



ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC)

FORUM OF WARD CHAIRMEN CONSTITUENCY ONE.

IFO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

30th September, 2024
Prince Dapo Abiodun CON,
Executive Governor,
Ogun State.

Your Excellency Sir,

PETITIONERS LIED ON COUNCILLORSHIP NAMES' SUBSTITUTION IN IFO ONE

We, the five ward chairmen in Ifo Local Government Constituency 1 have seen the petition written by a group called "The Concerned Ifo Local government Constituency 1 APC Party Loyalist", addressed to the Governor of Ogun state, His Excellency, Governor Dapo Abiodun CON and wish to make clarifications on the falsehood and mischiefs inherent therein:

1). The petitioners claimed that the Hon. Commissioner for women Affairs in Ogun State, Hon Adijat Adeleye manipulated and imposed candidates in the "selection" process

OUR CLARIFICATION:

The Apex leaders of the APC in Ifo Local Government agreed and directed apex leaders at ward levels to screen all Councillorship aspirants and nominate candidates for the upcoming election, after which ratification would be done by members of the ward. This was done by each of the five wards Apex leaders (Accredited by LG Apex Leaders) and nominee names was forwarded to the Local and State chapters of the party.

The detailed process of nomination and emergence of each of the candidate from each ward was attached to the report of the Apex leaders. The State Secretariat may fact-check this claim, for the avoidance of doubt.

Meanwhile, what we did at the ward levels was not "Selection" as claimed by the petitioners. It was a screening exercise which was later ratified by members of the party and recorded in a video-tape. The word "Selection" is alien to the electoral laws.

2) The petitioners claimed that Hon. Adijat Adeleye unilaterally altered the list sent by ward leaders , leading to exclusion of candidates

OUR CLARIFICATION

We found this claim as an embarrassment to our personalities and a calculated attempt to drag Hon. Adeleye's name in the mud for reasons best known to them.

Hon Adijat Adeleye is a leader in Ifo Constituency Two and one of the Apex leaders in Ifo Local Government. How can she "unilaterally" change the decision of leaders in Constituency One, of five wards? That must be mere tokenism from the pit of Hell.

According to the petitioners, the selection process was "perfectly" conducted by leaders in Constituency one. Their choice of the word "perfectly" confirms that the process was without any blemish. Hence, Hon Adeleye or any other leader at the Local government level has nothing to do with it, as it was an assignment well delivered.

However, we were surprised when the candidate's name that we forwarded for Ifo ward two (Hon Gbenga Soge), after rigorous screening and ratification, was substituted for Ibrahim Fadahuntan who, according to the petitioners "does not possess a first School Leaving Certificate"

Hon Soge's nomination was adopted and approved by seven out of the nine Apex leaders in the ward. The state Secretariat might perhaps check their records and investigate what led to the substitution of his name after getting seven of nine signatures

It is safe here to conclude that the petitioners are only acting on the instructions of their pay-masters without recourse to details or knowledge of the entire process.

Unarguably, the process that led to the emergence of APC flag bearers for Chairmanship and Councillorships in Ifo Local government is one of the most transparent in Ogun State and this has been widely applauded.

Hon. Adijat Adeleye and other Apex leaders of the APC in Ifo Local government should be commended for the good leadership skills they displayed during the primaries. They shouldn't be turned into objects of ridicule and insults for whatever reasons.

Your Excellency Sir, we stand by the screening, ratification and lists that we submitted from the five wards in Ifo Constituency one, to the leadership of the party as it is free, fair and acceptable to majority of the party members

Kindly find attached , copies of documents submitted to the Local Government Apex Leaders and the State Secretariat after the exercise.

We hereby urge you to disregard their claims and through the petition into the Waste Bin where it truly belongs , in order to avoid distraction as the electioneering beckons.

Thanking you for being a leader we can always trust and reckon with at all times.



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(Chairman Ward 1)



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Pa Segun Akinbode
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Mr Taofeek Mojeed
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Cc:

The SSG,

The DCOS,

State Chairman, APC

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Ifo LG Apex Leaders