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INTRODUCTION & VISION

This Democratic Republican Party is the people's call for an alternative of hope for St. Vincent & the Grenadines (SVG), from a heart of love, sacrifice and hard work for ALL our people.

Founded by Anesia Baptiste in August 2012, the DRP believes in **Democracy** as a scientific method of electing government, where the party with the majority seats must rule. We also believe in **Republicanism** – a philosophy of governance that emphasizes respect for and protection of the inalienable and inviolable rights and freedoms of ALL of the people-both the majority who elected government as well as the minority. This pro-Rights philosophy is the basis upon which governance must be conducted. Therefore, all our great and workable ideas and plans are based on our sacred duty to secure protection of the God-given rights and freedoms of ALL. The DRP stands on its watch words **LIBERTY, EQUALITY and DEVELOPMENT** and is preserved by its watch phrase-**PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATORY POWER**. Guided by these principles we will usher in a golden age of economic, social, political and moral prosperity for SVG.

The DRP practices inclusivism and as such we will bring together the best brains, talents and technical and other expertise of our people, at home and in the Diaspora, to run the affairs of government for the benefit of ALL. We are also equipped with the vigor, energy, zeal, commitment and readiness to bring about the necessary actions to lift our nation out of the stifling death and decay that we have been experiencing.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY & THE ENVIRONMENT



The DRP's Agricultural plan for S.V.G is based upon its duty to protect the inalienable rights to life and private property of ALL Vincentians at home and abroad. It also focuses on ensuring sustainable food security and preservation of the environment for our people and the rest of humanity whom we serve with agricultural exports in business. In pursuit of this the DRP government will encourage organic farming nationwide with the following emphases accordingly:



1. Legislative policy to address the dangers of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and toxic chemicals, to our Agriculture through:

- Ban on the use of Genetically Engineered (GE) seeds in our Agricultural environment.
- Develop a seed policy and seed bank to ensure no presence of GE seeds.
- Requirement of labeling of GMO foods imported for local consumption.



- Ban spraying of dangerous chemicals such as Glyphosate (in Roundup Ultra, Touchdown) and regulate the use of chemicals in harmony with the Annex 3 list of the Rotterdam Convention on 47 hazardous chemicals.

2. Education for the proliferation of the practice of

Organic Farming nationwide with an aim of making St. Vincent and the Grenadines the 1st totally organic farming nation in the OECS and CARICOM. SVG will lead the way in our region, become a source of education on the subject, emerge as a food basket of the region and become an example of sustainability in Agriculture and food security:

- Strategically engage current local organic farmers/experts in knowledge sharing on success in organic farming, including substituting chemicals with natural or bio-pesticides (herbicides and fungicides). For example Timorex Gold or Melaleuca Alternafolia (Tea Tree Oil) known for its success in fighting Black Sigatoka in Bananas and other fungus in other crops. This has been successful in South American Countries.
- Adopt models from Countries such as Bhutan in South Asia, by bringing in experts to inform on the science and economics of organic farming, as well as on training, marketing and certification. We will conduct training programs with farmers in organic farming to strengthen their capacity and ability to transform their farming culture to Organic.

Our Agricultural Plan will also emphasize and encourage the following to assist farmers:

- ⇒ **Early and consistent consultations with Farmers nationwide for guidance and input into the development of Agriculture policy in SVG**
- ⇒ **Vigorous repairs of and introduction of new feeder roads to farms.**
- ⇒ **Assisting farmers with water management and water access issues on farms to sustain activity during dry weather patterns.**

⇒ Strengthen legislation and especially enforcement thereof against Praedial Larceny of crops and animals.

The DRP will also encourage:

- ⇒ Organized Agriculture– Blocks of Farmers specializing in different crop areas (consistently providing for local (such as Hotel Industry) and external markets.
- ⇒ Direct Marketing Outlets for Farmers locally (for fairness among farmers and Food Traffickers)
- ⇒ Establishment of a locally- made Fertilizer Industry
- ⇒ Development of other profitable industries-for example Green Houses for Cut Flowers Industry
- ⇒ Additional Farming of lucrative crops and plants for Export. For example Ginseng, Tumeric, certain Mushrooms, Garlic, Bamboo and more.

Heart Principle 

Vincentians may rest assured that Research in the area of markets, demands and trends will be ongoing in Agricultural development under this DRP government. We will prioritize and strengthen a Research Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture. This DRP government's Agricultural policies will transform SVG into a food basket of the region and a prime global example of Organic Farming for food security and sustainability.

