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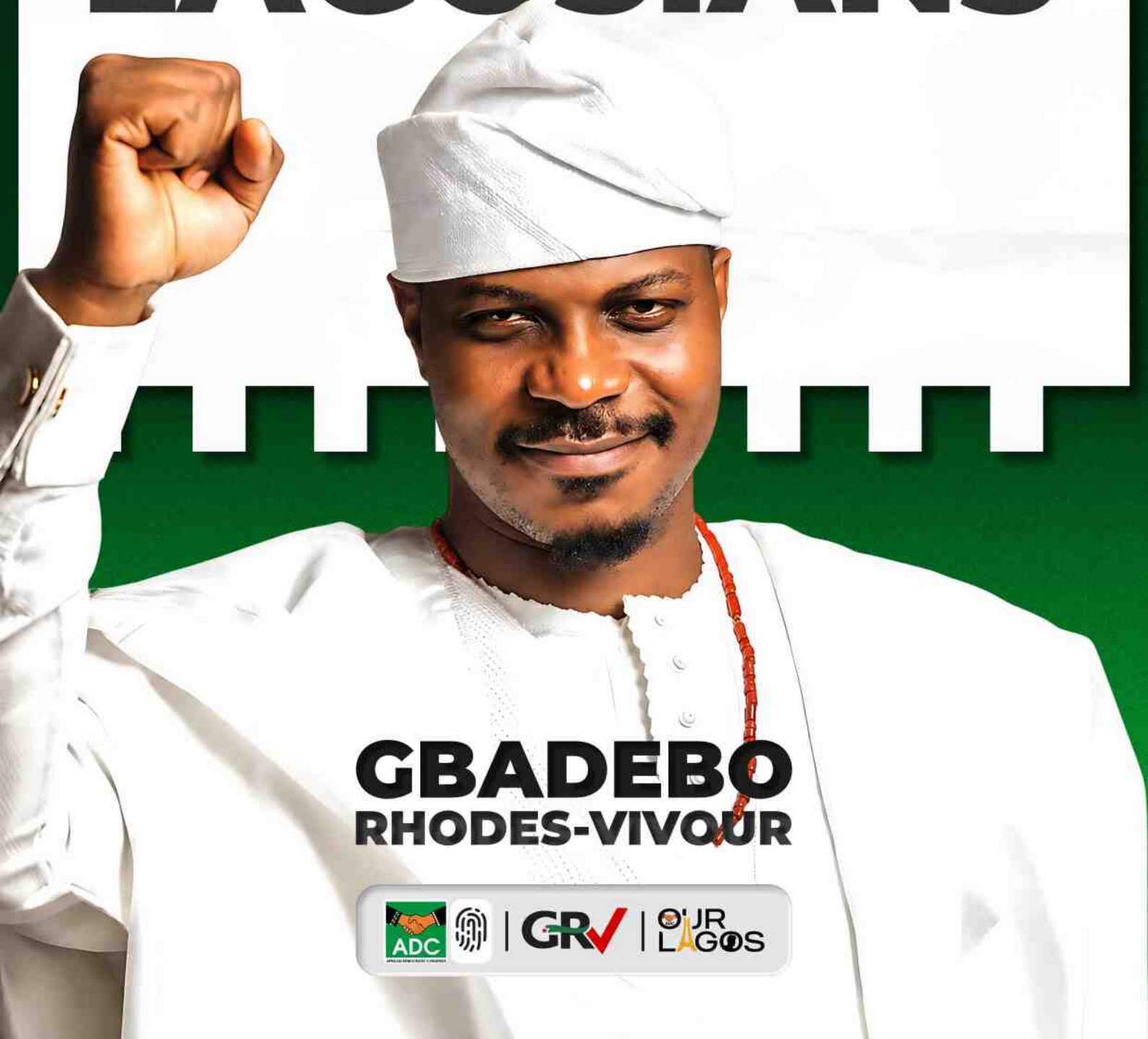

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CORE VALUES

Our Ethical and Moral Rebirth, and people-focused transformational governance will be undergirded by five values suitably captured by the abbreviation/ pneumonic

L.A.G.O.S.

- **L** LOVE
- **A** ACCOUNTABILTY
- **G** GREATNESS
- **O** ỌMỌLÚÀBÍ
- **S** SELFLESS SERVICE

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LOVE

One major thing that separates me from the current Government and their key sponsor is that, by the Grace of God, I sleep and wake up daily with concern for the ordinary Lagosian. I am genuinely concerned about improving the life of the average man and woman, the students in schools, the children, the civil servants, every taxpayer, the market women, the artisans, the everyday worker, the traders, the businessmen and businesswomen, the Agberos abandoned to a life of illicit income and violence, perphaps susbstance abuse.

It is a shame that our current set of leaders have made poverty a weapon for manipulating the people; they see nothing wrong with crowds gathering at Bourdillon during festive seasons to get handouts.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Corruption and theft has been legalized through the cession of 10% or more of our IGR to Alpha Beta, and the payment of hefty sums as life pension for former Governors. We will reverse these laws and cancel these dubious contracts.

Projects in the Lagos are undertaken at a cost that is averagely four times (4x) the standard World Bank rates. The Lagos Light Rail Project is between five and ten times the actual cost. Progress is impossible with such magnitude of corruption.

Lagosians pay N300m unaccounted levies to Agberos daily! A whooping N120bn annually. Iyalojas extract dues and levies from the market women and traders. These will also stop.

Transformation canpot co-exist with tolerance for corruption. Zero tolerance for corruption will be central in a GRV-led government.

GREATNESS

Greatness founded on a Knowledge-Based Society and Global Leadership Aspirations.

The application of knowledge by deploying technology to produce goods and service that transform life is the difference between First World and Third World.

Our Big Vision is to set Lagos on the path of becoming First World in 30 years. Lagos will achieve leadership by unleashing the talent and genius of Nigerians and Blacks wherever they may be.

