

To the Leader of the United People's Party, the Board and the Members,

After much thought and reflection, I have taken the decision to tender my resignation as a member of the United People's Party.

I decided to get into politics to serve. To help those that need it most, to help those without a voice and to help those that cannot help themselves. To help people to be able to own their own home, to lower their GEBE bills, to increase the pension for the elderly and to make St. Maarten livable for all of its' inhabitants. After just a few short months I am starting to think that there will be NO freedom and NO ownership, NO help. Unfortunately, I have been willfully set aside and rendered useless and not able to do the very things that we spoke about so convincingly before elections. I am crying tears sadness and they are falling from my eyes, but I cannot take it anymore.

As a Party we have barely started our journey, yet we have already drifted away from our platform, the party principles and our commitment to being a party of inclusion. The absence of meetings, communication, and lack of togetherness goes to show that we have not grown from past experiences. There is a void amongst us as and our leadership continues to be ever distant and non-inclusive. Constant reminders of who the leader is, does not make anyone a leader. True leadership comes with qualities of camaraderie, inclusion, and a genuine interest in his/her fellowship.

I worked very hard during the campaign and was a team player for just about everything. What I have come to realize though is that there is no TEAM. It is one individual cause, one individual direction, one individual agenda. You cannot serve the Public interest like this. This is not why I joined politics. Had I known this before, I would have reconsidered my choice of membership.

We have consistently been misdirecting our focus, never accepting our own responsibility in the matters that affect our Island most and it seems to be easier to defer the blame elsewhere. The constant bickering of injustice and racism has worn thin and worst of all has not borne any fruit! We are not even capable of responding to Party Members who wish to have consultations and have

constructive debate on a subject matter. How can we call ourselves a party of inclusion?

It is for the above reasons that I feel it is best for me to part ways with the United People's Party. I am better to stay in the Justice system where I have done, and continue to do more for the People of this Island, than to be a bystander on a party that seeks to alienate its' members.

In closing, I want to wish you all the best in your journey and maybe...just maybe our paths will cross again. For me I will protect the People in the way I know best, where, I can go to Court instead of Parliament.

Yours Truly,

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