DRP-CREATING A NEW INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Unemployment and Underemployment are two of the main problems confronting Vincentians at this time in S.V.G. **Through our policies and plans the DRP will facilitate the creation of A NEW INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION** here. We will facilitate the return, modernization and introduction of industries and factories from which we will produce unique Vincentian products for local consumption and for export to global markets.

This will include Agriculture, Fisheries, Water based industries for Agro-processing, Industries for cosmetics and medicinal development (from Agro produce) and Assembling factories (Electronics and Technological equipment). Some examples are:

-Fruit & Food Processing- Making Juices, Jams, Jellies, Dried fruit with Farine Cereals, Peanut Butter,

-Coconut oil Industry (heat and Cold Press) & other Coconut based products.

-Cosmetics Industry- Making Soaps, Toothpaste (using Banana), Face Masks and Products (Avocado, Cucumbers, Aloe, Charcoal).

-Medicinal Factory- Natural nutrients (see Health section of Manifesto)

-Fisheries Industry- Corned and Canned fish, Fish farms (See Fisheries section of manifesto)

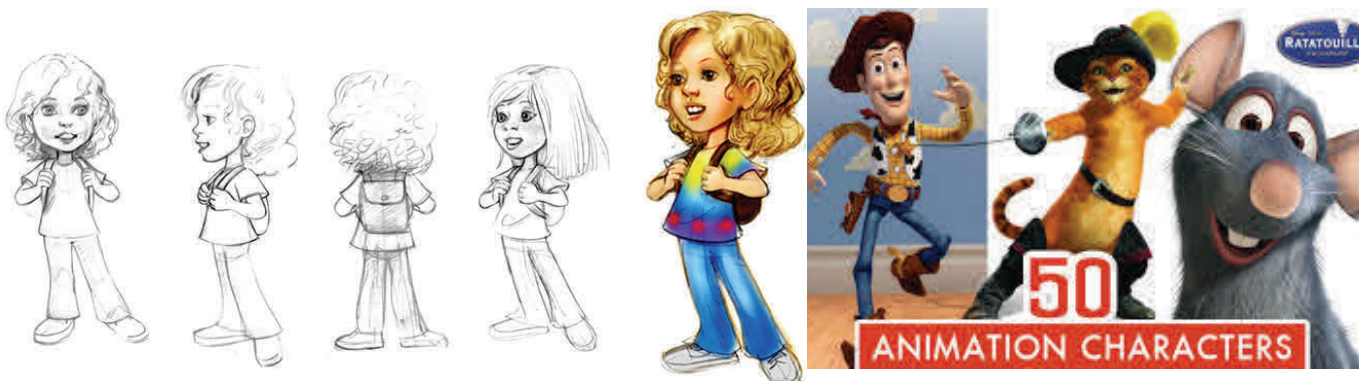
-Water Factory- Local fruit flavored bottled water, SPA WATER (For Hotel, Airline and other Industries)

Salt & related products– Table salt from Union Island and Mayreau Salt Ponds

Assembling Factories– For example laptops, ipads and other technological devices



This DRP Government will emphasize **training of skilled young Vincentians in areas such as Art and Technology**, to push and develop industry in the lucrative areas of **Animation (Cartoon) Designs and other Film and Cinematic experiences.**



Heart Principle ❤️

This industrial Revolution will incorporate many sectors, including, but not limited to Agriculture, Fisheries, Renewable Energy, Technology and Science (Medicine) and Tourism. SVG will become research driven and innovation oriented through the culture encouraged by the DRP

government. It will be a blessing to all our people:

- Providing job opportunities,**
- Harnessing and developing entrepreneurial and industrious traits in our people,**
- Reducing our importation bill by encouraging consumption of our locally produced food,**
- Increasing our revenue from exportation of locally made products.**

Under the DRP, SVG will be transformed into a business Hub in the Caribbean.

RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY

In order to ensure we are able to compete in this new industrial revolution we seek to create, the DRP recognizes our need for clear renewable energy policies. We will pursue greater emphasis on SOLAR and WIND energy production, as well as building on GEOTHERMAL Energy plans and projects in a manner that is sustainable for our people, business development and preservation of the environment.

SOLAR and WIND Energy are like God's gifts through the sun and wind to us and we will develop a policy which facilitates every home and business who desires to go off the grid in energy provision. This DRP government will give tax breaks and other incentives to persons who wish to purchase solar panels, encouraging our electricity company-VINLEC- to promote a reward system for surplus energy that feeds into their grid.

