

MOTION

The Island Council of the Public Entity Sint Eustatius in its meeting of today, July 4th, 2013

Considering

- That important information is willfully withheld from the Island Council as such obstructing the proper functioning of the council.
- That the factions in the council indicated in an Island Council meeting to the Executive Council that it is preferable to have the Road Fund as the body to be in charge of ~~building out~~ *of controlling* *the build* ~~Sustaining~~ the roads in Statia, Commissioner Nicolaas Sneek of finance persists in his action to keep the Road Fund dormant.
- That the commissioner of Finance is structurally engaging in a personal vendetta against certain groups, factions and/or persons employed with the Public Entity of St. Eustatius.
- That inadequate attempt is being made to implement a policy of price control on St. Eustatius. This policy would directly benefit persons of pensionable age, persons receiving social benefits and the persons that are barely making ends meet at the end of the month.
- That the commissioner of Economic Affairs and Finances has structurally misinformed the people of St. Eustatius and the Island Council pertaining to Taxes. The "belasting druk"/ collective tax burden on St. Eustatius has increase since 10/10/10 from 25.7% to 33.8%, contrary to the position of the Commissioner. (Daily Herald, June 6 2013.)
- That the commissioner of Economic Affairs and Finances has structurally misinformed the people of Statia and the Island Council pertaining to the amount of taxes collected in the BES islands. The expected amount of taxes and premiums collected on the BES islands has been surpassed by more than 100%.
- That the Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs has engaged in discussions with the Minister of Internal affairs pertaining to the evaluation 2015 without previously seeking the input and the position of the Island Council. Matters pertaining to this exercise are the sole responsibility of the Island Council.

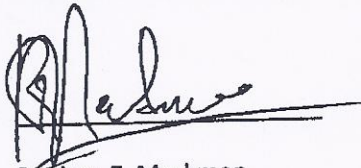
- That on sensitive matters, the commissioner of the DP has blatantly ignored the advice and position of the DP leader.
- That the Commissioner of Personnel Affairs wasn't proactive in giving preference to hiring young Statian professionals returning to St. Eustatius to make their contribution.
- That the Commissioner Nicolaas Sneek is engaging in personal gain and nepotism above the well-being of the people of St. Eustatius.
- That the Commissioner Nicolaas Sneek has lost my trust in being objective in making Constitutional and Economical decisions relating to development and future of St. Eustatius.

Resolves

To terminate the trust in Commissioner Nicolaas Sneek and thus terminate his function as Commissioner of the Public Entity of St. Eustatius

And goes over to the order of the day.

Oranjestad, July 4th 2013.



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