



# LIBERIA ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

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## **PRESS STATEMENT** **DISCREPANCIES IN ASSETS VERIFICATION**

**Monday, April 22, 2019:** The Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC) says it has observed several discrepancies in the just ended verification of Assets of past Public Officials and current officials of government.

The Commission in a statement said officials in some instances failed to disclose complete financial information, while others reported suspicious bank loans and repayment plan.

In addition, some public officials have assets or real properties that have not been declared with the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) in an apparent attempt to evade the payment of legitimate government taxes. The Commission also noticed materially conflicting property Valuation among the various assets declared by Public Officials.

The Country's Chief Anti-Graft Body says it will proceed with the next step in having interactions with public officials who have seemly violated several provisions of the Code of Conduct for Public Officials and some other provisions of the Penal Code.

The Commission encourages public officials to truthfully declare their assets to avoid unintended consequences, including charges relating to perjury and other criminal offences.

The LACC informs the public that it has commenced the verification of assets for both judiciary and local officials within the fifteen political sub-divisions of Liberia, commencing with Cluster One (South Eastern Counties: Sinoe, Grand Kru, Maryland & River Gee). In this light, the cooperation of all concerned is highly anticipated.

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