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PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE

VISION

The current circumstances surrounding the state of affairs in Sint Maarten generally points to both social and economic stagnation exacerbated by the political uncertainties in the wake of new snap elections.

Too many of our citizens experience the CURRENT recovery process as too slow. Our people are not brimming in health and prosperity.

Our international airport is still not fully rebuilt, **government owned companies** charging our citizens ridiculously high 'late fees, including a perpetual GEBE fuel clause '. It is time to start a serious discussion regarding the reduction or gradual removal merits of this 'clause.'

Many still placing buckets in their homes when it rains, unable to afford contractors to repair or rebuild their premises while having received building materials to do so.

There is a dire need to establish one Vision forward.

This Vision must go well beyond the basic recovery process.

A Vision that would establish and guard the process towards a positive social- economic outcome. This takes courage and determination to succeed.

The only key to a beautiful and success-full Sint Maarten is execution of real action based policies and programs that our citizens can see, feel and touch.'

It does not require much effort to do the right thing and put politics aside for the greater good of the well being of our citizens.

P.P.A VISION: TO MAKE GOVERNMENT OF SINT MAARTEN A REAL STATE PARTNER WITH FAIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES AND STANDARDS THAT CONNECT PEOPLE WITH EACH OTHER TOWARDS A BRIGHT FUTURE.

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INTRODUCTION

Fellow Citizens and voters of Sint Maarten:

The past ten years was marred the most unstable governments we have seen in decades.

The neglect of the social needs of our citizens, the environment and the economy in general, has affected all of us, most notably, the most vulnerable amongst us: **Our Youth, Elderly**, and physically and mentally impaired.

Fellow St. Maartener's... we know what those ten years have been like. Ten years where surrounding islands have learned from past mistakes, we continue to repeat ours. **IT'S TIME to get off this beaten path!**

Are you better off today, then you were ten years ago???

January 9th 2020 is our Turn! Together, we can usher in the new decade 2020 with confidence, under new ***Dynamic and Focused leadership for Sint Maarten by:***

- Reducing the cost of living
- Encourage the establishment of more Small Business Enterprises
- Affordable and sustainable Education that works for all students.
- Stimulating affordable Hurricane resilient homeownership.
- Introducing laws that hold our officials accountable

The 2020 elections; are not a popularity contest. It is your chance to Rather it is your opportunity to elect the best people into office who truly have your interest and that of the future of your family at heart and to work on your behalf.

Our Strategic Plan spans the ***next Ten years, and*** crosses different sectors. Government alone cannot execute this, neither the Tourism Industry, maritime or agricultural sector. It requires an overall approach that puts the general interest of this country first. What we need and offer is a clear guide towards development within the strategic borders ***of sustainability and resiliency.***

We have listened to the many testimonials with discretion. We do not believe in quick fixes – but by creating ***a plan for the future. Our plan spans the next ten years and beyond,*** and is supported by a clear objective with you in mind. It is a social inclusive program for Local Economic Development, based on the potential of innovative ideas of sustainability and resiliency that work. P.P.A led Parliament looks forward to serving you a full four year term 2020-2024 and beyond with a stable, transparent government that is skilled and Cares!

Vision: P.P.A vision strives towards an effective government that works in partnership with civic and business society. A government that acts as a facilitator, respecting civil liberties anchored in our Constitution. Better Quality of Life for ALL.

Our Ideology: Progressive market driven economy, with a fair social program.

Together we can make Sint Maarten Beautiful again.

Thank you.

1. Own-your-own-Home Programs.

“Following Hurricane Irma to date, too many families remain in dire need of home-repair. This is a critical social default which was also exposed in a report submitted by the Ombudsman office to Parliament in October 2019”. PPA supported a own- your- own home program since 2007. We will partner with the private sector to purchase land, build and sell real affordable homes within a four year term and beyond.”

