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TOGETHER WE CAN CLAIM BACK
OUR MANDATE AND OUR VOICE
FOR AROCHUKWU AND OHAFIA

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FOREWORD

Ndi Arochukwu na Ohafia,

I believe many of you are here today because you feel that our great country, Abia state, and the Federal Constituency of Arochukwu/Ohafia deserves to flourish in a way that will create a better quality of life for its people. And that those who have been given the honour of the fiduciary stewardship of the collective patrimony of our beloved district, Abia State, and the Federation of Nigeria, can and must do a better job of consolidating our resources, and subsequently allocating such funds more equitably to ameliorate the suffering of the people. I'm firmly certain that you strongly feel that the right to uninterrupted light and clean water should be constant. And not an intermittent luxury for the so called unprivileged. That you strongly feel that access to great quality healthcare and a progressive educational system should be almost a birth right in this 21st century, to cultivate and foster future generations of our dynamic people to a well-deserved greatness. And last but not least, you're here because you fervently believe that our public service representatives on all levels, should be held to a create level of accountability, rectitude and probity so as to enable; or in fact compel them to dispense their duties and obligations to the people with the quintessence of transparency, moral and ethical disposition, and digital diligence to more than effectively satisfy the needs of the people who place their faith and future in their hands with the belief that those they have given the distinct honour to lead and govern them, will deliver the solutions to indeed, improve their lives, those of their children, and future generations to come.

In our present world, I'm sure many of you are aware that a certain society bares the moniker of **God's Own Country**. Because they are looked upon as being blessed inordinately with resources; both human and of the natural kind, more than most other societies. And, that they've been able to consolidate these resources to propel themselves to the pinnacle of human endeavour. Ironically, within the context of Africa, Nigeria with all its resources, is looked upon by other African countries, as **God's Own Country** on the African continent. And the other African countries and the rest of the world; including the USA, is unable to reconcile how and why, with all the resources

Nigeria has been blessed with, which includes trillions of monetary currency, that we have been incapable of transforming our country into one of the exemplary ecosystems or societies in this world. And it is time to do some introspection to identify the reasons for our destructive inhibitions, and finally capture and exude the progressive potential that greater humanity expects from Nigeria.

Well, I truly believe that some of us who have been blessed or fortunate in many of our endeavours in life, should altruistically give back through public service to contribute to facilitating greater opportunities for the less fortunate. And, my purpose is simple.

1. To do the right things to enable a more equitable and forthright environment to create an exponentially deserved better quality of life for all.
2. To transform Abia to be the envy of the rest of Abia state, and the country.

However, conviction is an ideal that without motivation will never get fulfilled. Conviction is like that desirable Mercedes Benz that without petrol, isn't going to get anywhere. My motivation is passion!!! Passion is my petrol to effectively get things done. Passion to do right, is my fuel to facilitate progressive change and prosperity. With all the conflicts and inhibitive negative issues holding us back, I believe we are blessed with an unquenchable resource of perseverance and innovation that is glaringly obvious, with some of the creative ways our people craft to survive and indeed thrive against all odds. I submit to you, it's time to harness this collective engine of ingenuity; regardless of ethnicity, gender or religious beliefs to propel this community and subsequently the country at large, to our rightful position of greatness that will eventually precipitate the better quality of life for all that we seek.

Indeed, it is time to employ the selfless courage and dedication of our forebears when they embarked on the struggle for independence for our great nation, and the subsequent emancipation from our colonial prefects, as a motivational catalyst for insight and inspiration to steadfastly embolden the commitment to get our beloved house of Nigeria in order in this 21st century. These compatriots were of disparate ethnicities that reflected the collage of the Nigerian diaspora as they proceeded undaunted. Their inherent divergence not deterring them from their primary goal of securing independence for their people.

And if you believe that against all odds, we can use the same kind of dedication to propel us to a better way of life, I humbly call on you today to support my candidacy to become your next representative for Arochukwu/Ohafia, Federal constituency of Abia State.



FOREWORD

My vision is to effectively serve the people and consequently provide them a better quality of life. A comprehensive delineation of how I intend to foster the policies that will truly precipitate positive change for the constituents of Arochukwu/Ohafia locally, and those of the federation of NIGERIA at large, are contained in a this policy manifesto document which details support initiatives for the widowed and aged. Employment and empowerment opportunities for the younger generation. Infrastructural facilities development for public schools & hospitals. Interest free-loan for traders, sports development, to mention a few. We will also initiate and encourage more forums of direct consultation and interaction with constituents of Arochukwu/Ohafia to have a constant, contemporary and extemporaneous measure of your insights, suggestions; and when necessary, objections and criticisms to empower more efficacious representation for our people, and ultimately craft more effective developmental bills and legislation at the National assembly to precipitate the progress for our district that we all desire.

