



THE MANIFESTO OF HAKEEM DICKSON

THE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE ACCORD
PARTY LAGOS STATE FOR THE 2023 ELECTIONS

PROFILE

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WHO IS HAKEEM DICKSON?

Hon. Hakeem Dickson was born on May 5th, 1957. He began his education at Breadfruit Primary School in Lagos Island and then transferred to Surulere Baptist School in the late '60s after his family relocated to Surulere, Lagos due to the construction of the Eko Bridge, which greatly affected the Dickson's family house. He completed his primary education at Surulere Baptist School and obtained his first school leaving certificate in 1972. Hakeem Dickson attended Victory High School, Ikeja, and obtained his West African School Certificate in 1976. She is a seasoned accountant and health and safety practitioner by profession, as well as a politician. Hakeem Ologun Onikoyi-Dickson is an Awori Prince from Ireland and the Onikoyi kingdom.

Hakeem Dickson holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Thomas A. Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A and two master's degrees in Business Administration specializing in Accounting and Finance, both from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, New Jersey, U.S.A in 1983 and 1985.

Upon completion of his National Youth Service program, which he did at Nigerian Airways in 1984, Hakeem Dickson started his career at Coopers and Lybrand CPA, Newark, New Jersey, as a Staff Accountant/External Auditor/Tax Adviser in 1988.

Hakeem Dickson then returned to Nigeria to contest and win an election as the Executive Chairman of the Surulere Local Government in 1998. Afterwards, he was Director-General of the Lagos State Safety Commission until 2018.

Dickson's strengths are his ability to plan and counter plan, as well as his ability to take calculable risks and invest in people. As both an innovative, creative, and strategic person in the bargain, Hakeem Dickson has been praised as an excellent manager of people and properties and an excellent innovator who came up with the blueprints of some of the structures that exist in Lagos today. As a business-minded individual, his appointment as Director-General of the Lagos State Safety Commission and his innovations revamped the Commission from a liability to an asset.

Hakeem Dickson is married with children



THE INTENTION

The intention to be the governor of Lagos arose as a result of my experiences with the mismanagement going on in the system. Lagos state, as strong as it is, has been put under the shackles and strongholds of "Masters" and "Lords" whose actions and inactions continue to sink it aground. Lagos state is more or less a quintessential example of how to run an economy without oil, but greed, political godfathers, and uncanny leadership have led to where it is today.

Lagos state is rated as one of the worst cities to live in the world. Why? One would wonder that, as the backbone of Africa's biggest economy, it should not be; however, it is – sadly. Lagos is the centerpiece of Nigeria's economy, but what happens to Lagosians afterwards? What benefit does a Lagosian have from being a Lagosian? What rights do they enjoy? Nothing; you would agree with me.

How about taxation? How much does Lagos tax its residents and how come some 'cabals' do not pay these taxes? Why are Lagos schools not the best despite being richer than all other states in the country? Why is security lax and there are still louts and touts in every corner of a supposed megacity?

There are so many whys to answer, but we hope that in this manifesto, answers are found. This is me soliciting your support. This is me, calling for change; calling on Lagosians to do the needful and let things flow the way they ought to have been flowing. This is not a dream you sleep to have; it is a dream you wake up to have. This is me, Hakeem Olaogun-Onikoyi Dickson, telling Lagosians to wake up and join this dream and make it a reality. This is me calling for actions, charging every Lagosian to do what is right as and when due.

It is high time we stood up to act accordingly. It begins with joining Accord accordingly and voting for Accord accordingly. It is high time we acted swiftly and intelligently and made power change hands. This is the time to rise against bloodshed through just one power – the power of just one vote. Your one vote can make a difference if you believe it. This is Hakeem Dickson. This is me pouring my heart and mind out to you.



Vision Statement

Envision a society in which Lagos is governed by Lagosians and decisions would be made by both the youth and elderly Lagosians and not by Dictatorship, A Lagos where the Local governments are given the power to operate according to the constitution free from State interference.

