

Press Release

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR OPPORTUNITY

On 3 June 2010 there will be an election for bupati in Blora. This election is a vital opportunity for ordinary citizens to choose who will lead Blora for the next five years. It is often hard, though, for citizens like you to tell the next bupati what you hope he will do if he wins.

To give citizens an opportunity to communicate your hopes and needs directly to the bupati candidates, the non-partisan organizations PATTIRO and LPAW recently conducted the **"Your Voice, Your Opportunity" public awareness campaign** in villages all around Blora. More than **1860 people** in **93 villages** around Blora participated in the campaign from **March-May 2010**. Each person was given an opportunity to return a postcard saying what changes they want the next bupati to make to improve government in Blora. An impressive **80%** of all participants returned their postcards. Importantly, these people were selected randomly and their opinions are actually **representative of ALL of voting-age people** in Blora.



Here we present both the voice of the people, and the candidates' response. There are many things to consider when casting your ballot on election day, like the candidate's personality, their political party, or even who gave out the most money. Just remember, what will most improve your life in the next five years is picking the **best candidate for the job**. Use this information to make a decision that is good for your future on election day!



DID YOU KNOW???

- Blora is rich in oil and gas, but it is still a poor district?
- The bupati proposes how to spend the public's money, including how much to spend on things important to your **DAILY LIFE**, like education, health, roads and farming?
- About **30%** of the entire district budget (APBD) is typically spent on **direct programs for citizens**, and about 70% is spent on government administration and salaries for PNS and district employees.
- About **2%** of the entire budget is typically spent to **support farmers** through Dinas Pertanian.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

People all around Blora want different things, like better jobs, better roads, more support for farmers, or easier access to health care. To get these things, though, you need a government that is **open, responsive** and **accountable** to **YOU**.

The postcard asked about 5 reforms that would help to make sure that your Bupati always works in **YOUR** best interest. **All five reforms received strong support: 76%** of all participants clearly want at least one of these reforms, and **50%** want all five reforms.



SUARA ANDA, KESEMPATAN ANDA

Saya ingin Bupati Blora melakukan pelayanan dengan lebih baik

Saya puas dengan apa yang telah dilakukan oleh Pemkab Blora dan tidak ingin mengubah apapun

Harap dijawab!
Kirim kembali kepada anda

Jika anda menginginkan Blora lebih baik, sampaikan pada mereka bagaimana!

	Ingin	Tidak terlalu ingin	Tidak yakin
1. Peraturan/hukum yang memastikan adanya kesempatan pada masyarakat untuk berpartisipasi dalam penyusunan keputusan yang diambil oleh Pemerintah Kabupaten.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Saksi Jelas informasi yang lebih baik dan lebih mudah tentang apa yang sedang dilakukan oleh Pemerintah Kabupaten.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Untuk pelayanan publik dan pembangunan dibandingkan untuk biaya administrasi kantor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Saksi Lebih banyak pusat pengaduan dimana bisa dibuat mengadakan permasalahan pelayanan publik dengan bebas dan mendapat jawaban dan pemenuhan tentang kualitas pelayanan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Saksi Dapat dan menggap DPRD dapat berkomunikasi langsung dengan masyarakat dan politiknya.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jika anda menyatakan "SAYA INGIN!" untuk setiap perubahan diatas, silakan tuliskan nomor perubahan yang menurut anda paling penting dalam kotak.

THE RESULTS

- ✓ **64%** want #1: A law guaranteeing participation. **5%** listed this as their top priority.
- ✓ **68%** want #2: Better access to information about government. **5%** listed this as their top priority.
- ✓ **71%** want #3: More money spent on development and less on administration. **52%** listed this as their top priority.
- ✓ **65%** want #4: A center for public service problem-solving. **12%** listed this as their top priority.
- ✓ **67%** want #5: More opportunities for direct communication with the bupati and DPRD members. **21%** listed this as their top priority.

WHAT DO THE CANDIDATES SAY??

The information campaign organizers made a promise to present this information to **ALL** bupati candidates before the pilkada. All three candidates were given a fair and equal opportunity to respond. Here are their responses to you, the **VOTERS**.

Rules for the Candidates:

Each candidate was presented with the results and invited to respond on May 10. Responses had to be provided verbally or in writing before 18:00 on 13 May if they wanted their responses publicized. Each candidate was given up to 150 words (the first 150 words they provided). Any candidate who opted not to participate or who missed the deadline was informed that “no comment” would be printed in their space.