We have a plan to solicit foreign technology companies to come in to use us as a test bed for new energy producing technologies such 'Supercapacitors;' that will at long last enable an environment of constant power and light. And when there's constant light, the water pumps will always be running to let the waters flow. Such life-enhancing infrastructural development projects will create new jobs. But we also will make sure to negotiate such development programs to include the eventual transfer of such technology to our indigenous people so we can become conversant with it to better chart our own destiny with it, and not be in perpetual dependence on some so-called scientific wizards, only because we did not stipulate from the beginning that they must eventually transfer the full expertise of the technology to our people directly so we can in time be able to manipulate, innovate upon and dispense such technologies for our people's unique needs. I'm sure you'll agree with me we are blessed with vast repository of creative scientific minds who can assimilate even the most arcane complex knowledge, innovate on it, and render to our people with pertinent modifications to make such technologies work more efficiently and reliably in our environment to service the people.

Now, I know some of you are quietly conjuring thoughts of "Yeah right!", or perhaps will flash me a facetious clenched lipped, pointed chin of apprehension behind my back. Of which, you're truly justified to feel jaded and utterly weary from previous false promises of others whom have come, and continue to come, to solicit your support. So I must be truthful with you, that I'm not under any grandiose delusion that our task will be easy. Most especially when it comes to working against the status quo whom will surely throw up negative inhibitive barriers to thwart some of our best efforts at transformative change. You know there are many of us who are content with no light or intermittent light. And some, who actually profit from the sale of generators, and the fuel to run them. But what good is that to those of us who cannot afford such amenities? So yes, I sincerely expect you to be somewhat sceptical. To me this serves as added motivation for me to go the extra mile to convince you to embrace our vision for the future. And if I'm so fortunate to be given the honour to be your representative for Arochukwu/Ohafia, it will be a conscious reminder that I am essentially your servant, and it is my duty to do all I can do to make you as happy as possible.

But whether we already have your support, or you're still making observations and taking notes to get a full measure of our intentions before you make your decision. I'm quite sure you'll agree with me that it's time to end the status quo of failing, unmitigated infrastructural and public services that do not produce any relief or satisfaction for anybody. And a societal system that seems to inordinately benefit the so-called elites whom for a long time have been for the most part unmeritoriously enjoying the fruits of our collective national pie. And if you share these beliefs, I strongly beseech you to join me to declare: **No to the status quo.**

It is time to transform the status quo, from the normalcy of Sufferhead, from this point forward, and firmly embrace the attainable notion of: **Enough is Enough.**

If you believe in the creation of more decent paying jobs, then **Enough is Enough.**

If you believe in an educational system that will inspire our children to achieve phenomenal goals, then **Enough is Enough.**

My dear citizens, time is of the essence to apply corrective policies and measures to revitalize our near-moribund economy. Make no mistake about it, we are now in condition critical. And if the status quo prevails it might be more severely excruciating to resuscitate the present economic anemia debilitating many of us, than it already is.

Remember, our goal is simple: Which is to do everything we have to do, to make this Consituency the envy of all the other districts in Abia State. And subsequently be the benchmark upon which other districts launch their transformative initiatives towards a better future.

The Okwara Osonwa

PROFILE

Ibe Okwara is the candidate for the House of Representatives seat representing Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal constituency of Abia State. He was born in London on the 24th of December 1974 into the family of Chief Okwara Osonwa Okwara & Chief Mrs Grace Okwara. He attended Federal Government College Okigwe, North London College, University of North London where he graduated with two degrees in Accounting and International Business.

After his NYSC programme in Lagos State, he advanced his working career into the Financial Sector. Ibe Okwara was an Advisory Analyst with Bromley Asset Management where he actively worked in the set of the first mobile network in Nigeria (Econet). Having worked in the financial sector for a number of years he went on to secure qualifications as an SAP FICO consultant and set up his own private consultancy providing financial sector clients such as Deutsche Bank and Merrill Lynch ERP consultancy. His consultancy has delivered quality advice and solutions across other sectors such as telecommunications, oil & gas, media, manufacturing, business management and construction.

Over the years he has exhibited his leadership skills by deploying strategic in-depth insight and knowledge to help many organisations manage corporate transformation. He maintains a credible business network with various partners both home and abroad.

In 2016, Ibe Okwara became a co-founder of People's Grassroot Social Equality And Development Initiative Nigeria, (PSGEDI), an initiative for the Nigerian youth that seeks to provide charitable donations to the society. He is also a founding member of Peoples Equity Movement a political movement for young Nigerian seeking an equal voice in the Nigerian political discussion. He currently supports numerous international humanitarian organisations.

His vision is to effectively serve the people and consequently provide them a better quality of life. A comprehensive delineation of how he intends to foster the policies that will truly precipitate positive change for his constituents locally, and those of the federation of Nigeria at large are outlined in the policy manifesto document with outlined points such as; support scheme for the widow and aged, Employment opportunities and empowerment for the youth, infrastructural facilities development for public schools & hospitals, interest free-loan for traders, sports development, regular consultation cum interaction with constituents and adequate representation and support for all developmental bills at the National assembly.

Ibe Okwara is a very passionate Nigerian advocate who believes in the empowerment of the vibrant youth and people of all age. He is happily married to Abosede Okwara and they are blessed with three children.