ỌMỌLÚÀBÍ

Restoration of the Age-Long Omoluabi Ethos of The Yoruba, especially family Values. We will persevere with our moral rebirth agenda unitl zero-tolerance for corruption, probity, intergrity, strong family values, become the dominant norm at all levels: personal, family, communal, commercial, government and societal.

Children in school will be taught these virtues, like the Japanese children in primary school who can clean their schools daily, so that cleaners are not needed.

Rather than pervert religiouse leaders and traditional rulers by involving them in politics, we will plead with them to inculcate these virtues in their followers.

SELFLESS SERVICE

I will lead by example. The privilege of power and service is to lift others, better society, and leave a legacy for coming generations. I will live modestly. I will not abuse the trust of my office. I will serve sacrificially, not living large and growing rich at the expense of the state.


MY
COVENANT
WITH
LAGOSIANS

1. Increase minimum wage for civil servants to N120,000 per month on my first working day in office.

2. Encourage the Organized Private Sector to outlaw casualization of labour and increase minimum wage for their staff to N150,000 per month, preferebly N250,000 per month. Strictly by moral suasion, not compulsion.

3. Urgent completion of a comprehensive (city and suburb wide) metro rail network of 4 lines (160km) in 4 years. Our objective is a Lagos where travel time to any destination is less than one hour.

4. Invest in education to transform public primary and secondary school to the standard of the best private schools and enable our student compete with the best in the world.

5. Train 100,000 people annually to acquire best-in-class vocational skills.

6. Partner with a Top-100 Global institution for the management of LASU for 20 years. LASU will strive to become a Top-100 university within 20 years.

7. Partner with the best private health practitioners to transform public healthcare (primary, secondary, and tertiary) to meet global standards.

8. Float a N1 trillion loan scheme for entrepreneurs, vocational practitioners and other self-employed people with potential for their businesses to support middle-class earnings.

9. Improved compensation for doctors, nurses and all health-sector workers working for the government.

10. A great health system is one of the ways to protect everybody, including the vulnerable and children. We will make prevention rather than cure the modus operandi of the health system. Our statutory health insurance will be scaled up to include annual health check-up. We will make annual check an integral part of Primary Health Care, perhaps the first such in the world. The second thing that will be central to out health system is the promotion of healthy nutrition.

11. Every child who goes to school will get an excellent, balanced meal. The kind of meal that will be served in the most privileged homes. Every child deserves the best.

12. Improved compensation for teachers in the service of Lagos State, targeted at acheiving middle-class lifestyle, including home ownership.

13. Based on improved terms that will include a home-ownership plan, we will recruit the best graduates with the best results as teachers in our primary and secondary schools. We will recruit in tens of thousands.

14. Improving the work environment around all markets by providing broadband connectivity to make cashless payments seamless, crenches and Pre-K learning Centres to support mothers, and decent toilets.

15. Payment of cost-of-living allowance to all policemen posted to Lagos. Coupled with a re-training programs of policeman posted to Lagos to ensure and standardize the Lagos standard of service to the people.

16. Start a home ownership scheme to create a minimum of 1 million home owners in 20 years.

17. Work with the private sector to birth the following new towns:

- Epe as Centre of Telecoms and IT
- Badagry to host health tourism and African history
- A global leadership chocolate business around Ikorodu
- Innovation City a city where patents with strong commercial prospects registered by People of Africa heritage all over the world cam seek and count on special support to commercialize their ideal

18. Business Friendly Procurement Policies

- Establish policy for government to pay all suppliers and counterparties within 9 days of invoice and enforce strictly
- Use large multi-year orders to attract establishment of industries in the state

19. Government expenditure will be transparent, and it will be used to promote industrialization, generate local value added inputs and create middle-class employment

- Before 100 days in office, I will issue an order to purchase 100,000 vehicles from any vehicle manufacturer who will come and set up local assembly in Lagos together with component suppliers such that the value added inputs in Lagos must not be less than 70%

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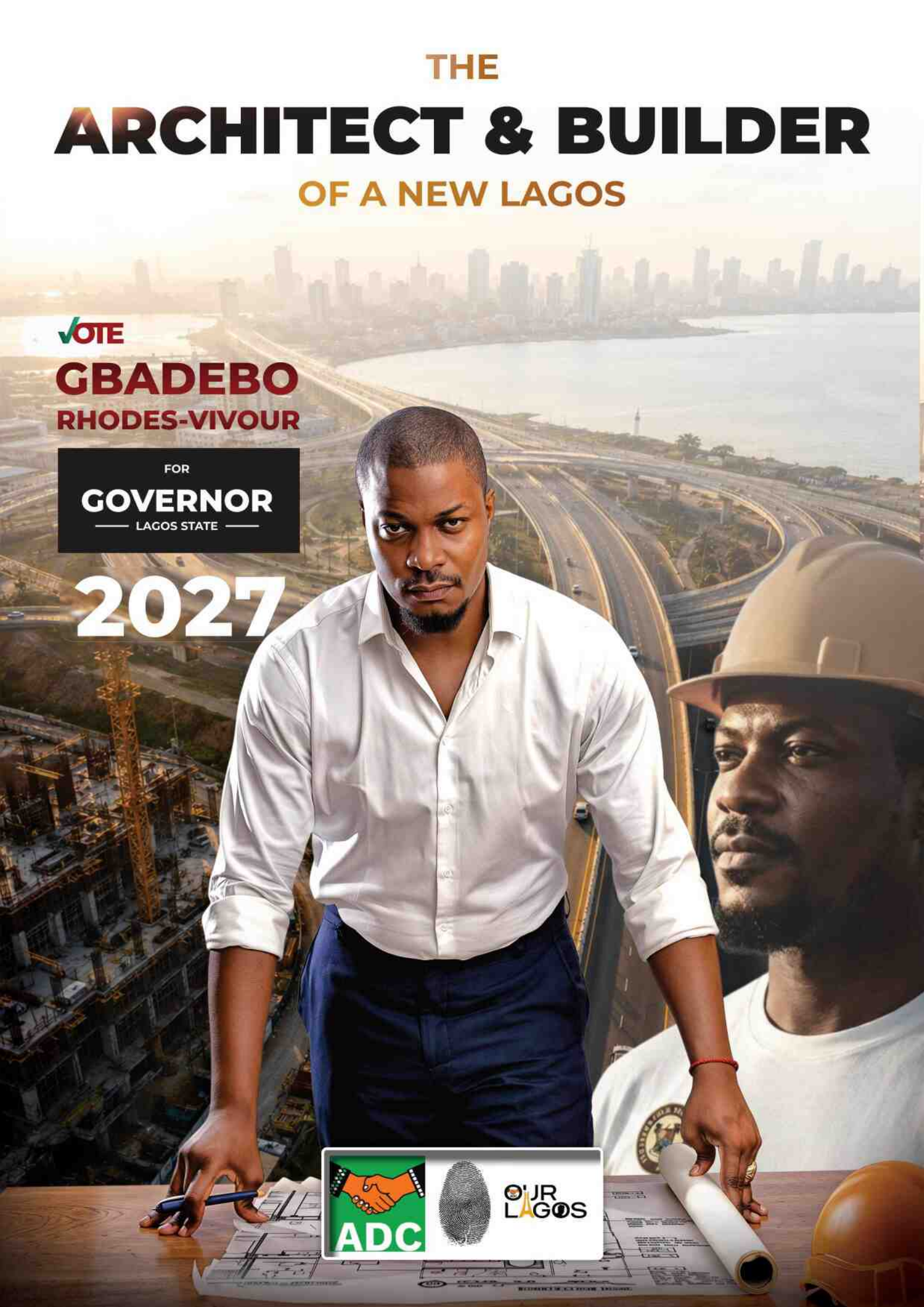
OF A NEW LAGOS



