article 54c, the Supreme Court: The Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall appoint the Court Marshal, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other court officers.

Land Ownership:

- I. Article 22a should be amended to reflect customary ownership of land.
- II. Article 22b: land owner should have the right to benefit from any mineral resources found beneath or on the land. 5% should be given to owner of said land.
- III. Article 22c&d should remain as it is since its provision protects the Republic of Liberia.

Integrity in Government:

Article 5c: The Republic shall take steps, by appropriate legislation and executive orders, to eliminate sectionalism and tribalism, and such abuses of power as the misuse of government resources, nepotism and all other corrupt practices.

- I. The President shall not appoint more than two of his/her relatives to public positions in the Executive Branch or other branches of Government.
- II. No public official shall appoint a relative in the institution which he/she supervises.
- III. The President shall not appoint more than two members of the same ethnic background to senior ministerial positions.
- IV. No person convicted for acts of corruption under the laws of Liberia shall be appointed to public position.
- V. The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission shall be given constitutional powers to immediately prosecute persons accused of corruption after investigation. The accused should be removed from office while prosecution is going on.
- VI. Any public official accused of acts of exploitation be it sexual or financial should be immediately dismissed from office.
- VII. The General Services Agency should be given constitutional mandate to recommend for prosecution persons accused or caught misusing government assets.

b. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS-CSOs

Currency:

- I. Article 34d: The power of the Legislature to issue currency and mint coins should be change. The Legislature should give approval to the Central Bank of Liberia to print Liberian currency and mint coins.
- II. Abolish dual currency and recognize only Liberian currency and coins.
- III. All financial transaction should be made in Liberian currency (payment of salaries, toll, taxes etc.).
- IV. Mutilated notes whose numbers are recognizable should be accepted on the market.

Qualification:**Age**

- I. Presidency, 35 years
- II. Senator, 35 years
- III. Representatives, 30 years
- IV. The above must be of good moral character

Property Value:

- I. Presidency, LD\$1,000,000,000.00
- II. Senator, LD\$500,000.00
- III. Representatives, LD\$400,000.00

Land:

- I. No person should occupy a land space for more than ten years without developing it. It should be given to another who is prepared to develop it.
- II. No citizen should own more than 5 acres of city or town lot.
- III. All land issue should be handled by one government agency.
- IV. No citizen should own more than 25 acres of land especially for farming purposes.
- V. Every mineral resource found on or under a private property or community, town, or village, owners should be a part of the concession negotiation and should be given 15% of the revenues accrued.
- VI. Any land owner found selling a parcel of land to more than one person should attract a penalty of 15 years.
- VII. Article 22c & d should remain as it is because it protects the citizens.

Citizenship:

- I. Any person becoming a citizen must have an origin/settlement in Liberia,
- II. Any person becoming citizen through naturalization must live in Liberia for at least six years.
- III. Any person becoming citizen by birth or naturalization must deny his/her citizenship of any country in the world.
- IV. Any person appointed to position must be citizen by birth.
- V. All persons eligible for elected position must be natural born citizens.

Tenure:

- I. Presidential term of office should be reduced from six to four years.
- II. Senator term of office should be reduced from nine years to six years.
- III. Representative term of office should be reduced from six years to four.
- IV. Chieftaincy term of office should be reduced to four years.

Economic and Social Rights:

- I. Health practitioners, government employees, and citizens trained by government should sign M.O.U. with Government and should be allowed to render all necessary services and government should provide good housing facilities and salaries.
- II. Salaries of teachers trained by government should be increased so as to promote quality education.
- III. Government should provide good budget allocation for sanitation and hygiene.

- IV. Government should decentralize the promotion of equal access to educational opportunities amongst its citizens.
- V. Government should provide salaries within the 15 counties.
- VI. Every social corporate responsibility must be paid into the counties account.
- VII. Government should provide needed career development to its citizens.
- VIII. Government should support Liberians in their field of specialization.
- IX. Government should improve health facilities and job security.
- X. Government should improve basic social welfare.
- XI. Government should improve budget allocation for old folks home and mentally challenged.
- XII. Government should provide free compulsory and quality education for all Liberians.
- XIII. Government should teach the constitution in all institutes of learning (primary, secondary, and university).
- XIV. Government should prioritize its citizens in all of its economic sectors.
- XV. Government should improve capacity building and train its citizens for sustainability.

Presidential Powers:

- I. The Chief Justice and Associate Justices should be elected by registered voters.
- II. The qualification and tenure should remain the same.
- III. The superintendents and development superintendents' appointments should be excluded from the list of presidential appointees. They should be elected.

Gender:

- I. He or she must be used in the constitution when referring to the president rather than "he" only.
- II. There should be provision in the constitution that gives women the right to inherit land and other properties.
- III. There should be provision in the constitution giving women 30% inclusion in every aspect of government (Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary).

Culture:

- I. That a Bureau of Culture Affairs be established to preserve, protect, and promote the positive Liberian culture. Article 5b of the 1986 Constitution should have the following inclusions: "but not limited to an identification of one local language out of the 16 local languages to be spoken as the official language.
- II. That the Bureau of Culture shall identify our national attire (dress code).
- III. That the Bureau of Culture shall disseminate information through traditional means.

Persons with Disabilities:

- I. Affirmative action should be adopted by the state to facilitate the representation of physically challenged persons in the National Legislature.
- II. Architectural designs for public buildings should include access facilities for physically challenged persons. Also, Government should employ technologies for physically challenged persons to obtain quality education, healthcare, sanitation, transportation, and other basic social services.

- III. State should take measures to improve physically challenged persons infrastructures, wellbeing and welfare in the 15 counties of the Republic.
- IV. All persons are equal before the law and to ensure full fulfillment, the Judiciary should put in place mechanisms that would deliver to the physically challenged access to justice.

C. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHIEFS, ELDERS AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS

Currency:

- I. Liberia (we) should have one currency.
- II. All government officials should be paid in Liberian currency from top to the lower level.
- III. Liberia money should be one to one and USD should be kept in the bank.
- IV. We should have our Liberian coins back in our country.
- V. Our Liberian money should not be rejected by our people especially when the numbers are recognizable.