Envision a Lagos that respects the human rights of all Lagosians by ensuring a more just, more prosperous and more secure environment.

Envision a safe Lagos that implements practitioner-research partnerships that use data, evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and make communities safer.

Mission Statement

We will launch programs that offer practical skill-building for social change, leadership coaching, and small-group support for Lagosians. These programs would focus on mobilizing mentors, reducing thug-war violence, and improving life outcomes for Lagosians. We will make it a personal mission to make basic education more affordable, tackle rising costs, real reforms and improve value for students through access to financial aid.

We would make quality, affordable healthcare not a privilege but instead a fundamental human right.

Reduce healthcare costs; provide free medical care for pregnant women and children in general.



Dickson's The 11-tier Wheel

1 **Health and Safety**

One of our eleven major priorities is to ensure that all Lagosians have access to social and health security which will provide subsidized healthcare service for the people of Lagos.

We will create special health insurance packages for the aged and pregnant women such that all and sundry would have access to mobile, fast, 24/7 healthcare. This is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, and we will ensure that these health policies are implemented accordingly.



2 Freedom

We will ensure that Lagosians have a good taste of freedom. We will vehemently oppose police and military brutality.

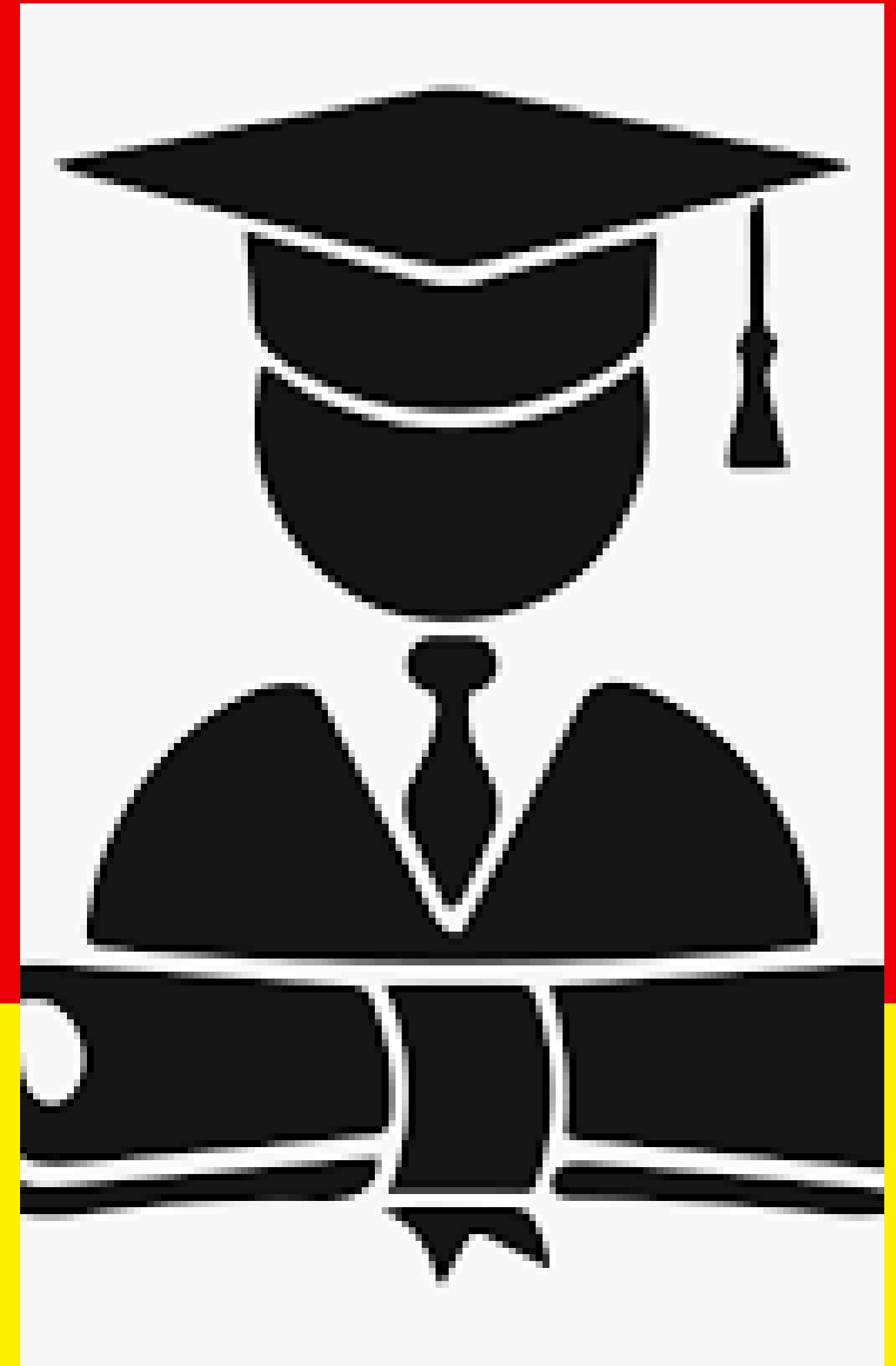
Our administration will ensure that all Lagosians are free from caging and other social and political "god-parents" who make Lagos inconvenient and the political space tighter.



