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Bryan-Roach Ticket To Host Town Halls On G.E.R.S.

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Gubernatorial candidates Albert Bryan and Tregenza Roach will host two town hall meetings next week to present their plan for resolving the crisis threatening the solvency of the Virgin Islands Government Employees' Retirement System, according to a release the campaign issued Friday.

The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, at Gertrude's Restaurant on St. Croix, and Thursday, June 7, at Walker's by the Sea Restaurant in St. Thomas. Both sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roach are running for governor and Lt. governor in the August 4, Democratic Party primary race.

Mr. Bryan said three years after voting in the current administration, seniors and their retirement system are now owed \$2 billion. G.E.R.S. studies have determined that the system could fold even before the projected year 2023.

"The team understands that retired civil servants of the Virgin Islands and their families deserve better. We have a realistic plan that will provide retirees with the financial support they need while strategically expanding the resources of our government," Mr. Bryan said. "The candidates will also welcome questions, ideas and suggestions from the attendees."

The meeting is open to retirees, current employee members of the system, and individuals in the private sector who are concerned about the catastrophic effects a collapsed system will have across the territory, Mr. Bryan said.