We will also research adequate locations for WIND farms in order to source WIND ENERGY for SVG. These will serve to reduce the Fuel surcharge associated with dependence on Fossil Fuels based production of energy or electricity.

Heart principle

The DRP will recruit Vincentian experts at home and in the Diaspora to lead technically in this area. We will carefully study current initiatives and see how best they can be managed and incorporated into our policy, ensuring Vincentians receive the best in the long run. Finally, any major investment and project in this area will see a DRP government creating opportunity for the average Vincentian, both at home and in the Diaspora, to earn shares in the development.

TOURISM, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE

Under a DRP government Tourism Revenue will grow.

We will maximize our potential as the unique Tourist Destination which the DRP leadership understands constitutes our Thirty-Two (32) Islands and Cays, which remain the Gems of the Antilles. **Our Tourism policy will be driven by vigorous and ongoing Research, Strategic Planning based on such Research, Product Development accordingly and adequate financial input into the Marketing of our Destination with its various product offerings.** We will work with Tourism experts in SVG, including our Diaspora, to develop exciting projects around our natural offerings.

This DRP government will create the right environment for private sector initiatives and partnerships to build on already existing Tourism niche markets as well as pursue new and lucrative niche markets. These include but are not limited to:

- ◇ **Yachting** -SVG is the premium Yachting Destination in the Caribbean.
- ◇ **Water Sports/Activities Tourism**-this is in demand and the DRP will facilitate its safe development.
- ◇ **Cruise Tourism**- The DRP will target quality above quantity-Quality Visitors spend more. Visitor expenditure is higher among European and other non-traditional markets.
- ◇ **Eco & Nature Adventure Tourism** (Cable Cars, Zip-liners, Hiking).
- ◇ **Science & Geological Research Tourism**-around our rich, volcanic soils. This area targets Researchers, University students in Geology, Volcanology, Soils studies and more.

- ◊ **Agro-Tourism-Agro products Parks**-for example **Coconut Park** after model of Pineapple Park in Okinawa, Japan.
- ◊ **Farm Tourism-** Green Houses, **Salt Picking** in Union Island and Mayreau.



◊ **Indigenous & Culture Tourism** (Garifuna culture, Colonial History, Grenadines culture and Whaling and other Cultural History-villages and museums).

Filming Industry Tourism- Movies, Documentaries,

Caribbean Based Food Competitions (Our own Caribbean Cake Wars, Face-Off etc.) We will seek to develop the potential of the Grenadine Islands and water scape of SVG in the area of film.



Pirates of the Caribbean Film Set, St. Vincent

We will discover and preserve waterfalls, rivers and other natural sites which remain largely undiscovered. Botanical and other Gardens (Flowers) to be highlighted for their rich benefits.

TOURISM-AIR ACCESS CONNECTION

Tourism Development cannot be successful without adequate transportation access to the Destination. This DRP Government will early engage experts to carefully assess the status of the **Argyle International Airport (AIA) project currently underway**, with a view to completing it for safe and proper operationalization to ensure the success of our Tourism, Agricultural and Industrial Development.



DRP Leader with Mr. Wang of the Taiwanese Overseas, Engineering, Construction Company (OECC) in 2013

(Photo below) Members and friends of the DRP visit the AIA in 2014



We will pursue an **Open Skies Policy regarding Regional Travel** because we believe that fair competition is necessary in the service industry. This is key in facilitating the development of the Business, Tourism and Agricultural Hub we envision for SVG. We will lobby other Caribbean islands to adopt a private sector run LIAT Airline for improvement in its management away from Governments' control and interference.

These Tourism products and adequate international and competitive regional air access will complement well the vision we have in Foreign Affairs and Trade. Under this DRP government, **SVG will be rescued from the stifling pattern of Regionalism and opened to the great possibilities beyond the immediate Region.** We will pursue Foreign Relations with European Countries which will result in access to great markets for our Agro and other based products as well as our idyllic Tourism Product Offerings– **Countries such as Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Kazakhstan and other Eastern European nations** to whom we will market our destination as having Trade advantage as well as ideal, warm vacation spot from the extreme cold winters they endure. **Under this DRP Government St. Vincent & the Grenadines will become a Quality Tourism Hub in the Caribbean Region.**

Heart Principle

The DRP will research and implement income generating Tourism Projects which will fund continual maintenance of Tourism related Infrastructure at sites (including road networks and actual buildings at sites). The Ministry will be equipped with adequate staff and departments with zeal and passion for the sector and it's advancement in creative and innovative ways.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE

The DRP Government will adopt a Foreign Policy that is founded on the following principles:

- Belief in the right to self determination of all Countries – For example- The Republic of China on Taiwan.
- Freedom of ALL from Persecution and Discrimination, including Christian and other Ethnic and Religious minorities in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.