3 Education

In the words of Malcolm X, "Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today".

The Lagos educational sector needs to be revamped and restructured. Our educational sector will be levelled so that the children of the rich and not-very-rich will get the same quality. Scholarships will be awarded to students in higher institutions, and education will remain free in Lagos.



4 Youth Empowerment

Nigerian youths are not empowered well enough. Instead of being active policy and decision-makers in state affairs, Lagos youths are frequently used as dark political instruments. This will stop. We will ensure that this stops and Lagosians will enjoy the fruits of their labor.



5 Local Government Autonomy

Our administration will ensure that there is local government autonomy. The 20 local governments in Lagos will be able to manage their own funds, affairs and other related matters, and implement policies without state's interference.



6 Security

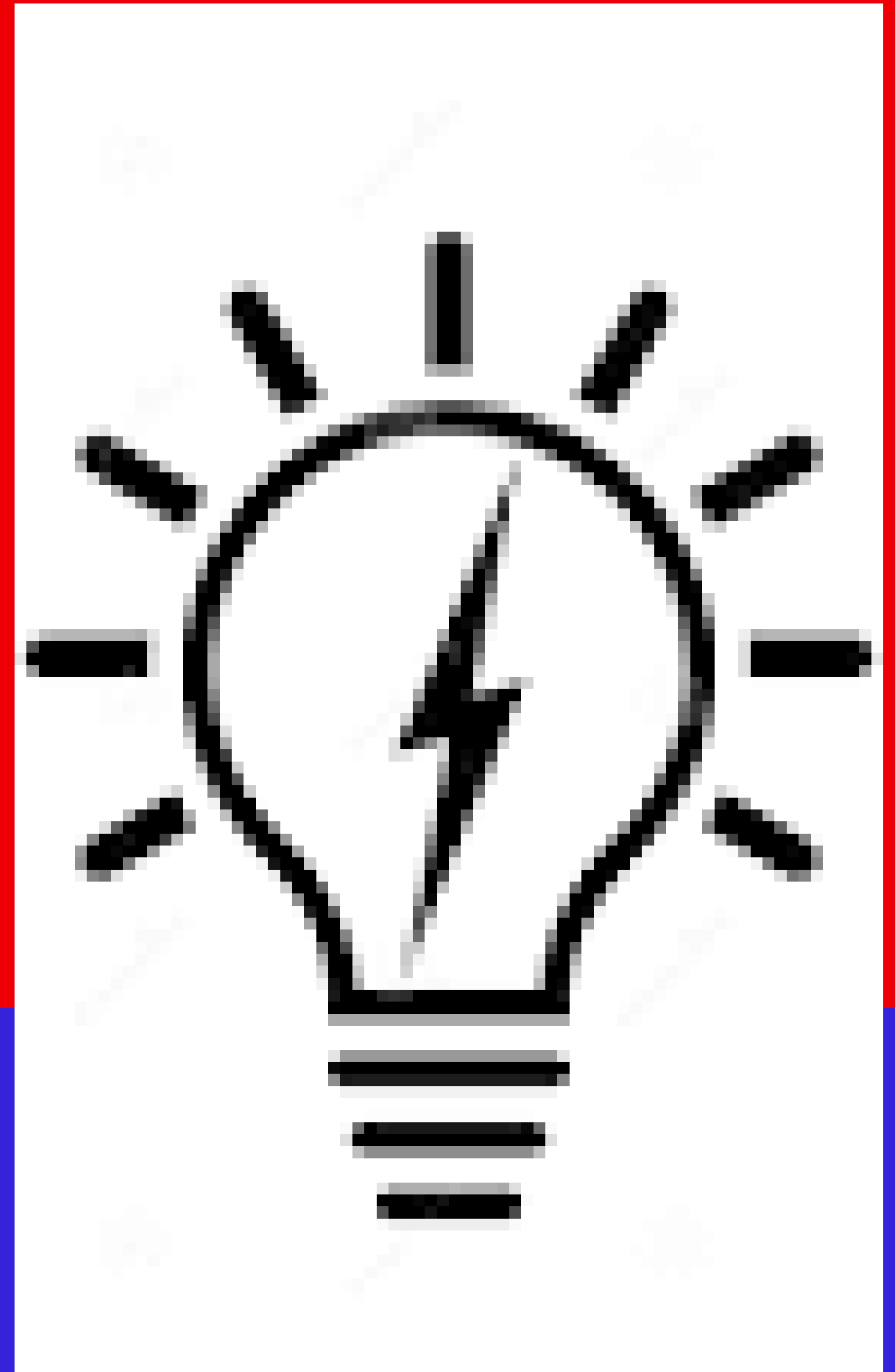
The protection of lives and properties are as germane as any other venture in governance and administration. Our government will ensure that the lives and properties of Lagosians, regardless of state and form, are protected. Nigeria is already bottle-necked by insecurity of all forms. It is our duty as a government to provide security for the people and make them have peace regardless of whatever is going on in the country and the world at large. Our administration will set the pace and show to the world the systems of prioritizing security, including its importance and benefits .



7 Electricity

Nigeria's national power grid is epileptic and has collapsed many times in the last fifteen (16) months. Good electricity plays a massive role in the economy and in reducing carbon emissions, which have climatic effects.

Our government will ensure that a constant supply of electricity becomes a regular thing in Lags. Our innovators have developed the blueprint for alternative eco-friendly electricity sources. Electricity will enable business enterprises to thrive, which means more job opportunities for Lagosians.