- i. **Plan** – *The People’s Progressive Alliance (PPA)* will amend the appropriate laws so that Parliament can direct the **Sint Maarten Housing Development Foundation** to enter into Lease-Purchase agreements with tenants who have been living in their *Belvedere Estate Duplex Home Rental Scheme* including other similar *Emergency Home Rental Scheme* locations such as S. Reward, Foga for the last 20 years or more.
- ii. **Effect** - These Lease-Purchase Agreements will allow tenants to own their own homes once they agree to continue paying the **SMHDF** their regular payments and they meet the qualification requirement. The scheme will be based on a 5-year span which is a Transition Phase that will allow for the following:
 1. It will give the **SMHDF** the breathing space to allow for the organization to be able to investigate and take advantage of new opportunities as to how it can adequately meet the obligation of the government of Sint Maarten to its people with respect to their housing needs.
 2. It will allow the **SMHDF** to plan for review where needed and preserve its current complement of staff so that current staff will not become unemployed even as the **SMHDF** investigates and executes its plans for new housing programs.
 3. It will allow for Persons currently living in Emergency Shelter Homes to be able to plan for and investigate the possibility of land ownership on which to place their newly acquired homes at the end of the 5-year span. Government will also be directed to assist said owners in the possible acquisition of available Government long leases
 4. It will allow for the primary bearers of Rental Agreements currently renting the Belvedere Duplexes to be able to plan for improvements to their newly acquired homes.
 5. It will ease the burden of the program participants having to qualify at local lending institutions for a housing loan.
 6. It will transfer the current housing maintenance obligations of the SMHDF to the program participants. Your home is your castle!

OUR ECONOMY (TOURISM)/ ENVIRONMENT

The Cornerstone of our Economy.

St. Maarten is one of the most tourism dependent countries in the Caribbean. It ranks first in terms of contribution to the economy¹ - *set at an average of 83.4% of GDP*², second in terms of jobs, and third in terms of foreign investments. Tourism also counts for nearly four-fifths of the total labor force on the island³. In other words: if tourism lacks behind, the economy stands still.



Less (quantity) but more quality high -end tourists.

We don't need another 3- or 4-star hotel on the island. These are well represented. Space is limited and if we should need an extra hotel, **let it be a top class five-star hotel, like the Ritz Carlton** (i.e. the exclusive and expensive hotels in Anguilla) that would bring a **new experience and added value** to St. Maarten. Marketing for the sake of marketing will not create that memorable experience we are looking for.

If we want to become different from other tourism economies, we need a strategy for the mid-and long-term. Other Caribbean islands have learned from our mistakes. It is time to refocus our attention to our most valuable product. Our hospitality industry. We must significantly invest, upgrade and beautify our infrastructure. Urban planning, investment/ maintenance is direly needed to start and or be completed among others in Philipsburg, Ring-road, Dutch Quarter main road, Belvedere, Airport road and Billy Folly road. Structural paid parking, reliable street -lights, garbage bins goes along way towards a cleaner, safer St. Maarten product.

¹ GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

² St. Maarten Tourism Budget Analysis Report (TBAR), September 2013, page 3 (source: World Travel an Tourism Council, 2013)

³ AMB Country Risk Report St. Maarten, August 2015

It is amazing that St. Maarten has even been able to maintain a high number of air arrivals despite a low tourism budget, but all indicators show that St. Maarten may simply not be living up to its true potential as a tourism destination. **PPA is in favor of a higher marketing budget supported with a smart strategy** that affects both the existing players, as well as creating local opportunities through the execution of innovative ideas.

Higher quality tourism can only be achieved through improving vocational education, to learn the necessary skills, and to stimulate and support lifelong learning. Everything is defined with the quality of the people that are involved which is of utmost importance.

OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Over the past decades St. Maarten has grown – specifically the tourism industry – while the environment has been heavily tested. The absence of structure, zoning and a proper waste management has led to a couple of environmental issues, of which the dump is by far the biggest problem. For obvious reasons, people are angry!

