

**Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador**  
President  
*For a Stronger and Better Mexico*

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF A GREAT NATION

*Lopez Obrador is a strong leader who stands for values,  
social responsibility, economic growth, protecting  
institutions and global competitiveness.*

## VALUES

**For a better Mexico, Lopez Obrador values tolerance, transparency and accountability, frugality, equality and freedom of information.**

### **TOLERANCE**

Lopez Obrador believes in freedom of expression and religion. Mexico will:

- Foster tolerance, plurality equality and diversity, and
- Promote transparency, accountability and human rights throughout the world.

### **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Corruption, fraud, favoritism, cronyism and impunity have been hindering Mexico's development for decades. In an effort to promote transparency and accountability, his administration will:

- Fight to eradicate corruption at all government levels,
- Eliminate elitism and cronyism that is rampant in current government, and
- Ensure that justice will be applied equally to both white and blue-collar crimes.

### **FRUGALITY**

Measures will be taken to reduce unnecessary expenditures of taxpayer money. This will result in savings of approximately \$10 billion:

- Halve the salary of Mexico's president.
- Reduce government-sponsored pensions for former senior level politicians, including former presidents.
- Reduce the number of services offered to senior level politicians.
- Promote frugality in public expenditures and projects.
- Reduce salaries for senior level politicians.

### **EQUALITY**

For centuries, Mexico's indigenous communities have been marginalized. These 12.7 million Mexicans face discrimination on a daily basis in obtaining access to education and jobs. Lopez Obrador will work to incorporate these marginalized communities so they can become full and active participants in the development of Mexico.

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

Lopez Obrador believes that openness and freedom of information is a pillar for a democratic society. He proposes:

- A firm commitment to protect freedom of information and press in Mexico,
- Regular and in-person interaction with the press corps,
- Public release of personal finances, and
- Public and expedient release of all government contracts and activities.

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**For a better Mexico, Lopez Obrador will promote social responsibility for education, health, social development, culture, environmental protection and public safety.**

### **EDUCATION**

Public and free education is important to the future development of Mexico. Lopez Obrador will make sure not only that every child in Mexico has access to education but also that this access is to *quality* education from kindergarten through twelfth grade. He will broaden access by creating hundreds of new high schools and dozens of new universities. Lopez Obrador will find ways to ensure that every child has the basic supplies for their schoolwork. Key components to this quality education initiative are incentives to good teachers, ensuring that children receive the nutrition and housing they need to be successful in school, and access to scholarships for continued advancement.

### **HEALTH**

Lopez Obrador will promote a healthy Mexico. He will improve the current national health system that provides free access and medicine to every Mexican. He will also revamp Mexico's two largest health care institutions, IMSS (for non-government employees) and ISSTE (for government employees), to offset unnecessary spending and to provide better quality services. Mexico's continuing growth and population requires preventive health care efforts such as the promotion of a healthy lifestyle, sports and exercise.

### **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Lopez Obrador believes in the empowerment of communities. His administration will ensure the establishment of safety net mechanisms for those citizens with limited access to economic opportunities, including measures to:

- Revamp government pensions funds and the retirement conditions while protecting the rights of its current members,
- Establish a food pension for every person older than 70 years,
- Establish a welfare system for low income persons with disabilities, and
- Ensure that minimum wage benefits and wages increase at the same level as inflation.

## **CULTURE**

Mexico's cultural heritage is one of the most vibrant and diverse in the world. Lopez Obrador will:

- Support cultural expression in schools, public television and radio stations,
- Promote careers in arts and culture, and
- Encourage new public partnerships to increase Mexico's reading levels.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Mexico's unique and biologically rich forests require significant care and protection, and measures will be taken to ensure that:

- Southern states in Mexico (Veracruz, Oaxaca, Chiapas, Tabasco and Campeche) will receive special incentives to promote forestation and environmental protection, and
- Extensive water management measures will be taken to promote the sustainable use of water.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Crime and delinquency are rooted in inequality, poverty, values, expectations of progress and perceptions of the lack of punishment and unfairness in the justice system. Lopez Obrador will:

- Fight to eradicate the real causes of crime and delinquency,
- Promote family values and role models,
- Reform the justice system, and
- Reform and improve police forces with better training and accountability at all levels.

## ECONOMIC GROWTH

**For a stronger Mexico, Lopez Obrador will ensure economic growth by focusing on economic development, infrastructure, economic stability, jobs and immigration.**

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Every region of Mexico possesses unique characteristics and opportunities for businesses:

- **Energy:** Adoption of new technologies, streamlining operations and eliminating unnecessary duplication of jobs will increase Mexico's electricity and oil capacities. Mexico will expand into the gas and refinery businesses in order to decrease dependency on other nations, increase competitiveness, and become energy independent.
- **Agriculture:** Promotion of Mexico's agricultural competitiveness by encouraging the use of new technologies and expanding distribution of Mexico's products internally and globally.
- **Fishing:** Promotion of a balanced and healthy growth of fishing communities while protecting endangered species and implementing other necessary environmental protections. Coastal towns and communities will have access to special incentives.
- **Tourism:** Tapping the strengths of Mexico's tourism attractions while preserving its natural resources is key to the development of Mexico. Colonial cities, archaeological sites, beaches and parks will be aggressively marketed overseas. Ecotourism opportunities will be encouraged.
- **Construction:** Public-private partnerships will be sought to develop infrastructure, public works and housing developments. Four hundred thousand jobs in this industry will be created.
- **Small Businesses:** Incentives to family businesses and micro-enterprises will be offered, increasing Mexico's internal economy.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

