

PRESS STATEMENT

PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY

PLP RATIFIES JULIAN RUSSELL FOR EIGHT MILE ROCK

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The latest candidate to be ratified by the Progressive Liberal Party is Chartered Accountant Julian Bedell Russell of Grand Bahama. Another newcomer to national frontline politics, Mr. Russell will contest the Eight Mile Rock seat currently occupied by Vernae Grant. General Elections are scheduled to be held by May 2012.

Julian Bedell Russell was born to the Rev. Dr. Ralph Russell and the late Louise Russell (nee) Pinder in the settlement of Russell Town, Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama on March 1, 1955. He completed his primary education at Mary, Star of the Sea, Catholic School in Freeport, Grand Bahama and then attended St. Augustine's College in Nassau, Bahamas, where he graduated in 1972. After high school, he enrolled in Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where he majored in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting, graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, Julian returned to the Bahamas where he was employed at Price Waterhouse, now PricewaterhouseCoopers in various capacities. In 1982, he became the first Grand Bahamian to qualify as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

He has held significant senior management positions with several other International Companies with interests in the Bahamas, including Syntex Pharmaceuticals and Hutchison (Bahamas).

He is a member of the Bahamas institute of Chartered Accountants and also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Mr. Russell is married to the former Janice Culmer and they have three children. Mr. Russell and his family worship at the First Baptist Church.