The Landfill

The landfill is a ticking time bomb on our island. We need to be conscious of the fact that everyone is at risk, not only residents, but tourists as well. Short term thinking risks to put this beautiful island in an economic and social disaster we have never seen before. “The Dump”, is a huge cistern for all kinds of plastics, batteries, paint, oil, boxes and other electronics having their chemicals leaked into the soil and runoff into the water. This melting pot is a breeding ground for the smoldering⁴ we experience during most days of the year, because it’s burning below the top surface. This landfill must be eliminated in the next decade or less. The decision-making process and final choices will be done under a PPA led government in a open and transparent manner.



⁴ <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/the-dump-problem>

Impact on Health

We need an integrated approach that puts wellbeing at the forefront; otherwise health expenses will explode and affect any other kind of development.

Garbage = Economic Value

Let's turn this negative impact around by turning this garbage into economic potential for the island. The "scan-screen-implement" design will allow us to identify the potential⁵ since this interconnecting model deals with the basic needs of food, water, energy, health and housing, based on the way ecosystems work. Hence, its point of departure is always sustainability. The year 2019 has seen a renewed and forcible effort by civic society to deal with clearing Philipsburg from the toxic- health hazard and eyesore landfill. A class action suit was filed earlier this year by citizens taking government to court in an attempt to make a decision regarding the elimination of the Landfill. P.P.A supports this class action suit.

A potential and ready to implement solution has been presented again to both Parliament and government officials by engineer Matthew Halley (Netherlands). IT is TIME TO ACT AND STOP THE TALK.

Quote: "Through the diversification of Energy sources and conversion to 100% renewable energy resources there is a great potential to not only reduce the financial burden on St. Maarten's citizens due to high energy tariffs but to also solve and eradicate the landfill crisis without placing the country into critical debt".
Unquote. By Halley M. A. (Matthew) 2019 from his report : 'Economic reforms through energy diversification to solve the St. Maarten Landfill crisis'.

MARINE INDUSTRY

We have a well-established marine industry in St. Maarten in terms of cruises (only few ports in the Caribbean are capable of receiving the world's largest cruise ships – Genesis Class), cargo and yachting. Over the past decade our island has invested over US \$100M in infrastructure, development and equipment, acquisition and commissioning. Regrettably, there is a 25% cruise passenger drop prediction for 2020 announced by the cruise industry. This projected drop in revenues from this industry can be mitigated by a diversification of our economy through a year long agenda of e.g. Sports and Convention tourism.

⁵ Separating the garbage into recycling, garbage, toxic products and compostable; may be part of this solution; creating a rich soil by using the compost for gardening/agriculture could be a first cash flow (see other countries)

Maintenance.

This industry is good for at least 20% of GDP⁶, in terms of local inclusive development, there's a couple of challenges in the maintenance department. St. Maarten is a top cruise and yachting destination. Although there is no demand for boat building, we do have a **huge demand for maintenance**. What we encounter is a lack of a well-trained workforce. As a consequence we need to hire people from abroad. The only way to turn this around and take the opportunities is to invest time and money in well-trained education programs, because nowadays we are importing people to do these jobs for six months. We should keep this opportunity home! We should be able to influence enough **youngsters** of the importance to fill this maintenance gap, transforming them into the *next generation of maritime technicians and knowledgeable contributors*.

AGRICULTURE

Only 10 per cent of land on St. Maarten is suitable for domestic agricultural production. Instead of saying how poor that percentage is, we better turn it around by asking: How many opportunities could we create with this percentage?

Agriculture has been neglected on the island for at least half a century. Today, it represents less than 1 per cent of GDP, which is way below the World Average of 3.1%⁷. What would it mean for our island if we could increase agriculture to 4 or even 5 per cent? There has not been a real approach to see whether this sector could be viable for the island or not, we believe in its viability. We even say it is vital for our future.