Separation of Powers:

- i. The branches of government should work independently, but in coordination with each other with, (a) respect, consultation, and (b) dialogue
- ii. All local positions in the government including Superintendent, Development Superintendent, City Mayor, Paramount Chiefs, etc, be elected by their own people in the county.
- iii. Let all traditional powers be given to traditional leaders. Let all traditional cases be judge by the traditional people.

Qualification:

- i. About the presidency of Liberia: To become a president,
 - You must be a born citizen.
 - The candidate, she or he must have property value not less than US\$100,000.00.
 - He or she must first serve in government in such areas as District commissioner, Superintendent, Representative, Senator, Ambassador, Cabinet Minister etc. Level of education: Master degree.
 - Year to stay with the citizens in the country for five (5) years in office.
- ii. About the Senator: He or she should stay in office for six (6) years.
- iii. Level of education: College graduate.
- iv. Property value: He or she should have a farm in his or her own county that can employ at least 50 people.
- v. About representative tenure: four years in office.
- vi. Level of education: High school graduate.
- vii. Property value: He or she should own a farm that can employ 50 people in his or her district.

- viii. About county proper and development superintendents' tenure five: (5) years in office.
- ix. Level of education: College graduate.
- x. Property value: He or she should own a farm in the country that can employ at least 25 persons, and they should be elected by the county citizens.
- xi. About county city mayor: Tenure five (5) years in office while he or she must be elected by the city people.
- xii. Level of education: College graduate.
- xiii. Property value: He or she must own a farm that can employ at least 25 persons. District commissioner should be elected by the people.
- xiv. About paramount, clan, general town, zonal and head of council of chiefs and elders should be selected by their people, and there should be no tenure. Any chief can be removed by the people based on the dissatisfaction of misconduct by the chief that can be proven.
- xv. Level of education of the district commissioner: high school graduate.
- xvi. Property value: He or she should own a house and farm in the district and reside with his or her people.
- xvii. The chiefs must own a farm and reside with his or her people peacefully.

Culture:

- i. About culture and all traditional practices. The culture must be respected in every county of Liberia.
- ii. All traditional practices should be protected and preserved by the council of chiefs and elders of the Republic of Liberia, including traditional marriage certificate.
- iii. CRC must always meet with cross-session of the 15 counties' Elders.

Citizenship:

- i. Who can be a Liberian citizen?
- ii. A person can be Liberian citizen by birth or naturalization.
- iii. But, if you are not a Liberian and you born by a Liberian, the child at the age of 18 should decide for his/herself to become a Liberian citizen and this law should be enforced.
- iv. Only black people can become citizen of Liberia. Dual citizenship must not be encouraged in Liberia.

Political Parties:

- i. Let us revisit the Constitution for the registration of political parties. That law must be cancelled so that we will be able to restrict political parties' registration.
- ii. To register a political party one must have at least 50,000 registered persons or signatures.

- iii. Also, such party, to be qualified and certificated as a party, one must pay US\$150,000.00 to National Elections Commission (NEC) or government revenue.
- iv. The party system must be reduced to at least two (2)

Tenure:

- I. During the discussion the following was agreed upon.
 - ii. That the tenure of president and representative, paramount, clan and general town chiefs be reduced to four(4) years while the tenure of Senator be reduced to six(6) years.

Persons with Disabilities:

- i. During the discussion, the body agreed that government provide the following for person with disability.
- ii. Free education
- iii. Employment
- iv. Empowerment
- v. Allot budget for blind people and people who are completely disabled who cannot provide anything for themselves (monthly allowance).
- vi. This will reduce the number of disable people in the street.

Land:

- i. The lands belong to the tribal people of Liberia.
- ii. Any land discussion that the government wants to operate on, the portion of that land should be discussed between the tribal people and the government.
- iii. Any land that have resources that government want to get, that resources that tribal people of that land should have share because the land belong to the tribal people.
- iv. Any land discussion that government worker want to buy land from anybody, that discussion should be done between the government worker and the tribal people because the tribal people own the land.
- v. Anybody that wants to operate on or in the land to get resources, the discussion should be done between the government and the tribal people.
- vi. When you buy land, you should build on it before you buy new land.
- vii. If anybody buy or possessed land for seven (7) years, he or she cannot built on it, the person should lease it to different person who is willing to develop that land.
- viii. Every customary land should be documented or deeded.
- ix. When you have land without houses, you should properly take good care of the place in order to avoid dirtiness in the community.

- x. If a land is deeded and owned by somebody, another person take this same land and sell it to different person, when that person is caught, he or she should be put to jail or sentenced.
- xi. If you have land in the city limit that is not developed, the government should take the land and relocate you.
- xii. There should be somewhere in every county to sign tribal land deed.
- xiii. Before owning land from family or anybody, you should have that land deed.
- xiv. All customary lands are for the indigenous people with all the resources that are on and inside it.
- xv. Group 5 say, we don't want satisfied copy, we want land deed.

Justice and Equality:

- i. Everybody should be judge equally under the law in the Republic of Liberia.
- ii. Everybody should have equal right under the law in the Republic of Liberia.
- iii. In every county, there should be an old folk's home.
- iv. There should be a stringent/ drastic measure taken against people who undermine justice.
- v. Any law enforcer that undermines justice should be sentenced to life imprisonment.
- vi. Anybody found discussing our secret society on the radio, that person should be punished by the Zoes of that land. Also, the government should make law that anybody that will be caught with drug, that person should be sentenced to life imprisonment.
- vii. Anybody that is convicted in the court of law should serve his or her sentenced.
- viii. There should be no lawyer for drug-dealer, murderer and rapist in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- ix. There should be law enacted by the national legislature to enforce the dress-code of female in the Republic of Liberia.
- x. There should be a law enacted by the national legislature to uphold the traditional identity of every citizen in the Republic of Liberia.

Gender:

- i. Gender-when we are discussing gender-means man and woman. In other words, gender means equality. Meaning, that the same rights men have, women should also have it too. In this light, both should have equal distribution in terms of job, education, rights, etc.
- ii. To conclude, in reviewing of our country's constitution, under our law, every Liberian should have equal opportunity, which will enable us mountain the peace and resources of our country.

Political Parties:

- i. Group six (6) have suggested and concluded that we should have two (2) political parties of Liberia.

