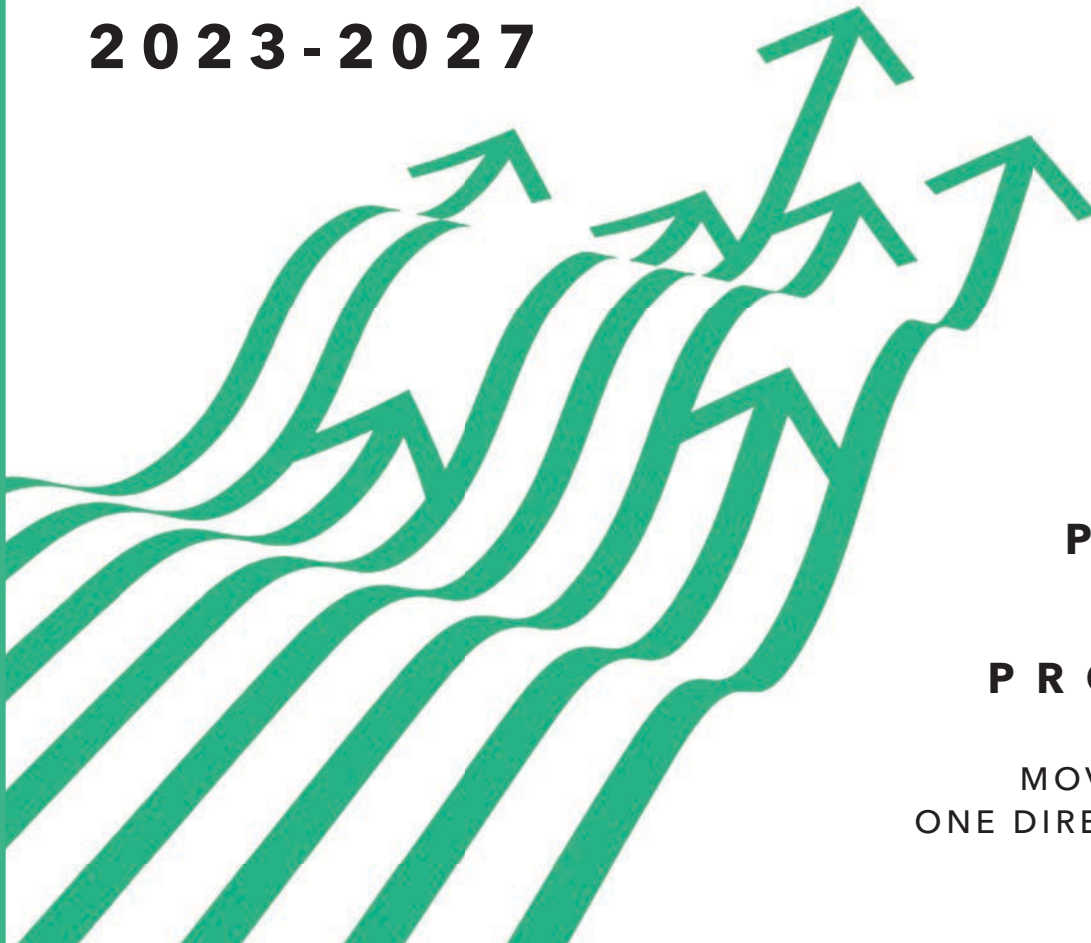


VIRGIN ISLANDS PARTY

THE *VISION*

Manifesto
2023-2027



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A team that cares, Moving forward Together

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BRIGHT FUTURE



OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Islands Party Pledge

The Virgin Islands Party pledges to place the people first, and acknowledges unconditionally that the people are our greatest asset.

We pledge full commitment to integrity, the rule of law, transparency, accountability, stability, democratic principles and prosperity for the Virgin Islands.

A VIP Government will do everything in our power to safeguard the rights of all who call the Virgin Islands home and ensure that those rights are fully respected and protected.

We are united in our stance and will face all challenges with fortitude and determination.





Dr. The Hon. Natalion D. Wheatley,
Primer of The Virgin Islands

Message from **Dr. The Hon. Natalion D. Wheatley** **Chairman, Virgin Islands Party**

We have affirmed our ability to get the job done, rallied our people and harnessed their strengths, leveraged our resources and responsibly managed the economy.

Over the past few years, the Virgin Islands have faced many challenges; from the floods and hurricanes of 2017, the COVID-19 Global Pandemic in 2020, a broad-scope Commission of Inquiry with the threat of an Order in Council, attacks on our Financial Services Industry, and the economic fallout of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Four years of strong leadership from the Virgin Islands Party coupled with the resilience and hard work of our people guided us through these tribulations and kept the country moving forward.

Team VIP led the revival of our tourism industry in 2019. We secured the lives and livelihood of our people and the stability of our economy during an unprecedented and unpredictable COVID-19 pandemic. We ensured our people had food on their tables and kept their lights on during difficult times. We restored and upgraded infrastructure - from roads and

bridges, schools and community centres to basketball courts and the Market Square - at an unmatched pace in recent Virgin Islands history.

During this time, we maintained the democratic governance of the Virgin Islands, ensuring that our people's right to govern themselves was not infringed upon and that they remain in charge of the development of their society, political systems, and economy. We did all this and more, while navigating through very treacherous waters.

Team VIP has been rigorously tried and tested under the direst of imaginable circumstances and we have proven our fortitude. We have affirmed our ability to get the job done, rallied our people and harnessed their strengths, leveraged our resources and responsibly managed the economy.

In this manifesto, we have highlighted some of

the VIP's achievements over the last four years. There are numerous initiatives we would like to build on to advance the Virgin Islands, while improving the quality of life of all residents and laying a solid foundation for future generations. This manifesto also provides a snapshot of some of the initiatives we will focus on to continue the work we have been doing to transform the country.

These include completing our recovery from the 2017 disasters, implementing the National Sustainable Development Plan, completing the reforms of the Government's systems and processes, and negotiating a new Constitution that reflects the aspirations of the Virgin Islands people - all of which are critical and to which we are firmly committed to delivering.

By achieving these goals, we will develop our infrastructure and systems to support the regular needs of residents and overall economic expansion; abundant with opportunities for our people, whether to own and operate businesses or to secure meaningful employment. Our people will be equipped and empowered for success in existing and new industries. They will enjoy a higher standard of living. They and their children will have greater prospects. We will continue to advance the mission of nation-building started by our fore parents.

The VIP is offering our people a team of candidates who have the qualifications

and capabilities to deliver on this vision of keeping our country and our people moving forward. I ask that you carefully consider the skills and competencies of your respective District candidate and our four At-Large candidates. Picture the difference your elected representatives can make, promoting your interests and needs, working with and from inside the Government, with a seat in the room where decisions are made. Visualize them working as a team, and consider how much your representatives can achieve with a full, competent, and driven team behind them. Teamwork makes the dream work.

I encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming General Elections. The right to vote is something that our fore-parents struggled for a long time to achieve. And when you go to the polls, I encourage you to vote for your VIP candidates, so that we can keep the Virgin Islands moving forward together.

Respectfully,



Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley
Chairman, Virgin Islands Party

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AT-LARGE CANDIDATE



HODGE-SMITH
Luce
4TH DISTRICT CANDIDATE



FLAX-HEADLEY
Marieta
2ND DISTRICT CANDIDATE



MADURO-CAINES
Alvera
6TH DISTRICT CANDIDATE



WALCOTT
Zoe
AT-LARGE CANDIDATE

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

-Michelle Obama



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Message from Sharia de Castro

President, Virgin Islands Party

Over the last four years, the Virgin Islands has felt the wind of change and progress and we have now come to a critical crossroad. At this time, we must choose whether to make a kind of U-turn or continue forward to a prosperous future. When the Virgin Islands people go to the polls on April 20th and 24th, we will be choosing more than candidates. Character is on the ballot in this election. The character of our candidates, yes, but more than that: the character of our democracy, our society, and our leadership. Leadership matters! It is for this reason that I believe we should continue forward to a prosperous future with Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley and Team Virgin Islands Party, the team that cares.

Our leadership has proven to be one that leads through adversity. Challenges faced in recent years— Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the worst public health crisis in a century, tested the character of the Virgin Islands people like never before. But in true BVI spirit and strength, we never gave up. We are a resilient people. The Virgin Islands Party will continue to fight to repair the soul of this territory; to unite and to heal our country. We will continue to turn every crisis into a crucible, from which we will forge a stronger and brighter future.

We know that women's participation in politics makes a difference. Women bring different views, talents and perspectives to politics which help shape the political agenda. Changes in how systems operate reflect the positive impact of the presence of women, such as an improvement in the language and behaviour, a different prioritization of issues and policies and gender sensitivity in all aspects of governing. The Virgin Islands Party has shown its commitment to making sure that women have a seat at the table by electing the first female president and vice president in its 52 year history. We also have the most female candidates contesting the upcoming general elections.

In addition to women, youth are also at the forefront, refuting the idea that young people are the next. We are the now! The Virgin Islands Party is a party of inclusion. Our diverse team is in the best position to move these Virgin Islands forward. Vote Team Virgin Islands Party to ensure that our greatest days are still to come. Let's move forward together!



Sharia de Castro

VIP President

Our National Priorities

As we march forward with our mission of building a strong, resilient, and prosperous nation, where the residents enjoy a high quality of life and success in a thriving economy, a Virgin Islands Party Government will ensure that the following are maintained as top priorities on the national agenda. Our priorities have been linked the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP), which was completed and approved under the Virgin Islands Party-led Government.

YOUR VIRGIN ISLANDS PARTY GOVERNMENT WILL

- Strengthen Government institutions to deliver better, more efficient service and ensure transparency, accountability and value for money. **(NSDP Goal 5)**
- Further develop the Good Governance systems to promote integrity by public officers, and bolster confidence in Virgin Islands Party leadership. **(NSDP Goal 5)**
- Continue all efforts at political advancement of the Virgin Islands towards eventual self-determination. **(NSDP Goal 5)**
- Develop and expand the economy, including our existing pillars, through diversification and partnership with the private sector, creating more opportunities for our people. **(NSDP Goal 3)**
- Provide more opportunities for local ownership in businesses while preserving ones already in existence. **(NSDP Goal 3)**
- Create an enabling environment that encourages our people to return home and participate in the economy and nation building. **(NSDP Goal 3)**
- Review and strengthen the Social Safety net. **(NSDP Goal 1)**
- Promote initiatives to for our people to access affordable homes and land ownership. **(NSDP Goal 1)**
- Focus on food security by investing in agriculture and fisheries and providing mechanisms to support local food producers. **(NSDP Goal 3)**
- Strengthen the Virgin Islands' position in the Financial Services industry through innovation and marketing. **(NSDP Goal 3)**
- Develop our infrastructure to support the growth of our tourism industry, the expansion of our economy, and other forms

of development. **(NSDP Goal 4)**

- Ensure persons on all our islands have reliable access to potable water. **(NSDP Goal 4)**
- Ensure that our educators and children have facilities and adequate resources for teaching and learning. **(NSDP Goal 2)**
- Emphasize transfer of learning and curate a curriculum where the subjects taught community inspired and provide training and capacity building in and outside the school environment. **(NSDP Goal 2)**
- Expand education in the marine sector and other areas of interest, and invest in the youth who will take that path. **(NSDP Goals 2 and 3)**
- Put more resources into the development of sports. **(NSDP Goals 1 and 2)**
- Teach our children our values and culture so that they will be culturally confident Virgin Islanders. **(NSDP Goal 2)**
- Provide avenues to increase and inspire gender equality. **(NSDP Goal 1)**
- Improve the quality, affordability and access to healthcare on all our islands, including ensuring that our Sister Islands have at least

one resident doctor. **(NSDP Goal 1)**

- Promote healthy living and healthy lifestyle choices to tackle preventable diseases. **(NSDP Goal 1)**
- Complete rehabilitation and upgrades to the sewerage infrastructure. **(NSDP Goals 1 and 4)**
- Partner with stakeholders to Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle as it relates to waste management. **(NSDP Goal 6)**
- Implement legislation to reduce and eliminate plastics and waste from being dumped into our waters. **(NSDP Goal 6)**
- Maintain a pristine environment. **(NSDP Goals 4 and 6)**
- Implement measures for protecting, regenerating and sustaining the marine ecosystem and our unique marine environment. **(NSDP Goal 6)**
- Implement legislation to prevent the removal of natural resources and receive compensation for removal and damage. **(NSDP Goal 6)**
- Increase investments in renewable energy and provide more incentives for citizens to transition to renewable energy. **(NSDP Goal 4)**
- Provide our law enforcement agencies with resources for national security. **(NSDP Goal 5)**



Highlights of our ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Times have been hard for our people. The cries have not gone on deaf ears. Team VIP continued to stay close to our people to ensure a greater understanding of the issues and have responded in the House of Assembly, in the Government and on the ground. In this section, we present some highlights of the work we have done in the last four years in service to the people of the Virgin Islands.





Good Governance

The Virgin Islands Party was the driving force behind a number of key governance initiatives that were long overdue and which are critical for advancing the political, economic and social development of the Virgin Islands. We did this in the midst of many multi-layered challenges, and set the bar for performance in Government.

THESE INCLUDED

- Introducing and passing over 100 pieces of legislation in the House of Assembly; for example - the Whistle Blower Act, Amendments to the Register of Interests Act, the Contractor General Act, the Public Procurement Act, and more.
- Initiating the appointment of a Constitutional Review Commission with strong representation from the Sister Islands, to begin the long-overdue Constitutional Review process.
- Commencing the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry. Forty-nine per cent (49%) of action



items are completed, and eighteen per cent (18%) are in progress and on track. A further seventeen per cent (17%) are also underway while the other fourteen per cent (14%) have not reached the time scheduled for commencement.

- Passing five national budgets and staying within the Protocols for Effective Financial Management.
- Commissioning, completing, and approving the National Sustainable Development Plan as a road map for the development of the Virgin Islands up to 2036. This was done in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

- Conducting Cabinet Meetings for the first time on the sister islands of Jost Van Dyke, Virgin Gorda and Anegada to bring governance processes closer to the people.
- Introducing Ministers' office hours without an appointment every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in February 2022 so citizens could meet regularly with their representatives.
- Signing the United Nation Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for the Caribbean 2022-2026.
- Establishing Constituency Offices to improve access by citizens to their Representatives.
- Re-introducing the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament to prepare the next generation of Virgin Islands' leaders.
- 11. Conducting public consultations on several major initiatives
- We also conducted public consultations on a number of major initiatives, and re-introduced the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament prepare our young people for leading their country in the future. We introduced Ministers' office hours without an appointment on every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in February 2022 for citizens to discuss any long-standing issue or problem they may have with their representatives.



The Economy

The global economy was a roller coaster over the last four years due to the economic impacts of the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict. This could have caused catastrophic damage to the Virgin Islands' economy, especially coming during our recovery from the 2017 hurricanes. The Virgin Islands Party Government took decisive action to protect the economy, support small businesses, and helped our people to navigate these tumultuous times.

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN INCLUDED

- Re-engaging our tourism stakeholders in 2019, especially in the cruise sub-sector to re-energize the tourism industry which had been at a near standstill since the hurricanes of 2017.
- Supporting financial services sector initiatives to diversify our product range to attract new businesses and offer new services.
- Providing financial support to small and medium-sized businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic (across the Virgin Islands) to help them survive the economic impacts of the crisis, remain gainfully employed and prevent catastrophic damage to the local economy.
- Providing further support to tourism-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants and taxi and tour operators. Becoming Gold Seal certified, through partnership with H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the BVI Tourist Board, ensured they could and operate safely during the pandemic while earning an income. This kept the wheels of the economy turning.