- The school feeding program will provide opportunity for local food vendors, and procurements will be from local poultries, fish farms, etc.

- The home-ownership program for creating 1 million homeowners over a period of 20 years and our other affordable housing initiatives will be used to create significant employment for the real estate development and construction sector

20. Lagos State Infrastructural Corporation: Beyond conventional Public-Private Partnership, we will advance collaboration with the private sector to a different level where a lot of things that traditionally are executed by the government will be executed and managed by the private sector through a dedicated Corporation with strict government oversight to ensure satisfactory service delivery.

21. Consistent with our support for women and our resolve to strengthen family values, we will parnter with Early Education Professionals to set up creches and Pre-K Learing Centers all over the so mothers can have their children close to them while at work.

22. Power: We will start the process to take Lagos off the national grid in phases in concert with the authorized operators in the power value chain. Our target is to achieve up to 10,000MW in 10 years and 24-7 power in Lagos. Primarily by boosting and supporting the adaption of solar power though government initiative, some of which are highlighted in my manifesto.

23. Agberos are our brothers. Their strengths and energies will be redirected for the common good. GRV will ensure that they are reskilled and reoriented. Many of them will be recruited into the Lagos Amotekun which will serve as competent neighborhood watch with a mandate to prevent every form of crime.

24. Local Governments will become the breeding ground for potential governors. GRV will support the emergence of candidates who are seasoned and competent, possessing outstanding experience in different sectors.

25. Social Safety Nets: A chain is as strong as its weakeast link. The weakest links in our society are the poor, the weak, and the vulnerable. GRV will work with various groups to find solutions that will be based on his intrinsic belief in the dignity of every Lagosian.

26. Commonwealth of Lagos: Under GRV when you pay your tax, you become a member of the Commonwealth of Lagos. Anyone who holds the tax card becomes an important stakeholder with access to the Governor's Office. There will be a best-in-class call center operating for at least 12 hours everyday (8am-8pm). This Commonwealth of Lagos Office is directly under the Office iof the Governor. Their mandate is to receive and process requests, complaints etc. from commonwealth members and get them resolved speedily.

27. We will create a law making the audit reporting standard for both external and internal auditors to be Value-For-Money, not just "true and fair view". The law will in addition to requiring audit of Lagos State, require evaluation of Value-For-Money for both capital and operational outlays; it will also demand reporting suspicious payments by or to the State.

28. Once every month, The Governor Will aim to spend 4 hours in community service such as joining street cleaners to some streets; going to some schools to serve the children food, etc. We will strive to make Lagos the cleanest city in Africa.

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BETTER LIFE LAGOS

A draft manifesto for Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour

With a nominal Gross Domestic Product approaching $101 billion, Lagos is Africa's second-largest city economy, trailing only Cairo. If Lagos were a country, it would rank among the top forty economies in the world and also the fifth-largest economy in Africa. And yet the state currently captures only a small fraction of that wealth in tax revenue relative to its size — a tax-to-GDP ratio of roughly 2.3 percent. Lagos requires sound leadership, free from the strings of those who have turned its resources into their feeding trough and weakened institutions in the process, to finally collect, manage, and deploy the wealth it already generates, with the discipline and transparency that a $260 billion economy deserves.

While Lagos State commands the highest internally generated revenue (IGR) in Nigeria, its fiscal capacity remains modest when compared globally or even within Africa. At approximately $2.5 billion in annual revenue, Lagos performs below the scale of many subnational governments in more mature fiscal systems—often comparable to large counties in the United States rather than global megacities of similar economic weight.

This gap becomes more pronounced when benchmarked against peer cities. Despite Lagos generating about ₦3.03 trillion ($2.2 billion) in 2025, up from ₦2.24 trillion ($1.6 billion) in 2024, the City of Johannesburg reported revenues of R73.9 billion ($4.35 billion) in 2024 and R81.1 billion ($4.82 billion) in 2025—more than double Lagos's fiscal size.

The implication is clear: while Lagos has recorded steady nominal growth, its revenue performance remains significantly below its economic potential. Given its population size, commercial dominance, and GDP footprint, Lagos's current revenue profile indicates substantial untapped fiscal space, suggesting structural inefficiencies in revenue mobilization, compliance, and overall fiscal design.

