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Violet Tops Democratic Primary on St. Croix for Senate in Low-Turnout Election; Frett-Gregory Leads Pack in St. Thomas

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Supporters of Kurt Vialet today. By. VI CONSORTIUM

Senator Kurt Vialet led the St. Croix Democratic Senate candidates during the 2020 Primary Election on Saturday, coming in first place with 1,194 votes. He was closely followed by Novelle Francis with 1,097 votes. Allison DeGazon and Genevieve Whitaker came in close in third and fourth place with 892 and 877 votes respectively.

On St. Thomas, Senator Donna Frett-Gregory led the group with 1,249 votes, a strong outcome that shows the lawmaker's staying power. She was followed by Athneil Thomas and Milton Potter with 995 and 970 votes respectively.

The results for all offices are [here](#) or below this article. The Election System of the Virgin Islands still has to count 179 absentee ballots for St. Croix, and 409 for the St. Thomas-St. John District, so tonight's results are preliminary and may change once all votes are counted.

Saturday's voter turnout was low compared to past elections. In fact more people voted early on St. Croix compared to those who came out on Election Day. A total of 1,829 Virgin Islanders [voted early this year](#): 847 on St. Thomas, 945 on St. Croix and 37 on St. John, according to the Election System. However, only 933 people voted on Election Day on St. Croix. In the St. Thomas St. John District, 1,139 people voted on Election Day, according to the Election System of the Virgin Islands.

Voters the Consortium spoke to said they felt there was a lack of campaigning from the candidates.

"Even if they had just put a bullhorn on their car and go through communities, it would have made a difference," said Dawn Sewer, who voted today at the St. Croix Educational Complex.

Ms. Sewer along with Mabel Henry decided to go out and vote nonetheless, pointing to the importance of the exercise. "Well you go out for anything else you might as well go out for a cause," Ms. Sewer. said.

Ms. Henry said words from the recently deceased Civil Rights icon, John Lewis, moved her to vote. "I felt guilty because of John Lewis," she said. "He came up in my spirit after watching all about him this past week. He did so much so therefore I said let me do my part."

SUMMARY REPORT USVI PRIMARY ELECTION UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

RUN DATE:08/01/20 AUGUST 1, 2020

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VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (25 OF 29)	29	100.00
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	0	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL.	3,901	
BALLOTS CAST - Democrat.	3,901	100.00
BALLOTS CAST - Nonpartisan.	0	
BALLOTS CAST - BLANK.	4	.10

***** (Democrat) *****

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN

(VOTE FOR) 7

Donna Frett Gregory	1,249	14.19
Athneil "Bobby" Thomas	995	11.31
Milton E. Potter	970	11.02
Carla Joseph	956	10.86
Stedmann Hodge, Jr.	945	10.74
Marvin Blyden	858	9.75
Jonathan P. Tucker, Jr.	696	7.91
Jean A. Forde	599	6.81
Shirley M. Sadler.	502	5.71
Larence Larry Boschulte.	494	5.61
Patrick Simeon Sprauve	475	5.40
WRITE-IN.	60	.68

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. CROIX

(VOTE FOR) 7

Kurt Vialet.	1,194	16.18
Novelle E. Francis, Jr..	1,097	14.87
Allison L. DeGazon	892	12.09
Genevieve Whitaker	877	11.89
Oakland Benta	853	11.56
Javan E. James.	851	11.53
Kenneth L. Gittens	799	10.83
Troy C. Williams	574	7.78
Andrew John.	178	2.41

WRITE-IN. 63 .85

BOARD OF EDUCATION ST. CROIX

(VOTE FOR) 2

Shawna K. Richards 900 44.93

Emmanuella Perez 630 31.45

Imani Heath. 467 23.32

WRITE-IN. 6 .30

BOARD OF EDUCATION ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN

(VOTE FOR) 2

Kyza A. Callwood 882 31.96

Nandi SÃ©kou, Esq. 873 31.63

Arah C. Lockhart 683 24.75

Judith W. Edwin 313 11.34

WRITE-IN. 9 .33

STATE CHAIR

(VOTE FOR) 1

Glen J. Smith 1,245 49.92

Cecil R. Benjamin. 1,211 48.56

WRITE-IN. 38 1.52

NATIONAL COMMITTEE WOMAN

(VOTE FOR) 1

Donna Christensen. 1,895 61.95

Carol M. Burke. 1,145 37.43

WRITE-IN. 19 .62

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE - AT LARGE

(VOTE FOR) 16

Riise E. S. Richards. 1,223 22.45

Barbara A. Petersen 1,187 21.79

Nemmy Williams Jackson 1,113 20.43

Kevin A. Rodriguez 1,093 20.06

Rudolph Anthony Greene 533 9.78

WRITE-IN. 299 5.49

DISTRICT CHAIR ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN

(VOTE FOR) 1

Randolph N. Bennett 754 52.11

Edgar "Baker" Phillips 671 46.37

WRITE-IN. 22 1.52

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN

(VOTE FOR) 8

Riise E. S. Richards. 709 20.91

Ivan Williams 607 17.90

Sandra Thomas-Mason 521 15.36

Deshaun A. Smith 443 13.06

Stevelyn Parris 304 8.96

Doris V. Bedminster 274 8.08

Roger B. Minkoff 266 7.84

Kiese N. Sam 218 6.43

WRITE-IN. 49 1.45

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. CROIX

(VOTE FOR) 6

Nemmy Williams Jackson 657 17.35

Carolyn Burke 625 16.50

Sonia Boyce. 543 14.34

Florine Audain Hassell 451 11.91

Peter Abrahams. 428 11.30

Ashley Devoe Scotland 375 9.90

Elizabeth Centeno. 366 9.66

Jeanette K. Guzman 303 8.00

WRITE-IN. 39 1.03