- Capping import duties to a maximum of 5%, cutting import duties on fuel by 50% and subsidizing the fuel oil charge on electricity to cushion the economic impacts of COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine conflict on residents.
- We passed Consumer Protection legislation and legislation to establish the Trade Commission
- Passing legislation allowing non-Belonger homeowners to spend up to 10 months in the Territory.
- Passing the Virgin Islands Gaming and Betting Control (Amendment) Act, 2021.
- Extending the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility from \$15M to \$53M coverage for the BVI.
- We paid increments to public officers and put measures in place to assure outstanding increments are paid.
- Passing legislation to improve the coverage of Depositors' Insurance to protect persons' savings in banks.
- Passing a suite of Financial Action Task Force legislation to protect the economy and meet international requirements and standards.
- Introducing and commencing the implementation of the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (RATED) Programme to address unemployment and under-employment in the Territory and to also develop the skills of Virgin Islanders to make them more marketable in the labour market.
- Commencing the Public Service Salary Review and Job Classification Review.
- Modernizing the Liquor Licenses Act
- Implementing the money services transaction levy.

Tourism, Culture & Heritage

The renewed identity/heritage of our people being high on our agenda was the catalyst for supporting infrastructure which placed focus on culture, which is essential for nation-building and contributes to the uniqueness of our tourism product. The Virgin Islands Party Government worked closely with our tourism stakeholders and ensured a quick recovery of our industry.





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- Funded the Gold Seal Certification for Businesses in the Tourism Sector to facilitate the early and safe reopening of our tourism industry during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Signed an agreement to make the Virgin Islands a Presidential Partner of the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) to increase cruise calls and overnight businesses for our tourism sector.
- Amended the “Cruising Permit” and “Home Porting” Acts to ensure increased economic opportunities for the Virgin Islands flagged vessels; safety and compliance with international obligations.
- Welcomed Saga Cruise Line’s Spirit of Discovery and Holland America’s Rotterdam as they made their inaugural cruise calls to the Territory.
- Opened temporary Ports facilities at West End Ferry Dock.
- Constructed the Dog Hole Terminal Building on Jost Van Dyke via the BVI Ports Authority
- Passed Public Holidays (Amendment) Act, 2021.
- Unveiled the 6ft ‘BVI’ Welcome Sign and the Cyril B. Romney Statue at the Cyril B. Romney Tortola Pier Park on its 6th Anniversary.
- Restored Sir Olva Georges statue, damaged in the 2017 hurricanes.
- Approved the Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategy.
- Conducted the Territory-wide Cultural/ Tourism Christmas Extravaganza through the Office of the Premier, and the Annual Premier’s Christmas Carols on Wheels.
- Restored the statue of national hero, Noel Lloyd.
- Celebrated the first ever 1949 Great March and Restoration holiday.
- Sponsored the first-ever BVI Lit Fest.
- Revived the Fungi Fest.
- Celebrated Heroes and Fore-Parents Holiday.
- Replaced Territory Day with Virgin Islands Day.
- Changed the song to be played at medal ceremonies from God Save the Queen to the Territorial Song, Oh Beautiful Virgin Islands.
- Introduced Culture and Tourism Month.
- Introduced the first-ever Caribbean Unity Weekend.
- Approved the 60th Anniversary Red Cross license plate.





Air & Sea Transport

Commencing the process to have direct flights to Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport, BVI from the mainland in USA. American Airlines direct flights to Miami commences 1 June, 2023.

The Virgin Islands Party Government recognizes the importance of aviation and marine services to our people and our critical industries. As such, we placed immense focus on these areas, including:

- Commencing the process of having direct flights to Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport, from Mainland USA. American Airlines direct flights to Miami commences on 1 June 2023.
- Initiating and advancing dialogue with other international and regional airlines to add the Virgin Islands to their route network.
- Resuming international commercial flights at Taddy Bay International Airport in Virgin Gorda; and commencing international and night flights at the Auguste George International Airport in Anegada.
- Constructing a new Welcome Centre at Terrance.B. Lettsome International Airport to facilitate air arrivals during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Constructing a new Welcome Center at the Taddy Bay International Airport, Virgin Gorda, which will serve as part of the new Arrivals Area for the airport.
- Paving the access road to the Taddy Bay

International Airport, VG - for the first time in over 40 years.

- Commencing technical work for the expansion of Terrance. B. Lettsome International Airport.
- Re-establishing the Department of Civil Aviation.
- Upgrading the Ports Management System
- Commissioning the BVI Ports Authority Harbour Patrol boat.
- Continuing the Marine Programme at HLSCC; including supporting Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) certification from the HLSCC Maritime Program for Mariners.
- Amending the "Cruising Permit" and "Home Porting" Acts to ensure increased economic opportunities for BVI flagged vessels and to ensure safety and compliance with international obligations.
- The launch of HM Customs Vessel, Searcher.
- Opening temporary Ports facilities at the West End Ferry Dock.
- Constructing the Dog Hole Terminal Building on Jost Van Dyke by BVI Ports Authority.



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Financial Services

The BVI's Financial Services Industry is of critical importance to the government and economy of the Virgin Islands. As one of the economy's two primary economic engines, the sector is the largest contributor to government revenues at more than 60%. During the COVID-19 pandemic, financial services was the mainstay of the Territory's economy as tourism and international travel were brought to a halt due to the deterioration of public health conditions worldwide.

Under the leadership and direction the Virgin Islands Party, the Government took strategic action to ensure that the industry remained open for business, servicing clients globally, while other offshore jurisdictions had only limited functionality. Swift and concerted action ensured that the Territory had steady stream of income to support its people and finance the Government's international and local obligations.



BETWEEN 2019 AND 2023 THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PARTY GOVERNMENT

- Took prompt and decisive steps to ensure the BVI's Financial Services Industry remained Open for Business during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Implementing measures for lawyers to become BVI qualified remotely, allowing digital/online and remote board and shareholder meetings outside the Territory, and providing for remote and online court proceedings.
- Took strategic actions driving an increase in business company volumes, revenues, and post-incorporation business between mid-2020 and March 2023. Annual Financial Services Revenues in the period surpassed that of the previous Government, climaxing in 2021 with an average monthly increase in incorporations of 500-700 above 2017-2018 figures.





- Increased the overall value of BVI Business Companies and funds by increasing fees and post-incorporation work.
- Successfully completed the post-hurricane transition of BVI's courts back to the Territory into refurbished offices and court rooms to service the industry.
- Strengthened the overall legislative framework for the operation of the industry and to meet the requirements of international institutions including the Financial Action Task Force and International Monetary Fund.
- Successfully implemented an Economic Substance Regime (legislation), meeting European Union requirements, while requiring Financial Services Firms & Companies to make greater investments in the local economy and employment.



Agriculture & Fisheries

During the last term in office, the Virgin Islands Party Government provided immense support to our farmers, fishermen and food producers, increasing the availability of locally produced food on the market.

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- Passed the Virgin Islands Food and Sustainability Act, 2022.
- Established a management committee for the land at Paraquita Bay that has been designated for agricultural purposes.
- Leased a parcel of land to a local company to increase local chicken production.
- Exempted Customs duty for steel building material and poultry equipment as we encouraged the production of poultry in enhancing food security.
- Signed an MOU with the UK government department to conduct research and provide support for more effective fisheries management.
- Launched Agricultural Training Courses at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.
- Reintroduced the annual Agricultural Fair.
- Allocated 40 acres of land on Anegada for farming.





Public Services

Increasing the efficiency of public service and access to Government services has been a top priority of the Virgin Islands Party Government. Our most valuable assets were disenfranchised during the hurricanes, which destroyed many government offices, furniture and equipment. Cost of living raises were neglected and our citizens were feeling the pinch. The Virgin Islands Party Government supported initiatives to advance the process of improving the terms and conditions of public officers, among other measures.

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- Ensured the payment of increments owed to public officers for 7 years, two with arrears. Increments for 2016, 2017 and 2018 were paid. Increments for 2018 and 2019 were approved to be paid with arrears. For 2020, 2021 and 2022 the steps have been moved up and Cabinet has approved the payment of the remaining increments and the money was budgeted and approved in the 2023 Budget.
- Initiated and approved the ongoing Public Service Salary Review and Job Re-classification exercise
- Passed the E-Government suite of legislation, presently being implemented,
- Made provisions for the extension of office hours at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Completed the restoration of the Administration Buildings on Anegada and Jost Van Dyke.
- Commenced the restoration and repair of the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex.
- Rebuilt the North Sound Sub-Post Office.
- Restored Post Office boxes.
- Approved the Transformation of the Public Service Initiative.
- Passed the "Water and Sewage Act. 2021" in the House of Assembly which transformed the Department into a statutory body.

Property, Land Ownership and Affordable Housing

Over the past four years, the Virgin Islands Government initiated a number of measures to empower Virgin Islanders in land ownership and to secure their interests.

THESE INCLUDED

- Passing the Stamp (Amendment) Act, 2022 to allow Belongers who are first time land and property owners by sale or transfer to be exempted from paying stamp duty.
- A one-year amnesty to remove the interest on the late fees owed for Property Tax.
- Approval of the establishment of the Salt Island Lands Advisory Body in keeping with the Government's agenda of empowerment of our people through land and home ownership.
- Commencement of measures to resolve the Aneгада land matter.
- Construction of several social homes to bring relief to families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the 2017 hurricanes under the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme.







Education & Training

When the Virgin Islands Party assumed political office in 2019, our scholastic infrastructure was in a dire state of disrepair. Our children were being housed in accommodations not befitting a school, scattered in multiple locations. The Virgin Islands Party immediately moved to remedy the situation. We also provided resources to support several training and development programmes to equip our youths for productive lives.

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- Renovated the L. Adorothy Turnbull Building at the Elmore Stoutt High School Campus
- Completed the Elmore Stoutt High School Redevelopment Project to bring our senior students, teachers and other staff back home to Lower Estate.
- Renovated the Bregado Flax Educational Centre Secondary Division in Virgin Gorda
- Commenced work on Jost Van Dyke Primary School trailer classrooms.
- Completed designs for a new Eslyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre at a new, inclusive location.

- Repaired two roofs at the Ivan Dawson Primary School.
- Conducted repairs to public schools, some of which are still ongoing.
- Introduced Smart Boards in classrooms.
- Provided laptops for schoolchildren to participate in online learning.
- Restarted the Scholarship Abroad Programme.
- Commenced an Asian Scholarship Programme.
- Sponsored the first-ever FinTech courses in the BVI with the Robert Mathavious Institute and the National University of Singapore School of Computing.
- Held a successful Education Week 2022 schedule of events.
- Restarted the School Science Fair.
- Introduced Innovation Week.
- Successfully hosted CXC Top Awards for top CXC students in 2021.
- Provided distance learning certification through a partnership with UNESCO teachers.





- Trained a cohort of teachers in Special Education.
- Introduced the marine training, agricultural training, and solar installation training courses at HLSCC.
- Restarted the hospitality training programme at the HLSCC.
- Graduated 10 persons in “Basic Home Care” compliments of BVI Red Cross.
- Commenced the establishment of the Teachers’ Training Institute.
- Issued a license to Tiber Health Public Benefit Corporation for the establishment of a Medical School.
- Commenced the rebuilding of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School.











Youth, Sports and Recreation

The Virgin Islands Party Government acknowledges and understands the important role sports and recreation play in the health and wellness of our society along with building social and community spirit and promoting positive values. We expended significant effort into repairing and upgrading the sports and recreation facilities throughout the Virgin Islands. We also extended our support to our athletes that represent the Virgin Islands on the international stage.

OUR INITIATIVES INCLUDED

- Repairing and upgrading sporting facilities including the basketball courts at Carrot Bay, West End, Cappoon's Bay, Ivan Dawson, Diamond, Lower Estate, Long Bush, Purcell, Baugher's Bay, Greenland, East End and Belle Vue.
- Repairing the Jeffrey Caines Arena on Virgin Gorda.
- Repairing the recreation grounds on Anegada
- Repairing the Walwyn E. Brewley Softball Field.
- Making financial contributions to our four Olympic Athletes and supporting our other top-performing athletes.
- Holding successful Inter-Primary Sports Championships
- Demolishing the Pavilion on the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds.
- Repairing and replacing the Air Conditioning system in the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex.
- Restoring Sandbox Park.







Health & Wellness



Carvin Malone, Territorial at Large



Like no other time in the last 100 years, health infrastructure, systems and services took centre stage in the worst pandemic to rock the world in modern time – the COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

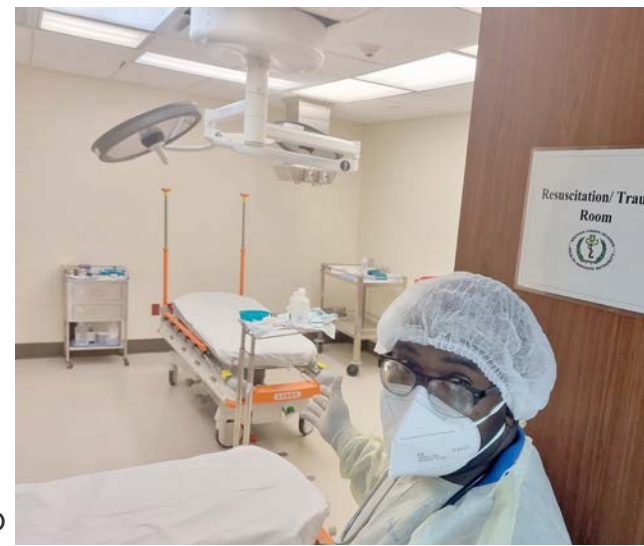
The Virgin Islands Party Government upgraded the facilities and the lab at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital to meet the COVID-19 challenge. We repaired and upgraded community health centres, and increased services. We also made strides in improving public health.

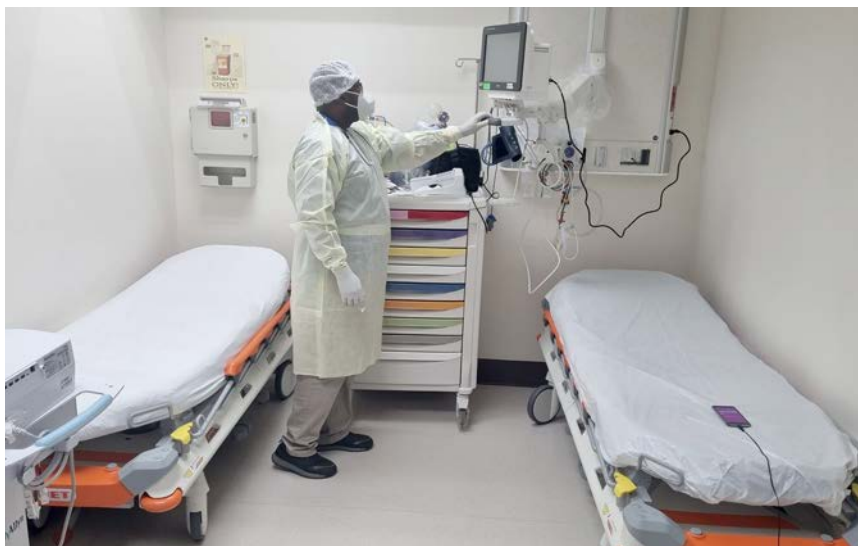
OUR WORK INCLUDED

- Completing, opening and equipping the Nurse Iris O’Neal Medical Center in Virgin Gorda with state of the art dental equipment, lab equipment, ultrasound machinery, and X-Ray imaging equipment.
- Resumption of regular healthcare services at the North Sound clinic on Mondays and Fridays for Wound Care, Doctor’s Clinic (ambulatory and chronic disease), and Blood Pressure checks.
- Securing accreditation of the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital from the international accrediting body, DNVL – Det Norske Veritas (Norway) and Germanischer Lloyd (Germany).



- Training personnel and certifying the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital Laboratory to deliver 75,000 COVID-19 tests and counting.
- Developing a Specialist Clinic/Pandemic Readied Negative Pressure Unit
- Expanding the Road Town Community Clinic
- Expanding and outfitting the Clinical Laboratory which is now ISO 15189 ready.
- Purchasing a “40 Bed Field Hospital” for accommodation of hospital overflows and for periods of natural disasters.
- Securing the assistance of Cuban doctors to deliver medical services.
- Negotiating emergency airlift services from Anegada via Caribbean Buzz.
- Roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for residents who wanted to take the vaccine. 60.1% of population vaccinated.
- Purchasing the Hummingbird System to capture vaccination and immunization data at testing facilities and ports of entry.
- Passing the Medical Act 2020 and the Nurses and Midwife Act 2021 in the House of Assembly.
- Removing over 6,000 derelict vehicles from the Territory since 2019.
- Awarding contracts Territory-wide through the tender process for solid waste collection including bulk waste collection.