Lagos Fiscal Numbers (2025)

Charts (Revenue, Expenditure, Recurrent Expenditure, Capital Expenditure) 5-10 years

Charts (Debt) 5 -10 years


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1. ACCOUNTABILITY

Lagos State operates an opaque fiscal system despite relying heavily on taxes paid by its residents and businesses. This is reflected in its poor performance on fiscal openness, ranking 30th out of Nigeria's 36 states in the State Fiscal Transparency League Table. The state's procurement architecture also falls short of modern transparency standards. Its Public Procurement Portal contains a non-functional Open Contracting platform, while procurement records are poorly maintained, with significant gaps in historical contract data, making independent scrutiny almost impossible.

This opacity has contributed to questionable spending decisions and weakened public confidence. For example, the 2026 proposed budget allocated ₦186 billion to broadly defined consultancy services with limited public justification. The state also approved ₦6.2 billion for housing for members of the Lagos State House of Assembly in Abuja—equivalent to approximately ₦516 million per legislator. Citizens deserve clear explanations, transparent procurement processes, and measurable outcomes.

A government that asks Lagosians to pay more in taxes has a corresponding obligation to demonstrate, openly and consistently, how those resources are being managed and what they have delivered. Every naira collected should be traceable to better roads, safer communities, stronger schools, improved healthcare, and more efficient public services. Our pact with Lagosians is simple: higher standards of transparency, stronger accountability, and a government whose finances are visible, measurable, and focused on service delivery. We will achieve this through the following commitments:

- Enact legislation requiring annual Value-for-Money assessments of both capital and recurrent expenditure.
- Establish a Lagos State whistleblower program for reporting suspected corruption, fraudulent payments, and abuse of public resources.
- Establish the Lagos State Anti-Corruption Agency to investigate and prosecute corruption, financial misconduct, and the misuse of public funds.
- Build and maintain an open-data budget and procurement portal that publishes capital project status, contract awards, and budget performance by Local Government Area in searchable, downloadable, and regularly updated formats.

- Establish a best-in-class citizen call centre under the Office of the Governor to receive complaints and service requests, with publicly reported resolution timelines.
- Hold bi-monthly media briefings to provide updates on government programs, policy implementation, and key challenges, while enabling robust public scrutiny.
- Deliver an Annual State of Lagos Address to the State House of Assembly every 27 May, marking the state's anniversary with a comprehensive review of government performance and future priorities.
- Partner with independent accountability organisations, professional bodies, and civil society groups to conduct project appraisals and external evaluations of major state investments.

- Require that any new levy or tax increase be accompanied by a published account of specific services already delivered from prior revenue, so residents can see what they got before being asked to pay more.



2. HOUSING

Lagos faces one of the largest housing deficits in Africa, estimated at approximately 3.4 million units. To keep pace with rapid population growth and household formation, the state requires an estimated 500,000 new homes every year. Yet, even during the current administration's most productive years, annual housing delivery has remained below 20,000 units. The reality is that no government can single-handedly build its way out of this crisis. The role of government is to create the conditions that enable large-scale private investment, affordable homeownership, and efficient land use.

Lagos once demonstrated what ambitious public housing could achieve during the era of Alhaji Lateef Jakande. Today, that vision has faded. Many public housing estates have deteriorated, while new developments have failed to maximize land use efficiency in a state with Nigeria's smallest land area. Continuing to build predominantly low-density housing is simply unsustainable for a megacity of over 20 million people.

We will not make unrealistic promises to eliminate the housing deficit within one term. Instead, we will pursue an honest and achievable ambition: creating one million new homeowners over the next 20 years through a sustainable homeownership program backed by credible mortgage financing, innovative housing finance, and private-sector partnerships. At the same time, we will accelerate the construction of high-density, mixed-income developments along emerging growth corridors to make better use of scarce urban land.

Housing will also become a deliberate engine of economic growth. Our affordable housing program will be designed to create thousands of jobs across construction, real estate, manufacturing, and professional services, with procurement prioritizing Lagos-based developers, contractors, building material suppliers, artisans, and skilled trades. We have also closely studied the sharp rise in rental costs across Lagos, which has placed decent housing beyond the reach of many working families. Addressing housing affordability, therefore, requires not only increasing supply, but also introducing sensible reforms that expand access to homeownership, improve rental market transparency, and protect tenants from excessive rent increases.

Area	Average Annual Cost of 2 bedroom flat in Naira (2022)	Average Annual Cost of 2 bedroom flat in Naira (2026)	Average Annual rent change (%)
Somolu	1,200,000	3,000,000	150.00%
Ikorodu	350,000	800,000	128.57%
Ikeja	2,200,000	5,000,000	127.27%
Yaba	1,400,000	3,500,000	150.00%
Ajah	1,500,000	3,000,000	100.00%
Badagry	220,000	300,000	36.36%
Apapa	1,600,000	2,500,000	56.25%

Our pact with Lagos will include delivering the following:

- Develop a Lagos Home Financing Program linked to the Lagos State residency data, focused on affordable mortgages for first-time homebuyers.
- Conduct a comprehensive property valuation across Lagos to establish an accurate tenement rate and property tax base for local governments, while providing tax relief for households within the median rent bracket.
- Break ground on and deliver 100,000 high-rise housing units through public-private partnerships across new growth corridors in Epe, Badagry, and Ikorodu.
- Pass the Lagos State Permanent Rent Stabilization and Protection Act (PRSA), modeled on Prince George's County, Maryland, capping annual rent increases at inflation plus 5%.
- Enforce mandatory registration of all residential lease agreements with the Lagos State Government, with incentives for compliance.
- Institutionalize continuous research on rental trends to guide legal and policy measures against excessive rent increases and price gouging.
- Review and regulate the short-term rental market, drawing lessons from cities such as Dallas and New York facing similar housing pressures.

- Amend Lagos State Physical Planning Permit Authority (LASPPPA) approval rules so every new estate or housing scheme must include a park, community hall, or public square — not just maximize plot yield



3. INFRASTRUCTURE

Our objective is to build a Lagos where no journey across the metropolis takes more than 45 minutes. We will accelerate the completion of a comprehensive metro rail network through a phased implementation plan with published, line-by-line milestones, allowing Lagosians to track progress just as they will every other major public investment under our accountability commitments.

