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Area Labor Federation Selects Stacey Plaskett as Choice for Democratic Gubernatorial Ticket

The labor coalition, launched in March and representing about 4,000 workers, says its selection followed a straw poll, online member voting, interviews and debate-performance review by rank-and-file union members across the territory.

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Delegate to Congress and gubernatorial candidate Stacey Plaskett. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Area Labor Federation has selected Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett as its choice for the Democratic gubernatorial ticket following a member-driven process that included a straw poll, online voting, interviews and review of candidate performance in the Democratic

gubernatorial debate held Friday, June 26.

The federation, known as ALF, is a coalition representing approximately 4,000 workers across the territory. It said working families must be heard as voters consider the future of the Virgin Islands government.

“The Federation is grateful for the participation of all the candidates,” said U.S. Virgin Islands Area Labor Federation Executive Board President Carver Farrow, referring to the debate. “One person cannot solve the issues facing the working people in the Territory. We seek a leader that can tap the resources and talents of the unionized workers of this Federation. Delegate Plaskett is our members’ choice. We now seek a partnership with the next government of the Virgin Islands and need communication and accountability on both sides.”

ALF said it “respectfully selects Delegate Stacey Plaskett to run on the Democratic gubernatorial ticket in the general election.”

According to ALF, Delegate Plaskett received a plurality of votes in the federation’s member selection process, followed by Lt. Gov. Tregenza Roach and former Legislature President Donna Frett-Gregory, with 45.7%, 31.9% and 20.1%, respectively.

The debate was part of the federation’s effort to increase political engagement and keep the voices of working people at the center of issues shaping the territory’s future.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Area Labor Federation launched in March 2026 as a coalition of labor organizations representing approximately 4,000 workers throughout the territory. The federation was formed to unite working people around shared priorities, strengthen worker engagement, build alliances with community organizations and ensure elected leaders remain accountable to working families.

Participating unions include the IAM Union, or International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; American Federation of Teachers Local 1825; Virgin Islands Police Benevolent Association; Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Supervisors Union; Seafarers International Union; American Federation of School Administrators; and the American Association of University Professors at the University of the Virgin Islands.

The federation said its focus includes advancing solutions to challenges facing workers across the Virgin Islands, including contract delays, workforce shortages, retirement security, workplace safety, economic inequality and the rising cost of living.