The Global Challenge

By 2050, the world must feed 9.5 billion⁸ people. The impact on food will be an impressive 60% increase in demand⁹, not to forget the *waste of food and water stress*. The main reason for this dramatic increase is the *shift* towards more meat and dairy intensive diets.

⁶ Even 33% of GDP,

according to Official Journal of the Caribbean Shipping Association (see also: <http://www.landmarine.org/cm/index.php/latest20/190-st-maarten.html>)

⁷ see EU statistics with SXM; data from Worldbank

⁸ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision*. Produced by: United Nations Department of Public Information (http://www.geohive.com/earth/his_history3.aspx)

⁹ Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The St. Maarten Challenge.

Having this global perspective in mind, it is of utmost importance for St. Maarten to anticipate as much as possible to this food and water stress that is inevitably coming our way if we do nothing. It makes research and development in agriculture and fisheries more relevant than ever before, because if we want to build a sustainable community, import-substituting activities are the answer. What does it mean? Local Development!

Example of an opportunity.

When the coffee grounds – now wasted somewhere at the dump – are being used to cultivate protein rich mushrooms, we have healthier mushrooms, cheaper mushrooms, and a cycle in which the hotel sector and the retail sector can participate. Or imagine we could make a deal with the Cruise Ships to gather the coffee grounds, cultivate the mushrooms and sell them back to these cruise lines on a constant basis, year in year out. Jobs and income would be created! It would be a beautiful example of export activities, fed by local production.

Basic Needs.

Basic needs such as water, food, health, energy and housing – *recorded as the top categories for a healthy lifestyle*¹⁰ – are **interconnected** with one another. If we are all aware of this connecting cycle, real Progress is in the making. Imagine we could drop the price of water by 30 or even 50 per cent, what effect could this have for our economy?

Opportunities.

Land is scarce on St. Maarten. We must be creative in the way agriculture and fishery activities could be enhanced. Business partnerships could be worked out with landowners. Let's call it productive joint ventures where you trade money for knowledge. Landowners (or investors) would care for land, fencing, security, ground preparation and water supply; the knowledgeable business partner would be in charge of the supply of seedlings, irrigation systems, and management of project sustainability (i.e. disease and insect control), grading and marketing of produce.

P.P.A support from the outset the installation of the Agricultural Private Investors Club, as proposed by the Space-less Gardens a Local Initiative.

¹⁰ Wellbeing Survey 2013, Statistical Magazine Volume 4 – December 2013

“SINT MAARTEN SHOULD BE DISCIPLINED IN IT’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND NOT RELY ON KINGDOM GOVERNMENT PROVIDING BUDGETTARY AID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SINT MAARTEN : P.P.A.

P.P.A will present annual balanced budgets and approved annual reports. Annual reports submitted by our General Audit Chambers will be discussed in Parliament, and recommendations adhered to. Long discussed not yet implemented digital tax- implementation plan will be finalized. This project will among others: connect the tax department- SZV, Economic Affairs, Chamber of Commerce network in order to facilitate transfers, increase compliance and mitigate significantly delays, in submitting and or receiving tax returns.

Example of new Revenue Sources for People’s Progressive Alliance Government Programs

The Plan is simple.

1. Identify and negotiate the implementation of additional sources of revenue for Government.
2. Prepare, review and pass the 10-year Budget Plan
3. Implement 10 year Budget Plan
4. Monitor and Manage 10 year Budget Plan

Sint Maarten is visited by more than 2,000,000 travelers every year., who make use of our infrastructure.

People’s Progressive Alliance (PPA) intends to introduce

1. An Environmental fee of \$15.00 on each visitor that comes through Sint Maarten.
2. An Environmental Litter Levy to be included as part of the revised Waste Management Ordinance. This is an optional levy. Persons can choose to be fined if they litter.

These levies are expected to produce **USD\$30,000,000** of new revenue.