With nearly a quarter of Lagos State covered by lagoons, creeks, and rivers, we will expand water transportation as a faster, more affordable complement to rail. This means more ferry routes, additional terminals, modern vessels,

and integrated ticketing across rail, bus, and ferry services. A city built on water should move far more efficiently on water.

We will also treat flooding and drainage as a top infrastructure priority. Every rainy season, Lagos loses lives, homes, and economic activity because its drainage network has failed to keep pace with urban growth. Communities along the Agungi–Kusenla Road corridor continue to experience severe flooding, with little sustained government response. We will implement a published multi-year drainage master plan, with named projects, clear timelines, and regular public reporting, beginning with the city's most flood-prone corridors.

To transform infrastructure delivery, we will establish the Lagos State Infrastructure Corporation—a dedicated institution that mobilizes private capital and expertise to deliver and manage major infrastructure under strong public oversight. The Corporation will also lead the development of new growth corridors and cities, backed by clear land-use plans and zoning certainty that give investors the confidence to build at scale.

Our infrastructure commitments include:

- Accelerate delivery of the Lagos Green Line by removing bureaucratic bottlenecks along the state's fastest-growing corridor.
- Allocate at least 30% of the infrastructure budget to inner-city roads, complemented by matching grants for Local Governments.
- Issue-specific infrastructure-tied bonds (capped at 10% of total annual revenues) with a clear position on their effect on improved Lagos fiscal sustainability
- Strengthen transparency in infrastructure procurement to improve value for money and project delivery.
- Deploy data-driven traffic management, including rapid incident response, corridor-based towing services, and pothole repairs within 72 hours.
- Professionalize transport unions through a transparent and predictable dues framework for voluntary members.
- Develop new economic cities modeled on Alaro City and Itana, including Epe as a telecoms and technology hub, Badagry as a center for health tourism and African heritage, and Ikorodu with Innovation City focused on African culture, commercializing African research and patents.
- Partner with the Federal Government to accelerate broadband connectivity in markets and commercial districts, enabling seamless digital and cashless transactions.

- Mandate utilities-first construction (drainage, water lines, cabling before asphalt) on all new Lagos Public Works road projects, with a dedicated maintenance fund attached to each completed road to stop repeat deterioration.



4. ENERGY

We will begin the phased process of taking Lagos off the national grid, working in concert with authorized operators across the power value chain, with a target of 10,000 megawatts of capacity across the state within ten years.

This will be achieved primarily by accelerating the adoption of solar power through direct government initiative, paired with battery storage to manage intermittency and embedded gas generation as bridge capacity where needed, so that the target is one of reliable, dispatchable power rather than installed capacity that cannot be consistently delivered.

We will use Lagos State's own electricity regulatory powers to set clear, public milestones for licensed state-based generation and distribution, separate from and in addition to whatever progress happens at the federal grid level — because Lagosians should not have to wait for national reform to get reliable power. Off-grid and mini-grid power will be prioritized for the state's growing peripheral areas — Epe, Badagry, and Ibeju-Lekki among them — so that the new towns described under Infrastructure are powered from day one rather than waiting years for grid extension to reach them. Our energy commitments include:

- Review of the Lagos Electricity Regulatory Commission Act to ensure optimal backing towards the 10,000MW project for Lagos State
- Begin the process of taking Lagos off the national grid in phases, in collaboration with authorized operators across the power value chain, including overhauling the Lagos state transmission and distribution network to ensure optimal capacity

- Target of up to 10,000MW within 10 years and 24/7 power supply in Lagos through a confluence of investors, bringing Lagos energy markets to the mainstream
- Accelerate the solar ownership program with a concentration of grid power for industrial environments
- Explore the offshore wind energy program for Lagos, leveraging its extensive coastline to strengthen its sustainability credentials.

- Use LASERC's existing embedded-power and mini-grid licensing authority (already active, with licenses issued) to prioritize rollout in the highest diesel-dependency areas first, sequenced using outage and generator-spend data rather than politically visible zones.



5. ENVIRONMENT

A government serious about the environment does more than clean streets once a month, though we will do that too — the Governor will join sanitation workers and clean Lagos streets directly as a standing monthly commitment, because leadership that is only ever seen from a podium loses the trust of the people it serves. We will overhaul waste management through a reformed Lagos State Waste Management Authority, with published targets for daily collection coverage relative to actual waste generated, and a clear, funded path toward modern waste-to-energy and recycling infrastructure as the city's existing landfill capacity nears capacity.

We will invest in coastal protection and erosion control along Lagos's Atlantic coastline, recognizing that a state built where land meets lagoon and ocean cannot treat climate adaptation as optional. This includes sustained investment in shoreline protection in the areas most exposed to erosion and storm surge.

We will treat the Lagos Lagoon and its waterways as environmental infrastructure, not a dumping ground. Every day, untreated sewage and industrial effluent flow into the lagoon that gives this state its name and its livelihoods. We will invest in wastewater and sewage treatment capacity, enforce industrial discharge standards with published compliance data, and

restore the mangroves and wetlands that serve as the city's natural flood defense — halting the unchecked reclamation of designated wetlands that have steadily stripped Lagos of its capacity to absorb stormwater.

Our ambition is for Lagos to become the cleanest city in Africa — measured not by slogans, but by published waste collection rates, flood-incident reduction, and air and water quality data, tracked the same way as every other commitment in this manifesto.