PROFILE

Career History

Ibe Okwara began his career at the international telecommunications company Intersat as a Project Accountant from where he moved back to Nigeria to work with Bromley Asset Management to set up Econet Nigeria (The first mobile phone company in Nigeria) as well as complete his national service. He then proceeded to working with Ventures and Trusts Limited where he worked on securing the project funding for the building of the first multi-purpose shopping complex in Oniru, Victoria Island called "The Palms". In 2004 he moved to Lehman Brothers the American investment bank where he worked as the lead improvement business analyst and following the financial market meltdown he set up his own Enterprise Resource Planning consultancy in the UK (AMNI Consulting). AMNI has gone to work for some of the leading Financial, Media and Communication institutions in the world (Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch, T-Mobile, Densu Aegis, IPG and others).



Community Service



Ibe Okwara is a humanitarian and strategic administrator with a burning desire to champion the cause of the people of his community and the nation as a whole.

He has carried out medical outreach programmes in Arochukwu/Ohafia community where over 2,500 people being treated by international medical doctors with another one scheduled soon.

He has fed IDP camps (Gongola IDP Camp in Abuja) as part of his humanitarian drive.

He has participated in various international charity works to help raise funds and create awareness for the less privileged in different parts of the world.

He is currently working to set up medical drop in centres in the community where people can get free medical attention.

ADOPTED REPRESENTATION POLICY

I take the responsibility of being your Servant Leader seriously and believe that an inclusive leadership via constant consultation is the most adequate way to make sure that everyone is carried along and nobody is left behind.

I plan to run a monthly consultation session targeted for the last week of the month where I will open up my diary online and at my constituency office where each constituent of the both Arochukwu and Ohafia Local Government will be allowed to put in a private consultation with me lasting 30 minutes. Each Local Government will get one day of this private consultation to allow constituents accessibility to air their individual grievances, opinions and suggestions.

Each Local Government will also be given a day where the traditional rulers will be engaged in a town hall meeting to discuss ongoings in each community. There will also be a day set aside for similar consultations with community leaders and stakeholders from each of the Local Governments to make sure every segment of the community is carried along.

These meeting and consultations will in-effect serve as monthly update report of the mandate set to me by the constituents as well as providing an opportunity for the mandate to be renewed every month as opposed to every 4 years.

MANIFESTO PLEDGES

Human Capital Development

- Legislation for more emphasis on human capital development towards accelerating the economic growth for the constituency, state and the nation at large
- Vocational Empowerment Training Programmes
- Accessibility to IT
- Computer/Tech Empowerment Training Programmes
- Advocating for ICT training in Primary & Secondary Schools
- Business incubation centres supporting small scale local businesses

Public Services

- Ensure federal Spending on Quality Education
- Audit of abandoned projects in the constituency with a view of completing them based on the current needs of the communities
- Increased Spending and Oversight on Healthcare
- Raise and Support Healthcare centric bills in the National Assembly
- Increased spending allocation in the national budget
- Bills supporting free & quality medical support to the less privileged
- Support for Increased Security-Improved Law and Order on our road networks via PPP
- Legislation aimed at promoting the tourism economy in the constituency with specific reference to Abiriba "Small London" and Ibini Ukpabi in Arochukwu
- Bills aimed at reducing crime
- Welfare packages for widows and pensioners
- Increased oversight on pension regulation
- Fix 1 primary school in each village over the 4 years
- Ensure each local government has a functional health Centre
- Ensure reactivation of the waterworks in each council area

Infrastructure

- Execute on multiple phased sustainable energy projects via strategic partnerships
- 1st/Pilot Phase - Use Ohafia/Arochukwu Constituency to Beta Solar or Hydro Projects
- Current status - still in consultation with potential partners
- Raise awareness and support active works to improve the roads in the constituency;
- Rehabilitation of local road network in the constituency via strategic partnerships and support from the state government.
- Legislation, intervention and collaboration with State and Federal Government aimed at the rehabilitation of significant roads and highways not limited to:
 - Amasa-Amakofia-Ugwuakuma road
 - Arochukwu – Ohafia Federal Highway
 - Ohafia-Abam-Bende Umuahia road
 - Ancient Aro trading route from Arochukwu-Ndi Okereke-Atan- Ndi Agwu-Ndi
 - Ekeke-Idima Abam-Bende road.
 - Ozu Abam – Ndi Oji -Ndi Okereke Abam-Arochukwu
- Working with State government to advocate for the rehabilitation of Clean Water Bills while also following up with social responsibility acts.
- Provide Clean pipe borne water to the people in three phases
- Phase 1 - Building Boreholes in densely populated areas in communities
- Taps at the boreholes
- Phase 2 - Delivery of water from boreholes into designated areas for easy access
- Phase 3 - Delivery of water from boreholes into homes
- Legislation and targetted intervention projects aimed at developing an industrial estate for Ohafia to promote the local economy and industrial businesses while address unemployment