Social Support and Social Development

Before the assumption of political office in 2019, many families were experiencing displacement or severe discomfort via damage to their homes by the 2017 hurricanes. Many were also struggling to make ends meet as the COVID-19 pandemic followed shortly. Since then, the Virgin Islands Party moved steadfastly to alleviate the problems and bring relief, as promised, to the vulnerable.

SOME OF OUR MEASURES INCLUDED

- A \$15 million housing repairs allotment was repurposed to allow more people to receive assistance.
- Ten-million-dollar of the \$40 million Social Security Grant was allocated to the housing repairs program.
- A 15-member evaluation committee was established to evaluate and approve each application for housing assistance, to which:
- 22 social homes were constructed across, Anegada, Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke and Tortola.
- Eight Home Rebuild Grants, a maximum of up to \$150,000 maximum each, were issued,
- 177 Home Repair Grants, a maximum of up to \$100,000 maximum each, were issued,
- 200 Materials Grant up to \$10,000 each were issued,
- 60 Appliance & Hurricane Shutters Grants were issued.
- Completion of the Jose Hill Manor housing project.
- Making stimulus available to families and businesses during COVID-19.

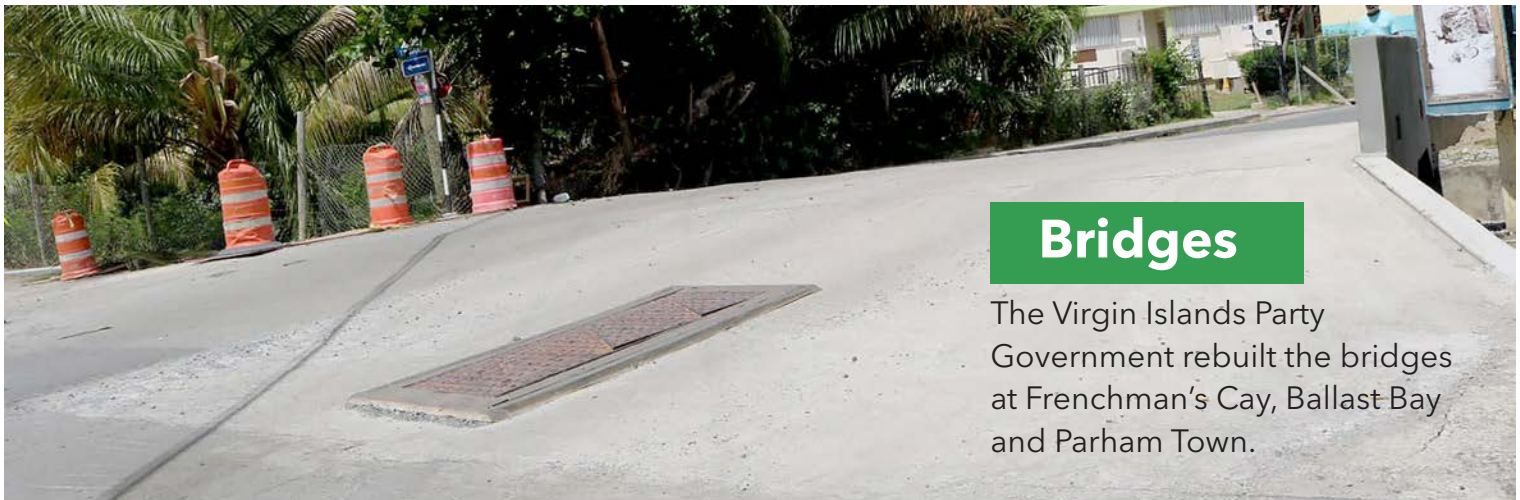


Infrastructure

A lot of our public infrastructure was in a state of neglect and disrepair even before the 2017 hurricanes. The problem was exacerbated by the hurricanes and the recovery efforts thereafter were moving at a snail's pace until the Virgin Islands Party entered office in 2019. Notwithstanding economic challenges and disruptions from COVID-19, the Virgin Islands Party Government moved with pace to repair, restore, and upgrade infrastructure throughout the Territory, including unprecedented levels of work on our Sister Islands.

Road Town Improvement

- Constructed the new Market Square
- Fixed sidewalks in the City of Road Town to better accommodate wheelchairs and the physically challenged.
- Commissioned electric vehicles for the City of Road Town Park and Ride Shuttle Services.
- Added an additional lane on Waterfront Drive.
- Traffic turn around in Road Town.
- Beautification of the Capital.



Bridges

The Virgin Islands Party Government rebuilt the bridges at Frenchman's Cay, Ballast Bay and Parham Town.

Public Buildings

- Commenced repairs to the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex, renamed after our former Chief Minister and First Premier of the Virgin Islands.
- Completed the restoration of the Flax Administration Building and the Vanterpool Administration Building on Virgin Gorda, the John E. George Administration Building in North Sound, the Theodolph Faulkner Administration Building on Anegada, and the Administration Building on Jost Van Dyke now renamed the Albert H. Chinnery Administration Building.
- Opened temporary port facilities at West End Ferry Dock.
- Constructed the Dog Hole Terminal Building on Jost Van Dyke by BVI Ports Authority.
- Completed upgrades to the Captain Owen G. Harrigan Visitor Centre at Gun Creek
- Restored the Road Town Fire Station Headquarters Ground floor.
- Repaired the East End/Long Look Fire Station.
- Repaired the roof at the Watch House.
- Constructed bathrooms at Long Bay, Beef Island.
- Refurbished the Anegada Fire Station.
- Repaired the Police Barracks at The Valley, Virgin Gorda.



Tortola Roads

- Purchase of an Asphalt Plant and support Equipment
- Ridge Road from Hope Hill to Little Dix Road and Slope rehabilitation (RDA)
- Fort Hill above Bob's Gas station(RDA)
- Great Mountain Road and Slope Rehabilitation (2 sites)(RDA)
- Ballast Bay Road and Bridge Improvement (RDA)
- Fish Bay Road and Drainage Improvement (RDA)
- Windy Hill Slope Stabilization
- Frenchman's Cay Bridge Replacement
- Blackburn Highway Bridge Replacement
- North Coast Revetment (on going)
- Hannah Hill Road Stabilization and Repairs
- Improvements to Festival Grounds Entrances
- Treadfall Hill Improvements
- John's Hole Road and Drainage Improvement
- Brady Ghut By Pass Road
- Johnson's Ghut Road Road and Drainage Improvement
- Major Bay Drainage Improvement
- Great Mountain and Fahie Hill Intersection Road Improvements
- Georges Northside Road Improvement
- Garden Road paving
- Valerie O Thomas Community Center Drainage Solution
- Cooten Bay Road Paving
- Diamond Estate Road Improvement and Retaining Wall (Montessori School)
- Waterfront Drive Third Lane Project
- Nottingham Estate Road Paving
- Retaining Wall and Road Reinstatement at Upper Huntum's Ghut
- Pockwood Pond Road Improvements
- Brewers Bay Drainage Improvement Works
- Asphalting of Cherry Ghut Road, Sea Cows Bay.
- Rehabilitated wall at Palestina Estate.
- Constructed new sidewalk at A.O. Shirley Recreational Ground.
- Constructed a dedicated right turning lane Into Pasea Estate.
- Restoration of all traffic lights in the Territory.



Virgin Gorda Roads

- Paving of the access road to the Taddy Bay International Airport, VG (first time in over 40 years).
- Restoration of bypass road to Leverick Bay, Virgin Gorda
- Repaired Nail Bay Road.
- Completed road access to Copper Mine sub-division.
- Commenced road access to the Bond sub-division, Virgin Gorda.

Anegada Roads

- Paving of The Settlement Road.

Jost Van Dyke Roads

- Grading of Plantation Road, JVD.
- Restoration of Back Road, JVD.
- Paving of the East End Road.
- Improvement of Dog Hole Road.





Community Centres

- Restored and rebuilt as Smart Community Centres with support from the European Union (EU) and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO): West End Community Centre, Valorie O. Thomas Community Centre in Sea Cow's Bay, Christiana and Gertrude Warner Community Centre in Purcell Estate, and the Emile E. Dunlop Community Centre on Anegada.
- Commenced work with Government funding on repairs and upgrades to East End / Long Look Community Centre (Phase 1), Cane Garden Bay Community Centre, and Brewers Bay Community Centre.

Water Supply

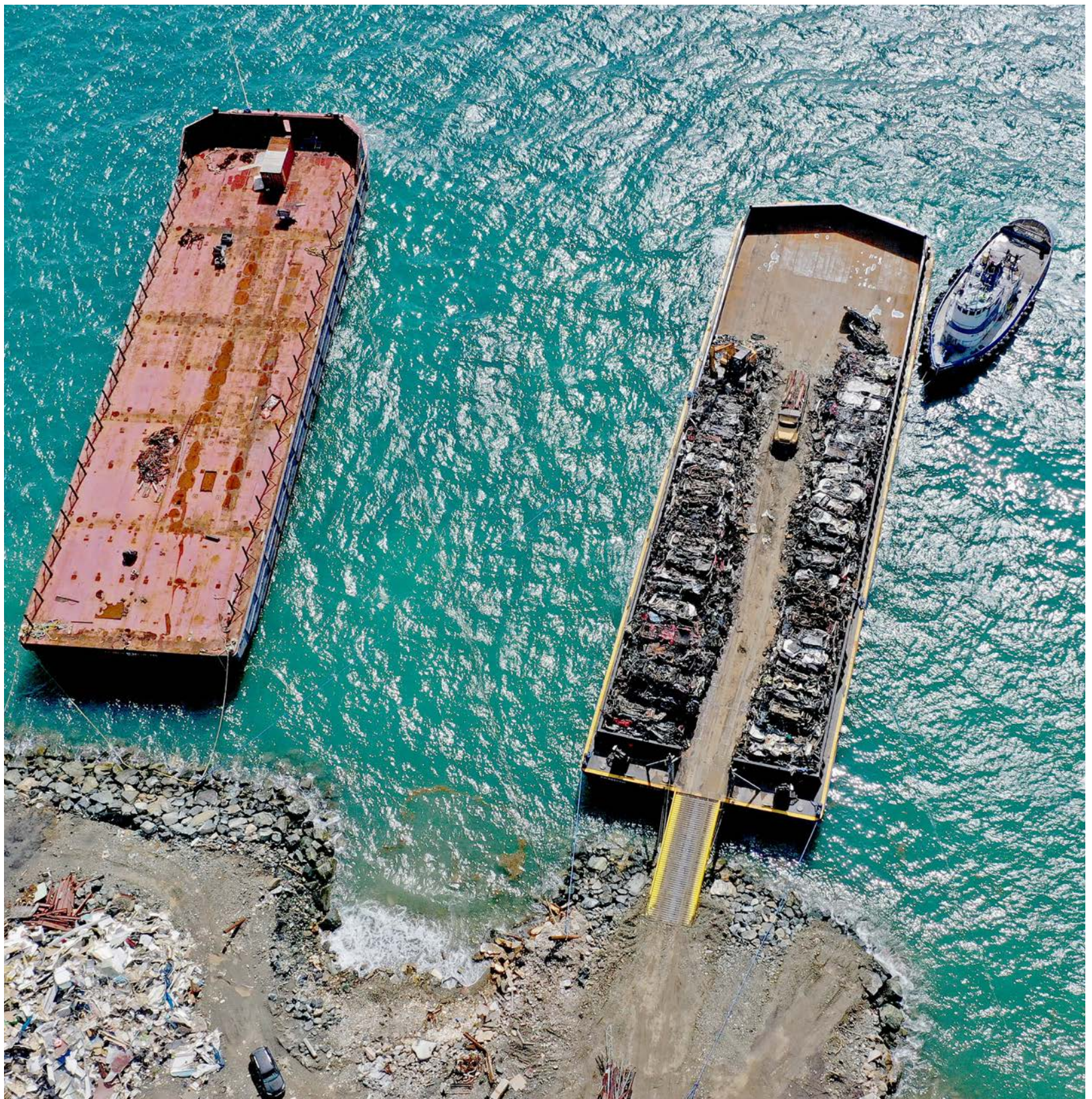
- Introduced the "Water and Sewage Act. 2021" in the House of Assembly which transforms the department to a statutory body
- Constructed a new reservoirs at Zion Hill, Carrot Bay, Long Bush, and Perrot Hill.
- Repaired reservoir in North Sound, Virgin Gorda.
- Resumption of continuous water to the residents of Sea Cows Bay.

Electricity Supply

- Anegada Solar Farm Project

Sewerage Management

- East End/Long Look Sewerage Network (Restarted the East End/Long Look Sewage Project)
- Road Town Sewerage Network Upgrade
- Burt But Sewerage Treatment Plant Rehabilitation (on going)
- Road Town Pump Station Repairs
- Cane Garden Bay Sewerage Treatment Plant



Environment

The Virgin Islands Party Government placed the protection of the environment and our natural resources among our top priorities and undertook several initiatives that would result in a lower carbon footprint for the Territory and reduce waste. These included:

1. Completion of the territory wide environmental study contract with Agency Red.
2. Publishing the 2020 Virgin Islands Ecosystem Account.
3. Commissioning electric vehicles for the City of Road Town Park and Ride Shuttle Services.
4. Partnering with the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office to install solar panels on Ivan Dawson and Leonora Delville Primary Schools.
5. Commencing the Anegada Solar Farm Project to make the island 60% solar powered.
6. Introducing the Solar installation training course at HLSCC
7. Introducing the Go Green/Renewable Energy 2-year duty free initiative.
8. Collaborating with stakeholders such as Green VI to commence a recycling programme







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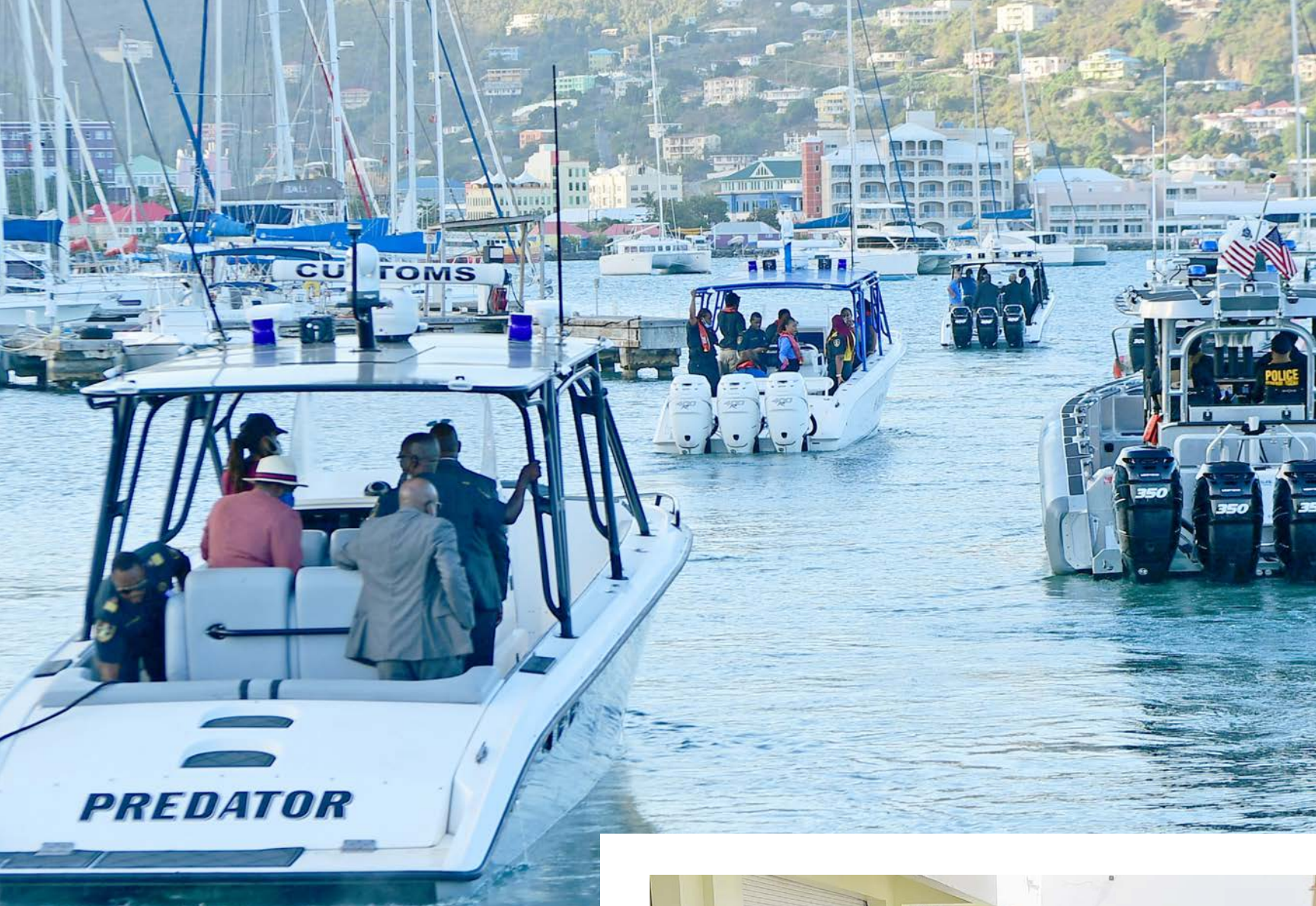
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Crime, Policing and Border Protection

The Virgin Islands Party Government is concerned about the state of crime and law enforcement in the Territory and during the last four years, we supported several initiatives to provide resources to our law enforcement agencies, including:

- Commencing repairs and renovations of the Road Town Police Station via the RDA in collaboration with the UK Government.
- Repairing Police Barracks, The Valley, Virgin Gorda.
- Commencing upgrades of the Immigration Border system.
- Passing legislation for and implementing the Advance Passenger Information System for security pre-screening of persons travelling into the Virgin Islands.
- Commenced repairs on the Police Marine Base.