DRP Leader Anesia Baptiste met with Mayor Adame Alayco in the Artic, Inuit Village of Akulivik in Northern Quebec, Canada in December, 2014 (Vincentian Earl 'Ole George' Daniel is also in photo)

Our policy in trade will open us up to great markets in Eastern and other European Countries, who will find our products unique and cost effective because of the currency exchange in doing business with us.

OUR PRIORITY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- The protection of the economic rights of Vincentians everywhere.
- No transgression of the rights and freedoms of others.

- Promoting Republicanism (protection of rights and freedoms) through Democracy.



Political Leader of the DRP Anesia Baptiste in discussion with State Representative Charles 'Doc' Anderson in his office in Waco Texas, USA in December, 2014

From Left to Right– Anesia Baptiste in discussion with Representative Charles 'Doc' Anderson of Texas, U.S.A and with Vice President of Legislation in the Texas Federation of Republican Women– Mrs. Rachel Woods (on left of photo) and Justice Tom Gray of the 10th Court of Appeal, Waco Texas, December, 2014.



FISHERIES

The DRP understands the potential that SVG has in this area and will work with technocrats and experts in this area, from home and abroad to ensure that this potential is fully maximized for the economic benefits of the fisherfolk of our Country and indeed our Country itself. As indicated under our Industrial Revolution plan, the DRP will:

- **Facilitate the creation of industries in the area of canned fish and corned fish.**
- **Pursue the set up of fish farms for the farming of produce such as shrimp, lobsters and other types of fish demanded on the regional and other markets.**
- **Through discussions with the Republic of China on Taiwan, we will aim to provide greater assistance to our Vincentian fishers to benefit from their quota in fishing in the Atlantic through the right tools (vessels etcetera).**
- **We will also ensure that SVG complies with international regulations and requirements in the area of Fisheries in order to restore confidence in our state's compliance status and regain opportunities accordingly.**

REVOLUTION IN HEALTH CARE

In the area of Health Care our government will bring about a revolution based on our duty to enhance and protect the right to life of our people and all within our shores. **We will promote an exponential (or rapid) development in health care and the availability of medicine for the people of SVG.** Among the measures we will take are the following:

- **Provide adequate supply of medication at all hospitals and community clinics, ensuring that drugs to treat HIV/AIDS patients are available at clinics also, according to need.**
- **Educate the population into the use of local fruits and vegetables, as foods which serve as natural drugs and medicine for the prevention and cure of diseases. This will include revolution of the School's Feeding Program into a more healthy one, partnering actively with local farmers and other citizens to donate fruits and vegetables to our schools' kitchens.**



- **Source rapid response vehicles (air ambulances/helicopters) for health emergencies and disaster management scenarios accordingly. And work with the private sector to implement such services urgently.**

Photo above of Helicopter Rescue of a man from his vehicle during floods in Japan in September, 2015

This is especially important for emergencies given the multi-island nature of the state of SVG and the current weather patters resulting in dangerous rainfall and floods to which we are prone.



Helicopter Rescue of a man from his house roof after terrible floods in Japan in September, 2015

DISEASES & MEDICINE

The DRP is very concerned with our nation's current ability to prepare to address 'new' diseases in our environment, such as Chikungunya, Ebola and even the Zika Virus which the Pan American Health Organization recently announced is now confirmed in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Through active and ongoing research we propose a special measure for our people which will build immune health and provide service to other Countries regionally. It is called Silver.

MAKING SILVER NUTRIENT



Nano Silver or Colloidal Silver as it is also called is a natural immune builder nutrient which studies have proven neutralizes hemorrhagic fever typed viruses such as Ebola and Marbug Viruses. The United States Department of Defense study, cleared for public release in 2009, revealed that Nano silver inhibits Ebola virus. This nutrient was used in the African nation of Sierra Leone in 2014 to treat Ebola Patients

successfully, according to a report from their Ministry of Information. Silver is also sold currently in the region, in Barbados and Trinidad for

