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De Jongh Congratulates Governor-Elect Mapp, Commits To "Smooth Transition"

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In the wake of Kenneth Mapp's sweeping victory over Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen to gain the position as the 8th Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, outgoing Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr. said he called the Governor-elect on Tuesday night to congratulate him, and has committed to ensuring the transition from his administration to the incoming one goes as "smooth and successful" as possible.

"I congratulate Governor-elect Kenneth E. Mapp and Lieutenant Governor-elect Osbert Potter on tonight's victory and assure them and the people of the Virgin Islands of my commitment to a smooth and successful transition as our new leaders prepare to take the helm of the Government of the Virgin Islands," de Jongh said.

The two-term Governor, whose tenure has been marked with controversy, also acknowledged the many issues that the territory faces, called for unity, and "saluted" the residents who came out in large numbers on Tuesday to exercise their right to vote.

"We are at a time when the Virgin Islands is confronted by a number of issues and challenges that we must all work together to build our future," de Jongh said, adding, "I salute all voters who turned out at the polls today, the third go around for some, to exercise their precious right to vote to choose their leaders. This is democracy at work."

Mapp won a [landslide victory](#) against Christensen in a run-off election on Nov. 18, winning by over 6,000 votes. He will take office on January 5.

In a recent video interview with *VI Consortium* seen below, Mapp outlined his plans for the Virgin Islands, promising 1,000 government jobs once elected, his strategy to lower the cost of energy, as well as ways to revitalize the Christiansted and Frederiksted towns, and much more.

View the original embedded media (unavailable in the recovered archive)

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