8 Standard of Living

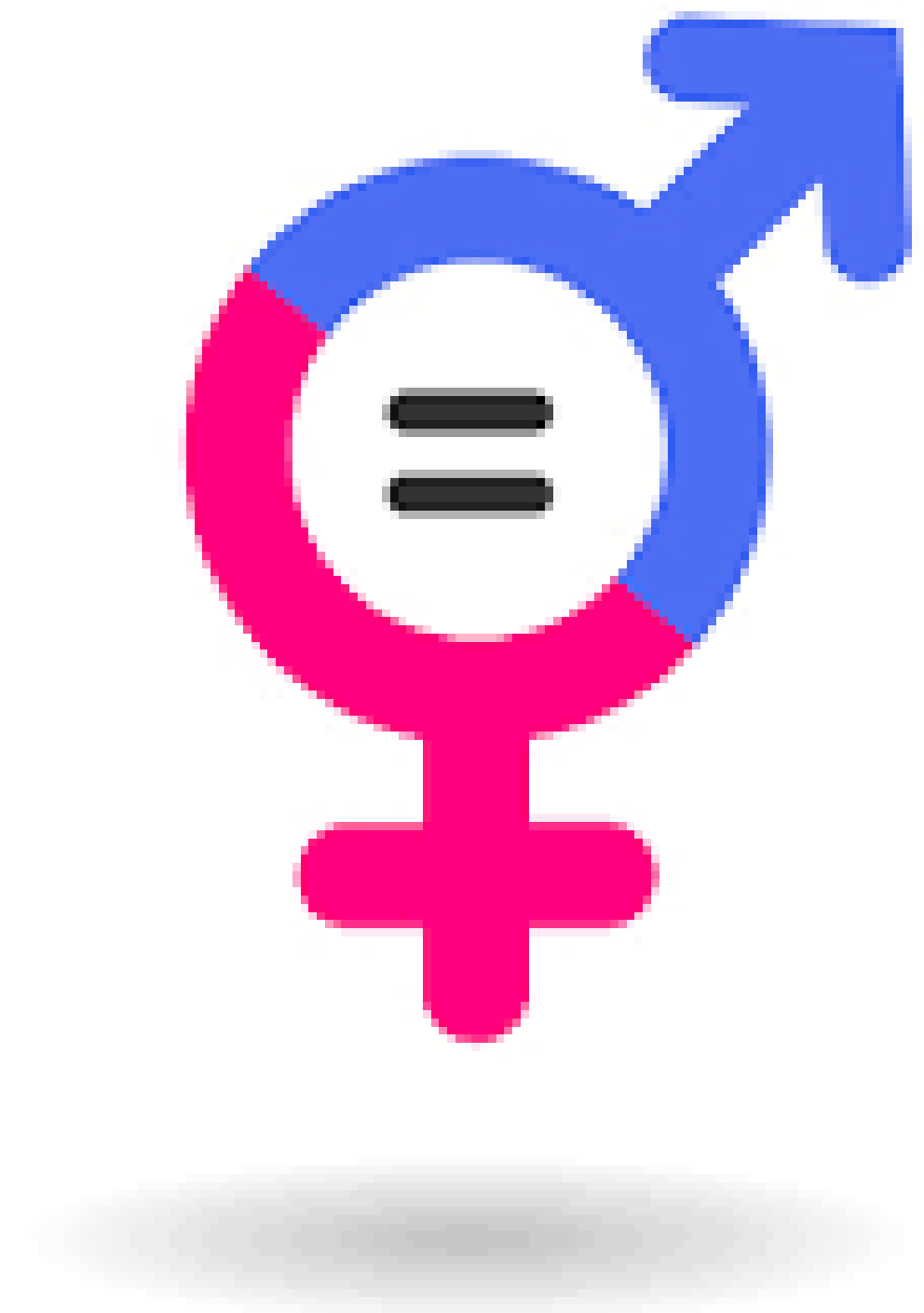
The standard of living in Lagos is relatively higher than other state', and this continues to make Lagosians lament. We will ensure that more units of houses are built and made accessible to all Lagosians. The government will also provide subsidized loans and mortgages for Lagosians to ensure everyone has a roof over their head.



9 Gender Equality

We will oppose gender-based and domestic violence.
We will ensure that women and girls are equally represented.

Our government will dedicate itself to re-orientating boys and girls to become productive members of the state. We will ensure equal representation of men and women at all corridors of government and in all affairs.



10 **Art, Culture, & Tourism**

Our government will sustain culture. Our culture will not die, and we will utilize the much-neglected tourism to make Lagos a tourist attraction state to national and international tourists.



11 Technology

Our government will ensure that Lagos becomes the tech hub of Africa. Our economy will be tech-driven and automotive. We will attract more tech start-ups and empower learning and creative innovation through science and technology.

Technology education will be taught in schools across all levels. Civil and public servants would be trained in the use of ICT facilities and equipment.





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