

Seniors are you voting your interest?

Becoming a public entity of the Netherlands back in 10-10-10 was based on the hope and desire that the wellbeing and welfare of the people of Statia would improve and become better over time. Right now, our small size and level of economic development cannot sustain the level of welfare we seek without help from the Dutch State.

Our Island have seen tremendous developments in the areas of education, healthcare, social affairs, and infrastructure. It is important that we continue to progress and grow in the years to come. At this phase of our development Statia needs serious Island Council members and Commissioners to pursue our development within the confines of the law.

Because of our integration in the Netherlands our seniors receive the highest old age pension in the Dutch Caribbean Islands. At USD\$ 827 per month Statia pensioners receive monthly USD\$ 107 more than Aruba, USD\$ 207 more than St. Maarten and USD\$ 348 more than Curacao.

While other political parties in Statia are willing to carry the government of the Netherlands to national and international courts seeking an autonomous status with no external help the Democratic Party is focused on improving the wellbeing and welfare of our people.

While others are consistently angry and in conflict with the Dutch government, we prefer to channel Dutch funding and expertise toward the development of our Island and the wellbeing of our people. We are focused on building the Islands infrastructure and balancing our economy.

Statia needs all the assistance and funding we can manage and a government that is committed to follow the laws and govern our Island with integrity. Voting for the same politicians whose behavior forced the Dutch Government to intervene and completely take over the Island in 2018 will not serve your interests.

If you understand that the only reason your old age pension is higher than Aruba, St. Maarten and Curacao is because of the status negotiated by DP Statia you must also understand that DP Statia will fight the hardest to preserve and improve the benefits of our current Status.

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St. Eustatius	\$827
St. Maarten	\$620
Curacao	\$479
Aruba	\$720