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Low Turnout For This Year's Primary Election; Elections System Reveals

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ST. CROIX -- Voter turnout so far has been low in today's primary election, Election Systems Supervisor Caroline Fawkes made known today. She is encouraging residents to come out and vote before 7:00 p.m., which is when polls close.

As of 3:00 p.m. today, the count shows that 1,397 (9.51% of the total registered Democratic Party registered voters) cast their votes in the St. Croix district, and 1,419 (10.03% of the total Democratic Party registered voters) in the St. Thomas-St. John District, according to Ms. Fawkes.

Voter turnout today has indeed been scarce, with some candidates blaming the dismal showing on a new electioneering law that prohibits campaigning within 200 feet from polling places.

In a conversation with The Consortium this afternoon, delegate to Congress candidate Ronald Russell said the new law had "dampened" the mood of voters.

The Consortium will have results as they come available.

Feature Image: Campaigners of various senators and Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett grouped for a picture outside the Juanita Gardine Elementary School. (Credit: Ernice Gilbert, VIC)

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