Reasons:

To avoid political conflicts.

To make us understand politics.

Easy passage of electoral process.

The population we have cannot serve many political parties.

To enable us save our country's resources.

- ii. None partisan elections for local government for-Superintendent, City Mayors, Clan Chief, Sub-chiefs, Paramount Chiefs, Commissioners, etc.

d. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- I. The Committee ensured that the revised Constitution of Liberia be Human Right Based in line with the UNCRPD, other Treaties and International Documents to which Liberia is signatory;
- II. That specific Chapter addresses issues that concern the well-being of persons with disabilities within the revised Constitution;
- III. That Article 63 and 64 in the present Constitution be clearly modify to protect persons with disabilities against discriminations;
- IV. That Chapter 3, which have to do with Fundamental Rights in the present Constitution should in the revised, considered specific Articles on 'Education' for persons with disabilities as "Fundamental Rights";
- V. That the revised Constitution be in harmony with the UNCRPD ratified by Liberia on July 26, 2012;
- VI. That the revised Constitution makes provisions in line with Article 9 of the UNCRPD on Accessibility to ensure freedom of movement and equal participation;
- VII. That Constituencies / Seats provisions for the Representation of persons with disabilities at the level of Parliament be consider in the revised Constitution;
- VIII. That a Claim Court be established to address issues of violations;
- IX. That a National Sign Language be set up in Liberia fulfilling Article 9 of the UNCRPD on access;
- X. That the internationally accepted languages for the categories of Disabilities be capture in the revised as Visually – impaired, Mental impairment or intellectual impairment, Speech impaired or hearing impaired, physically - challenged aging and general group as "Persons with Disabilities";
- XI. That all persons with disabilities should obtained a National Social Security ID Card;
- XII. That Disability be defined in the revised Constitution.

e. INDEPENDENT NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (INCHR) and CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION CSOs

- I. **Bill of Rights:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that all recommendations relating to human rights be included as one chapter entitled “Bill of Rights” which may be taken as one separate proposal for the purpose of referendum.
- II. **Autonomous Public Commissions:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR) and Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) be added to Autonomous Public Commissions as stated in chapter 10, Article 89 of the Constitution.
- III. **Abolishment of Death Penalty:** INCHR and CSOs view the death penalty as an excessive punishment, which contravenes Article 21 d (ii) of the Liberian Constitution. We recommend that the death penalty be abolished.
- IV. **The Right to Speedy Trial:** Article 20 (a) of the Constitution stipulates, “Justice shall be done without sale, denial or delay.” INCHR and CSOs recommend that it be stipulated in the Constitution that no criminal trial should last longer than one year after the commencement, or remain on the Supreme Court docket for more than two terms of Court. Such a delay should be a ground for dismissal “for failure to proceed” upon motion by the defense or by the court. In such a proceeding, the defendant shall be entitled to monetary compensation payable by the Government. The right to equality before the law, the right to presumption of innocence and the right to a fair trial in all circumstances, including crisis situation and public emergencies, should be a provision of the Constitution.
- V. **Freedom of Expression:** Article 15 of the Constitution of Liberia provides for the freedom of expression, being fully responsible for the abuse thereof. INCHR and CSOs recommend that there be a reasonable limit in the amount of civil damages awarded in libel cases.
- VI. **Independent National Judiciary Inquiry Commission:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that there be established an autonomous public commission to be known as Independent National Judiciary Inquiry Commission with the following functions:
 - Receive and investigate complaints against judges and magistrates and submit findings and recommendations to the Supreme Court for appropriate action. Findings from the Commission are appealable to the Supreme Court. If impeachment is recommended and confirmed by the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice should then forward the impeachment recommendation to the President who will in turn forward same to the House of Representatives.
 - The Commission shall also investigate allegations or complaints brought before it involving Justices of the Supreme Court on bribery and any other form of corruption and human rights violation charges. Final findings

against a Justice and Justices are appealable to the Supreme Court. If impeachment is recommended and confirmed by the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice then forwards the impeachment recommendation to the President who will in turn forward the same to the House of Representatives. If the subject of the impeachment is the Chief Justice, the next Justice in line will then forward the impeachment recommendation to the President who will in turn forward same to the House of Representatives.

- VII. **Impunity:** Article 97 of the Constitution has an immunity clause for action by People’s Redemption Council (PRC) and actions to bring about change of Government on 12 April 1980. This clause perpetuates impunity and is not compatible with International human rights standards. INCHR and CSOs strongly recommend that Article 97 of the Constitution be removed.
- VIII. **Gender Affirmative Action:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that in order to enhance gender equity and participation in the governance of the State, no sex will exceed 60% in positions of appointment by the President.
- IX. **Gender:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that the pronoun ‘he’ in the constitution for positions such as the presidency of any function should be rewritten as ‘he or she’. See Article 57 for example.
- X. **Rights of Persons with Disability:** INCHR and CSOs recommend the expansion of article 11 to include sub-section ‘d,’ to put more emphasis on the rights of persons with disabilities. The provision should ensure that rights of persons with disability are fully in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), to which Liberia is signatory; and that they are not discriminated against in any form and manner on ground of their disabilities.
- XI. **Right to healthy Environment:** INCHR and CSOs recommend inclusion of the right to environment as follows: “Everyone has the right to environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that will: a) prevent pollution and ecological degradation; b) promote conservation; and c) secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting inclusive economic and social development.”
- XII. **Right to Housing:** We recommend that appropriate provisions be added in the Constitution to speak to the issue of access to adequate housing for all Liberians, backed by the provision that no person shall be evicted from his/her home without a just compensation, nor have home demolished, without the due process of law before a competent judicial tribunal; deliberation of all relevant circumstances, and that no legislation may permit arbitrary evictions.
- XIII. **Right to Work:** INCHR and CSOs recommend the expansion of Article 18 to include the following details: All; Liberians citizens shall equal opportunity for work and employment regardless of sex, creed, religious background, physical condition, place of origin or political affiliation, and shall be entitled to equal pay

for equal work. They shall enjoy equal access to just and favorable conditions of work, the right to equal treatment in the workplace, to fair wages and equal remuneration for work of equal value, the right to standard setting of a minimum wage, safe and healthy working conditions, protection against wage withholding, as well as the right to form and join trade unions, the right to strike and the right to social security.