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Sister Islands

The Virgin Islands Party's philosophy is that no one must be left behind in the development of our country. Over the last four years, our Sister Islands saw a wave of development, unmatched in recent decades - from road repairs to airport development to improving the water supply.

Virgin Gorda

- Completed the restoration of the Vanterpool Administration Building and the Flax Administration Building, and the John E. George Administration Building in North Sound.
- Returned Banking to Virgin Gorda.
- Rebuilt the North Sound Sub-Post Office.
- Repaired the Police Barracks in The Valley.
- Reopened of the Taddy Bay International Airport for International commercial flights.
- Constructed a welcome center on Taddy Bay International Airport which is now being repurposed to improve the comfort for arriving passengers.
- Paved the access road to the Taddy Bay International Airport for the first time in over 40 years.
- Upgraded the facilities, signage and trails at The Baths.
- Repaired the reservoir in North Sound.
- Restored the bypass road to Leverick Bay.
- Completed road access to the Copper Mine sub-division.
- Commenced road access to the Bond sub-division.
- Repaired Nail Bay Road.
- Repaired the Jeffrey Caines Arena on Virgin Gorda.
- Built social homes for residents on Virgin Gorda.
- Improved telecommunications in the South of the island.

Anegada

- Repaired and refurbished the Theodolph Faulkner Administration Building.
- Upgraded the Auguste George International Airport and obtained certification to accommodate night flights.
- Negotiated emergency airlift services from Anegada via Caribbean Buzz.
- Commenced the Anegada Solar Farm Project to make Anegada 60% solar powered and improve the reliability of the island's power supply.
- Rebuilt and expanded the Emile Dunlop Community Center.
- Refurbished the Anegada Fire Station.
- Repaired and fenced the basketball court in Anegada.



Jost Van Dyke

- Repaired the Administration Building on Jost Van Dyke and renamed it to Albert H. Chinnery Administration Building.
- Constructed the Dog Hole Terminal Building through the BVI Ports Authority.
- Restored Back Road and graded Plantation Road.









Our Proposals

While we have accomplished a lot in the last four years across every sector, the Virgin Islands Party acknowledges there is room for improvement and work needs to continue in advancing the Territory's development - especially considering the time and resources lost to COVID-19 and other issues beyond the Territory's control. The important work we started and earmarked must continue. We must build on the foundation laid in the last term.

This work includes implementing the National Sustainable Development Plan, the Virgin Islands Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategy, the Blue Economy Roadmap, Constitutional Reform, the Government Reform programme, expansion of our water distribution network, advancing food security, and much more.

In this section, we highlight some of the major initiatives that the Virgin Islands Party will prioritise once re-elected.



Good Governance

“ Officials must demonstrate honesty and integrity as they gain office on public trust. They must transparently conduct their duties and be accountable for their actions, both to the people and the laws of the land. ”

The Virgin Islands Party believes in Accountable Government and Citizen Participation. The fundamental principle of Good Governance is rooted in democracy, where residents participate in the governmental process.

An effective and functioning government is supported by strong institutions and systems. They ensure that the public's interests are protected and served and that checks and balances are in place to rein in the exercise of power and authority.

Elected Officials must demonstrate honesty and integrity as they gain office on public trust. They must transparently conduct their duties and be accountable for their actions, both to the people and the laws of the land. In addition, they must show respect to the people whom they represent. These officials must work to advance the aspirations of the Virgin Islands people and honour the purpose of their office. In our next term in office, a Virgin Islands Party Government will continue the good work that was started. We will:

- Complete the Constitutional Review process, ensuring that the new Constitution embodies and advances the aspirations of the Virgin Islands people.
- Further strengthen the Good Governance framework to include such things as the implementing the Human Rights Commission, passing the Freedom of Information Act, and additional changes to the register of Interests Act.
- Implement the National Sustainable Development Plan, mapping the Sustainable Development Goals to departmental policies.
- Complete implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, and ensure that our Constitution is not suspended by the United Kingdom's reserve Order in Council.
- Put in place an appropriate system of risk oversight and internal controls undertaken by a Risk Management Team.
- Complete the work with the United Nation's Committee on Decolonization.
- Strengthen the capacities of public policy and rule of law institutions and civil society organizations.
- Establish District Councils in all nine Districts to further involve residents in the development of their communities.
- Continue reporting to the people on the work of the Government through regular press conferences.

The Economy

A top priority of the Virgin Islands Party has been to ensure that the Virgin Islands has a prosperous, vibrant, economy that is competitive and thriving internationally.

A strong economy must have its foundation in prudent fiscal management. This safeguards institutions that deliver good governance, draw international investor confidence, and builds the trust of the people in the government. It is important for a stable economy that is

positioned to achieve economic growth, and which creates employment and wealth generation. A Virgin Islands Party government will manage the financial affairs of the Virgin Islands in a fiscally sound and prudent manner.

We will continue to provide responsible and innovative management of the Virgin Islands' economy so that it continues to grow, provide opportunities for our people, and improve the quality of life for all our residents.

Responsible Fiscal Management

In order to deliver effective and responsible fiscal management, a Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Manage the finances of the Virgin Islands in compliance with the Virgin Islands Constitution, the Protocols for Effective Financial Management, the Finance and Management Act and all legal, policy and procedural instruments in force in the Territory.
- Complete all outstanding audits by 2024 and comply with requirements for completion of all future audits.
- Ensure that expenditures are kept in line with revenues, and ensure that the debt of the Territory remains in compliance with acceptable international standards and those agreed by government.
- Enforce and strengthen measures to control spending of public money and ensure value for money by reinstating proper use of the J.D. Edwards system.
- Ensure proper due diligence is carried out for all major projects by using the “new initiative process” in the budgetary exercise.

Management of the Economy

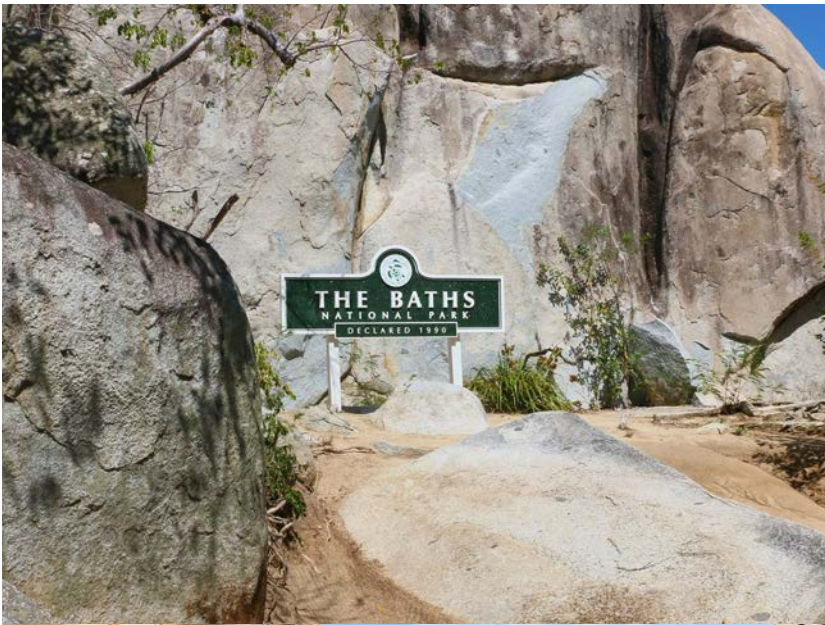
In the upcoming term, a Virgin Islands Party Government will continue to drive economic diversification and growth. We will:

- Initiate the credit rating process to get a credible rating from Moody's and Standard and Poors.
- Engage with the Private Sector on Government Priorities and the linkages with corporate social and economic responsibilities.
- Undertake executive capacity building in results-based management, customer service and risk management throughout the public service and with elected representative
- Attract new tourism investments.
- Attract international companies on our register to have a physical presence in the Virgin Islands.
- Continue the development and expansion of the RATED Programme to alleviate unemployment and contribute to youth development.
- Attract investment in sports infrastructure.
- Attract investment in conference facilities to position the Virgin Islands as the ideal location for conferences, seminars, training and similar activities.
- Review the laws and policies to ensure a visitor-friendly marine sector
- Develop partnerships that will bolster sports fishing.
- Upgrade the digital space through negotiation of new contracts with service providers
- Upgrade capacity building in negotiations, business law and protocol
- Promote a business-friendly environment through Public Financial Management Transformation
- Establish an incubator system for new businesses
- Facilitate the establishment of light manufacturing and innovation industries
- Consolidate the linkages between Tourism, Agriculture and Fishing
- Improve the efficiency and competitiveness of traditional industries
- Accelerate the diversification of the economy by creating new industries in partnership with the private sector.

- Consolidate the Creative and Cultural Industries
- Consolidate the digital economy
- Establish an investment policy for nationals
- Establish a suite of incentives for Virgin Islanders living abroad to return home and open or invest in businesses.
- Implement the Blue Economy Road Map
- Complete the establishment of the Trade Commission
- Activate the Consumer Protection function of the Trade Commission to regulate mark-ups on a basket of goods.
- Reform the scheme for duties on imported goods in collaboration with the private sector.







Tourism, Culture & Heritage

Tourism is one of the main engines of the Virgin Islands economy and the leading sector for employment and economic opportunities for our people. This is why the Virgin Islands Party Government placed heavy emphasis on tourism in our recovery from the 2017 hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic.



Our Virgin Islands culture and heritage complements our tourism product but is also essential to the preservation and promotions of our identity and pride as a people who have achieved a great deal in the face of adversity.

Like tourism, culture and heritage has received high priority during the last four years.

A Virgin Islands Party Government will

- Move forward with the Beef Island Development to stimulate more economic activity and development in the East.
- Issue a Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of Prospect Reef
- Continue discussions with land owners on the Fat Hogs Bay/East End Harbour project.
- Move forward with the Sea Cows Bay Harbor Project
- Implement the Virgin Islands Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategy.
- Support and increase cultural festivals.
- Establish cultural clubs at every school.
- Pass a resolution in the House of Assembly establishing national heroes
- Provide grants to cultural artisans to improve and market craft products.
- Build a National Museum, National Archives, National Library, National Art Gallery, and National Performing Arts Centre.

Air and Sea Transport

Air connectivity between the Virgin Islands and other destinations is critical for our tourism industry, especially for overnight visitors. It is also vitally important to our local population who travel abroad for business, to visit relatives, and for quick vacation getaways and shopping trips, particularly to the US Mainland. Additionally, inter-island travel is critical to the Virgin Islands' economy as well as maintaining cultural and

social ties.

During the last term, the Virgin Islands Party-led Government has focused on collaborating with our partners in the international and regional air services industry and other stakeholders at home and abroad to promote route development, enhance the services available at our airports and improve the traveller experience.

A Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Expand the runway and terminal at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport.
- Collaborate with local and regional carriers to increase airlift and connectivity with other destinations.
- Expand the apron at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport.
- Reconstruct hangars at Beef Island.
- Complete the West End Ferry Terminal project
- Ensure that port facilities at Sister Islands have adequate personnel for Immigration and Customs.
- Partner with the Private Sector to have more frequent ferry services between Tortola and Anegada.
- Amend the Commercial Recreational Vessels Licencing Act to bolster the charter industry including facilitating increased mega-yacht traffic.
- Support and encourage the construction of additional marinas.