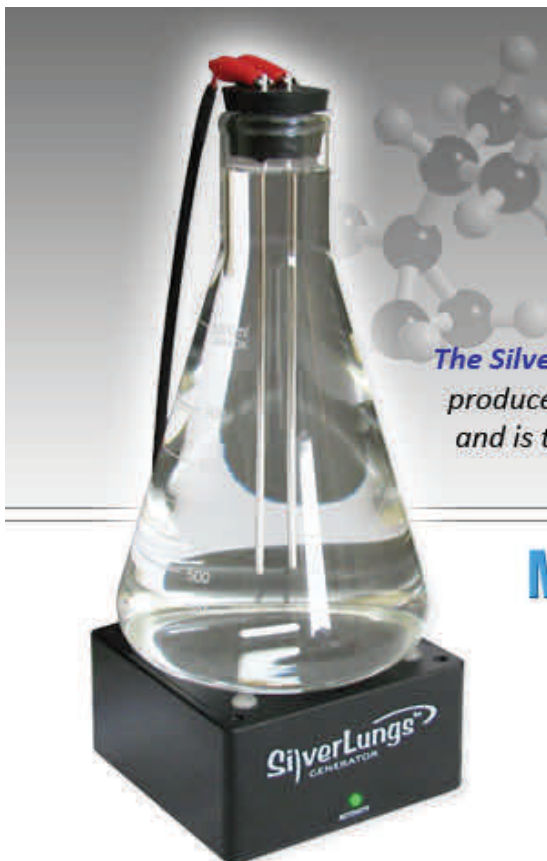
example. Silver suspended in water and silver gel are used for ingestion and topical application to address viruses and bacteria.

The DRP will acquire further research here and will:

⇒ **Import silver rods (99.9% silver) to produce our own silver solution and bottle it for use locally and sale regionally**

⇒ **Import machines to produce the silver locally.**

⇒ **Provide it on local markets with research information for our people.**



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LIFE

Our Social Development plan for St. Vincent and the Grenadines begins at the foundation, that is, with a focus on our children as the men and women of tomorrow and therefore the fabric of Vincentian society. Our plan will also reform the Family Services department to provide more effective service to ALL and we will place special emphasis on the situation of the elderly, children who are fatherless or motherless and the disabled community.

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN'S PROJECTS

The DRP proposes the establishment of a Ministry of Children's Projects. Through this ministry we will investigate, discover and implement projects in communities throughout SVG for children to learn skills and talents for life-to use their hands for life. There will be a focus on developing industrious and entrepreneurial traits in them.



Pre-Schoolers of the Unique Day Care and Pre School of Layou, completing craft activity done with them by DRP Leader Anesia Baptiste at their 2015 Graduation Day.

Children's Projects areas will include but are not limited to:

- ◇ Planting crops (For example Peas)
- ◇ Agro-processing-e.g. Juice making, bottling etc.
- ◇ Dressmaking and tailoring
- ◇ Carpentry and other technical skills

Children of all age groups will be encouraged to use their hands to be engaged in profitable activities during after school periods of the day.

FAMILY SERVICES

This DRP government will govern this important department under the motto **"To Each According to His Need"**. This will **ensure fairness in the distribution of assistance, effectiveness in the management of resources and minimize wastage and suffering of our people** as a result. We will endeavour to ensure that no fatherless child, no elderly and no disabled is ever turned away from the department because of lack of funding. As such we will:

- ◇ **Ensure that the department is adequately funded**
- ◇ **Manage the funds based on needs assessed according to the processes in the Public Assistance Act**
- ◇ **Officers of the department will be allowed to do their jobs in keeping with the law and not interfered with by politicians.**

We will eliminate political victimization and partisan political interference in the process.

UPLIFTING THE DISABLED

The disabled community is one of the most vulnerable among us and sadly, one of the most neglected. The DRP has a comprehensive plan to address their social development accordingly, showing great respect for their equal rights and freedoms. We will:

- **Provide financial and other assistance (including housing) for those who cannot work.**
- **Provide jobs for those who can work**
- **Provide funding for educational training for those who wish to pursue educational programs.**
- **Provide for all Schools for children with Special Needs, the educational tools needed (text books, sign language cards and other such tools)**
- **Provide transportation assistance which reaches disabled children where they live, to facilitate safely their commute to and from school.**

In addition to these measures, the DRP recognizes the absence of trained professionals to serve members of the disabled community who are hearing and speaking impaired and use sign language to communicate. We pledge to modernize our Public Sector by training a cadre of professionals in various areas, in sign-language communication. This will facilitate the provision of services to these members of the disabled community– from health care professionals (Doctors, nurses) to security personnel (police officers) to government offices. Through partnership

with the Televised Media we will also encourage programming accompanied by sign-language services. Using educational programs we will advance greater sensitivity towards these citizens.