- XIV. **Right to Water and Sanitation:** INCHR and CSOs strongly recommend the provision of the right to water and sanitation in the Constitution; that reasonable legislations and other measures shall be taken by the State to ensure that every person has access to sufficient water of good quality, as well as systems for the proper management and disposal of waste.
- XV. **Right to Food:** The right to food is an essential component of the right to adequate standard of living, Article 11 of the ICESR. INCHR and CSOs strongly recommend the inclusion of a provision on the right to food in the Constitution.
- XVI. **Right to Health:** INCHR and CSOs recommend a comprehensive provision to be added in the Constitution for the protection of the right health. A further important aspect is the right to participation of the population in all health-related decision making at the community and national levels.
- XVII. **Right to Education:** INCHR and CSOs recommend that article 6 of the Constitution be revised in line with ICESCR, to include the following: That Primary Education be free and compulsory; that secondary education, including technical and vocational secondary education, shall be made generally available and accessible to all; that higher education shall be made equally accessible to all on the basis of capacity.
- XVIII. **Equal Access & Equitable Distribution of Proceeds from Natural Resources:** INCHR and CSOs of Liberia recommend that proceeds gotten from the natural resources be shared with all counties to be applied to their respective local economic and social development projects, with the full and meaningful participation of indigenous and local communities in the decisions making processes that directly affect their economic livelihoods and wellbeing; that reasonable portion or 15% percentage of the proceeds from natural resources also be shared with the local community where the resources are discovered and 5% for the individual(s) who own the property.
- XIX. **Additional Recommendation (Access to Final Justice):** INCHR and CSOs recommend that the constitutional right to an appeal from final judgment exercised by all parties, now denied the Republic of Liberia in criminal cases in this jurisdiction by statute, be restored to the Republic of Liberia.
- XX. **Additional Recommendation (Removal of the President):** INCHR and CSOs recommend that in addition to the grounds enumerated in the Constitution, the following grounds for removal of the President be added: a) mismanagement of natural resources; b) involvement or complicity in human rights violation.

- XXI. **Child Right to Parental Support, Care and Guidance:** Any parent who neglects or fails to perform his/her duties to the child must be prosecuted for child endangerment.
- XXII. **Violence Against Women:** The Constitution must specifically prohibit violence against women and children.
- XXIII. **Ritualistic Killing:** The Constitution must specifically speak against ritualistic killing.
- XXIV. **Constitutional Denial of Violent Person:** The Constitution must prohibit the election or appointment of any person who has a history, past or present, of engaging in human rights violations or insurrection against the Republic of Liberia or violent overthrow of constituted authority.
- XXV. **The Constitution must Prohibit Spousal abuse:** Any man or woman who inflicts mental or physical abuse on his or her spouse shall be held criminally and civilly liable for the abuse.

f. COMMUNIQUE CULMINATING FROM THE CONSENSUS BUILDING FORUM FOR WOMEN ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS CONFERENCE

i. Language:

The language of the Constitution shall be clear and succinct, especially as regards the gender of a person. Individuals in the Constitution shall be addressed, he/she of the position title, for example, The President shall.....

ii. Marriage:

Parties to a marriage shall have equal powers and property acquired together before the marriage, during the marriage and up to dissolution of the marriage shall be deemed to be held in common unless parties opt out in writing.

The types of Marriage shall be Customary and Statutory.

Age of marriage shall be 18.

iii. Children's Rights:

All children including children with disabilities shall be given equal opportunities and access to basic health care, capacity building at all levels of the learning process, protection, etc.

Custody and child support for children in the event the parents no longer live together shall be decided by a court of law based on the concerned parent's earnings and not

what the parent decides he wants to give. Put simply, the best interest of the child shall be served.

There should be a penalty spell out for child abandonment by either parent.

Children shall have the right to be raised by both parents.

A child shall be any person below the age of 18.

iv. Representation:

Representation of both genders at all spheres and levels (elected and appointed) shall be equal (50% - 50%)

v. Citizenship:

With reference to article 28, a person can be a citizen by birth, naturalization and derivation from either parent.

vi. Violence against Women and Children

Violence against women and children shall be prohibited and all persons are under the law entitled to equal protection against discrimination. The Legislature shall enact laws to protect women and the girl child from violence.

**“...RECOMMENDATION FROM RURAL
WOMEN CONSULTATION”**

VI. Marriage By Cohabitation

In addition to the Communiqué, the Rural Women of Liberia also proffered **Marriage by Cohabitation**. They suggested that a couple that lives together for over two years, presenting themselves to the public as husband and wife, and doing all things appertaining to husband and wife except for legal document (the marriage certificate, whether tribal or civil), shall be deemed married under our laws.

**g. CRC CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH YOUTH
LEADERS OF LIBERIA HELD IN BUCHANAN,
GRAND BASSA,**

Group Presentations:

Bullet point presentations to the plenary by the various groups as captured on the flipcharts:

Group

1. Tenure:

- The tenure of the representative should be reduced to four years with no limitation. Article 48
- The tenure of senators should be reduced to six years with no limitations. Article 46
- The tenure of the president should be reduced to four years and be limited to two contest only two terms. Article 50
- All elected local officials hold office for four years, no limitations. And shall not be removed by the president but 2/3 majority or impeachment process. Article 56 'b'
- Article 72 'b' The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of Subordinate Courts of records shall be retired at the age of seventy only.

2. Youth Representation:

- 50% of all presidential appointees should be young people (youth) by law. Article 54
- There should be an exclusive youth ministry established for the promotion of youth agenda that will be headed by a young (youth) person in the age range of 25 – 35 years.
- 10% of the country's national budget must be given to the two (2) recognized youth organizations (LINSU and FLY) for youth development in the fifteen counties.

3. Dual Citizenship: Disadvantages of Dual Citizenship to Liberia

- Legal transaction, misconduct, and illegal activities are some of the crimes for which different countries have their set of laws. If a dual citizen is found to be involved in such crimes, it's uncertain with which laws he should be prosecuted. This legal uncertainty may be magnified in serious crimes and frauds committed by a dual citizen
- It increases capital flow: capital flow – is an economic term describing capital flowing out of a particular economy
- Another issue is whether the state should grant them equal rights in the issues concerning political and social cases of the country. It's a fact that people should feel bonding for a particular community, unless they are allowed to freely and constructively participate in issues related to that nation.
- Conclusion: We from team three (3) with representation from all of the 15 counties say NO to Dual Citizenship in Liberia. We thank you all!!!