Our environmental commitments include:

- Bring professional structure to the Lagos State Waste Management Authority with an international partnership to seek best-in-class delivery for waste collection, sorting, recycling, and energy conversion.
- Publish a statewide Waste Management Master Plan with daily collection coverage targets by Local Government Area, and deliver material recovery, recycling, and waste-to-energy facilities at state landfills
- Formalize the recycling economy by registering waste pickers and aggregators, establishing buy-back and sorting centers in every Local Government Area, and creating thousands of green jobs in collection, sorting, and processing.
- Enforce the ban on styrofoam and single-use plastics, paired with support for Lagos-based manufacturers of affordable alternatives, so that enforcement grows local industry rather than relying on penalties alone.
- Gazette and protect critical wetlands, halt approvals for land reclamation in designated flood-absorption zones, and launch a mangrove restoration program along the lagoon shoreline and Atlantic coast.
- Deploy a statewide air quality monitoring network with real-time published data, and set enforceable emission standards for industrial facilities and public transport fleets.
- Invest in wastewater and sewage treatment infrastructure, and enforce industrial effluent standards with published compliance reporting for major dischargers into the lagoon and waterways.
- Implement year-round drainage maintenance and desilting under the multi-year drainage master plan described in Infrastructure, replacing seasonal, reactive clearing with a permanent maintenance regime.
- Deliver a functional public park in every Local Government Area and a citywide tree-planting program targeting one million trees, prioritizing the hottest and most densely built neighborhoods.

- Update and implement the Lagos Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan, with building and land-use codes that reflect sea-level rise and storm-surge projections for a coastal megacity.
- Set and enforce engineering and building standards for Lagos's informal waterfront and stilt communities, replacing ad hoc construction on water with structurally sound design.
- Commission hydrological and structural feasibility studies before approving any new waterside or reclaimed-land development around the Lagos Lagoon.
- Rehabilitate and expand Iju Waterworks and the Lagos State Water Corporation network, which today reaches a smaller share of Lagos than it did decades ago.
- Regulate and test water quality across Lagos's estimated 200,000+ private boreholes, now the de facto water source for most residents.
- Mandate at-source household waste segregation starting at ward level, feeding into organized downstream collection.
- Treat the everyday state of roads, streets, and public spaces as a driver of public expectations and civic pride, not a cosmetic afterthought.



6. EDUCATION

We will invest in education to transform public primary and secondary schools to the standard of the best private schools in Lagos, so our students can compete with the best anywhere in the world — measured against clear, published targets for pupil-teacher ratios, functioning laboratories and libraries, and classroom infrastructure, not aspiration alone.

Every child who attends a Lagos State school will receive an excellent, balanced meal — the kind of meal served in the most privileged homes, because every child deserves the best. This program will be a deliberate source of local economic activity, procuring from Lagos poultry farms, fish

farms, and food vendors, so that feeding our children also strengthens our agricultural economy.

We will improve compensation for teachers in the service of Lagos State, with the aim of achieving a genuine middle-class lifestyle, including a clear path to home ownership through the same mortgage structures described under Housing. On the strength of these improved terms, we will recruit tens of thousands of the best-performing graduates as teachers in our primary and secondary schools, rebuilding the profession's standing as one of the most respected in the state.

We will train 100,000 people annually to acquire best-in-class vocational skills, matched to the sectors where Lagos has the clearest demand — construction, the skilled trades, digital services, and the creative industries.

We will partner with a top-100 global institution to manage Lagos State University over the next 20 years, with the explicit, publicly stated goal of LASU itself becoming a top-100 university within that period.

Because Lagos's own economy is increasingly driven by its technology sector, we will introduce a public-school digital literacy and coding curriculum, so that the next generation of Lagosians is prepared to compete for the same technology jobs that are already drawing investment into the state.

- Transform public primary and secondary schools to the standard of the best private schools with strong investment in all-around infrastructure and learning assessment
- Investment in an education data system with access to insights on numeracy and literacy levels, as well as school completion rates across local governments.
- Recruit 5,000 additional teachers for public primary and secondary schools, reenacting Lagos State's public schools' glory days
- Improved compensation for teachers in Lagos State service, targeting a middle-class lifestyle, including home ownership
- Train 100,000 people annually in best-in-class vocational skills with investment in existing facilities across the state
- Set up a state grading system for technical graduates and artisans, with a platform to drive impact
- Partner with a Top-100 global institution on a global twinning program with LASU for 20 years, with a target of LASU becoming a Top-200 university within 20 years
- Every schoolchild is to receive an excellent, balanced meal comparable to that in the most privileged homes

- Partner with Early Education Professionals to establish crèches and Pre-K Learning Centers across the state
- Expand targeted enrollment subsidies (tuition, feeding, uniforms/books) for out-of-school children identified through Lagos State's own household data, prioritizing informal settlements where poverty, not distance, is the barrier.
- Expand intake capacity at LASU, Lagos State Polytechnic, and State technical/vocational colleges, and build out vocational pathways, so Lagos students have credible routes beyond the oversubscribed JAMB/university bottleneck.



7. HEALTH

We will make prevention, not cure, the operating principle of the Lagos health system. Our statutory health insurance scheme will be scaled up to include an annual health check-up for every enrollee, built directly into Primary Health Care delivery — one of the most ambitious universal-prevention commitments attempted anywhere, and one we intend to deliver with real enrollment targets published year over year, not as a one-time announcement.

We will partner with the best private health practitioners to bring Lagos's public healthcare system — primary, secondary, and tertiary — up to global standards, while protecting the principle that quality care must remain accessible to every Lagosian, not only those who can pay privately.

We will improve compensation for doctors, nurses, and every health-sector worker employed by the Lagos State government, recognizing that a health system can only be as strong as the people who staff it.

We will set clear targets for functioning Primary Health Care facilities in every ward, because a prevention-first health system is only real if the facilities exist close enough to where people live for an "annual check-up" to mean something in practice rather than in policy documents. We will track and publish maternal and under-five mortality figures specifically for Lagos State, and set measurable reduction targets against them — the indicators that

matter most for the health of Lagos families and the ones too often left out of state-level health planning.

The second pillar of our health system, alongside prevention, is nutrition. Promoting healthy nutrition — beginning with the school meals program described under Education and extending into public health messaging and food access policy — will be treated as core health infrastructure, not an afterthought.

