

Governor Bryan Defeats Bernier in Primary Election

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Albert Bryan Jr. and Tregenza Roach cruised to victory on Saturday, clinching the nomination as the Democratic gubernatorial ticket for the general election on November 8th.

The incumbents, who are running for a second term, maintained a major lead in pre-primary election polling against Kent Bernier and Oakland Benta, who announced their entry in the gubernatorial race earlier this year.

If the Bryan-Roach team wins in November they have made a number of promises including:

- attempting to keep electricity bills low
- increasing teacher salaries and those of other government workers
- actively disbursing tax returns and premium pay awards
- continuing to improve efficiency in public service

- lowering the cost of broadband service and implementing free broadband opportunities in public housing areas
- making available once again a loan program for government employees
- continuing to build out new school infrastructure.

They have also committed to assisting retirees by further funding the retirement system and expanding the Virgin Islands Transit Ride (VITRAN) to accommodate seniors on weekends.

The Bryan-Roach team shared some of those plans during an exclusive interview with Consortium publisher Ernice Gilbert on July 14.

They must now turn their attention to the general scheduled on Nov. 8, where they will face Senators Kurt Vialet and Janelle Sarauw, Stephen "Smokey" Frett and Gregory "Brother" R. Miller Jr., an Independent Citizens Movement duo; and independents Ronald Pickard and Elroy Turnbull.

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