

*Prime Minister Mrs. Sarah Wescot-Williams
Democratic Party Leader
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg
St. Maarten*

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Dear PM,

Resignation from the Democratic Party of St. Maarten,

At the age of fourteen I officially joined the ranks of the Democratic Party (DP) and it has been the only party I have known. The party has been one of the many organizations I have affiliated with enabling me the opportunity to see first-hand the ills of our country. For over fifteen years I have had the opportunity to serve under your leadership as a party member, candidate, youth wing president, vice president of the board and a member of the chapter of professional young people (CPYP).

The DP's founding principles I have always believed in and that has never wavered. However, it is evident that the party continues to deal with internal woes and situations that have moved it into a newer direction which continues to be away from the people.

I have been one of the voices, often times alone in the past that defended the party while the optimistic hope remained to being that the party will bring the people closer.

After careful thought and discussion with my family, my friends and supporters I've decided to not participate as a candidate of the Democratic Party of St. Maarten. My longstanding history and loyalty with the party as well as my strong educational background should have been truly embraced by the party over the duration of my membership. Was the statement just mentioned about me? Surely not, I wanted to see the opportunities afforded onto other young people within the ranks and that remained my motivation which wasn't for self.

I know first-hand what it means to put "country above self" against the backdrop of my "loyalty to people and country."

I wish to thank you, Madame Prime Minister for having selected me with the chosen few of quality oriented persons, who are undoubtedly capable to serve as a candidate and hold elected or office. Having served the DP in every facet possible within the party structure, serves as testimony to my character and my commitment to our country. I can only remain optimistic that the party will step UP to the quality it seeks today.

I wish you success ahead and may God bless you always.

Regards,

Stuart Johnson