- Partner with the best private health practitioners to transform public healthcare — primary, secondary, and tertiary — to meet global standards
- Invest rigorously in the Lagos State Health Information Management System with insights on health data, antenatal, maternal, and child care statistics
- Improved compensation for doctors, nurses, and all government health-sector workers
- Shift the health system's philosophy from cure to prevention, scaling up statutory health insurance to include annual check-ups as part of Primary Health Care
- Audit the current state of LASUTH and general hospitals, setting a high standard of healthcare delivery under a stronger data management system
- Promote healthy nutrition as a central pillar of the health system in partnership with the private sector and civil society under the "Healthy Lagos" campaign
- Develop Badagry as a health tourism destination

- Build a proactive healthcare system where clinics use existing resident data to call people in for free quarterly checkups, starting with the elderly, before they get sick rather than after.

8. ECONOMY

Lagos's economy is the platform on which every other commitment in this manifesto stands, and it deserves to be treated as such.

On the first working day in office, the minimum wage for Lagos State civil servants will rise to ₦120,000 per month. We will encourage, through moral suasion and not compulsion, the Organized Private Sector to end the casualization of labor and raise minimum wages for their own staff to N150,000 per month, with N250,000 as our preferred ambition — recognizing that government leads by example, but private-sector wages must be built through partnership and shared interest, not mandate.

We will float a N1 trillion loan scheme for entrepreneurs, vocational practitioners, and other self-employed Lagosians whose businesses have genuine potential to grow into middle-class-supporting enterprises. This scheme will be paired with a simplified business registration process, reducing the time and friction currently required to formally register and operate a business in Lagos, so that access to capital is matched by ease of formalization.

Government expenditure will be used deliberately to promote industrialization, generate locally produced inputs, and create middle-class employment. Within the first 100 days in office, we will issue an order to purchase 100,000 vehicles from any manufacturer willing to establish local assembly in Lagos, together with its component suppliers, on the condition that locally sourced, value-added inputs make up no less than 70 percent of each vehicle produced. The same local-content principle will run through the school feeding program — sourced from Lagos poultry farms, fish farms, and food vendors — and through our home-ownership and affordable housing programs, which will be structured to generate significant employment in real estate development and construction, specifically within Lagos State's own workforce and supply chains.

Beyond manufacturing, we will deliberately grow the sectors where Lagos already leads Africa. The creative economy — film, music, fashion, and content — is one of the state's most powerful exports and employers of young people, and it will be treated as serious economic infrastructure: dedicated creative production districts, a Lagos Creative Economy Fund, and export promotion for Lagos-made content and design. The blue economy —

fisheries, boat-building, marine logistics, and waterfront tourism — will be developed alongside the ferry expansion described under Infrastructure, so that the water that defines Lagos also employs it. And because commerce in this city does not stop at sunset, we will pilot a 24-hour economy in designated districts, made possible by the power, transport, and security commitments elsewhere in this manifesto.

None of this requires Lagos to borrow its way into ambition. With a near-$260 billion economy and a tax-to-GDP ratio of just 2.3 percent, the resources to fund this agenda already exist inside Lagos's own economy. Our task is to collect what is owed, fairly and transparently, and to broaden the formal tax base as more Lagosians move from informal to registered enterprises — supported, not punished, by the registration reforms described above.

Widening the tax base will also mean making taxes simpler and fairer, not just heavier. Today, traders, transporters, and small businesses face a maze of overlapping state and local levies, many of which are collected in cash by unaccountable intermediaries. We will harmonize these into a single consolidated levy per business category, payable digitally, with every naira traceable — ending multiple taxation and dismantling the illegal collection points that tax Lagosians without ever reaching the treasury. For micro and informal businesses, a simplified presumptive tax regime will make formalization a benefit rather than a burden.

- Increase the minimum wage for civil servants to ₦120,000 per month from the first working day in office
- Expansion of Lagos new economy corridors in Epe, Ikorodu, and Badagry with the requisite infrastructure for ease of access
- Epe to be developed as a Telecoms and IT centre; Innovation City to support commercialisation of patents by people of African heritage globally
- Harmonize all state and local government levies into a single consolidated levy per business category, payable digitally, ending multiple taxation and illegal cash collection points in markets, motor parks, and on roads.
- Introduce a simplified presumptive tax regime for micro and informal businesses, linked to the simplified business registration process, so formalization comes with benefits rather than burdens.
- Establish a Lagos Creative Economy Fund and dedicated creative production districts for film, music, fashion, and content, with export promotion for Lagos-made creative work.

- Develop the blue economy — fisheries, boat-building, marine logistics, and waterfront tourism — alongside the expansion of water transportation.
- Pilot a 24-hour economy in designated districts, backed by reliable power, night transport, street lighting, and dedicated security coverage.
- Attract international investment to turn informal waterfront settlements into planned, productive waterside districts, housing, tourism, logistics.
- Formalize commercial bus driving into salaried, trained employment, so drivers earn a wage instead of surviving off chasing passengers.
- Open ward-level skill acquisition centers that use AI to match a resident's existing skills against real local job openings, then deliver free, targeted retraining.
- Provide free meals for participants in skills retraining programs, since job loss also means income loss.



9. INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Local Governments will become the breeding ground for Lagos's future governors. We will support the emergence of LGA leadership built from genuine experience and competence across different sectors, rather than treating local government as a holding pattern. This must be matched by a clear position on LGA fiscal autonomy — Local Governments cannot be expected to develop credible future leadership while remaining financially dependent in ways that limit their ability to govern and deliver.

We will reform the Lagos State civil service to be built on merit, transparent recruitment and transparent promotion. A wage commitment without a modern payroll system behind it is a promise that erodes under its own weight; we intend to build the system that lets the promise hold.

We will work to reduce delays in commercial and land dispute resolution within the Lagos judicial system, recognizing that a state competing for investment at Lagos's scale cannot afford a backlog that makes contract enforcement and property disputes slow and unpredictable.

Reform must also be digital. Too many interactions between Lagosians and their government still rely on paper files, physical queues, and discretionary gatekeepers — the natural habitat of delays and bribery. We will digitize government services end-to-end through a single citizen portal that covers permits, approvals, and payments, each with a published maximum processing time. The land registry will be fully digitized, with published maximum timelines for Certificates of Occupancy, Governor's consent, and building permits — because in a state where land is the single largest store of household wealth, a slow and opaque land administration system is itself a form of dispossession.