An innovative and modern infrastructure is required to help Mexico leapfrog into a fully competitive economy. Lopez Obrador commits to:

- Establish a trans-Mexico link between the Atlantic (Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz) and the Pacific (Salina Cruz, Oaxaca) through the development of two commercial ports,
- Improve Mexico's railroad system with the establishment of high-speed trains and improvement of existing infrastructure,

- Modernize the airport systems, with multimodal high speed trains linking cities with airports, such as a new airport for Mexico City at Tizayuca, Hidalgo, and
- Promote trade and commerce with the improvement of Mexico's current federal highway system.

## **ECONOMIC STABILITY**

Mexico requires a strong and healthy economy that will offer opportunities for the development of its citizens. A variety of measures will be taken including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Taxes**
  - ▶ Develop a plan to increase tax collections.
  - ▶ Aggressively reduce tax evasion through enforcement.
  - ▶ Reform and simplify Mexico's tax code system.
  - ▶ Increase the number of outlets for tax payments including supermarkets, banks and the Internet.
  - ▶ No tax increases and no taxes on medicines and basic food supply.
- **Public debt**
  - ▶ Reduce Mexico's public debt (approximately \$273 billion).
  - ▶ Improve accountability and public access to information about debt services.
  - ▶ Reform current debt programs such as Fobaproa and reduce debt service payments.
  - ▶ Maintain the independence and autonomy of Mexico's Central Bank.
  - ▶ Control inflation via a controlled monetary policy.
  - ▶ Reduce and control the public deficit.

## **JOBS**

Creating jobs, ensuring employment and furthering Mexico's economic progress are important to Mexico's success. Lopez Obrador commits to:

- Maintaining a stable financial environment for job creation,
- Helping small businesses succeed by providing incentives,
- Saving family businesses and farms,
- Promoting the creation of regional banks that offer small loans to underserved populations,
- Encouraging and strengthening household earning potential, and
- Promoting entrepreneurial opportunities for small businesses and micro credit opportunities for families and small businesses.

## **IMMIGRATION**

Mexico is losing some of its best, hard-working, spirited and determined people. The following are some of the measures that will be taken to reduce migration:

- Promote economic development opportunities in southern Mexico, where most of the migration originates,
- Establish agricultural and forestation programs in the states of Oaxaca, Veracruz, Oaxaca, Chiapas, Tabasco and Campeche,
- Provide incentives to companies to operate in Mexico and that want to take advantage of proximity to the largest market in the world, and
- Promote an agenda of cooperation and economic development with North American partners.

## **PROTECTING INSTITUTIONS**

**For a stronger Mexico, Lopez Obrador will protect institutions through the balance of power among political branches, the decentralization of power from federal to state and municipal governments, and national security measures.**

### **BALANCE OF POWER**

A clear separation and balance of powers among Mexico's legislative, judicial and executive branches is a cornerstone for development and growth. Lopez Obrador will:

- Promote a healthy dialogue between the branches of government.
- Collaborate with legislators to find common ground and agreements for the development of Mexico.
- Respect and obey all the judicial power resolutions.
- Limit the powers of the President.
- Commit to be a president for all Mexicans, from the entire political spectrum, from left to right.
- Promote democratic mechanisms such as the referendum in which citizens will be given the option of revoking the President's mandate every third year.

### **DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER**

Mexico's current centralized structure hinders the economic development of several regions. A true federalism will be encouraged and powers will be transferred to municipal and state governments.

### **NATIONAL SECURITY**

Strong and prepared armed forces are necessary to ensure Mexico's protection and sovereignty. Lopez Obrador commits to:

- Upgrade and provide the best training to Mexico's armed forces, and
- Never use the Mexican armed forces against its citizens.

## **GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS**

**For a stronger and better Mexico, Lopez Obrador will advance global competitiveness through science and technology, an honest foreign policy, North American development, and fair and free trade.**

### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Mexico's growth and future will increasingly depend on new technological advances and knowledge development industries. This administration will:

- Focus on promoting science and technology to increase the competitiveness of the Mexican economy globally,
- Support scientific discoveries and technology transfer in universities and industries, and
- Commit to transform Mexico into a powerhouse for new applied technologies including nanotechnology, biotechnology, genetics and agriculture through joint ventures.

### **FOREIGN POLICY**

Mexico's foreign policy should reflect its values and economic development strategy. Mexico will:

- Encourage a peaceful resolution to world conflicts.
- Promote the self-determination of nations and the principle of non-intervention.
- Protect the economy of farmers and small businesses.

### **NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT**

The increase in competitiveness from different regions in the world, especially from Asia and Europe has challenged North America. Mexico and its partners should:

- Promote technology cluster development in North America to increase competitiveness.
- Expand NAFTA to include economic development, security, labor and migration issues.

### **FAIR AND FREE TRADE**

Lopez Obrador believes that international trade agreements should contain strong labor protections, including fair wages and decent working conditions. He will:

- Support an equal playing field among nations, and
- Promote the elimination of unnecessary tariffs and subsidies.

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