4. Elections:

- All local leaders should be elected. *Superintendent, commissioner, paramount chief, clan chief, town chief, city mayor
- Tenure: 4 years each
- Removal from office: prove misconduct should be spelled out; 6% signatures from registered voters from same county, district, clan or town and city.

Finding should be presented to county assembly, district assembly, clan etc. in consultation with their lawmakers.

5. Qualification for Elected Offices

- Education:
 - President/vice president at least B.Sc. degree
 - Senate at least B.Sc. degree
 - House of Representatives at least B.Sc. degree
 - Superintendent, Asst. Supt. City Mayor_at least AA degree
 - Chiefs & commissioners open
- Age:
 - President & Vice President: Constitutional age remain
- Residency clause: 10 years for president & vice president. Senator 4 yrs& Rep 2 yrs all consecutive
- Property value: president & vice president *LD 5,000,000.00; senator 1,000,000.00LD; Rep LD 300,000.00

6. Education:

- Decentralization and a standardized vocational education in the 15 counties of Liberia.
- 25% of National budget should be allocated to the educational sector of Liberia
- The provision of modern laboratories and libraries in the 15 counties of Liberian school system.
- Set-up a standard for qualified and competent instructors in the educational system with attractive salaries and benefits
- Government should provide students loan to a student of any grade level
- Enforcement and establishment of junior college in the 15 counties of Liberia.

7. Land Rights:

- The residents should at least have 30% of the natural resources
- The community should discuss and accept all concession agreements in line with government
- Dual sales of land should be a crime
- The Constitution should protect customary land owner.

DIASPORA

GHANA

Buduburam Camp:

- I. Open citizenship,
- II. Strengthen the Liberianization Policy to putting the economy in the hands of Liberians,
- III. No use of dual currency, only the Liberian Currency,
- IV. Labour Law,
- V. Rights of Persons with Disabilities-employment and access to public facilities,
- VI. National Characteristics of Liberian or the Liberian person,
- VII. Fighting corruption,
- VIII. Reduction of the Tenure of Elected public officials with emphasis on the Presidency and Legislature and
- IX. Enforcement of the laws,
- X. National Civic Education to instill national spirit and love for country in Liberians amongst others.
- XI. They also spoke about requirements for establishing a Political Party in order curb the proliferation of Political Parties, the qualification for Presidential Candidates including visible Investment in Liberia, Education, age, and residency.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Minneapolis, Minnesota State

- I. Dual citizenship should become constitutional.
- II. Dual citizenship should not be accepted as it could endanger Liberia's security in the future through foreign population domination and loyalty to their mother country.
- III. Presidential term of office should be reduced to 4 years
- IV. Vice Presidential term of office should be reduced to 4 years.
- V. Senatorial term of office should be reduced to 6 years
- VI. Representatives' term of office should be reduced to 4 years.
- VII. There should be election of superintendents
- VIII. There should be freeze on naturalization until the review process is over.
- IX. Anti-tribal sentiments or statements should be made a capital offense.
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- XI. Anti-tribal sentiments or statements should be made a capital offense.
- XII. National identity cards should be reintroduced in order to engage into activities such as travelling, opening of bank accounts, enrolling in college, employment, and business transactions.
- XIII. Articles 27 and 28 need to be clarified on the issue of dual citizenship during the review process to state how a person should be considered as dual citizen.
- XIV. Article 56 should be amended so that those who are elected can be removed by those who elected them.
- XV. There should be ordinances on construction of residences in certain areas.

- XVI. Declaration of Assets should be made constitutional and binding on all elected officials and political appointees.
- XVII. Tenure of the President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives should be reduced from 6 years to 4 years and from 9 years to 6 years.
- XVIII. Governance should be decentralized.

Atlanta Georgia

- I. Dual citizenship should be granted.
- II. Dual citizenship should not be accepted.
- III. If dual citizenship should be accepted, there should be a caveat. They should not be allowed to hold elective positions and political appointments.
- IV. Reduction of presidential powers through decentralization.
- V. The constitution is not a problem but implementation.
- VI. Liberia needs to focus on education as it is the bed-rock for democracy.
- VII. The Constitution should be written in local languages.
- VIII. The people should elect their local leaders.
- IX. The local people should be a part of mineral resource negotiation
- X. There should be a constitutional provision for tribal ownership and protection of lands and they must be a part of land negotiations to foreign investors.
- XI. The constitution should have a provision for salaries structures and the institution that should be responsible for same.
- XII. Corruption should be a constitutional offense with penalties.
- XIII. The Constitution should separate the Church/religion from the state to avoid religious war.
- XIV. The Constitution established the Election Commission but is unclear who should appoint the commissioners. This should be contained in the provision.
- XV. Indirectly selling lands to foreigners through proxies should be stopped.
- XVI. Liberia should be regionalized with elected governing heads. The country is too small to elect superintendents.
- XVII. Decentralization of governance should be done to spread development and reduce presidential powers.
- XVIII. Liberia is small for the election of superintendents rather the combining of counties should be done and divided into regions for effectiveness and election of regional heads.

Maryland and Philadelphia

- I. All those who are Liberians by birth or by one of their parents, and who at the age maturity pays a non-resident tax to be determined by the Legislature but which should not exceed the income tax paid by the least paid Civil Servant shall be allowed to acquire citizenship of another country that poses no threat to the sovereignty of Liberia.
- II. Art 28; No person shall be prevented from acquiring citizenship from any other country provided that the country poses no imminent threat to the people of Liberia.
- III. Article 52 (a) "A natural born citizen of Liberia of not less than 35 years of age and holds no other citizenship."

