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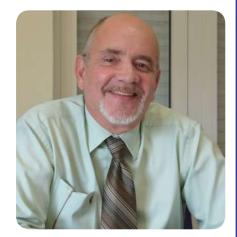
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Health is Wealth

St. Maarten is returning to the polls today Monday, August 19, and leading up to this Election Day, The Daily Herald has offered political parties and candidates an ideal opportunity to reach voters with a series of special publications that began seven weeks ago and culminates today. This is therefore the final edition of "Election Views".

Each issue of "Election Views" covers a specific question to be answered in a statement. The content may not mention other parties and should focus on own positions regarding the subject at hand. The newspaper reserves the right to omit such references and correct spelling or grammatical errors in the text.

This seventh and final Question of the Week has to do with Public Health, namely: "What are your priorities with regard to healthcare, social provisions



and medical coverage?"

Enjoy the read!

Paul De Windt Publisher

Coat of arms

The coat of arms of St. Maarten consists of a shield with a rising sun and the motto. The shield displays the courthouse in the centre, the border monument to the right, the orange-yellow sage — the national flower — to the left. The orange border refers to the Dutch royal house. Flying in front of the rising sun is the brown pelican, St. Maarten's national bird. Under the shield is a ribbon with the Latin motto: Semper pro grediens (always progressing).







The Unified Resilient St. Maarten Movement (URSM)

As the Unified Resilient St. Maarten Movement (URSM), we believe that public health is the foundation of a thriving, resilient society. Our community's strength is built on the wellbeing of every citizen, and our commitment to public health is unwavering. We stand at a critical juncture where bold, innovative action is needed to safeguard and enhance the health of all St. Maarteners.

St. Maarten has faced significant public health challenges in recent years, from the devastating impacts of natural disasters to the global COVID-19 pandemic. These events have highlighted vulnerabilities

in our healthcare system, exposing gaps that threaten the wellbeing of our people. The URSM recognizes that these challenges require a comprehensive, forward-thinking approach to ensure that our health system is not only prepared for future crises, but is also equipped to provide quality care every day.

We are committed to a vision of public health that prioritizes accessibility, affordability, and excellence in care. This means strengthening our healthcare infrastructure, ensuring that every citizen has access to essential services, and supporting our healthcare professionals with the resources they need to deliver the best possible care. We will advocate for the modernization of our hospitals, clinics, and emergency response systems, ensuring they are resilient in the face of any disaster.

Prevention is at the heart of our public health strategy. We will champion initiatives that promote healthy lifestyles, including dental health care, especially for school-aged children, from nutrition and exercise programs to mental health services. We understand that a healthy population is a productive population, and our policies will reflect this by addressing the root causes of health disparities, such as poverty, education, and environmental factors.

Our focus areas include the completion of the St. Maarten Medical Center with a clear vision of providing specialized services and equipment tailored to the needs of our people, the establishment of a national professional healthcare registry, closer cooperation with the French side, promoting medical tourism, and establishing a national health financial model that reflects the needs of our country.

Moreover, the URSM is committed to transparency and community involvement in public health decisions. We believe that public health policies must be shaped by the people they affect. That's why we will establish open channels for feedback and collaboration with General Practitioners and the public, ensuring that the voices of all St.



Maarteners are heard and considered in shaping our health policies.

By voting for the URSM, you are voting for a movement that puts your health and wellbeing first. You are choosing a future where public health is not an afterthought but a priority – a future where every St. Maartener has the opportunity to lead a healthy, fulfilling life. Together, we can build a resilient, healthy St. Maarten that thrives in the face of any challenge.

Let's create a stronger, healthier tomorrow together. Vote URSM!





HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL PROVISIONS, AND MEDICAL COVERAGE



Democratic Party (DP)

The overall health of our citizens is of paramount importance to the Democratic Party of St. Maarten. A healthy community is a strong community. It is with this belief that we propagate universal healthcare, a system in which every citizen has access to affordable healthcare. To maintain an affordable system of healthcare, aspects such as prevention, accountability and technology are indispensable.

Our aging population makes targeted care for the elderly a necessary part of health-care planning, especially vision and dental care for seniors.

Overall our vision is therefore to focus strongly on cost-effectiveness, enhanced prevention programs and health education to offset the rising healthcare cost, while not denying our people the best care they can receive. The introduction of a universal healthcare system in phases offers an opportunity to build a more resilient healthcare framework, adaptable to the changing demographics and health sciences.

Investing in preventive healthcare can significantly reduce the incidence of chronic diseases, which are not only expensive to manage in the long-term, but also impact the quality of life of our citizens. Programs that focus on lifestyle education, vaccination, and routine screenings not only save costs, but also promote population health and reduce disparities among various demographics. Health screenings should become part of a national prevention program.

Transitioning to a robust prevention-oriented model is essential for curbing rising health costs and addressing health inequities. Prevention programs targeted at promoting health education can significantly reduce the incidence of preventable dis-

eases

Mental health is an area that deserves ongoing research and planning. It is a broad scope of mental conditions that limits the optimal functioning and participation of persons affected. Educating the population on mental health, providing response mechanisms are all part of a policy on mental health

Building strong partnerships among healthcare providers, schools, and community organizations will foster an environment where health education is integrated into daily life, ensuring that preventative care is a shared responsibility.