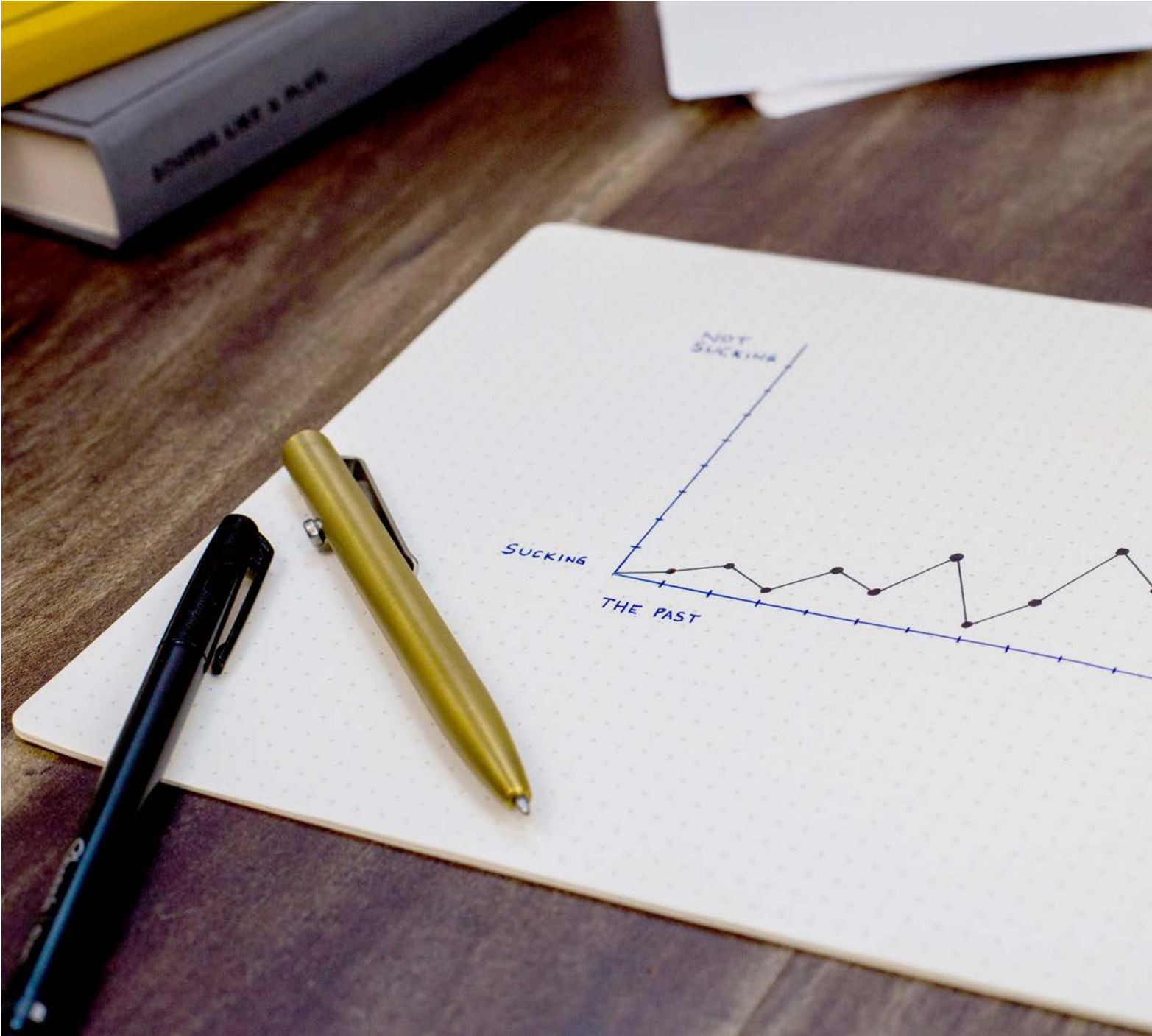
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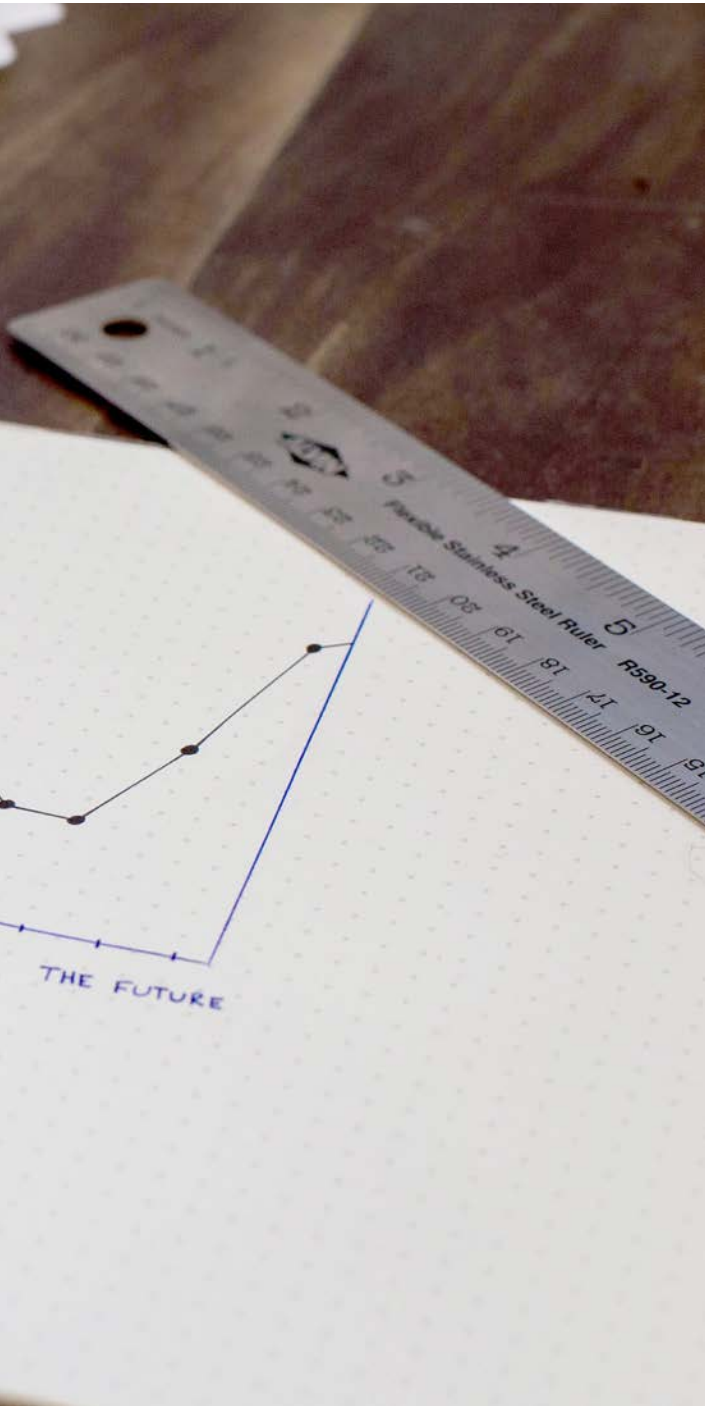
A Virgin Islands Government will take a more proactive approach to strengthening our stake in the global financial services industry. Our strategy is founded on increasing our product value chain and generating greater incorporation volumes and revenue. This will be achieved through expanding and diversifying our financial products into Fintech and ESG,

diversifying our markets into the highest growth global regions in South-South East Asia and the Middle East, maintaining full compliance with international standards and industry best practice, and though strengthening BVI's core financial services institutions including the courts, trade department, and registrar.

Over the next four years a Virgin Islands Part Government Pledges to:

- Make the jurisdiction more friendly for attracting new businesses and offering more services to clients.
- Expand and Diversify the BVI's Primary Financial Services Markets. Presently the BVI's primary and largest Financial Services Markets are China & East Asia, Latin America, and the United Kingdom. However, in the 2020-30's the highest economic growth countries and regions will be India, Indonesia, ASEAN, and the Middle East. Such markets will continue to feed the high-volume low-midrange cost model of BVI's Financial Services Industry for some 20 years. BVI must diversify its markets into these regions to secure the long-term profitability and growth of its Financial Services.
- Complete the transition of the BVI's to a full-service Fintech & Digital Assets Jurisdiction. Having passed the BVI's VASP Legislation, as well as provision of its Digital Sandbox, the BVI must push to become a Fintech financial services Global Power house in similarity to its dominant position in offshore company incorporations.
- Fully digitize Government institutions servicing Financial Services including Trade, the Courts (Registrar), Immigration, FSC, and Deputy Governor's Office.
- Provide Notarial, Apostille and Attestation Services in BVI's Hong Kong and London Representative Offices. The first international expansion of BVI's Financial Services was the opening of the Financial Services





Commission Representative Office in Hong Kong for the real-time issuing of Certificates in the Asia-Pacific. The next stage in the expansion of BVI's government based Financial Services institutions is the provision of public notary, apostille, and attestation services internationally within BVI's primary Markets in Asia, Latin America, UK, and Middle East via BVI's representative offices. The external provision of these services also serves as a security where in the event of a future catastrophic natural disaster, the Financial Services industry can continue to function beyond BVI's shores.

- Open a BVI Representative Office in Panama to service the Latin America segment of BVI's Financial Services Industry. Latin America is the Territory's second largest financial services market, and the office would serve to represent BVI's interests from Mexico to Central-South America. The localized issuing of certificates, provision of notary-apostille-attestation services would significantly expand the amount of BVI business done in the region, through servicing clients in real-time.

Agriculture and Fisheries

In the past, Agriculture and Fisheries played a vital part in the Virgin Islands' economy, and it continues to have their role in bolstering the Territory's economy. Advancement in local food production is important as it creates an avenue for job creation. Food security in the Virgin Islands includes our ability to ensure an adequate supply of affordable, nutritious food, especially during times when there are shortages of

- Establish the Virgin Islands Agriculture and Fisheries Authority which will assist farmers and fisherfolk with accessing financial assistance, grants, loan funding and other necessities for production.
- Initiate the Agriculture and Food Production Initiative under the RATED Programme, providing opportunities for gainful employment for our people.
- Build the Agriculture and Fisheries Complex at Paraquita Bay.
- Build fish landing sites on Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Jost van Dyke.
- Make Anegada the breadbasket of the Virgin Islands by constructing a fish processing facility, greenhouses, and poultry houses on Anegada
- Allocate additional land for agriculture and

imported food and during periods when prices of imported food increase because of international factors such as fuel prices, shortage, and shipping issues.

Moving forward, a Virgin Islands Party Government will continue to work with farmers and fishermen and the business community to increase food production and food security in the Virgin Islands. **WE WILL:**

- farming and introduce a policy to ensure optimized use.
- Acquire a long liner through the VI Agriculture and Fisheries Authority for deep-sea fishing.
- Work with farmers and fishermen on globally established standards for the export of products.
- Build a reservoir at Paraquita Bay to provide water for farmers to irrigate their crops.
- Pass and implement a water policy, including subsidized water, for the farming sector.
- Allocate land in Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda for farming.
- Provide agriculture and fishing supplies at a cost to producers.

Public Services

The Public Service is one of the engines for the transformation of the Virgin Islands economy. Their work is crucial to the successful implementation of Government's agenda. The Virgin Islands Party believes that

our public officers must have a comfortable and safe place to work, and deserve terms and conditions that are commensurate with their role in this regard.

The Virgin Islands Party commits to:

- Complete the Public Service Transformation Programme.
- Complete the Public Service Salary Review and Job Classification Review.
- Continue the implementation of e-Government services.
- Complete payment of increments owed to public officers. The Decision is approved by Cabinet and the money is budgeted.
- Invest in training and development for our public officers.
- Complete restoration of the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex.

Property, Land Ownership and Affordable Housing

For Virgin Islanders, our lands are the treasure under our feet. This was recognized by our fore-parents when they grabbed the opportunity to purchase the then-encumbered estates in the 1800s and took other measures to protect our interests in the land. They recognize then, as we do now, that it is important for the sustainability of our people that they can own land for housing, food production and business, and to be able to pass on land to future generations.

In the upcoming four years, a Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Extend the package of incentives to assist Belongers with purchasing land, especially for home ownership and first-time homeowners.
- Move forward with the establishment of a land bank.
- Establish an affordable housing programme in every community through a partnership between the Government, developers, financial institutions, and prospective homeowners.

Crime, Policing and Border Protection

Crime is a serious concern for the Virgin Islands Party, as it indeed is for all our residents. A Virgin Islands Party Government will continue to play our role, especially those that are enshrined in the Constitution, to support law enforcement in the fight against crime.

We will:

- Execute a border management plan inclusive of using radars and drones.
- Provide additional resources to the police for law enforcement.
- Reform and modernize the law enforcement infrastructure.
- Improve the Juvenile Justice Programme.
- Support the police in enforcing road safety regulations including the wearing of helmets and swerving between vehicles, drinking and driving, vehicle maintenance and observing speed limits for motor vehicles.

Education, Training, Youth and Sports

The Virgin Islands Party is committed to facilitating empowerment through innovative, creative, and vibrant learning environments. We will ensure that our students and teachers have facilities that are conducive to learning, with appropriate programmes. We also will ensure that our people have the support needed to develop their potential, create pathways for their transition into successful careers and become leaders to

further the development of the Virgin Islands.

Moreover, we recognize the importance of sport in health and wellness, and as a vehicle for building community spirit and promoting discipline and good values. We also recognize the potential and achievements of our athletes who fly the BVI flag high and with pride around the world, and who serve as a source of inspiration for our people. They need facilities and support to develop their talent.

A Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Continue work to rebuild the Althea Scatliffe Primary School, Jost Van Dyke Primary School, Isabella Morris Primary School, and other schools across the Territory.
- Continue repairs on school buildings and facilities.
- Build Junior High Schools in the Eastern and the Western section of Tortola.
- Separate the primary and secondary divisions at the Bregado Flax Educational Centre.
- Build a technical training facility at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.
- Build technical training facilities at Bregado Flax Educational Centre and Elmore Stoutt High School.
- Support H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in building a hospitality training institute on Virgin Gorda.
- Establish more partnerships with international universities via the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.

- Increase the scholarships available for students in all subject areas.
- Establish an Education Review Commission.
- Upgrade the skills and professionalism of all teachers.
- Review and enhance the Virgin Islands Youth Parliament initiative.
- Promote a Youth Ambassador programme.
- Provide opportunities for youth employment, apprenticeship, training, and development training through the RATED Programme.
- Strengthen youth entrepreneurship, mentoring and internship programmes
- Build a youth centre on Virgin Gorda
- Develop the recreation facilities on Jost Van Dyke
- Acquire land for a softball field and athletics facility on Virgin Gorda
- Cover basketball courts and install stands in various communities.
- Increase financial support to our developing and elite athletes.

Health and Wellness

The Virgin Islands Party believes our people deserve quality, reliable, affordable and accessible healthcare. We also appreciate the multitude of benefits from healthy living and ensuring that the

supporting structures are in place for our people to lead fulfilling lives. In the next four years, a Virgin Islands Party Government will continue to enhance health and wellness.

A Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Revitalize Community (Complete) Health Improvement Programme
- Offer more health services on the Sister Islands including services for dialysis patients, maternity patients, etc.
- Review and revamp the National Health Insurance scheme.
- Strengthen the financial viability of the BVI Health Service Authority.
- Increase the availability of specialist services at the BVI Health Services Authority.
- Mandate BVI Health Services Authority to develop a medical tourism strategy.
- Complete the establishment of the medical schools in the BVI.
- Strengthen the available opportunities for training and upgrading the skills of our nurses.

Social Support and Social Development

A thriving society is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable citizens. The Virgin Islands Party believes no citizen should be left behind. The Government has a responsibility to create opportunities to

assist those who need help and for people to be uplifted. We also believe that strong communities make for a strong country.

As such, a Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Review the minimum wage and ensure that the rate is consistent with the current living conditions of the Virgin Islands.
- Commission a study on the adequacy of the social assistance programmes for vulnerable groups including seniors, single parents and the differently abled.
- Commission a study on the adequacy of the benefits under Social Security.
- Ensure the proper funding of the Senior Citizens Programme.
- Implement a Community Development Policy and establish District Councils.
- Increase support for grassroots programmes in sports, craft, home economics, etc.
- Design and develop the policy and legislative framework for social protection, including the development of a Shock-Responsive Social Protection Policy.
- Establish community infrastructural development teams through the RATED Programme.

Infrastructure

Residents of the Virgin Islands deserve proper infrastructure. It is a key component of their daily lives, and it also ensures that our economy continues to grow and thrive. The Virgin Islands Party believes that infrastructural development must proceed with a clear plan and with resilience at the forefront. In continuing the mandate, we set in 2019, a Virgin Islands Party Government will continue our emphasis on quality infrastructure that serves the needs of our people.

A Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Review and pass the Physical Development Plan for the Virgin Islands
- Develop and implement a phased infrastructural development plan, which includes properly engineered roads, sidewalks and drains, a water distribution network, and buried utility lines.
- Transition the Recovery and Development Agency to the Virgin Islands Development Agency.
- Complete the establishment of the Water and Sewerage Authority as a statutory body.
- Upgrade our water distribution networks.
- Complete sewage works in Road Town, Cane Garden Bay, and East End.
- Evaluate areas which require sewage systems, such as The Valley, Virgin Gorda
- Implement a phased plan to bury electricity cables and other utilities.

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- A map of the Virgin Islands archipelago, showing various islands and their road networks. The map is overlaid with a teal background. Key locations labeled include Anegada, Setting Point, Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, Road Town, Tortola, and Beef Island. Road numbers R1 through R9 are marked on the map. Ferry routes are indicated by dotted lines with boat icons. The map is part of a larger graphic with teal and light blue geometric shapes at the top.
- Reengineer roads with drainage and sidewalks.
 - Construct multi-storey car parks in Road Town and expand the park-and-ride programme to alleviate parking and traffic woes.
 - Continue and complete works for the protection of our coastal infrastructure.
 - Update safety codes and regulations to meet international standards. This will include proper maintenance of roads and the proper planning and design of road networks.
 - Support infrastructural development like airport expansion and port rehabilitation that are linked to Tourism Development and trade expansion.
 - Increase the provision of safe, reliable, and affordable rural transport infrastructure and services. This is essential to facilitate rural access to markets and services such as education and health facilities, enterprise, and employment opportunities, and increase agricultural production.