DRP'S ANTI-CRIME PLAN

AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PLAN

The Democratic Republican Party emphasizes the protection of the inalienable and inviolable rights and freedoms of Vincentians and humanity everywhere. Thus, we have sacred regard for the protection of fundamental rights to life, the human person and private property-all of which are infringed upon by criminal activity. Therefore, we have devised an Anti-Crime and Violence plan with the above focus and which also underlines our need to ensure protection of the most vulnerable among us such as the elderly, the disabled, our women and children.

FAMILY COUNSEL PLAN (FCP)

At the heart of our plan is the focus on **restoring broken homes**. The DRP will strengthen Family Life values teaching in schools. At least 1/2 hour sessions per week in every school around the Country in the following areas:

- **Human Rights lessons** against crime (domestic violence, rape, pedophilia, incest, theft..).
- **Ethics Training:** Manners, Respect (in words and deeds), Assisting the Elderly and good relations with family.



- Health Education against teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV & AIDS.

With music students after a debating competition on whether more women should be involved in politics. (March, 2015)

(Photo Below) With Students of the St. Joseph's Convent at a Panel Discussion on Women's participation in Society, to commemorate International Women's Day March, 2015



The DRP will also:

- **Partner with local media to air regular programs with the same messages into homes.**
- **Partner with community groups, using theatrical and other traditional presentations to bring the same messages into communities.**

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PLAN (JDP)

Juvenile Delinquency is one of the growing causes of crime. In addition to working with initiatives of the OECS, DRP's JDP will include legislation:

- ⇒ **To facilitate the round up of delinquent juveniles for paid employment on projects.**
- ⇒ **Placement in Boot Camp, of more problematic youth, for training and discipline.**

The DRP will address **the rehabilitation of criminals** by exposing them to:

- ⇒ **Entrepreneurial skills and trades for usefulness after incarceration.**

⇒ **Restorative justice will also be a focus.**

The DRP will also pass laws to **Eradicate white collar crime/corruption**, such as:

- **Procurement Legislation (to address proper behavior in contracts for government services) and**
- **Integrity Legislation**

In addition to all preventative and restorative measures, the DRP will pay careful attention to **Crime Solving** by:

- ⇒ Strengthening our **Intelligence Gathering, Police Visibility (on the beat)** and **Forensics** in order to address specific problems such as Gun violence and Illegal Drug Trafficking.
- ⇒ **Corruption** in the Police Service will **NOT** be tolerated at any level.
- ⇒ Via a **Citizen Charter** outlining the rights and duties of our people, Police and civilian relationship will be improved and sustained.
- ⇒ Establishment of an **Innovation Assembly** of experts which sits regularly, will continually furnish cabinet with new ideas for solutions to the crime problems facing our nation (see more under Public Sector Reform)
- ⇒ The DRP **will strengthen our law on the DEATH PENALTY** to ensure its enforcement.

AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The DRP recognizes that domestic and sexual violence is a problem in our country which seriously affects the family and our most vulnerable, including women, minors, the disabled and the elderly. We are dedicated

to addressing it from the root, thoroughly and smartly, motivated by our duty to protect the God-given rights and freedoms of our people. Rape, incest, assault and battery in domestic violence and teenage pregnancy are among the areas we will address.

A DRP government's role in fighting against these violent crimes is to **Educate, Legislate, Implement and Prosecute effectively for deterrence.** We will therefore look at four (4) areas:

1. **Legislative Reform** (including implementation)
2. **Judicial Reform** (Special Court)
3. **Public Awareness/Education** for transformation of values and behavior
4. **Institutional creation and strengthening** (including Police services)

INCREASING AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT

The DRP will raise the legal age of sexual consent to 17 1/2 or 18



DRP Leader sits with University of Quebec in Montreal's Professor Trilsch and Research Student on Violence against women in SVG.

ESTABLISH LAW REFORM UNIT

A properly staffed and resourced unit, dedicated to updating and modernization of our laws as applicable to our needs, as well as recommending legal reform, in a quick time, for implementation. This unit will also prepare the laws of SVG in a manner that is easily accessible to the general public (for example online access).

