

## Constitutional Affairs

There are several structural components needed to further outline our success as an autonomous country.

Which are:

- Realize a national development plan, where the focus is on building a nation where all inhabitants can achieve an adequate standard of life.
- Develop advantageous Foreign Policies that steer the positioning of the country, especially to benefit from global economic and environmental movements.
- Build and strengthen, where necessary, the resource capacity of General Affairs to ensure the effective running of the ministry.
- Continue to foster good relations with the French Side.

## Technology

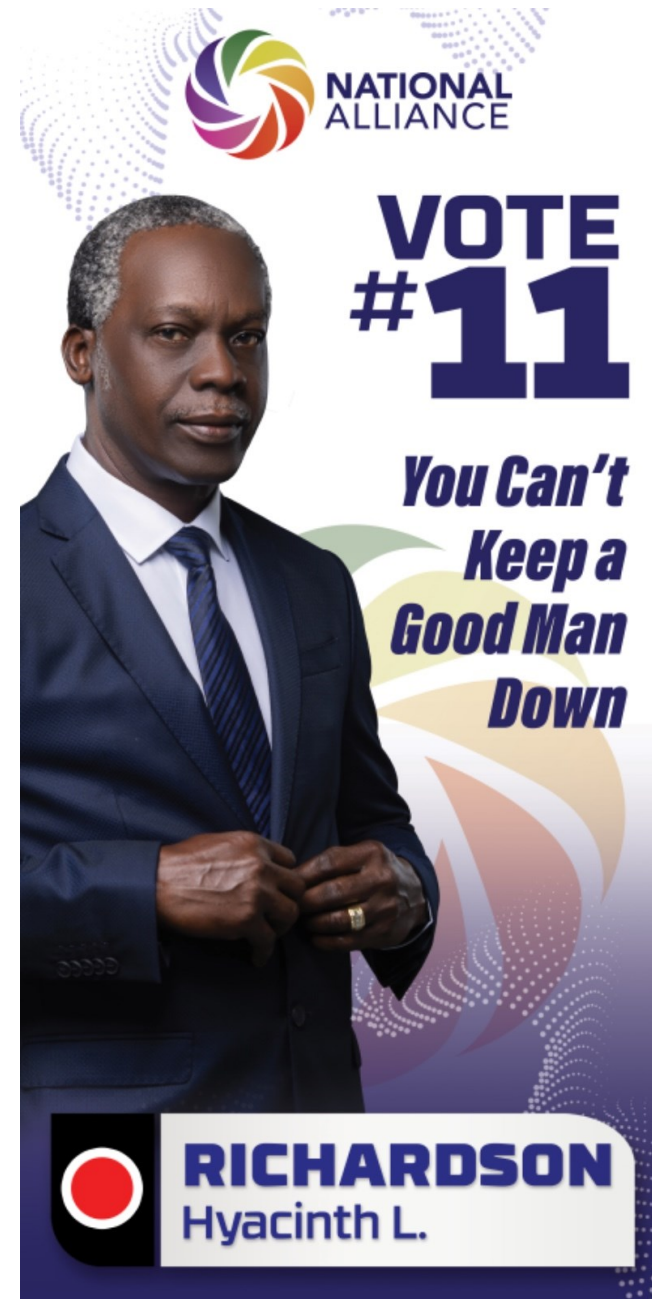
Technology continues to change the way in which we do everything, from waking up in the morning to the way we work, and nowadays even the way we keep an eye on our children.

Some important milestones to decrease the price of the Internet, speed up its capacity and make room for cutting edge technological breakthroughs are needed on Sint Maarten.

I will find ways to:

- Invest in more advanced technology.
- Emphasize the need to digitalize the way we work and educate our children.
- Provide free Internet Access in schools, churches and community centers.
- Invest in BIG DATA for the Government of Sint Maarten, in order to build a state-of-the-art data collection system to record all critical statistics about the country. This too will help create more transparency and have a positive correlation to research and development.

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## **Sustainable Development**

To enhance the lives of our people and move Sint Maarten into the global playing field, we must concentrate on our sustainability. This will depend on finding the right balance between the economy, environment and Social sphere. Some measures that require immediate remedy are:

- Reduce the Cost-of-Living especially on basic goods and services Such as food, beverages, utility bills, communication.
- Expand the list of items under price control to include all social needs, for example clothing, footwear, food stuff, meat, fish and essential oils.
- Create green jobs, especially in the construction and hospitality industries to preserve the natural environment, which will have more positive effects on our health and tourism market.
- Increase environment forts for the protection of natural flora, fauna and wetlands, as well as, heighten awareness of conservation efforts and their related benefits.
- Invest in developing the talent of our people, by creating a state-of-the-art cultural center and recording Studio.

## **Healthcare**

Healthcare is the starting point for the creation of a strong labor market and educated society. Hence, creating a regional hospital is essential, with medical specialist, medical equipment and partnerships.

To really improve healthcare we must:

- Realize the Right to Health, according to the International Convention for Economic, Social and Cultural rights.
- Instate legal recourse for medical mal practice and lift the current ANG 25,000 maximum compensation level.
- Create a built-in transparency system in the practicing permit for all medical professionals.

## **Education**

- Education is the Successful platform for sustainable development. I will strive to: Implement all developed curriculum for teaching health and well being related aspects.
- Partner with international universities to heighten the level of education offered on Sint Maarten, from Secondary to Tertiary schools.
- Seek to restore tertiary education on Sint Maarten that is internationally accredited and capable of streaming our graduates into the labor market.
- Create a Special afternoon school program for children with special needs.
- Implement all developed curriculum for teaching health and well being related aspects.

## **Labor**

The six months contract continues to be a detriment to the lives of our people, especially the youth! When I was in office in 2010, my team began developing legislation that would have ended the labor market abuse of the six months contract.

This legislation was later finished by the NA in 2011. I intend to:

- Have it implemented and give the people the opportunity to obtain permanent jobs.
- Raise the minimum wage, in accordance with proper price control measures, to ensure that all persons have an income that they can depend on.
- Create sustainable light industries, for example paint, local arts and craft, clothing, household detergents and leather goods.

## **Housing**

Hurricane Irma has left a scar on the housing market, I intend to: Build Category 5 hurricane resistant affordable homes.

## **Sports**

Health, prestige, wealth and fame walk hand-in-hand with sports. Thus, sports is an avenue to increase for our children and stimulate other economic markets for Sint Maarten. Before it can be used in its extremity, there are critical endeavors to be met, which are:

- Investing the country's three top sports with a focus on developing the participants into world class athletes.
- Build state-of-the-art sports facilities, for example an Olympic-size Swimming Pool
- Implement professional Sports programs.

## **Agriculture**

There is a growing trend of eating organic foods all around the world. This trend is no stranger to our country and quite frankly we too deserve to eat better and live longer healthier lives. This clearly points to the need for planting and animal husbandry. As a result, I intend to:

- Develop and implement Phytosanitary Standards and Policies.
- Foster the development of an agricultural curriculum to be taught in all schools at both primary and secondary levels.
- Create public awareness about innovative ways to grow and farm in small spaces, and explain all the health, financial and environmental benefits created as a result.
- Build an Agricultural Station.