While the ultimate goal is universal healthcare, introducing it in phases allows for gradual adaptation and evaluation of outcomes.

Prenatal care and maternal health create strong family structures and can positively affect healthcare costs in the long run.

Expanding e-health services allows access to healthcare resources remotely, thereby alleviating physical barriers to care. Utilizing telehealth technology can enable patients to consult with specialists without the need for long-distance travel, reducing costs and improving patient compliance.

The Democratic Party envisages more localized healthcare opportunities, providing the maximum care at home. This also goes for institutionalized care. Independent living communities for the elderly and disabled persons should be encouraged, allowing a sense of independence and responsibility.

The Democratic Party envisions great opportunities for the silver economy, elderly care and economics.







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VOTE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Polling Stations

1. John Larmonie Center Longwall Rd., Philipsburg

2. Sundial School W. A. Nisbeth Rd., Philipsburg

3. St. Maarten Senior Citizen Recreational Centre Hope Estate, Philipsburg

4. Sister Marie Laurence School 1 Ellis Rd., Middle Region

5. Dutch Quarter Community Centre Dutch Quarter

6. Milton Peters College L.B. Scott Rd., South Reward

7. Rupert Maynard Community Centre St. Peters Road, St. Peters

8. St. Maarten Academy Cupper Drive #2, Cul de Sac

9. Bute Hotel A.T. Illidge Rd., Philipsburg

10. National Institute for Professional Advancement (NIPA)Bobcat Rd., Cay Hill

11. Charles Leopold Bell School Rubber Tree Dr., Cole Bay

12. Leonard Conner School Venus Drive 2, Cay Bay

13. Simpson Bay Sports Community Center Sr. Modesta Road, Simpson Bay

14. Belvedere Community Center Low Estate Rd., Belvedere

15. Melford Hazel Sports & Recreational Center Soualiga Road, Philipsburg

16. Methodist Agogic Centre St. Johns Estate, St. Johns

17. Dutch Quarter Help desk Zorg en Rust, Dutch Quarter

18. Seventh Day Adventist School Royal Palm Dr., Cole Bay

19. House of DetentionMountaindove Rd., Pointe Blanche

20. Sint Maarten Home St. Johns Estate Road 6, St. Johns





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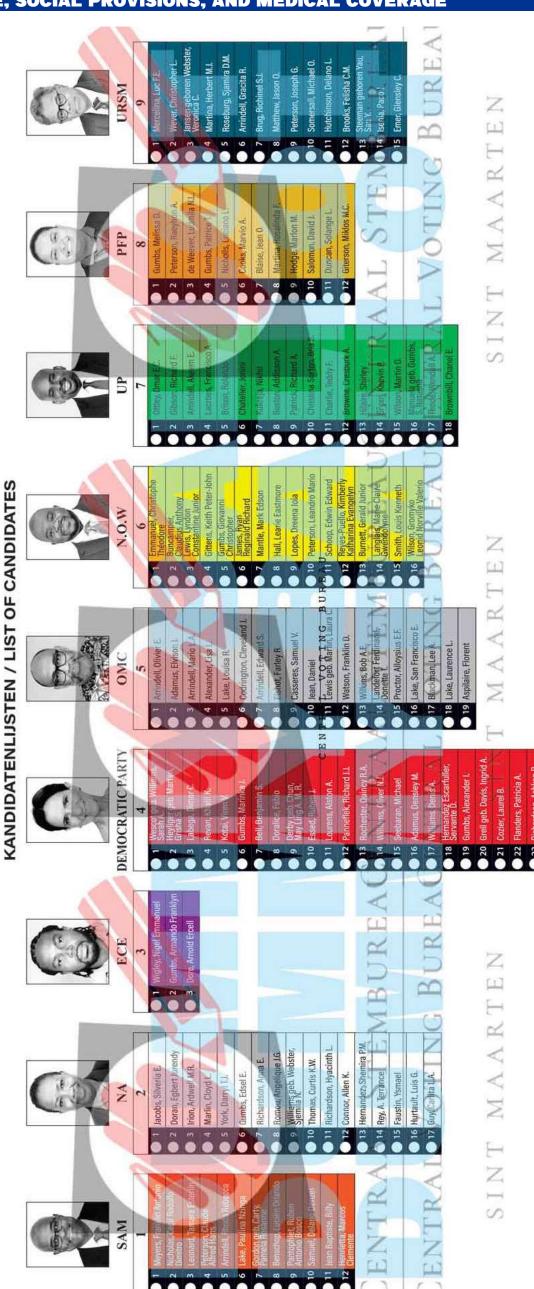
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STEMBILJET / BALLOT PAPER

STEMBILJET voor de verkiezing van de leden van de Staten van Sint Maarten d.d. 19 augustus 2024 / BALLOT for election for the Members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten of August 19, 2024 (Art. 56, tweede lid, Kiesverordening / Art. 56, second paragraph, Electoral Ordinance)



U stemt door het rood maken van één (en niet meer dan één) wit stipje, geplaatst voor de kandidaat van uw keuze. Het stembiljet wordt zo dicht gevouwen dat de kandidatenlijst niet zichtbaar is. To cast you vote you must color only one (and not more than one) white circle with red in front of the candidate of your choice. The ballot must be folded in such a way that the list of candidates is not visible.