



# Legislative Platform

A practical agenda for accountable government, reliable essential services, and greater opportunity across the Virgin Islands

**My commitment is straightforward: Identify the problem, study the facts, identify the cause, find a solution, assign responsibility, measure the results, and report honestly to the public.**

## PREPARED FOR

**League of Women Voters**

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**LEADERSHIP YOU CAN TRUST. SERVICE YOU DESERVE.**

The Virgin Islands stand at an important crossroads. We have received unprecedented federal recovery support, yet too many projects remain incomplete. We possess extraordinary natural beauty and a world-recognized tourism economy, yet too many residents struggle with the cost of housing, food, electricity, healthcare, and transportation. We have talented public employees and dedicated community organizations, yet delays, poor execution, limited transparency, and repeated failures to correct known problems have weakened confidence in government.

The question before us is not whether the Virgin Islands has enough ideas. The question is whether we will build the discipline, accountability, and political courage required to turn good ideas into measurable results. Comfort asks nothing of us. Accountability demands that we face the truth, even when it's inconvenient. A community that chooses comfort over truth slowly surrenders its future.

## My approach is grounded in the four legislative powers

- **Creating legislation that solves real problems.**
- **Budgetary authority that directs public money toward public priorities.**
- **Oversight that holds agencies and officials accountable.**
- **Leveraging Partnerships that bring government, business, education, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and the community together to deliver results.**

## A LEGISLATURE FOCUSED ON RESULTS

### Why I am running

I am running for the Senate because the Virgin Islands need a Legislature that does more than pass resolutions and approve budgets. We need senators who will scrutinize the numbers, understand the law, ask difficult questions, follow up after hearings, and explain their decisions to the public.

As an Independent candidate, I have no party leadership to obey, no required voting alignment, and no obligation to protect a political agenda. My loyalty will be to the people of the Virgin Islands.

### SIX PRIORITIES FOR THE THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

**1**

#### WAPA Recovery and Energy Independence

**Stabilize the system and build a more independent energy future.** I support a locally controlled, court-supervised recovery framework with independent oversight, measurable operating standards, planned maintenance, transparent public reporting, and clear accountability for results. The long-term goal must be reliable and affordable electricity supported by diversified generation, renewable energy, battery storage, modern infrastructure, and greater energy independence.

**2**

#### Reliable Healthcare

**Keep essential care accessible here at home.** I will pursue sustainable funding and partnerships to stabilize our hospitals, strengthen staffing, modernize medical equipment, improve emergency services, expand preventive care, and restore access to essential specialty services, including cancer diagnosis and treatment. Residents should not have to leave the Virgin Islands to receive basic, lifesaving medical care.

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#### Education and Workforce Development

**Connect education to opportunity.** I will fight for safe, modern schools; stronger support for teachers; expanded career and technical education; improved accountability for federal recovery projects; and educational pathways connected to real employment opportunities. Our education system must prepare students for college, skilled trades, public service, entrepreneurship, technology, healthcare, and the emerging economy.

## PUBLIC SAFETY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OVERSIGHT

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**Public Safety and Violence Prevention**

**Pair capable public safety agencies with proven prevention.** Drawing on my experience in emergency management, the military, and violence intervention, I will support stronger recruitment and retention, modern training, better investigative capabilities, improved emergency response, and transparent performance standards. I will also advance focused violence-intervention strategies that identify those at highest risk, coordinate services and enforcement, and address violence before another life is lost.

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**Government Accountability and Financial Oversight**

**Follow every public dollar from appropriation to outcome.** I will strengthen oversight of government agencies, federal disaster funds, contracts, vendor payments, property-tax collections, and major capital projects. Every major initiative should have a responsible owner, a deadline, a budget, measurable outcomes, and regular public reporting. Major legislation should also receive a formal five-year review to determine whether it is delivering the promised results.

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**Economic Opportunity and Local Participation**

**Keep more public investment circulating in the Virgin Islands.** Major contractors receiving government-supported work should demonstrate meaningful local hiring, purchasing, subcontracting, training, and business participation. I will also support responsible economic-development incentives that produce measurable public benefits, protect taxpayers, encourage small-business growth, and expand opportunities for Virgin Islanders.

## THE STANDARD I WILL APPLY

**Accountability from problem to result**

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>01</b> Identify the public problem  | <b>02</b> Determine the cause                |
| <b>03</b> Develop legislative options  | <b>04</b> Select the most effective response |
| <b>05</b> Assign agency responsibility | <b>06</b> Authorize, fund and oversee        |
| <b>07</b> Evaluate reports and results | <b>08</b> Revise, strengthen and/or replace  |

A senator's responsibility does not end when a bill passes. It continues through implementation, oversight, measurement, and results.

EXPERIENCE DISCIPLINE AND INDEPENDENCE

Prepared to serve from day one

My approach to public service has been shaped by more than three decades of military leadership and extensive work in law enforcement, emergency management, government administration, public policy, education, and violence prevention. Those experiences taught me that public institutions improve only when leaders establish clear standards, empower capable people, insist on follow-through, and accept responsibility for results.

| PUBLIC STANDARD        | WHAT IT MEANS IN PRACTICE                                                                       |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Independent judgment   | Evaluate proposals on their merits and vote according to the public interest.                   |
| Evidence before action | Study the law, finances, operating data, and likely consequences before deciding.               |
| Named responsibility   | Require an accountable owner, a deadline, a budget, and a defined outcome.                      |
| Persistent oversight   | Follow up after hearings and appropriations instead of treating passage as completion.          |
| Public explanation     | Report what was promised, what was accomplished, what was missed, and why.                      |
| Five-year review       | Revisit major legislation through hearings and outcome reporting to determine whether it works. |

MY COMMITMENT

No problem without identifying its cause. No solution without an owner. No execution without measurement. No public investment without accountability.

I will bring more than ideas to the Legislature. I will bring the experience, discipline, independence, and determination necessary to turn ideas into results.

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