Environment

The Virgin Islands Party believes the environment must be protected for the sake of the planet, sustainability of the Virgin Islands, safeguarding of our resources, and future generations.

In the upcoming term, a Virgin Islands Party Government takes a Green Pledge, and will:

- Implement a programme to put solar panels on every roof - every private home, government building, and private business.
- Introduce legislation to phase out and ban single-use plastics.
- Drastically reduce the use of paper through e-Government initiatives.
- Revise and upgrade legislation for the protection of the environment in all aspects of development.
- Concessions for charging stations for electric vehicles.
- Complete the mapping of our marine assets.
- Establish a negotiation team on climate financing.
- Undertake preservation of the 10,000 acres of seagrass with the assistance of the Global Climate Fund
- Meet with marine officials on the protection of the corals to prevent damage and bleaching.
- Continue with sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism.
- Promote the establishment of youth environmental groups on all the islands.
- Develop an awareness of corporate social responsibility for the environment with an award for groups and businesses which assist in developing climate change technology.
- Develop a policy on engagement with partners on the sargassum as it relates to use and financing.
- Launch an innovation competition for youth in environmental sustainability.



Sister Islands

Without our Sister Islands, there would be no Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands Party's philosophy has always been that no one should be left out of development, regardless of how far they live from the Capital. To this end, the Virgin Islands Party has always been a champion and key driver of development on our Sister Islands. Residents of the Sister Islands are equal citizens, and they deserve quality infrastructure and convenient access to services to fulfil their personal and business needs.

For the Sister Islands, a new Virgin Islands Party Government will:

- Further, increase banking services by engaging with financial institutions. This will include more banking days and wire transfer services.
- Establish after-school programmes, career development workshops and entrepreneurship development programmes.
- Separate the primary and secondary divisions of the Bregado Flax Educational Centre.
- Continue upgrading sporting and recreation grounds.

- Increase the services available at the Nurse Iris O’Neal Clinic and other health facilities.
- Address emergency transport needs.
- Increase the availability of medical personnel on the island.
- Separate passenger and cargo services in Virgin Gorda and commence construction of a new harbour.



- Make Gun Creek, VG, and Setting Point, Anegada, official ports of entry.
- Commence development of the Gun Creek Harbour.
- Resolve the land tenure issues by implementing the land distribution policy.
- Provide support to persons needing social homes.
- Complete the North Sound Community Centre.
- Complete the repairs of the North Sound basketball court and upgrades to the recreation ground.
- Continue upgrading the water production and distribution systems.
- Conduct further upgrades to the road network on Virgin Gorda and Anegada, with a maintenance programme.
- Promote local food production and distribution on the islands.
- Continue the removal of derelict vehicles and bulk waste.



Meet The Team That Cares



Dr. Karl Dawson

Message from Dr. Karl Dawson 1st District Candidate

Dr Karl Dawson is an educational administrator and consultant. He received his early education in the BVI Public School System and later earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel Management from the University of the West Indies; a Master's degree in Education from Wright State University; and a doctoral degree from the University of Florida in Higher Education Administration. His career in higher education spanned 27 years including 7 years as president of the H Lavity

Stoutt Community College and 3 as president of Anguilla Community College. Most recently he has held consultancies in education and restaurant operations.

A Christian, he has played various roles in the Methodist Church BVI and Anguilla where he serves as a lay preacher. He has served on various public and private organisations. He is married to Janice Dawson nee Rymer and they have three children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Dawson's vision is: An economically thriving and healthy 1st District where community spirit and opportunities abound, and various public

and private services are available to all who need them.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 1

An enhanced first district economy that exhibits quality throughout and opens opportunities for small businesses.

- Urgent completion of the West End Ferry Terminal
- Branding and product development for Soper's Hole, the Northside and Carrot Bay
- Development and promotion of regular Carrot Bay Culture Day
- Support the development of agriculture, fishing and sea-related activities through training, investment and development of facilities
- Training and development for persons interested in small business

IMPROVED SERVICES TO THE DISTRICT

- Development of Cappaons Bay Clinic into a polyclinic with expanded services
- Greater access to government services through the district office or post office
- Enhanced after-school programme for children
- Increased focus on services to seniors

UPGRADED INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

- A system of waste disposal that eliminates open burning and all its related health issues
- Delivery of consistent public water supply throughout the district
- A suitable road network throughout the district
- Repair and enhancement of docks throughout the district



Marieta C. Flax-Headley

Message from Marieta C. Flax-Headley 2nd District Candidate

Marieta C Flax-Headley known to her family and close friends as Cil or Cilo is a native Virgin Gordian born on March 22, 1964 to Raymond Flax(deceased) and Rosalia Gardener. She is the first of four siblings. Ms. Headley is divorced and has three adult children and two grandchildren.

She began her early education in Jamaica and completed it in St. Thomas USVI. To her credit she has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary

Education from Morgan State University in Baltimore Maryland and a Masters in Education from the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas Campus.

Ms. Headley is a retired educator of 34 years. Her career as an educator included 17 years as a principal of which 10 was at the largest primary school in the territory. Most recently she was a part of the team that worked on the National Sustainable Development Plan where

she gave support.

Being a teacher did not deter Ms Headley from offering herself to serve in various organizations . Organizations such as the After School Sunflower program, Social Development Big Brother/Big Sister program, Secretary BVI Basketball Association, Secretary Leeward Islands Basketball Association, Secretary BVI Softball Association and a Member of the BVI Heritage Dancers. At present she serves as an executive member of the Virgin Islands Festival & Fairs Committee where she is the chairman of

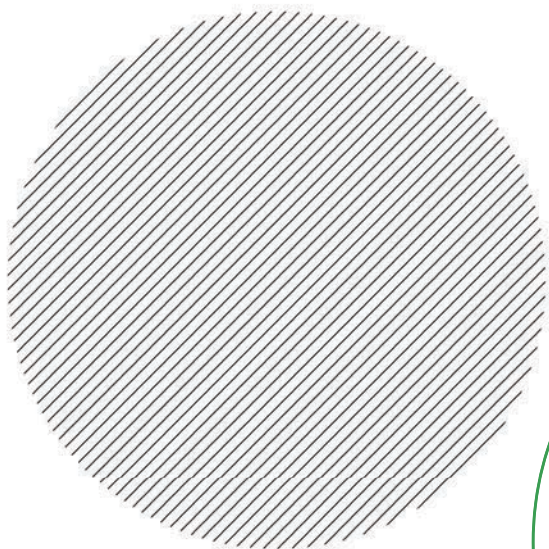
the Road Town August Monday Parade.

Ms. Headley loves the Lord and loves to worship Him. She is a member of the New Life Baptist church where she has held positions such as Sunday school superintendent and Head usher. She is currently the Leader/ Coordinator of the Events Team at her church.

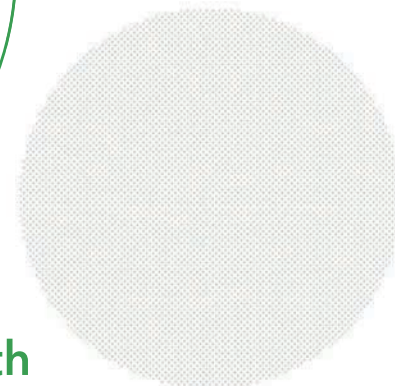
Ms. Headley's vision is: A Second District known for caring, that is the pride of the BVI for tourist visitor experience and one where children and adults have the opportunity to be their best.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 2

- Assess and effectively manage the water and sewage projects in the District
- Improve our tourism product with the formation of a business association so we can collectively meet to discuss how better to serve the community and enhance their offerings.
- Enhance our recreational facilities and create green spaces for our children to have clean fun.
- Create cultural villages in various communities
- Assist residents with accessibility to their homes
- Control and monitor our beaches with beach wardens and lifeguards.
- Manage the trash sites with a plan in place for collection.
- Introduce a beautification initiative that would consistently maintain a clean district.
- Infrastructure as it relates to roads and proper maintenance, lighting and upkeep of historical sites.
- Repairs to dinghy docks throughout the District.
- Opening of District office for residents to have easy access to their representative.
- Repair and upgrade community centers and ensure our seniors have a meeting place.



Kevin "OJ" Smith



Message from Kevin "OJ" Smith 3rd District Candidate

Kevin OJ Smith was born on January 6, 1972 to Beverly Hodge-Smith and Leslie Smith. OJ, as he was commonly known in the village, came from humble beginnings nurtured in the home of Dorothy and Alcedro (aka Cedro) Hodge.

OJ started his leadership early when he joined the Cub and Boy Scouts, displaying tenacious but compassionate qualities from a tender age. His mother and maternal grandmother insisted

on him taking lead roles at Sunday School and the annual harvest. Whenever there was something that needed to be resolved, the boys in the village always expected him to find a way. One time in particular, their basketball court needed fencing, and OJ was asked to speak to the then representative, Hon. Oliver Cills. However, while visiting his mother at work in Chief Minister Hon. H.L. Stoutt's office, OJ made sure Chief Minister Stoutt knew about it.

After graduating from the BVI High School, OJ enrolled in the US Army in 1988 at the age of 17 and earned many distinctions. Towards the end of his term he was selected to further his military career by attending the prestigious West Point Academy, but declined and chose instead to return home to be with his very ill eldest sister. He was subsequently honorably discharged in 1992. Professionally, OJ worked at First Pennsylvania Bank (now Banco Popular) and Scotia Bank as a Teller and Head Teller. He left in 1995 to attend the University of the Virgin Islands. During his senior year he began his career in finance, commercial applications and economics by working at an investment firm as an analyst. After graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of the Virgin Islands, OJ returned home to begin working at Citco BVI Limited, where he became an Account Manager.

In 2005, OJ became the youngest Postmaster General in the region, at 33 years, and successfully implemented a process of reform by introducing the British Virgin Islands first postal codes, and adding the two valuable services, Ezone and Amerijet. These

improvements and others increased revenue from 2.3 million to 4.9 million dollars under OJ's leadership.

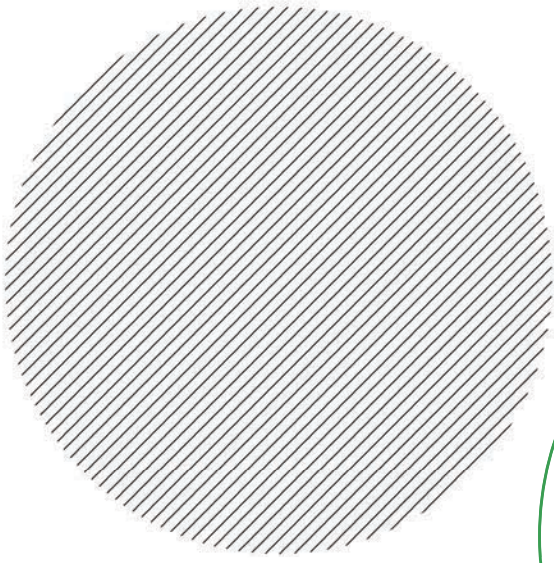
He is an experienced, talented, effective and a natural born leader with an affinity for serving people; a man who delivers results. He has 30 years of professional excellence at the highest levels which would allow him to deliver for the people of the BVI. He has served as a Manager in Financial Services, an analyst at an investment company, the Postmaster General, the Director of Trade, an instructor and lecturer in small business development at the University of the West Indies, Chief of Operations at the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC), CEO of a telecommunications operator, Special Advisor in telecommunications, and a Special Advisor to three separate Premiers. He has represented the Virgin Islands on numerous occasions at international conventions and meetings. Working with the Government, he was critical in helping to restart our economy after COVID. In all of the positions held, he delivered with successful outcomes. With the help of Team VIP, He will transform District 3 and the Territory.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 3

- Further expand and diversify the economy through technology.
- Develop our tourism and cultural products in the Districts by acquiring historical landmarks where needed and obtaining the financial resources to have them restored and developed for receiving visitors.



- Resolve the racetrack dispute and finalize the agreement to restore horse racing.
- Work with World Heritage Organization and local agencies to have sites in the district recognized.
- Work with the small, medium and large businesses in the district to provide resources they need.
- Introduce a fisherman's wharf and market for local produce.
- Create a digital platform to promote business' products and services.
- Create activities that bring foot traffic to the district so that local small businesses can benefit.
- Provide access to training resources through an online platform that will be built for the District, including access to 22 leading sites for learning any subject from health, coding/programming & learning new languages.
- Provide training in small business development which will include financial management, business case development and any other business skills required.
- Remove the sunken boats from the harbor and have it dredged.
- Represent the interests of boat captains to ensure greater and equitable participation in this robust industry.
- Protection of our marine resources so that the industry remains vibrant for future generations.
- Address the drainage constraints on all roadways, resolve water shedding on all hillside roads, and remedy insufficient sidewalks in the District.
- Improve water distribution throughout the district.
- Work with the government to fix the incinerator at Cox Heath and cease open burning.
- Repair the basketball facilities in the District.
- Ensure the District plan is included in the Budget and budget process.



Luce Hodge-Smith

Message from Luce Hodge-Smith 4th District Candidate

Mrs. Luce Hodge-Smith was born to the late Mr. Neville Hodge of Free Bottom and Ms. Dorothy Durante of Road Town.

Luce grew up in Road Town, together with her siblings and extended family. They lived on Porter's Road. Her primary education was offered at the former Road Town Primary School. From primary school, she entered the former BVI High School for one year before migrating to New Jersey, USA at the tender

age of 12. Luce's formal education began after graduating from the Hackensack High School, at the College of St. Elizabeth where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in management. In 1996, she earned an MBA from Wright State University. In 2018 she attained the title of Certified Director from the Caribbean Good Governance Training Institute. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree

in Political Science and Government from the University of Arizona Global Campus.

Luce's work experience includes working at the BVI Tourist Board for six (6) years, government of the Virgin Islands for 25 years and BVI Airports Authority for approximately four (4) years. The positions she held at these institutions were Information Manager, Director of Culture and Deputy Managing Director, respectively. In these positions, she has had the fortunate opportunities to work with many individuals and organization, locally, regionally, and internationally. She has forged many relations; some of which she maintains to date.

Luce has a very community minded spirit and great love for her country. With her continuous efforts to advance her career and care for her family, she still found time to serve on many committees and organization; some of which she held executive positions. To name a few; she served on the BVI Boy Scouts Association,

Elmore Stoutt High School PTA and St. George's Secondary School PTA. She currently serves on WINBVI, Zonta Club of Tortola, Tortola Toastmasters Club, and Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs Committee. For many years she served as the Director of the Hal Jackson BVI Talented Teens Pageant. In 1981, Luce won the title of Miss BVI; in 1996, she was awarded the title of First Runner-Up of Miss World BVI. In 2015, in observance of International Women's Day, she was recognized, among other well deserving women, as a woman who gets things done, by the Office of Gender Affairs.