Institutions run on people and on facts. We will clear pension and gratuity backlogs and institutionalize prompt payment, because a civil service cannot demand integrity from serving officers while abandoning retired ones. And we will strengthen the Lagos Bureau of Statistics as a properly resourced, professionally independent data agency — publishing the population, economic, health, education, and crime data against which every commitment in this manifesto can be independently measured. A government that promises to be judged by outcomes must first guarantee the integrity of the numbers.

The Lagos State Infrastructural Corporation, described under Infrastructure, and the Commonwealth of Lagos structure described under Accountability, are themselves institutional reforms — new, purpose-built vehicles for delivery and citizen engagement, created because the institutions Lagos has inherited were not designed for a state operating at this scale and this level of ambition.

- Lagos State Infrastructural Corporation: a dedicated private-sector-led corporation with strict government oversight to execute and manage projects traditionally handled by government
- Local governments to become breeding grounds for future governors, supporting the emergence of seasoned, competent candidates from diverse sectors through expansion of the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy
- Commonwealth of Lagos: taxpayers gain formal stakeholder status with access to a best-in-class call centre operating at least 12 hours daily, directly under the Office of the Governor

- Value-For-Money audit law requires internal and external auditors to evaluate both capital and operational outlays and report suspicious payments
- Digitize government services end-to-end through a single citizen portal — permits, approvals, and payments — with a published maximum processing timeline for every service.
- Fully digitize the land registry, with published maximum timelines for Certificates of Occupancy, Governor's consent, and building permits.
- Rebuild the civil service on merit: transparent, examination-based recruitment and promotion, a modern payroll and human resources system, and a Lagos Public Service Academy for continuous training.
- Clear pension and gratuity backlogs and institutionalize prompt payment to retired public servants.
- Expand small claims and commercial courts, introduce e-filing, and appoint additional judges to cut case backlogs in commercial and land disputes.
- Strengthen the Lagos Bureau of Statistics as an independent data agency publishing the indicators against which this manifesto is to be measured.

- Create a dedicated Waterfront Communities Planning Office to formalize land and water tenure and bring engineering oversight to informal water-based settlements.

- Require any waterside or reclaimed-land development to pass a published engineering and safety review before approval.

- Publish a Local Government Area-by-Local Government Area road condition audit with a public upgrade timeline.

- Standardize road construction specifications statewide, drainage, curbing, markings, so quality doesn't depend on which contractor or administration built it.

- Require every registered commercial bus operator, minibus or BRT, to meet fixed standards: set routes, set stops, published schedules, enforced by a public transit authority.

- Build out driver training and certification, on the model of the Lagos State Transit Academy, so commercial drivers are licensed and accountable to a professional code of conduct.

- Publish a Lagos-specific pipe-borne water coverage target and timeline. The state's own water utility once reached more residents than it does today; this is a fixable decline, not a fixed constraint.
- Build an integrated resident data system at the ward and local government level so agencies can proactively deliver services, healthcare, skills training, and beyond, rather than making citizens chase each one down separately.



10. SECURITY

We will pay a cost-of-living allowance to every police officer posted to Lagos, paired with a retraining program to establish a consistent, professional standard of policing across the state.

Agberos are our brothers. Their strength and energy will be redirected toward the common good rather than left to operate outside any structure. We will reskill and reorient them, and recruit many into the Lagos Amotekun corps, serving as a competent neighborhood watch with a clear mandate to prevent crime in their own communities — a deliberate act of reintegration, not a label, and one we will hold to the same training, conduct, and accountability standards as any other security personnel in this manifesto.

We will expand CCTV and public surveillance infrastructure across the state, prioritizing the new towns, transport corridors, and markets described elsewhere in this manifesto, so that security investment grows in step with the areas of fastest development.

Well-lit streets are the cheapest crime prevention a city can buy. We will expand street lighting across Lagos with published coverage targets by Local Government Area, prioritizing transport corridors, markets, and residential streets where most Lagosians actually walk at night. Alongside this, we will strengthen emergency response as a whole — police, fire, and ambulance — with published response-time standards for the state's toll-free emergency lines, and new fire stations and ambulance points located according to where incidents actually occur, not where land happens to be available.

Security also means security of property. The menace of land grabbing and forceful dispossession — often carried out under the cover of 'omo onile' claims — undermines investment, destroys family savings, and breeds violence. We will strengthen and adequately fund the state's anti-land-grabbing machinery, publish its prosecutions and convictions, and pair it with the digitized land registry described under Institutional Reform, so that title to land in Lagos is defended by records and courts rather than by muscle. As water transportation expands, we will invest in waterways security in partnership with the marine police, so that safety on the lagoon keeps pace with traffic on it.

We will establish dedicated response units for gender-based and domestic violence, recognizing that a great deal of harm in Lagos happens behind closed doors and has historically had nowhere structured to go.

We will track community trust in policing directly through the Commonwealth of Lagos call centre described under Accountability — complaints logged, resolution times published — so that security policy, like every other commitment in this manifesto, is measured by outcomes Lagosians can see for themselves.

- Accelerate the Lagos State Police Command under the new state policing structure, alongside re-training programs to standardize the Lagos standard of service
- Expand street lighting with published coverage targets by Local Government Area, prioritizing transport corridors, markets, and residential streets.
- Publish response-time standards for the state's emergency lines and expand fire stations and ambulance points based on incident data.
- Expand CCTV and public surveillance infrastructure across new towns, transport corridors, and markets, integrated into a modern command and control center.
- Strengthen and fund the anti-land-grabbing machinery, with prosecutions published, and invest in waterway security in partnership with the marine police.
- Establish dedicated response units for gender-based and domestic violence, with trained personnel and clear referral pathways in every division.
- Publish crime statistics by Local Government Area annually, alongside community trust metrics gathered through the Commonwealth of Lagos call center.