These funds will be distributed to meet the following needs:

1. The first \$10,000,000
 - a. Infrastructure maintenance and rebuilding of Country Sint Maarten
 2. The second \$10,000,000
 - a. Establishing of a Disaster Relief Fund
 3. The third \$10,000,000
 - a. Social Welfare Programs
1. **Tax Relief Plans**
 - a. **Tax Relief Incentive for Existing Businesses/Individuals**
 - iii. **Plan** - We will amend appropriate tax laws to allow for the possibility of the reflection of the gross outstanding tax receivables of existing businesses and Individuals in the budget over a 5 to 10 year span thereby allowing for tax repayment

of said obligations by existing businesses and individuals over a 5 to 10 year time span.

- iv. **Effect** – Encourage the establishment of Small Business Enterprises to Create Employment and Stimulate the Economy. The easing of the immediate repayment of tax debt will stimulate the businesses to re-invest in their businesses and expand operations which will lead to the hiring of new staff.

b. Tax Relief Incentive for New Businesses

- i. **Plan** – We will amend appropriate tax laws to allow for new startup businesses owned by Dutch Nationals to be able to benefit from new taxation thresholds both for income or profit tax burdens for startup businesses in the following manner:
 - 1. Year 1 - Naf 75,000
 - 2. Year 2 – Naf 50,000
 - 3. Year 3 – Naf 25,000
- ii. **Effect** – Creation of Employment and Stimulation of the Economy. This plan will encourage the startup of new businesses by our local business-minded entrepreneurs. The businesses will benefit tremendously from the need to be concerned about the need to pay taxes on income below the above thresholds in the first three years of the operations. This will allow the entrepreneurs to concentrate on startup loan repayment and on appropriate employment of adequate staffing needs during the first three (3) years of existence.

EDUCATION

Education must not be regarded as only a cost, its an investment in our future. What may cost us today can be extremely rewarding over time. **Therefore, Education is an inevitable investment!** PPA considers the basic needs such as *‘food, health, housing, utilities and fuels’*, with Education¹¹ as the top category indication of importance to a balanced life. Still, Government is spending 26 per cent of its budget to Education. Budget performance, considering the above-mentioned challenges, appears to be low.

¹¹ Wellbeing Survey 2013, Statistical Magazine Volume 4 – December 2013

EDUCATION in OVERVIEW

ISSUE	CURRENT SITUATION
Several educational models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Teaching in Dutch or English ❖ More affluent parents prefer private schools¹²
Dutch System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Not adapted to local needs
Increased number of students in public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Large classes ❖ Inadequate supply of teachers and educational materials
Dropouts and Expulsions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ High rate in Secondary School ❖ Mechanisms to reintegrate students into education are lacking
Day-care or after-school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Almost non-existing ❖ Most parents work outside the home ❖ No adult supervision for children/adolescents to grow up
Access immigrant children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cannot always access due to language or academic limitations ❖ Special schools for immigrants - may perpetuate form of exclusion
Brain drain graduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Limited choice of university courses ❖ Increased opportunities for study abroad ❖ Lack of social policies.

Voices from the classroom

The UNICEF report released voices from youngsters during their assessment. The following information

¹² This is only a solution for the happy few, as around 60% of the working population works for a minimum wage salary.

got our attention:

Problems	Examples
Lack of teacher preparation and interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Classes aren't always attractive; ❖ Some teachers repeat much of the same and other go too fast and don't ask if we understand or not; ❖ If we don't know how to do something, they just tell us to find the answer on our own; ❖ Schools are overcrowded
Education system too strict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ High number of expulsions and dropouts ❖ If you fight you're kicked out ❖ You only get one chance to make mistakes or have a problem ❖ Drugs? Expelled immediately
Language instruction causes difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Several primary schools in English: switching to Dutch school is hard. ❖ Student streaming. Separated in three different groups. worst/middle and best group ❖ Best group has privileges such as cell phones to class (others not)

A positive factor is that the number of dropouts decreased significantly in 2011-2012 compared to the previous year: from 115 to 36. 2016-2018 figures.....