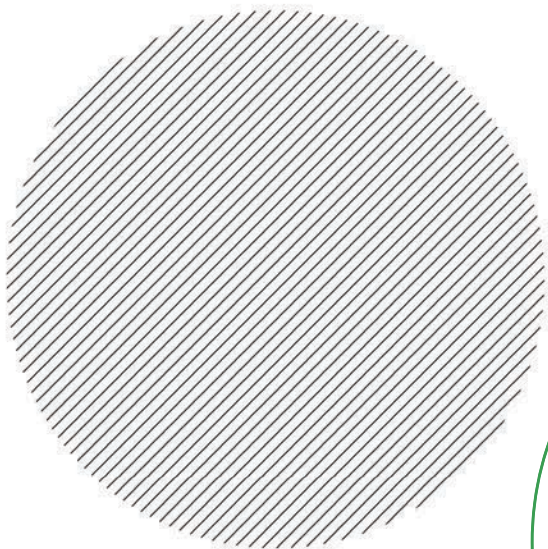
Luce is married to Mr. Dave Smith of Frenchman's Cay. This union has produced three (3) children: Stefon, Kamoi and Cheyenne Smith. She is now a proud grandmother of a grandson. Luce is a believer in Jesus Christ. She is best described as friendly, approachable, community-minded, considerate, results driven and goal oriented.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 4

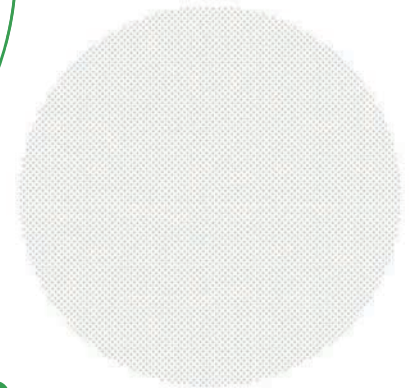
- Establish a Road Town Health Commission
- Rehabilitate garbage collection, bins and location
- Pedestrianise the town and create proper walkways with wheelchair accessibility
- Beautify the district through proper landscaping
- Clean up the inner harbor of derelict vessels and rehabilitate the mangroves in the area

- Address the flooding issues in Road Town and surrounding areas and fix the sewerage problems
- Address the parking issues through multi-level parking buildings
- Restore and resurface roads with center and side profile lines with reflectors, and install solar street lights in dark areas
- Support the youths of the district through sports, entrepreneurship, education and social welfare, and host events to build youth moral and self esteem
- Establish a Youth Marine Corp
- Ensure care for the seniors of the district and support the Seniors' Programmes and enhance them where necessary
- Host activities to bridge the gap between the seniors and youths of the district
- Establish a registry of recorded 'stories', 'events' and 'culture' as remembered by seniors and share with communities
- Re-establish the Main Street Business Association as a sub-committee of an established Fourth District Business Association
- Support creative and innovative industries Encourage and support small business establishments
- Revitalize Craft Alive
- Establish Main Street as a historic street and restore and preserve historical sites through legislation
- Create additional green spaces and organize summer concerts in the parks
- Establish an Arts Gallery
- Preserve the legacy and heritage of Salt Island, and develop the infrastructure on the island





Kye Rymer



Message from Kye Rymer 5th District Candidate

I come before you to humbly and respectfully to ask for your vote, so that I may have the privilege of being your voice, your continued Representative. A voice for the people, my people. This decision was not made lightly but it was made straight from the heart because I came out of my comfort zone and I put aside my personal security and the security of my family to launch my 1st campaign under the VIP umbrella in 2019. At that time I had been a civil servant for over 15 years and I took a leap of faith and resigned as Commissioner of the

Department of Motor Vehicles because I could no longer stand on the sidelines and watch my country and my people cry out for change. I intended be a part of that change. I stood up be a part of the movement to put an end to status quo politics and be a catalyst for change in my district and this country.

I have lived in the 5th District since I returned to Tortola over 18 years ago, after graduating with my Bachelor's Degree from DeVry University in 1999. A husband of 21 years and

a father of two beautiful daughters, I believe firmly that family and community must work hand in hand for the future growth of the BVI. My experience as a civil servant in the public sector and as a successful business man in the private sector have given me unique insight into all aspects of the business and financial realms within the Virgin Islands. My love for sports - softball, basketball and the sport of horse racing - have taught me sportsmanship, that no man is an island, and that teamwork and comradery speak volumes in getting the job done. This is what we need to set the course for

a prosperous future, no more empty promises -
ACTIONS NOT WORDS.

This decision derived from hearing the many continuous cries of us as a people. Not just financially but emotionally. The 5th District needed someone to reach out to, we needed representation. Humility within our leadership. Leaders that listen to the regular voice. I had the privilege to become that voice a Representative that was present and accessible, and for the past four years we the people of the 5th District have built community bonds that will last for a lifetime.

WE HAVE JOINED HANDS DURING THIS JOURNEY AND SEEN SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES, SUCH AS:

- Our District Get Fit Walks (partnered with the Red Cross on site for screenings and health checks)
- Opened the District pantry and fed many of our families.
- Started Sankey Sundays every 2nd Sunday to revitalize our local culture.
- Launched the District Business app to give local businesses a platform for buyers and sellers to meet.
- Annual Back to School Drives that included school bags, school supplies, haircuts and hair braiding.
- After School and Summer programs that assisted our youth in furthering their educational and social skills.
- Annual district Christmas gifts and the district Christmas parade of lights to bring Christmas into every home.
- Broke ground on the 5th District Economic Zone scheduled to be completed in early 2024.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 5

- Job Corps for our youths - Identifying at risk youths and source and fund intervention programs to curb negative behaviour patterns. This will drastically decrease crime rates and benefit the entire District.
- District Mobile Clinic - For our seniors and severely health challenged residents. To receive routine doctor visits and health checks right in the District.
- Quality of life - Implement research-based health and lifestyle programs to bring an overall improvement to the quality and longevity of lives for our residents. Starting the district green space garden, an area where our young people and seniors can enjoy a tranquil, natural open-air space where classes can be held in gardening, and learning what local plants can be used for medicinal purposes and how to use them.
- Entrepreneurship - Completion of the Economic Zone in early 2024 that will house local businesses, our 5th District library and a space dedicated for pop up shops, events and socials within the district.
- Recreation - Ensure more diverse recreational facilities and programs for our families with children and young adults.
- Education - Continue to provide improved educational and after school programs, that heighten district unity and camaraderie while pinpointing natural ability at young ages that can steer our young people in direction of math and sciences, language and literature, art and music. Engaging them in the areas that they are strongest in. Additionally, starting the 5th District Scholarship a merit-based scholarship that will assist with funding tertiary education in a field that is lacking in the Territory.



Alvera Maduro-Caines

Message from Alvera Maduro-Caines 6th District Candidate

Mrs Alvera Maduro Caines is a three-term Member of the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands. She is from Baughers Bay, Tortola, and is a product of the local education system. Her initial post-secondary training was in Bookkeeping and Data Processing from Gary Training Center, Texas, USA. Subsequently, she has taken advantage of various professional development training in the course of her career.

Alvera's career path has taken her through various public and private sector roles in the British and United States Virgin Islands. These include roles as Accounts Clerk with DEVCON International in the USVI; Office Manager/Human Resources Officer with BVI Philatelic Bureau; System Operator with Citco BVI, Ltd and Legal Secretary with the same organization. She moved solidly into management when she was appointed Officer Manager/Supervisor of Operations with CITCO BVI Ltd and was responsible much of logistical day-to-day operations of the company. In 2006, she shifted back to

the public sector when she accepted the role of Assistant Postmaster General, Government of the Virgin Islands. She then successfully sought elected office representing District 6 and currently serves in that role. Her legislative tenure includes appointments as Junior Minister for Trade and Junior Minister for Tourism.

Alvera has been active in the community throughout her life and has personally fed, clothed and sheltered many in the community who have fallen on hard times. Her home is a place of comfort for persons who have nowhere else to go. She loves arts and culture and been a member of the VI Festival and Fairs Committee for many years including chairing the Prince and Princess Pageant committee and co-chairing the calypso committee.

Alvera lost her beloved husband, Emmett Caines, just last year. She has two children and four grandchildren. Her vision for the 6th District is: Fully empowered individuals and businesses in the 6th District through collaborative efforts.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 6

- Create an annual Shop the District Fair so people can see first-hand the over 100 businesses in our community.
 - Administer seed funding to help others start new businesses.
 - Organize businesses into categories and then advertise each business to make sure that people in the district think about using all businesses first. That momentum will drive money towards businesses in the District
 - Create synergy among businesses in the District that can work well together they can earn more money if they pool their resources.
 - Refresh and upgrade business appearances.
- Help with new business strategies, help with navigating getting funding, fixing issues like work permit processing, and navigating other Government services.
- Establish www.district6bvi.vg which will allow each business, many for the first time, to have their own web page to drive business to their locations.
 - Create a business literary and skills program for any person wishing to start a business or learn a trade.
 - Establish homework clubs, tutoring programs and the creation of a second YEP program, all children will be supported from start to finish.
 - Provide funding to assist with special health needs or basic needs like paying for daycare services.



Dr. Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley

Message from Dr. Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley 7th District Candidate

Dr. Hon. Natalio D. Wheatley is the Representative of the 7th Electoral District and was appointed Premier and Minister of Finance of the Virgin Islands on 5th May, 2022. He previously served as Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Sports, Agriculture and Fisheries from late 2020 to 5th May, 2022. He was first elected to the House of Assembly on 25th February, 2019.

Prior to entering politics, Hon. Wheatley was

a lecturer for 12 years at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) at Paraquita Bay. He was also a community activist directly involved in the protest against the environmental destruction of Hans Creek at Beef Island, the improperly conceptualized National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme, and the awarding of a water production contract to the Bi-Water Company.

Hon. Wheatley has also been active in community affairs, which has included hosting

the “Tings to Talk” Radio Programme and co-hosting the radio talk show “Umoja.” For many years he was at the centre of local efforts to highlight Virgin Islands social and political history, which have included his performance in the documentary “A Patriotic Man”, in which he portrayed Virgin Islands National Hero, the late Noel Lloyd, as well as the live re-enactment of the “Great March of 1949”, in which he played another Virgin Islands National Hero, the late Hon. Theodolph Faulkner.

Hon. Wheatley holds a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Master’s degree in Literary Studies from Purdue University (Magna Cum Laude), Bachelor’s degree in English from Clark Atlanta University (Magna Cum Laude), and is a 1996 graduate of the BVI High School in (Honours).

Among his accolades are becoming a Mellon Mays Fellow, winning an internship at the

Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, earning the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship for doctoral studies, receiving the first Lecturer of the Month award at HLSCC, and being elected to President of the Virgin Islands Party (VIP) in 2016 and Chairman of the VIP in 2023. In his roles as Premier, Deputy Premier and Minister, he has represented the Virgin Islands in numerous regional and international forums that have included the United Nations (UN), CARICOM, OECS, UKOTA and Caribbean Overseas Territories Caucus. Over the past 10 months he has led negotiations and engagement with the United Kingdom (UK).

Hon. Wheatley is the son of Douglas Wheatley and Medita Malone Wheatley and is the fifth of eight siblings. His paternal grandparents are Dr. Willard Wheatley LLD and Dorothy Davies. His maternal grandparents are Gad Stanley Malone and Perpote Thomas Malone.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 7

- **YOUTH AND SPORTS** - Fund afterschool programmes; Establish mentorship programme for youth entrepreneurs; At Greenland field cover the basketball court, build bathroom and erect bleachers.
- **EDUCATION/TRAINING** - Make available additional scholarships to District 7 residents to enroll in the Culinary, Marine and Solar Training Programmes; Negotiate with landowner Government’s purchase of land to serve as the site of a Junior High School in the East of Tortola; Cover the courtyard at Francis Lettsome Primary School;

- **SENIORS AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE** - Acquire an electric shuttle for transporting seniors around the District; Arrange sustained funding to support the District 7 Senior's Programme; Work with Government and Civil Society to establish a programme that provides a wider range of support for single mothers.
- **COMMUNITY** - Establish a District Council to drive community based development in the District; Establish a District 7 awards programme to recognise members of the community; Establish an electronic community bulletin board; Establish a community infrastructural development team; Fund and execute a community garden all year; Complete the East End/Long Look Community Centre.
- **CULTURE** - Organise grand celebration of the 250th anniversary of the manumission of the slaves of the Nottingham Estate; Restart the "Love Fest" local musical extravaganza in honour of Washasha.
- **EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS** - Expand the RATED Programme to provide additional opportunities for District 7 residents to secure gainful employment; Establish a public/private partnership to enable small businesses in District 7 to be successful.
- **TOURISM** - Seeking consensus with the Brandywine Bay Community on a plan for a community based tourism development that benefits the residents of Brandywine Bay; Facilitate stakeholder engagement to develop a roadmap to progress the Harbour Project from Fat Hog's Bay to East End.
- **AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES** - Construct reservoir to provide farmers at Paraquita Bay with consistent water for crop cultivation.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** - Reengineer the road from Paraquita Bay to Long Swamp; Bury the electricity cables from Paraquita Bay to Long Swamp; Replace old water pipes from Paraquita Bay to Long Swamp.
- **SEWERAGE** - Complete the Sewage Treatment Plant at Paraquita Bay and Sewage Pumping Station at Long Swamp; Complete the East End/Long Look Sewerage Project.
- **ENERGY** - Launch home renewable programme that will give residents the opportunity to have solar panels installed on their roofs.



Allen Wheatley

Message from Allen Wheatley 8th District Candidate

Allen Wheatley was born to Dr. Charles and Jennie Wheatley. Early in life he embraced the values of learning, love, compassion, strength and community. He has demonstrated his love for community by opening his home to the old, young and the underprivileged. He is extremely passionate about the things he deems important, which fuels his persistent energy in being the voice of and effecting

change for the people in his community.

Allen is a product of the local public school system and later attended the University of Houston where he attained his bachelor's degree in the field of Finance. He began his finance career in 1990 and now possesses over 25 years working in the public sector and rendering consulting services. A jack of many trades, Allen has also expanded his portfolio to

include project management and construction.

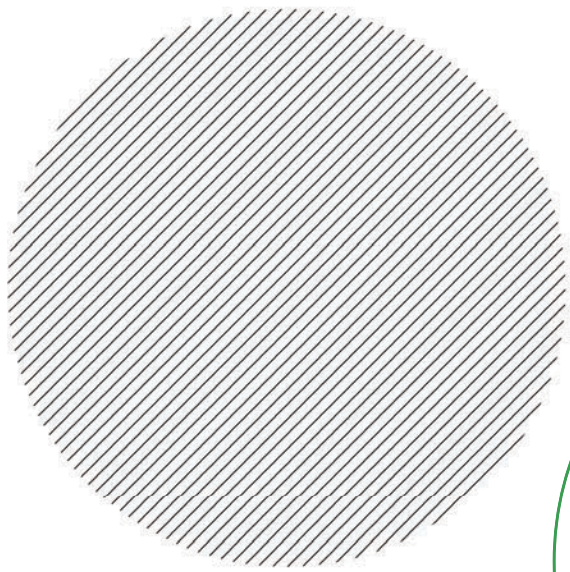
In his career, he held key positions such as Financial Secretary - Ministry of Finance, Deputy Financial Secretary - Ministry of Finance, Financial Controller and Secretary to the General Board & the Investment Committee - Social Security Board. He also served as Member of the Tourist Board, Territorial

Authorizing Officer for the European Union, Deputy Chairman of the Social Security Board, Deputy Chairman of the Development Bank of the Virgin Islands, President Elect of Rotary Club of Road Town.

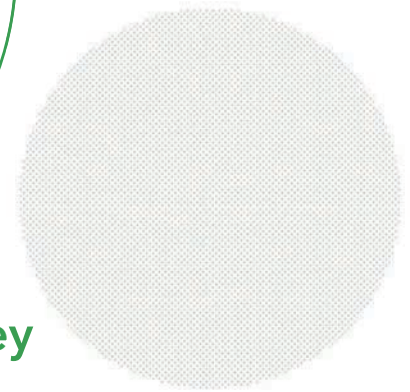
Allen's vision for District 8 is: Creating a new vision and pathway for the future of the 8th District.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 8

- **PRIORITIZE THE CORE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE** - Repair our resources such as the East End Park, Greenland Field, Community Center and Gym; Revitalize our clinic to serve as a fully functioning mini hospital.
- **FOSTERING THE EASE OF ACCESS TO KEY SERVICES** - East End Government Building to host key services; East End Mall and Commerce Center.
- **BOOST THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN DISTRICT 8 AND WIDER COMMUNITY** - Actualizing the Red Bay Development; Supporting the responsible and sustainable expansion of the fishing industry.
- **BEAUTIFICATION OF THE EAST** - Implement a garden improvement program which will include the planting of flower trees near roadsides
- **PRESERVE THE RICH HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY** - Develop a cultural village in the East to include showcasing and sale of products and an educational aspect
- **IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAMME** - Encourage and incentivize the Domestic use of solar energy
- **ADDING VALUE WITHIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH IMPROVED SYSTEMS TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY** - Streamlining government services and processes to be fair to all including the awarding of contracts and assistance granting



Vincent O. Wheatley



Message from Vincent Wheatley 9th District Candidate

Vincent Wheatley is the Representative for the 9th District, first elected in 2019. He is a native of Virgin Gorda and loves his island home. His early education was on Virgin Gorda until he reached the highest available point, and then transferred to the BVI High School on Tortola. There he excelled as a student academically and was also active in sports and the school band, where he played the saxophone.