- IV. Every Liberian citizen who is a non-resident tax payer should be accorded right to vote at selected locations of Liberians embassies and consulates provided the location has a minimum population of 20,000 eligible Liberians.
- V. Liberians in the diaspora should be allocated one non-voting seating each in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- VI. Article 54, 55 & 56; Governance should be decentralized such that the president is stripped of the power to appoint local officials who should then be elected by county residents.
- VII. The term of President/Vice President should be reduced to 4 years and should only succeed themselves once while senators and representatives should be elected for 6 years and 4 years respectively and may be re-elected as many times as possible.
- VIII. There should be a publication and dissemination of the Constitution by the government and the teaching of its provisions and principles in all institutions of learning plus a citizenship exam as a graduation requirement for secondary school students.

PRELIMINARY STATISTICAL REPRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING MALES AND FEMALES SUGGESTIONS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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Views expressed	Gender of Respondents					
	Female (N=5,165)		male (N=9,289)		Total (N=14,454)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reduction in Presidential tenure to 4 yrs	2,260	43.8	4,426	47.6	6,686	46.3
Reduction in Senior Senatorial Tenure to 6 yrs	1,438	27.8	3,223	34.7	4,661	32.2
Reduction in Representative Tenure to 4 years	1,606	31.1	3,264	35.1	4,870	33.7
Minimum Bachelor Degree 4 President	105	2.0	232	2.5	337	2.3
Minimum Bachelor Degree 4 Representative	119	2.3	240	2.6	359	2.5
Minimum Bachelor Degree 4 Senator	129	2.5	219	2.4	348	2.4
Minimum 40 yrs 4 president	86	1.7	139	1.5	225	1.6
Minimum 40 yrs 4 Senator to be elected	53	1.0	125	1.3	178	1.2
Minimum 40 yrs 4 Representative to be elected	38	0.7	79	0.9	117	0.8
Minimum 6 yrs residence for president	9	0.2	13	0.1	22	0.2
Minimum 10 yrs resident for president	38	0.7	86	0.9	124	0.9
Minimum 2 yrs residence for Senator	7	0.1	12	0.1	19	0.1
Minimum 2 yrs residence for Representative	7	0.1	15	0.2	22	0.2
Only Natural born Liberian should contest Presidency	75	1.5	81	0.9	156	1.1
Have a house to contest Presidency	8	0.2	24	0.3	32	0.2

Business/Investment in Liberia to contest presidency	5	0.1	18	0.2	23	0.2
Hold a bank account of \$1000000.00 LD amount to contest president & Vice President	15	0.3	27	0.3	42	0.3
Hold a bank account of \$500,000.00 to contest Senatorial post	6	0.1	21	0.2	27	0.2
Hold a bank account of \$400,000.00 LD to contest Representatives	9	0.2	14	0.2	23	0.2
Have a house to contest Senatorial position			11	0.1	11	0.1
Have a house to contest Representative position	2	0.0	13	0.1	15	0.1
Have a farm that employs 15 -25 people in constituency to co	2	0.0	3	0.0	5	0.0
Have a farm that employes 15-25 people in constituency to co			4	0.0	4	0.0
Superintendent to be elected by people	698	13.5	1,761	19.0	2,459	17.0
Mayors to be elected	275	5.3	881	9.5	1,156	8.0
District Commissioners to be elected	292	5.7	910	9.8	1,202	8.3
Removal of elected local government. officials to be done by voters			8	0.1	8	0.1
There should be no dual citizenship	472	9.1	745	8.0	1,217	8.4
Citizenship should not be given non-negro descent	102	2.0	199	2.1	301	2.1
Citizenship should be given to non-negro descent	133	2.6	299	3.2	432	3.0
Comm. or private individuals to share proceeds from mineral found on their deeded lands	223	4.3	413	4.4	636	4.4
Tribal people. to participate in transaction surrounding their land to investors/concessionaires	92	1.8	113	1.2	205	1.4

Wrongfully acquired tribal land should be returned to the tribe	1	0.0	12	0.1	13	0.1
Superintendent should signed Public land sale deed on behalf	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
NEC board of commissioners should elected and not appointed	174	3.4	333	3.6	507	3.5
Established election court to hear contested elections matte			13	0.1	13	0.1
Political parties should not be more than 4 and not less than two	281	5.4	434	4.7	715	4.9
Physically challenged people should have constitutionally guarantee access to opportunities	23	0.4	55	0.6	78	0.5
Public infrastructure should be disable friendly			3	0.0	3	0.0
Same sex marriage should be a punishable crime	366	7.1	450	4.8	816	5.6
Age of marriage for girls should be 18yrs and above	293	5.7	260	2.8	553	3.8
Child right should not prevent parents from disciplining chi	175	3.4	178	1.9	353	2.4
Only Liberian dollar should be use in business transaction	688	13.3	1,189	12.8	1,877	13.0
Foreign currency transaction should be limited to bank	217	4.2	428	4.6	645	4.5
All workers in Liberia should paid in LD	37	0.7	83	0.9	120	0.8
All taxes should be paid in LD	5	0.1	30	0.3	35	0.2
Explorer of mineral and natural resources should manufacture	22	0.4	93	1.0	115	0.8
Reduction in Senatorial Tenure to 4 yrs	486	9.4	913	9.8	1,399	9.7
Elect Paramount Chief	171	3.3	592	6.4	763	5.3
Elect Clan Chief	138	2.7	557	6.0	695	4.8

Elect General Town Chief	216	4.2	595	6.4	811	5.6
Reduction in Junior Senatorial Tenure to 4 yrs	36	0.7	74	0.8	110	0.8
Rape should not be settled at home	47	0.9	70	0.8	117	0.8
Person found of rape should be executed not imprison	15	0.3	11	0.1	26	0.2
Senior Senatorial tenure reduced to 3 yrs	101	2.0	114	1.2	215	1.5
Elect Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	201	3.9	351	3.8	552	3.8
Only born Liberia should be voted for elected position	9	0.2	20	0.2	29	0.2
District representatives to be elected for 4 years	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
Superintendents of county to be elected for 4 years	1	0.0	6	0.1	7	0.0
Superintendents of county should have 2 terms in office	1	0.0	4	0.0	5	0.0
District representatives should have two terms in office	13	0.3	27	0.3	40	0.3
Senior Senator should have 2 terms in office	14	0.3	10	0.1	24	0.2
Commissioners of districts should have 2 terms in office	1	0.0	5	0.1	6	0.0
Town Chiefs should have 2 terms in office	1	0.0	5	0.1	6	0.0
Paramount Chief should have 2 terms in office	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
NEC Chairman should be elected for 7 years	38	0.7	19	0.2	57	0.4
Town Chief to be on payroll	13	0.3	41	0.4	54	0.4
Minimum age of 30 years to be elected as Representative	21	0.4	37	0.4	58	0.4
6 years Presidential tenure for first term	8	0.2	16	0.2	24	0.2

