



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of General Affairs
Mrs. L.M. Romeo-Marlin
Philipsburg

UV/246/2017-2018

Philipsburg, July 4, 2018

Re: Questions from MP S.E. Jacobs regarding state of center of Philipsburg

Hon. Minister Romeo-Marlin,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. Silveria E. Jacobs pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament

Linette A. Gibs

Subject: FW: Letter to Prime Minister Leona Romeo-Marlin
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Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Linette A. Gibs

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Subject: Letter to Prime Minister Leona Romeo-Marlin

Dear Madam Chairlady,

Thank you for your attention to the attached letter from MP Silveria Jacobs.

MP Jacobs appreciates your assistance to forward on the attached letter to Prime Minister Leona Marlin.

With kind regards,

Anna E. Richardson
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National Alliance Faction Office
Parliament of St. Maarten



From the National Alliance Faction Office

To: The Chairlady of Parliament,
Mrs. Sarah Wescot-Williams,
Wilhelminastraat 1,
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

Re: Letter to the Honorable Prime Minister L. Romeo-Marlin

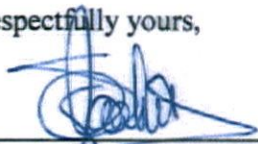
Philipsburg, June 29, 2018.

Honorable Chairlady,

The National Alliance Faction hereby requests that the attached letter be forwarded through you as Chair of Parliament to the Honorable Prime Minister of St. Maarten Mrs. Leona Romeo-Marlin for further handling.

Looking forward to confirmation of this request being forwarded, I remain,

Respectfully yours,



Silveria Jacobs
Member of Parliament
NA Faction Leader



National Alliance Faction

From: Silveria E. Jacobs
Member of Parliament
NA faction leader
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To: The Honorable Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs
Mrs. Leona Romeo-Marlin
Council of Ministers of St. Maarten
Soualiga Road 1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, June 29th, 2018

Re: Concerns/questions on state of the center of Philipsburg

Dear Honorable Prime Minister Romeo-Marlin,

Several areas within the center of Philipsburg have become an eyesore in the midst of the rebuilding and reconstruction post hurricanes Irma and a Maria.

The NA faction hereby highlights the following concerns and questions what the government of St. Maarten plans are to rectify this disgraceful situation in our country's capital within the short term.

1. The area from the Old Government Building Parking lot right up to the market place stalls behind the Courthouse is in a deplorable state of disrepair. Up until recently, broken light poles and concrete benches were strewn along the sidewalk. Thankfully they have now been removed. Why did this situation take this long to be cleaned up?
2. The public parking area in front of the old government building is also in need of repair and attention as well including the need to resurface the grounds, removal and/or replacement of loose bricks etc. Cars are being parked in front of and all around the old government building, next to the statue, as well as on the surrounding sidewalks. This creates a chaotic situation which also hampers pedestrians.
3. If the old government building is to be condemned, there should be a barricade between the building and sidewalks to provide for proper public safety. Please clarify what will happen at this location and when?

4. The paid parking lot is unmanned and government is daily losing revenue, while chaos reigns as persons park at whim creating double parked situations. When are operations expected to resume? How much revenue is being lost daily?
5. The parking lot for MPs and Civil servants remains unmanned unless there is a scheduled meeting, making it difficult for those entitled to use those spaces to get parking on non-meeting days. Lighting in the area is also nonexistent and creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and others using the lots at sunset and after dark. Request is being made to have the parking lot manned until such time that the boom is working.
6. The area between the Public Parking lot and the Courthouse, where the market stalls are located, is a maze for pedestrians with insufficient space for free movement. The vendors currently occupy the entire space and are leaving little or no room for pedestrians to maneuver as stalls have become larger. Here too are broken benches, loose bricks on the ground, construction debris as well as overhead wiring which hampers pedestrians from moving about freely and safely. The whole set up is very chaotic, unorganized and unsafe.
7. Garbage bins should be strategically placed, and cleanliness of the area should be properly maintained.

The NA faction in Parliament would appreciate a response within one (1) week, including a SMART action plan, from government as to how the challenges with this very important area will be dealt with given the priority it deserves.

Humbly awaiting your response, I remain,



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