The Needs.

Increased day-care and after-school activities and policies to integrate all children. We don't need to re-invent the wheel. What is important is that we become responsive innovative ideas that may also work for St. Maarten. An example can be found in The Netherlands. Three schools took action in order to change and be prepared for the 21st century, by asking the following questions:

- ❖ *Do you think that school is preparing your child for tomorrow's world?*
- ❖ *Do you think that your child is prepared to fit in a society that changes constantly, a society with no certainties, a society that requires a high degree of flexibility?*

- ❖ *Does your child learn things at school that fits him/her personally?*
- ❖ *Are you tired of the traditional education system? A system where only tests and figures count?*

In particular, those schools consist of one primary school and two secondary schools, one being a VMBO school and the other being a VWO school.

Flexibility

The primary school is open 50 weeks per year and offers, next to the school curriculum, after school programs, vacation plans, etc. Also, you decide when you go to school and when you leave, as long as you make the total hours on a yearly basis. The rationale behind extending the number of hours on a yearly basis from 940 hours to, for instance, 1500 hours, is that it would give us the opportunity to prevent many learning, education and behavioral issues.

HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE

The St. Maarten Government received an instruction from the Kingdom Council of Ministers on September 4, 2015. It related particularly to outstanding debts of government to the Social and Health Insurances (SZV) and the General Pension Fund (APS). Reforms and cost reduction were at stake, next to the requirement to increase revenues, in particular tax revenues, in order to cover its expenditures. Spending on medical care gets 89 per cent of the government health budget, while investments in preventive health care are relatively low (11 per cent).

Prevention.

Prevention and awareness are key in order to prevent medical care expenses to go through the roof. Therefore, we need to:

- ❖ Reduce the increasing levels of overweight and obesity
- ❖ Reduce the level of heart failure and diabetes
- ❖ Reduce the high rates of teenage pregnancy
- ❖ Continue our efforts on tackling HIV, especially among the youth
- ❖ Deal with addictions
- ❖ Improve our health information systems

General Interests.

In general, health care should be carefully planned to avoid, shortages, surplus, and excessive expenditures. It also offers a large variety of jobs and is a major employer in most developed countries.

The St. Maarten Context.

Over the past twenty years, the main focus of our policy makers and legislators has been on hospitalization and the ongoing financial problems of the hospital. Although elderly, palliative and mental health studies are available, health care education is mainly focused on the secondary health care needs. Hospital workers are trained while alternative education programs are hardly offered, such as home care, palliative care and mental health care.

Tariffs.

Government’s main focus is on establishing a basic health insurance. However, without adequate tariffs and a proper health care assessment, (what type of care is needed by the population?) It is impossible to establish an adequate insurance.

Legislation

Health Care legislation is extremely outdated. For example, Addiction is not included in health care legislation, therefore not insured. Consequently, Addiction care is not adequately provided for. A national discussion regarding addiction, autism, attention deficit syndromes must be entertained if these are to be included in the AVBZ. Choices will have to be made.

The international standard for mental diagnostics DSM4 does include addictions. More should be done to promote ‘health promotion’.

In order to meet the actual needs of the population, we need to prioritize a couple of issues regarding the “ambulant care” (preventive care):

1	❖ What support do General Practitioners need?
2	❖ What support do Patients need?
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Patients have access to multiple care providers and accumulate ❖ Multiple prescriptions.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pharmacies need to be digitally connected in order to be able to ❖ control the access of multiple prescriptions; ❖ Alerts need to be put in place when combinations of medications are ❖ prescribed that are not allowed; ❖ Compulsory warning should be put in place for patients using ❖ Multiple medications. (millions are paid annually to pharmacies)

5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What are the most prevalent illnesses on St. Maarten (Available from SZV); ❖ Determine new tariffs and care packages instead of the present ❖ Inadequate itemized billing system that dates back to 1967.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A centralized registration of persons that have a potential to becoming chronically ill. (Will require care longer than 3 months AVBZ)
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Upgrade legislation

The AVBZ Insurance Issue

The AVBZ insurance, established in 1996, is a compulsory insurance to cover chronic illnesses.