4 years Presidential tenure for 2 terms	19	0.4	45	0.5	64	0.4
Presidential and Senatorial election to be done the same time	3	0.1	3	0.0	6	0.0
Reduction in Senior Senatorial tenure to 4 years..	103	2.0	211	2.3	314	2.2
All local leaders should be elected by the people of the county	351	6.8	603	6.5	954	6.6
Misuse of public fund should be a crime	11	0.2	6	0.1	17	0.1
If a person is guilty of murder, they should be killed by ha	80	1.5	141	1.5	221	1.5
15 years residency requirement to contest presidency			2	0.0	2	0.0
Senior and Junior Senators should serve for 6 years	46	0.9	102	1.1	148	1.0
All religions should be treated equally in Liberia	4	0.1	7	0.1	11	0.1
Representative tenure reduce to 3 years	121	2.3	181	1.9	302	2.1
Reduce Senatorial tenure from 9 to 5 years	201	3.9	362	3.9	563	3.9
President should be in office for 6 years	359	7.0	493	5.3	852	5.9
Representative should be in office for six years	93	1.8	186	2.0	279	1.9
No foreigner should hold higher position in the country	18	0.3	19	0.2	37	0.3
All persons born in Liberia should become citizens	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
No civilian should wear or use military material			1	0.0	1	0.0
There should be only three candidates for the presidency	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
A committee should be set up to avoid voter trafficking	1	0.0	8	0.1	9	0.1

No foreigner should own large amount of land without without	107	2.1	175	1.9	282	2.0
Residency requirement of at least 11 years to contest preside			1	0.0	1	0.0
Only natural born Liberian should vote	11	0.2	20	0.2	31	0.2
The Liberian Constitution should be taught in all schools	92	1.8	261	2.8	353	2.4
Local elected officials should be removed by the citizens i	1	0.0	6	0.1	7	0.0
Local elected officials should be removed by the Executive i	52	1.0	142	1.5	194	1.3
Reduce Chief Justice retirement age from 75 years to 50 year	46	0.9	164	1.8	210	1.5
Reduce chief Justice retirement age from 70 years to 60 year	30	0.6	72	0.8	102	0.7
All government officials whether elected or appointed should			1	0.0	1	0.0
All government officials should resign their position before	97	1.9	130	1.4	227	1.6
Elect town chiefs	165	3.2	261	2.8	426	2.9
Reduce Chief Justice retirement age from 70 years to 50 year	1	0.0	4	0.0	5	0.0
Anyone caught of corruption should be dismissed and never re	10	0.2	48	0.5	58	0.4
Anyone found guilty of corruption should pay back the monetary	49	0.9	126	1.4	175	1.2
Any law enforcer who fails to enforce the law should be heal			3	0.0	3	0.0
Anyone who sells someone land illegally should be imprisoned			3	0.0	3	0.0
Government should provide social services for all citizens	48	0.9	48	0.5	96	0.7

The government should provide economic right for all citizen	52	1.0	69	0.7	121	0.8
There should be capital punishment for murderers	22	0.4	33	0.4	55	0.4
There should be provision for women and girls education and	37	0.7	47	0.5	84	0.6
There should be only 2 political parties in Liberia	141	2.7	242	2.6	383	2.6
There should be dual citizenship	40	0.8	125	1.3	165	1.1
Government should increase teachers' salary	97	1.9	152	1.6	249	1.7
The minimum age for one to contest as President and Vice Pre	4	0.1	2	0.0	6	0.0
The Gov't of Liberia should enforce the law for all company	19	0.4	36	0.4	55	0.4
The 1986 Constitution should remain the same as it is	11	0.2	13	0.1	24	0.2
The Chief Justice should serve for only 4 years	21	0.4	52	0.6	73	0.5
Only those born in Liberia should participate in any elector			2	0.0	2	0.0
Liberian born should own land/house	31	0.6	72	0.8	103	0.7
Liberia should and must be a Christian state	438	8.5	412	4.4	850	5.9
The terms of elected officials should be 4 years	5	0.1	10	0.1	15	0.1
The government should enforce price control	106	2.1	182	2.0	288	2.0
There should be only one Senator per county			1	0.0	1	0.0
Government should come with regulations on the type of build			1	0.0	1	0.0

Liberia should decentralize governance and services	134	2.6	336	3.6	470	3.3
No foreigner should hold higher position in any institution	36	0.7	87	0.9	123	0.9
The Constitution must be enforced first before changing it	8	0.2	10	0.1	18	0.1
A person selling the piece of land to more than one persons	4	0.1	22	0.2	26	0.2
Liberia should be a Christian state	285	5.5	305	3.3	590	4.1
Sunday selling must be abolished	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
The seal must change from "The Love of Liberty Brought us He	17	0.3	36	0.4	53	0.4
Government should give excellent awards in vital academic subjects	79	1.5	116	1.2	195	1.3
Citizenship should be given to Non-Negros who live in Liberia	1	0.0			1	0.0
Women should have equal property right without any discrimination	166	3.2	118	1.3	284	2.0
All citizens should have National Identification Cards	21	0.4	35	0.4	56	0.4
Widows should not be forced to marry a relative of their deceased	1	0.0			1	0.0
Senator tenure be reduced to seven years	10	0.2	20	0.2	30	0.2
Minimum 5 years residency for President	3	0.1	8	0.1	11	0.1
Minimum age of 21 years to be Representative	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.0
Minimum age of 25 to be Senator	5	0.1	8	0.1	13	0.1
VicePresident duty should limited to the Executive Branch o	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
Rape law should be revisited to exempt	11	0.2	11	0.1	22	0.2