ENACT & REFORM SEXUAL OFFENCES LEGISLATION

- ⇒ **Provide stiffer penalties for rape against minors, the disabled and the elderly.**
- ⇒ **Mandatory reporting of sexual abuse against minors by parents and guardians and stiff penalties for failure to do so.**
- ⇒ **Stiff penalties for obstruction with minors reporting.**

SPECIAL COURT

- ⇒ To address sexual offences (see Spain's Domestic Violence Law)
- ⇒ To improve on resolution rate of these cases
- ⇒ To aid in healing of victims by justice and to send zero tolerance message to would be perpetrators.
- ⇒ **Legal Aid** for victims of sexual offences.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

- ⇒ Our Prime Minister will lead Human Rights educational campaign in schools.
- ⇒ **Human Rights lessons** against rape, pedophilia incest and such like, in

schools, via the media and through community activities.



DRP Leader Anesia Baptiste speaks with Jennifer Hawks in Washington. Hawks is a Former Head of Crisis Shelter in Waco, Texas, U.S. A

⇒ Strengthening of **Batterer intervention programs** by giving inalienable rights education to reform perpetrators.

INSTITUTIONAL CREATION & STRENGTHENING

⇒ **Safe Houses** according to need (location and capacity), in addition to crisis centre

POLICE SERVICES

⇒ **Provide at least 2 vehicles at each police station throughout the state**

⇒ **Adequate Human Resources on duty at each Station.**

⇒ **Training in Human Rights protection** and sensitivity to respond in DV and sexual abuse matters.

QUALITY EDUCATION & SPORTS REVOLUTION

Education policy for a modern SVG must be clear, modern, connecting to workplace realities and growing trends in markets and economies. Moreover it must be inclusive, ensuring respect for the equality of all students/learners under the law, providing equal opportunity for them to advance in their various skills and pursue happiness through the exercise of their right to self-determination. This is the commitment of the DRP. We will pursue training of persons into various skills in education, science and technology in order to allow them to compete with first world developed Countries. The DRP will:

- Emphasize the development of a clear policy on **technical, technological** and **Special Education** to ensure that we harness the abilities of all our students. The DRP will increase our capacity to detect early the special needs of students so as to guide them along educational paths which are complementary of their special needs and talents.
- **Technological Education** must focus on activities such as the development of Applications (Apps) which will foster innovation and



business creation among students, allowing them to become young entrepreneurs and self-sufficient in funding their education. Using competitions, designs of animations will also be

emphasized as this is a lucrative area globally. (Photo inside is Thomas Suarez– a 12 year old App Developer).

- **Human Rights Education** is also key for quality education for a civil society. Such education will permeate our schools' curriculum for improvement on moral and other values towards a tolerant and rights respecting society.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP AND BUSINESS

The DRP government will promote the training of our sportsmen and sportswomen in various sportsmanship to ensure the people of SVG are competitive enough to win gold medals in the Olympics.

We will partner with major Countries that host Olympic Games, such as Russia, in order to strengthen our local capacity in the following areas:

-Upgrading and developing new playing fields and other sports surfaces.

-Providing sporting gears and equipment for our players accordingly.

This is a major income generating area and the DRP will invest in our athletes development for such advancement. **Note that in the August 30th, 2015 Jamaica Gleaner online news, it was reported that Jamaican Athletes in the International Association of Athletics Federation Games had already cashed in a total of US\$500,000 (that's EC\$1.3 million) for winnings in Track and Field Events. Also, Caribbean nationals Usain Bolt & Shelly-Ann Fraser Pryce were recently named Athletes of the year in these games.**

DEVELOPING CONSTITUENCIES THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

In order to ensure the development of all constituencies throughout our nation, the DRP proposes a Ministry of Rural Development with a difference.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT-“No Area left Behind”

Although called Rural Development, this ministry's work will focus on ALL constituencies. Thus the motto “No Area Left behind”. The ministry will also prioritize development in areas that are most rural and have suffered largely from neglect and underdevelopment. This ministry will manage a budget which is geared directly towards developmental projects identified in each constituency according to their needs.

The functions of this ministry will facilitate local government experiences where the implementation of projects in all constituencies is concerned. Projects can be identified and lobbied for by constituency representatives in consultation with their constituents. The ministry process will allow for accountability and avoid corruption. It will also guarantee greater representation at the constituency level by elected members of parliament.

In this constituency development work the DRP will lift the image of our capital Kingstown. By working with Planning experts we will ensure that Kingstown's appearance is improved with green spaces, proper and adequate parking and appropriately outlined vending spaces.