- ❖ Two Health care facilities on St. Maarten have agreements with the AVBZ, i.e. the White Yellow Cross-and the Mental Health Foundation. Both institutions cater to patients with long-term illnesses. The care facility submits requests for care under the AVBZ. The disadvantage is that
- ❖ a patient admitted to the SMMC cannot apply for this care because SMMC does not have a contract with AVBZ.
- ❖ A patient admitted with e.g. a stroke will mostly need care longer than 3 months but could receive this care at home or in a nursing home; this care cannot be requested prior to discharge from the hospital and the necessary preparations are not made before the patient leaves the hospital (home care, home adjustments, a hospital bed etc.)
- ❖ The health insurance should be the entity to transfer the patient to AVBZ care by assessing with the hospital what the aftercare need of the patients will be, preparing this before the patient is dismissed from the hospital.

- ❖ The hospital will be able to budget its income and expenditures. The financial problems of the hospital will finally be resolved.
- ❖ A synchronized ambulant care system that supports the needs of the patients and clients on St. Maarten can be put in place.
- ❖ Adequate health education needs can be established.
- ❖ Jobs will be created
- ❖ Health care expenditures will be controllable

With the implementation of the AVBZ care a fund was created for new developments and the upgrading of facilities. St. Maarten's share has been transferred to the Island but no initiatives have been taken to invest

in the necessary innovations, in home care, palliative care, nor did adequate registrations and monitoring of care take place. The AVBZ law established that an indicating committee should be in place, was pending since 10/10/10 only recently where such AVBZ indication committee finally established. The issues regarding the “Medical Insurances and the AVBZ” will make it possible to provide an annual overview of the actual care needs on the island.

PENSIONERS

Abolish Income Taxes for AOV Pensioners, increase old age pension and minimum wage.

We propose to stimulate the purchasing power of our citizens by introducing a **10 per cent flat income tax rate**. For the pensioners among us, whose only income is the monthly AOV payment, we propose to **abolish income taxes**.

SUMMARY

Ask yourself, are you better off today, then you were ten years ago???

It is enough. **We know what we do Not want.** The question is, what are we willing to do about this moving forward? Go with the flow, or create our own new wave of Prosperity, Social fairness, Dignity, & Stability.

January 9th 2020 is our Turn....

Together, we can usher in the new decade 2020 with confidence, under new **Dynamic and Focused leadership for Sint Maarten.**

Change is a must, and change is inevitable...!!!

Together we can alter the course of our destiny. **Your PPA Team** will guarantee safety, transparency and accountability once more into our government system of **PARLIAMENT & COUNCIL OF MINISTERS!**

We have a Clear and Measurable path of new economic and social prosperity for Sint Maarten. A path for **“our”** people with a **“Ten Year”** concrete **“Action Plan”** that our citizens can see and feel, within six months of a new **PPA LED GOVERNMENT.**

There is simply too much at stake if the same people who, failed in their jobs that we elected them to do, return to office and continue business as usual.

Using our collective energy positively is what Sint Maarten needs now more than ever. Our PPA Team is convinced, together we can cross that threshold to a new beautiful era come 2020.

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The 2020 elections; are not a popularity contest. Rather it is an opportunity to elect the best people into office who have your best interest and that of the future of your family at heart. To work on Your behalf.

Do not sell your vote. It is against the law!

Where others see limitations, we see **CHANGE...and CHANGE**, brings great opportunities for Sint Maarten and its Citizens. We will make our island beautiful again in all its glory!

God Bless Sint Maarten and its PEOPLE.