sex between married c						
Increase Health workers salary and incentives	68	1.3	70	0.8	138	1.0
Government should provide quality education for all citizens	116	2.2	162	1.7	278	1.9
Policy on exclusive Liberian businesses should be enforced	7	0.1	11	0.1	18	0.1
Elect District Superintendent	136	2.6	238	2.6	374	2.6
Elect Development Superintendent	110	2.1	199	2.1	309	2.1
Deduction in Representatives tenure to five (5) years	74	1.4	109	1.2	183	1.3
Senator should stay in office for nine years	29	0.6	66	0.7	95	0.7
all Presidents birthdays should be observed/celebrated on De	4	0.1	10	0.1	14	0.1
Representatives should stay in office for 6 years	16	0.3	23	0.2	39	0.3
Liberia should be a federal state	8	0.2	16	0.2	24	0.2
Elect Paramount chiefs under democrat process	142	2.7	214	2.3	356	2.5
The Presidency should be rotational per county	6	0.1	8	0.1	14	0.1
Restoration of Traditional Justice System (Sassy wood)	40	0.8	53	0.6	93	0.6
Decentralize improve healthcare delivery system	13	0.3	34	0.4	47	0.3
One local language should be used as our national language	6	0.1	31	0.3	37	0.3
Presidential aspirants should speak atleast one local language			3	0.0	3	0.0
Government should establish claims court to address injustice	12	0.2	20	0.2	32	0.2

Political Party (ies) should be funded by government			1	0.0	1	0.0
Reduction in Presidential tenure to 5 years	125	2.4	220	2.4	345	2.4
Same sex marriage should be encouraged			3	0.0	3	0.0
Government should prohibit underage children from selling in	4	0.1	5	0.1	9	0.1
Associate Justices should be elected	117	2.3	109	1.2	226	1.6
Judges of the subordinate Courts must be elected	83	1.6	74	0.8	157	1.1
Minimum age for President 45 years old	7	0.1	12	0.1	19	0.1
Minimum 5 yrs residence for Senator	3	0.1	9	0.1	12	0.1
Anyone wanting to be a Legislator must be a natural born	1	0.0	4	0.0	5	0.0
Legislators must serve for 2 terms only	5	0.1	21	0.2	26	0.2
Dual currency on the Liberian market must be maintained	16	0.3	13	0.1	29	0.2
Minimum age of 35 yrs to be president	22	0.4	30	0.3	52	0.4
Minimum age of 35 yrs to be senator	22	0.4	28	0.3	50	0.3
Minimum age of 28 yrs to be representative	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
To be a Senator, one must be 30 yrs old or above	2	0.0	2	0.0	4	0.0
No company should export raw material from Liberia	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
No foreigners should sell retail goods	2	0.0	3	0.0	5	0.0
Minimum age one must be 50 yrs old to be Chief Justice	1	0.0	2	0.0	3	0.0
Foreigners must own real estate or land	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Members of the Supreme Court must	16	0.3	8	0.1	24	0.2

serve the same term as the						
Members of the Supreme Court must not serve for life time	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.0
The Chief Justice must serve for only 10 years	12	0.2	16	0.2	28	0.2
Minimum age for President, Senator and Representative must b	1	0.0	3	0.0	4	0.0
All Chiefs, Commissioners, Mayors and Superintendents must c	3	0.1			3	0.0
Superintendents, City Mayors, Paramount Chiefs, Clan Chiefs	11	0.2	4	0.0	15	0.1
Members of the Supreme court should stay in office for 6 yrs	4	0.1			4	0.0
Minimum of 3 yrs residency to contest as Representative	2	0.0	4	0.0	6	0.0
Supreme Court Justices should serve for only nine yaers	2	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
Reduce Senator tenure to 8 yrs	1	0.0	2	0.0	3	0.0
Aspirants for elective public offices should be high school	2	0.0	6	0.1	8	0.1
The Lawmakers should make farm to justify their Agricultural			4	0.0	4	0.0
The law should abolish Agricultural break for Lawmakers			4	0.0	4	0.0
Reduce Legislators salaries and increase servants pay	3	0.1	12	0.1	15	0.1
Minimum of 3 yrs residency to contest as Senator			1	0.0	1	0.0
The President should continue to appoint NEC commissioners			2	0.0	2	0.0
The President should continue to appoint Supreme Court Justice	1	0.0	4	0.0	5	0.0

There should be equal pay for equal work	13	0.3	32	0.3	45	0.3
Minimum 5 yrs residency for Representative			4	0.0	4	0.0
The President should continue to appoint local government of	6	0.1	35	0.4	41	0.3
Minimum education of Master degree to be President and Lefis	106	2.1	202	2.2	308	2.1
Only natural born Liberian citizens should contest elective	1	0.0	8	0.1	9	0.1
The Muslim Ramadam should be observed as a national Holiday	8	0.2	2	0.0	10	0.1
The voting age in Liberia should be increased to 21			11	0.1	11	0.1
Gov. should create programs for mentally retarded & aged	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0

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No	County	Total # of Suggestions Forms	Total # of male Suggestors	Total # of male Suggestions	Total# of female Suggestors	Total # of female Suggestions	Total # of Anony. Suggestors	Total # of Anony. Suggestions	Grand Total Suggestions
1.	Maryland	870	597	2,243	268	933	5	7	3,183
2.	Grand Kru	317	215	1,129	102	455	0	0	1,584
3.	Sinoe	604	417	2,291	185	853	2	7	3,151
4.	Gbarpolu	178	112	183	66	163	0	0	346
5.	Cape Mount	337	227	680	110	255	0	0	935
6.	Bomi	354	230	970	124	518	0	0	1,488
7.	Montserrado	2,005	1,242	3,007	737	1,455	29	38	4,500
8.	Rivercess	275	177	866	98	480	0	0	1,346
9.	Margibi	590	414	2,027	176	861	0	0	2,888
10.	Grand Bassa	1268	819	4,013	449	2,199	0	0	6,212
11.	Nimba	861	617	3,022	244	1,319	0	0	4,341
12.	River Gee	571	383	1,706	184	1,282	2	5	2,993
13.	Bong	983	787	3,797	196	945	0	0	4,742
14.	Lofa	427	316	1,548	111	700	0	0	2,248
15.	Grand Gedeh	687	421	2,718	266	1,547	0	0	4,265
	GRAND TOTAL	10,327	6,974	30,200	3,316	13,965	38	57	44,165

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