

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Albert Bryan And Tregenza Roach Win Democratic Primary

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ST. CROIX -- Albert Bryan and Tregenza Roach came out as top Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, during tonight's primary with 3,093 votes.

The unofficial tally came in at 9:28 p.m. via the Election System of the Virgin Islands website. At the time, votes from 26 out of 30 precincts had been counted. Allison Petrus and Sammuell Sanes came in second with 2,624 votes. Angel Dawson and Marise James came in third with 2,122 votes from the 26 precincts.

That means that Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roach will be the only team to face off against Independent candidates and the sitting governor, Kenneth Mapp, during the general election in November. This brings to the campaigns of the Petrus-Sanes and the Dawson-James teams to an end.

Mr. Roach is currently a senator in the 32nd legislature and Mr. Bryan is a former commissioner for the Virgin Islands Department of Labor.

During a live Democratic Forum jointly sponsored by WTJX-TV Channel 12 and The Consortium on July 17, the two shared their plans and ideas for reform in the territory. Below is a brief recap of their responses on major topics including the Government Employees' Retirement System, youth and teacher retention, healthcare and crime.

GERS

The Bryan-Roach team suggest four funding sources to cover the unfunded liability of about \$4 billion. These sources would include:

- A new rum distillery
- Internet and sports gaming
- A cannabis registry
- Correcting rum cover-over calculations

During the forum, Mr. Bryan said their research has included two townhall meetings on St. Thomas and St. Croix and submitting proposals to GERS employees and retiree groups on both islands for commentary. He said that their plan makes provision for current retirees and for current workers to be made "whole" even though the current workers may have to collect at a lesser rate.

The team also suggests giving new workers the option of a 401K plan that they can borrow from to pay for a home or higher education in addition to an annuity that they would receive upon retirement.

Proposals to Retain Educators and Educated Youth

On this issue, the Bryan-Roach team suggest:

- using technology in schools
- higher pay for teachers
- cutting teachers who are underperforming
- incentives for teachers to own homes and purchase land
- youth exposure to diverse careers

Healthcare

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roach believe in a holistic approach to healthcare that centers on public health education. The two support the following:

- public health education to prevent chronic lifestyle diseases such as diabetes
- incorporating healthier meals in schools
- optimizing the funds the government spends on insurance and the hospital budgets

- a system where the private sector can be incorporated to provide basic care
- partnerships with renowned hospitals such as Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic to boost residents' confidence in the system

Plans to Combat Crime

During the forum, Mr. Bryan outlined a number of ways he believed were effective in combating crime. Among them were the following:

- a rehabilitative process as opposed to a purely punitive process for prisoners, many of which have disabilities, Mr. Brian said
- Attacking the high school drop-out rate
- speeding up court processes
- using technology to efficiently allocate law enforcement officers' resources

SUMMARY REPORT	USVI PRIMARY ELECTION	UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
RUN DATE:08/04/18	AUGUST 4, 2018	
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VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 30) 26 86.67 REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL
 . 32,330 REGISTERED VOTERS - Democrat 32,330 100.00 BALLOTS CAST -
 TOTAL. 9,209 BALLOTS CAST - Democrat. 9,209 100.00 BALLOTS CAST
 - Nonpartisan. 0 BALLOTS CAST - BLANK. 18 .20 VOTER TURNOUT -
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GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 26 OF 30
 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Angel E. Dawson Jr. 2,122 26.96 Albert
 Bryan 3,093 39.29 Allison "Allie" Petrus 2,624 33.33 WRITE-IN.
 33 .42

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AT LARGE (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 26 OF 30
 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Brian A. Smith. 1,237 19.18 Steven D.
 Payne Sr. 3,265 50.62 Stacie B. January. 1,923 29.81 WRITE-IN.
 25 .39

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN (VOTE FOR) 7
 (WITH 13 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Myron D. Jackson 1,972
 9.17 Randolph Thomas 845 3.93 Albert F. Richardson. 1,175 5.46
 Randolph N. Bennett 797 3.71 Donna Frett Gregory 2,704 12.57
 Stedmann Hodge Jr. 1,883 8.76 Jonathan P. Tucker Jr. 1,064 4.95
 Marvin A. Blyden 2,289 10.64 Sean "Skooly" Georges 1,292 6.01 Kent
 Bernier, Sr. 1,459 6.78 Beatrice Gumbs. 670 3.12 Jean A. Forde
 1,512 7.03 Athneil "Bobby" Thomas 2,075 9.65 Carla Joseph
 1,644 7.64 WRITE-IN. 125 .58

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 7 (WITH 13 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) R.J. Hammer. 141 .68 Douglas Canton. 880 4.27 Terrence D. Joseph 1,193 5.79 Oakland Benta 1,428 6.93 Novelle E Francis, Jr. 1,785 8.66 Juan Figueroa-Serville 614 2.98 Neville James 1,410 6.84 Dean R. Andrews 688 3.34 Allison DeGazon 2,282 11.07 Karen Chancellor 958 4.65 Nemmy Williams-Jackson 1,342 6.51 Kenneth Kenny Gittens 1,521 7.38 Annette L. S. Scott 323 1.57 Alicia Barnes 2,579 12.51 Javan James. 1,609 7.81 Kurt Vialet. 1,787 8.67 WRITE-IN. 70 .34

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE - AT LARGE (VOTE FOR) 16 (WITH 26 OF 30 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Urdley Smith 1,128 8.03 Marilyn Stapleton. 1,958 13.93 Florine Audain Hassell 1,347 9.59 Shelley Thomas. 1,297 9.23 Lauretta Petersen. 1,339 9.53 Riise E. S. Richards. 2,120 15.09 Dwayne Benjamin 2,207 15.71 Horace A. Callwood 1,521 10.82 Rudolph Anthony Greene 715 5.09 WRITE-IN. 420 2.99

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 8 (WITH 13 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Sonia Boyce. 903 20.92 Cecil R. Benjamin. 842 19.51 Donna M. Christensen. 1,897 43.95 Peter A. Abrahams. 604 13.99 WRITE-IN. 70 1.62

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN (VOTE FOR) 8 (WITH 13 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Riise E. S. Richards. 1,720 42.46 Roger Minkoff 591 14.59 Clement Magras. 1,651 40.76 WRITE-IN. 89 2.20

BOARD OF EDUCATION ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 2 (WITH 13 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED 86.67%) Shawna Richards 970 22.33 Winona A. Hendricks 987 22.72 Emmanuella Perez 569 13.10 Terrence T. Joseph 1,144 26.34 Susanna Callwood-Smith 670 15.42 WRITE-IN. 4 .09