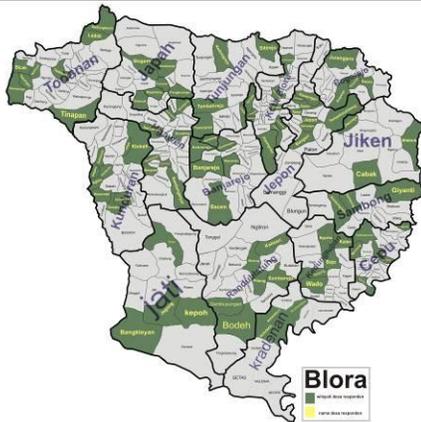


WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Share this information with as many of your friends, family, and neighbors as possible before the election to help everyone make the most informed choice they can at the polls!

Also, if you found this information useful, please let us know!

Just send an sms (only one per person please) to **0812 2900 2503** no later than 3 June 2010. You can say anything you would like (this will be anonymous). But please tell us your location—the **dusun, village** and **kecamatan** where you live—so that we can learn how many people we have reached around Blora. Thank you for helping **US** design better programs for **YOU**.



“Your Voice, Your Opportunity” Campaign Villages

BANJAREJO: Bacem, Banjarejo, Kebonrejo, Kembang, Mojo Wetan, Sambongin.
BLORA: Andongrejo, Bangkle, Jepangrejo, Kauman, Pelem, Sendangharjo, Sonorejo, Tambahrejo, Tempurejo. **BOGOREJO:** Bogorejo, Gayam, Jurangjero, Tempurejo.
CEPU: Mernung, Nglanjuk, Ngloram, Ngroto, Tambakromo. **JAPAH:** Beganjing, Bogem, Krocok, Padaan, Pengkolrejo, Sumberejo. **JATI:** Bangkleyan, Jegong, Kepoh, Tobo. **JEPON:** Bangsri, Gersi, Jepon, Kawengan, Puledagel, Semampir, Seso, Tempelemahbang. **JIKEN:** Bleboh, Cabak, Jiworejo. **KEDUNGTUBAN:** Bajo, Kalen, Ngraho, Tanjung, Wado. **KRADENAN:** Mendenrejo, Mojorembun, Ngrawoh.
KUNDURAN: Gagaan, Jetak, Klokah, Kunduran, Ngilen, Plosorejo, Sambiroto, Sempu, Sono Kidul. **NGAWEN:** Bandungrojo, Bergolo, Gondang, Karangtengah, Punggursugih, Sambongganyar, Sambongrejo, Semawur, Wantilung. **RANDEBLATUNG:** Bodeh, Gembuyungan, Kalisari, Pilang, Sumberejo, Wulung. **SAMBONG:** Giyanti, Sambong, Sambongrejo. **TODANAN:** Bicak, Kacangan, Kedungbacin, Ladok, Pelemsengir, Tinapan, Todanan, Wukirsari. **TUNJUNGAN:** Kedungrejo, Sitirejo, Tambahrejo, Tawangrejo, Tutup



PATTIRO adalah organisasi non-pemerintah yang didirikan untuk mendorong mewujudkan good governance, yang didasari partisipasi publik yang kuat, khususnya pada level pemerintahan daerah. Saat ini PATTIRO aktif di lebih dari 20 daerah. Di Kabupaten Blora dan Bojonegoro, PATTIRO bersama unsur pemerintah pusat, komunitas bisnis dan masyarakat untuk mewujudkan pembangunan yang mensejahterakan dan berkelanjutan.



Lembaga Penelitian dan Aplikasi Wacana (LPAW) adalah organisasi nirlaba yang tidak memihak kepada partai politik manapun. LPAW mengembangkan program untuk perbaikan tata kelola pemerintahan melalui transparansi, partisipasi, pendidikan politik masyarakat dan kampanye. Untuk keterangan lebih lanjut, silakan hubungi: Yudha Suprianto; **Alamat:** Jl. Mr. Iskandar XII Gg. D No. 1 Blora; **Telp.** (0296) 533143; **e-mail:** lpaw_blora@yahoo.co.id; **Website:** www.lpaw-blora.com