



## BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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### **BCCI Gives Commendations Following Election Day**

#### **-For Immediate Release-**

The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) congratulates the People's United Party (PUP) on its resounding victory at the polls last night. The people have spoken, clearly delivering a mandate for the new government to tackle corruption and address productive sector needs and tourism recovery as a vital part of reviving Belize's economy. The BCCI stands ready to work with the new government, led by Prime Minister John Briceno, to ensure that appropriate measures are rapidly taken to encourage business confidence and hopes that the government is ready to seriously address the urgent measures that must be taken in order to restore Belize's growth.

The BCCI also commends the United Democratic Party (UDP) and in particular its leader, Hon. Patrick Faber on his graceful acceptance of the people's decision. In order for democracy to properly function, we also require a vibrant Opposition in the House of Representatives, and we anticipate that Hon. Faber and his colleagues will participate in fulfilling their democratic duties with diligence.

Congratulations are also due to the third parties, the Belize People's Front (BPF) and the Belize Progressive Party (BPP), along with the independent candidates who all fought a very good fight. Their time may not yet have come, but perseverance is part of ensuring change.

Finally, the BCCI wishes to thank the hard-working members of the public service, who manned the polling stations cheerfully despite the pandemic risk they faced, and who efficiently and quickly delivered the results last night. Our thanks go also to the voters who largely observed the required rules for this most unusual Election Day, and without whose peaceful but enthusiastic participation democracy could not have functioned.

Belize moves on to a new chapter, and the BCCI continues to work in partnership with our government to develop the enabling environment necessary for our country to live up to its full potential.

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