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

In order to accomplish all that we propose, in this manifesto booklet, the DRP believes that we must reform our Public Sector with a view of strategically placing technocrats and experts to truly play their role in running the government. Our Country's best and greatest resource is our people and we have many trained and competent professionals at home and abroad, young graduates and even retirees who have great contributions to make to our development. In order to ensure that they are allowed to participate fully in nation building, the DRP will implement the following initiatives:

- 1. Using contractual arrangements, create and provide key positions for Vincentian experts and technocrats (from home and abroad) to function adequately in the running of the affairs of the government;** Energy experts, Agricultural and Fisheries experts, Tourism Experts, Finance and Economics Experts and such like.) We will recruit the best and the brightest from among our people and get the job done in the interest of ALL. Public servants will be rightfully placed where they can do their jobs based on their qualifications, continually being sure to provide opportunities for them for ongoing training. This will require early assessment of our Human Resources pool from the outset of taking government.
- 2. Establish an Innovation Panel–** This panel will be made up of government ministers, retired professionals, community developers and other such persons from various sectors of society who are interested in

contributing continually to problem solving and offering solutions for the challenges our nation face as time goes by.

-This body will research, discover and propose to cabinet, every 3 months, papers with solutions to address the various challenges facing the Country, whether it be **on tax reform, crime solving or education/training policy**

-It is one of our unique ways of guaranteeing our watch phrase “People’s Participatory power” and ensuring that our Country is never lacking in research, development and innovations.

These two key plans will work because of the following principles emanating from the DRP’s governmental philosophy called Republicanism:

A. No political Victimization and or discrimination of any kind

B. No exclusion of productive people because of discrimination

C. Our belief in and practice of INCLUSIVISM.

DRP's 1st 100 DAYS

- 1. Establish special Educational Institutions for Training in Small Businesses for Vincentians e.g. Agro processing, Technological Developments (Apps, Animation Designs)**
- 2. Identify useable Agricultural lands and establish a plan for producing Agricultural output from SVG to other Countries. E.g. Bananas, Peanuts, Beet Root, Tomatoes, Carrots, Tumeric & Ginseng, Garlic, Mushrooms and more.**
- 3. Revive the Banana industry with a view to assisting farmers in accessing equipment to make products such as soap and toothpaste from the Banana. Details will be provided in due time.**
- 4. Boost Tourism by developing certain parts of SVG as new Tourism products e.g. Develop infrastructure around Soufriere and the Grenadine islands for nature tourism, filming industry and such like.**
- 5. Negotiate with Countries that are friends of SVG to establish electronic and other important partnership businesses in S.V.G. For e.g. Assembling factories. Seek out training from Taiwan to make high quality technological devices for sale/export.**
- 6. Vigorously work towards the safe and timely completion and operationalization of the Argyle International Airport.**
- 7. Find sources of funding. Create a mortgage financing institution in SVG to provide soft loans at low interest rates, to persons who need houses/lands (including repairing homes). (certificate of comfort to be applied based on area and citizens ability to repay).**

CANDIDATES



Mrs. Anesia Baptiste

35 years old

West St. George Constituency



Mrs. Karima Parris

37 years old

East Kingstown Constituency



Mr. Wendell Parris

58 years old

South Leeward Constituency

CANDIDATES



Mr. Calvert Baptiste
39 years old
East St. George Constituency



Mr. Haran Grant
35 years old
North Central Windward Constituency



Mr. George Byron
59 years old
North Windward Constituency

CONCLUSION PRINCIPLES

- The DRP has great and workable plans that will make the Country become economically prosperous and create social justice for our people. It knows how to evoke expertise from within Vincentians to help build a much better society. In summary its proposals touch the following areas and so much more.
- The introduction of a new tax structure to completely close the gap between the “haves” and the “haves not”, without destroying business initiatives and wealth creating from the business community.
- The stimulation of business and job creation through industrial revolution.
- The implementation of Social policies to help the poor and needy in society.
- The Training of People into various skills in education, science and technology to allow them to compete with first world developed Countries.
- The strengthening and protection of religious liberty and the freedom of the press in Society through legal reforms.
- The implementation of an Agricultural policy to make SVG become a food basket in the Caribbean.
- The implementation of policies to make SVG became a quality and major tourist haven in the Caribbean.
- Promoting an exponential (or rapid) development in health care and the availability of medicine for the people of SVG.

- The promotion of training in various sports, to ensure that the athletes of SVG can compete to win gold medals in the Olympics.
- The development of entertainment, arts and culture, in the Country.

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