Upon graduating high school, he furthered his studies and earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics/Computer Science. He went on to earn a Masters degree in Mathematics Education. On returning to the Virgin Islands, he began his career in education and taught for several years until he left the system as assistant principal of the Bregado Flax Educational Center.

Vincent has also worked in the private sector

in tourism as well as in the retail/wholesale industry. More recently he worked in the government service and served as the Sister Island Coordinator.

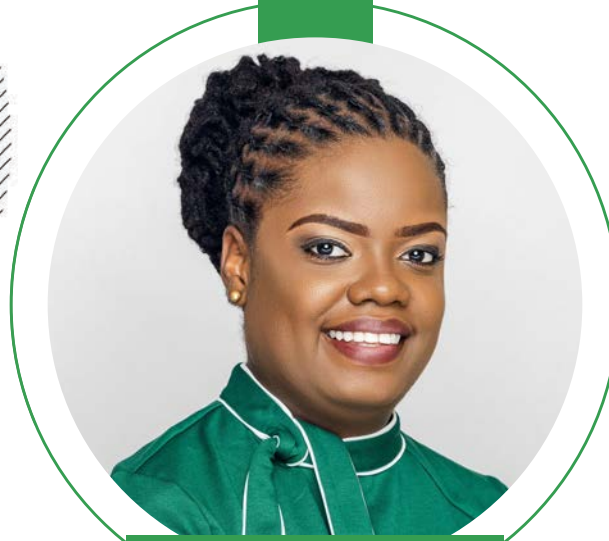
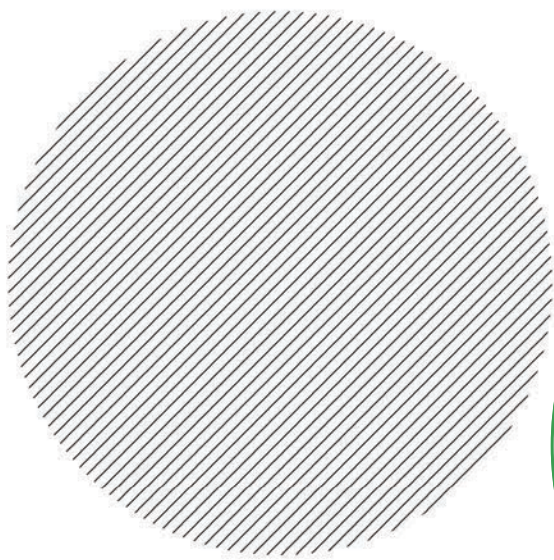
During the last House of Assembly, Mr. Wheatley served three years as Minister of Natural Resources, Labour and Workforce Development and Immigration. During his term, the Labor Department began its transformation from simply work permit processing to managing the workforce development needs

of the Virgin Islands. During this time, he also advanced longstanding land issues in the BVI including Anegada Lands.

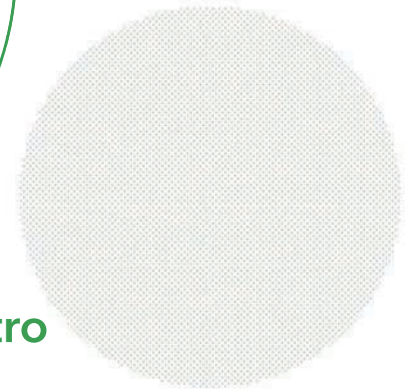
Vincent is married to the former Esther O'Neal and they have three children. His mission is to transform the 9th District into a just society where residents have the opportunity to fulfil their potential and tourism is developed fully in a sustainable way to benefit of residents and visitors.

PRIORITIES FOR DISTRICT 9

- Continuation of land distribution and affordable housing
- Continue development of recreational and sporting facilities
- Continued improvement to healthcare: healthcare access and services
- Development of the gun Creek harbour, setting point jetty and not sound Community Center
- Separation of cargo and passengers along with continued improvement to inter island transportation
- Separation the Bregado Flax Educational Centre primary and secondary schools
- Continued improvement to the educational system
- Improvement to agriculture and fisheries
- Water production and distribution improvement



Sharie B. deCastro



Message from Sharie B. de Castro Territorial at Large

Sharie B. de Castro was elected to the 4th House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands as a Territorial At-Large Representative in 2019. Over her tenure she has held the posts of Junior Minister for Trade and Economic Development, Junior Minister for Tourism and Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports. In addition to being an elected official, Ms. de Castro is a poet, motivational speaker, and Chief Executive Officer of Write to Read, an educational business that focuses on literacy advancement.

Her understanding of the value of education inspired her to earn an Associate of Arts

in General Studies with a concentration in Education at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in 2009 and a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Educational Studies at Texas Christian University in 2011. She then returned to Virgin Islands to her alma mater, Elmore Stoutt High School, where she taught English and Literature. Notably in 2012, Ms. de Castro was crowned Miss British Virgin Islands and through her platform of Education and Youth Development she committed her time and talent to the advancement of these areas.

As Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Sharie de Castro has been fully

committed to “Moving Virgin Islands Education: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!” She firmly believes that in order for change to take place in the education system, there are some areas that we must re-imagine, adjust and introduce. As the world changes, so must education, to ensure our society remains relevant. Thus, Virgin Islands students must gain skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, innovation, collaboration, question formulation, global awareness, communication skills and technology skills. Other desirable 21st century skills include entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, life skills, interpersonal skills, self-

direction, personal and social responsibility, and character and citizenship.

As the youngest elected Member of the House of Assembly in Virgin Islands history, Ms. de Castro knows that excellence is a journey, not simply a destination. This perspective inspires her to teach, develop, inspire, and mentor future leaders, while challenging them to dream big and to be the change. Sharie de Castro believes that you have to give more to get change and lives her life with a simple yet profound goal which is also her guiding mantra: “I make a difference!”

PRIORITIES FOR THE TERRITORY

- **REIMAGINING EDUCATION** - Every student in the 21st century needs to be able to think critically, problem solve, collaborate, communicate, innovate, be globally aware and be digitally literate.
- **REIGNITING INNOVATION** - Innovation is an essential driver of economic progress that benefits consumers, businesses and the economy as a whole. It is the driving force that will propel our society into the future.
- **REDEFINING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** - Youth development happens wherever youth are engaged in growth, learning, and life. By engaging young people in experiential learning programs, we can teach life skills beyond textbooks and lectures.
- **REDEVELOPING SPORTS** - Sports has the potential to affect lives in significant ways by supporting both mental and physical well-being and developing skills like teamwork, leadership, patience, discipline, learning from failure and sportsmanship.
- **REINTRODUCING THE VILLAGE** - It still takes a village to raise a child. We must reintroduce the village to provide a safe, healthy environment for children, where they are given the security needed to develop, flourish and realize their hopes and dreams.



Carvin Malone

Message from Carvin Malone Territorial at Large

Carvin Malone was elected to the 4th House of Assembly on 25th February, 2019 and served as the Minister for Health and Social Development. A native Virgin Islander, Carvin was educated in the public school system and upon completion enrolled in 1977 and completed studies at PACE University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Public Accounting in 1981.

Throughout his career Carvin has served in a

plethora of roles including Principal Project Coordinator for Island Block Corporation and Malone Group Property Investment Limited, General Manager for Virgin Islands Block Company Limited, Co.; Principal for CBE Engineering Associated Limited (formally Berger/CBE), and Chief Executive Officer and President of Caribbean Basin Enterprises Limited.

During this time, Carvin remained committed

to contributing towards community initiatives and projects that allowed him to serve on several boards and committees including the Land Development Control Authority, BVI Government Fiscal Advisory Committee, Development Bank of the Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands Ports Authority, H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and the 2007 British Virgin Islands Constitution Review Commission.

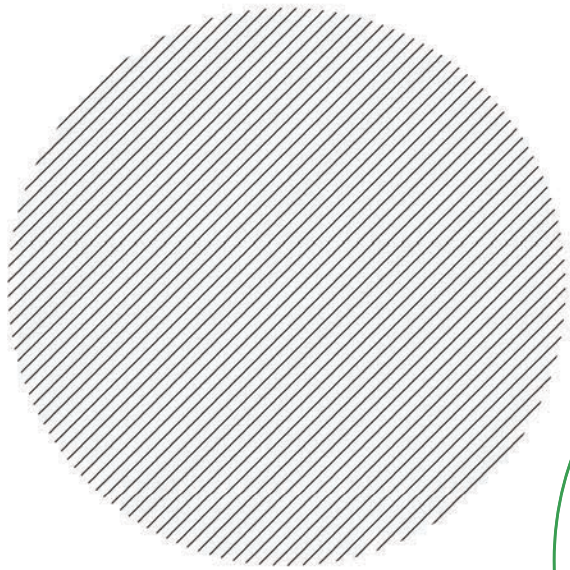
Carvin's keen interest in philanthropy, community service and being a change leader

can be seen in his active roles as: 4x President of Lions Club of Tortola; he served as President of the BVI Hotel & Commerce Association (now the Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association); served as President of the Virgin Islands Party and served as President and Vice President of the BVI Lawn Tennis Association and the BVI Basketball Association, respectively.

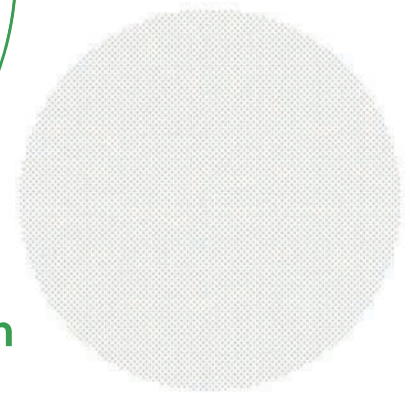
Carvin is married to Pernis since 1984 and has one daughter, Kirsten. In his leisure time, he enjoys photography, swimming, playing tennis or chatting with his GOLDEN GEMS.

PRIORITIES FOR THE TERRITORY

- Territory wide improvements to the healthcare infrastructure and emergency evacuation assets
- Upgrading of the nurse Iris O'Neal facility into an all-inclusive medical facility
- The timely rebuild and conversion of community centers to smart centers
- Restoration of the golden gem program to its glory days
- Assistance for qualified applicants to rebuild their homes and restore their lives
- Completing the war on derelict vehicles and having them shipped overseas regularly
- Implementation of the BVI solid waste management strategy and the 7R's
- Purchase of material recovery facilities, recycling equipment, and any associated tertiary waste treatment systems required for each of the main islands
- Initiate a national conversation and a debate in the House of Assembly on the challenges of the Territory and of vulnerable persons as outlined in the Sustainable Development Plan



Neville A. Smith



Message from Neville A. Smith Territorial at Large

Neville A. Smith, born on July 16, 1964 is the son of educator, Mrs. H. Lynden Smith, MBE and boatman, Mr. Harold Smith. Affectionately known as Sheep, he is a successful businessman and one of the Virgin Islands best known and loved sports figures. He spent most of his time growing up in the East End/Long Look communities with his older brothers, cousins and other young men in the village fishing in the bay. These experiences began a love and a bond for community that

marks his life to this day.

As a young child, Neville was considered active and heavily involved in sports. He competed competitively in Track and Field, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball and over time has represented the territory in three of those sports. While excelling in several sports he is best known for his excellence in softball and his broad contribution to the sport. He was a member of the BVI Team that placed 4th in the Pan American Games in 1987. All in all, Neville

believes that sports teaches discipline, respect, humility and encourages team work as well as camaraderie - characteristics that are essential for positively moulding an individual. It is through sports that Neville credits his life and career today. Sports has taught him the true meaning of leadership and togetherness.

Having successfully contested the Virgin Islands 2019 General Elections, Neville was elected to serve as a Territorial At-Large Representative for the Government of the Virgin Islands and appointed Deputy Speaker for the House of Assembly.

He is a retired Operations Support Manager of Harney's; a former committee member of the BVI Recreation Trust; a former 2nd Vice President of ECASC; former 1st Vice President of the BVI Olympic Committee and former President of the BVI Amateur Softball Association.

Neville is a husband, a father of six and a grandfather of five. He is an entrepreneur and owns four local businesses: Caribbean Security Limited, NS Cleaning and Services, International Construction and Frontline Systems.

PRIORITIES FOR THE TERRITORY

- Reform and Capacity Building - As a legislator Neville will seek to advocate for and support more efficient and effective processes in government
- Social and Community Development - Consistent with his life of community service, Neville will strive to ensure government works closely with communities to advance their development
- Youth Empowerment - Neville will continue to advocate for youth empowerment across various spheres of their lives.
- Sports and Recreation - Neville will seek the continuous upgrading of sports and recreation facilities and promote development and competitive experiences at home and abroad for young athletes
- Agriculture and Fisheries - Neville is committed to the advancement of these industries through encouraging young persons to participate and advocating for new technologies and training in these fields.



Zoe Walcott

Message from Zoe Walcott Territorial at Large

Zoe Walcott is the mother of three children (Rhon, Italia & Tessai McMillan), daughter of Claudette "Ione" Francis-Smith and Egerton "Wally" Walcott (d), Step Daughter to Lemuel "Chi Chi" Smith; granddaughter of James Walter Francis (d) and Christina Niles (d).

Zoe has a diverse background with experience and a solid understanding of Tourism and the Financial Services Industry, spanning a 30-plus year career, 27 years managerial. She has over 40 Degrees, Licenses and Certifications ranging from Marketing, CCE, CME, Project Management, Compliance & Anti-Money Laundering, Travel Consultant, Phlebotomy,

Hair Restoration, Colonics Therapist, Body Contouring and the list goes on.

Zoe is very passionate about people and the Virgin Islands, which saw her as the Co-Chair of the Decision March when the UK tried to impose public registers of beneficial ownership back in 2018. She is currently the Sergeant At Arms at Rotary Club of Central Tortola and a member of the LPA Disciplinary Committee. She remains committed to working with civic organizations such as BVI Cancer Society, Family Support Network and District Pantry's.

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Zoe was head

of a sub-committee charged with the roll out and also provided spa relief free of charge to about 60 persons.

Zoe has a history of always being willing to work to assist the people in this territory in

whichever way she can, as evidenced by her ability to use whatever position that she is in to create opportunities for others. Zoe is a woman that sends the elevator down for all and sundry to empower generations to come - A Legacy Builder.

PRIORITIES FOR THE TERRITORY

- Wage war on ravaged boats and barges in various Harbours which pose a risk to the Environment and are unsightly. Funds have already been identified in the Environmental Levy, which is activated through the Climate Change Trust Board.
- Full Detox of the Territory to become more aesthetically pleasing with the implementation of specific waste management mediums which will negate the need for open burning and drastically reduce unsightly garbage. Pedestrian friendly spaces with attention to our disabled.
- Legislation to put the disabled parking spaces to actual use.
- Infrastructural development and regular maintenance to address water woes and state of road network through the Territory with established timelines to address.
- Rebuild the economy through expansion in tourism, development of smart agriculture, more investments in the blue economy and by building a digital economy. Public Private Partnership in some instances will be encouraged. Each structure will have a financing component which should be accompanied with financial literacy for all beneficiaries.
- Reduce the tax burden by lifting the threshold for PAYE from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.
- Create a recurring account that allows for first-time homeowners to borrow from the pool (up to 5%). Once equity is in the property, funds will be repaid back into the account for another first-time homeowner. Eg. \$30,000 is 5% of a \$600,000 home. \$1.5M allocated means 50 potential homeowners annually (5 per District).
- Review to increase public assistance grant taking into consideration the cost of living; and the strengthening of the policy that allows the Virgin Islands to seize assets of those persons that become a ward of the State, which will finance their care.

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