

People's Manifesto

Town of St. George

You. Me. Us Shaping the
Next Five years



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CANDIDATE

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GEORGE



My fellow residents of the Town of St. George

This manifesto begins with something very simple: listening to you.

Over the past several weeks, I have had the privilege of sitting with residents across our constituency, listening to your experiences, your concerns, and, most importantly, your ideas for the future of the Town of St. George.

You spoke about the issues that affect your daily lives—our roads and drains, the condition of our communities, safer streets, and better recreational spaces. You also called for more opportunities for our young people, greater support for our seniors, and a cleaner, organized, vibrant town.

I heard you. And this manifesto is our response.

It is not simply a list of promises developed by a political team. It is a plan shaped by the people who live, work, raise families, and operate businesses in this constituency. Your ideas have helped us identify what needs immediate attention and, equally important, what kind of Town of St. George we want to build for the future.

I believe our capital should be a place we are proud to call home — clean, safe, vibrant, economically active and full of opportunity. A town where our heritage is protected, our communities are cared for, our young people have spaces and opportunities to thrive.

Some of what you have asked for can be addressed quickly. Other priorities will require investment, partnerships, and sustained effort. I will not pretend that everything can happen overnight. What I can commit to is leadership that listens, communicates, and works alongside you to get things done.

And our conversation does not end with the publication of this manifesto. I want the people of the Town of St. George to remain active partners in determining our priorities and holding me accountable for delivering them.

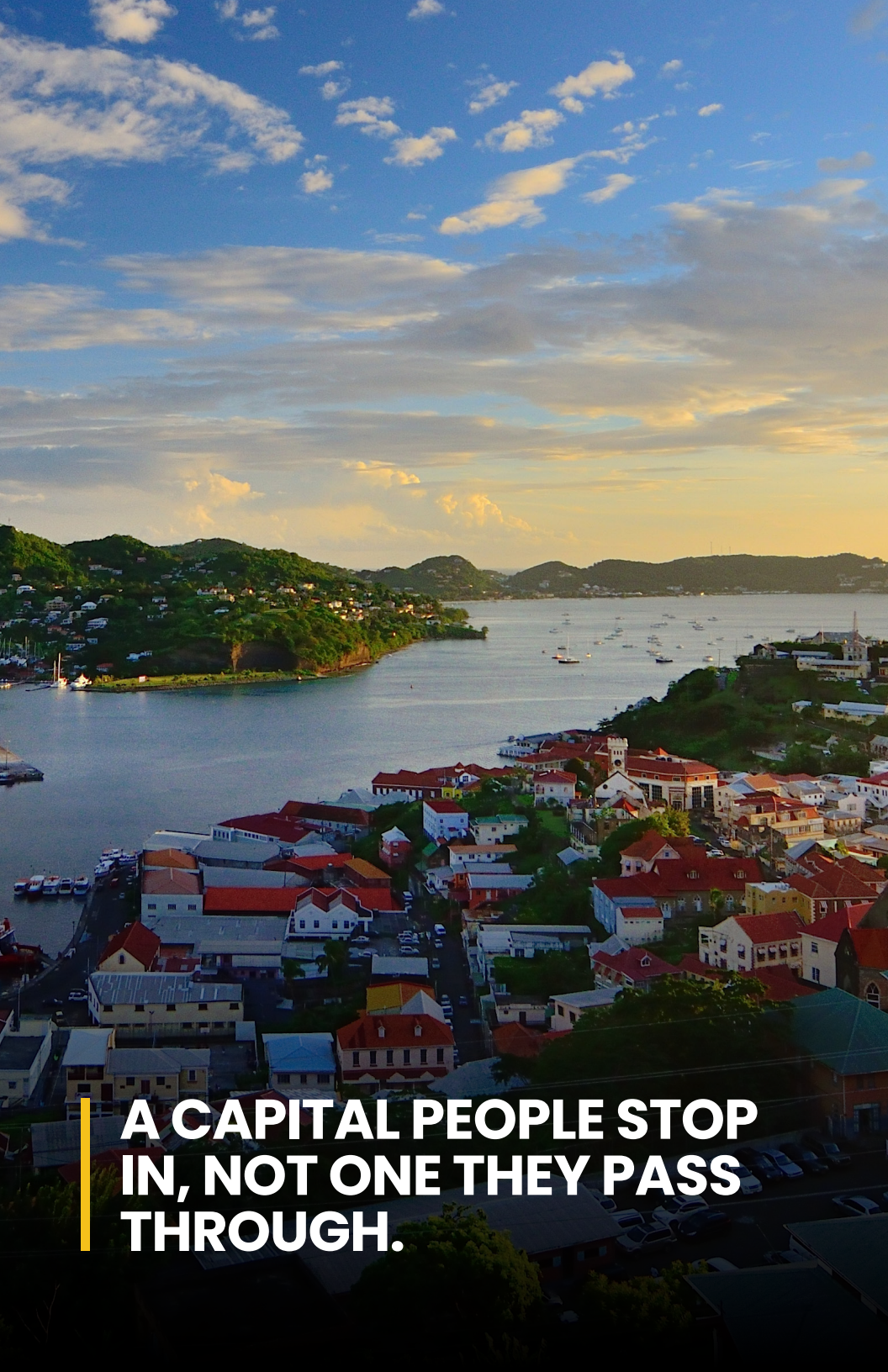
This is our town. This is our home. And together, we have an opportunity to give Grenada's capital the attention, energy, and leadership it deserves.

Together, let us build a Town of St. George that works better for everyone.

Yours in service,

Claudette Joseph

CANDIDATE FOR THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE



**A CAPITAL PEOPLE STOP
IN, NOT ONE THEY PASS
THROUGH.**

OUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE

A capital people stop in, not only pass through.

The Town of St George has never lacked beauty. It has one of the finest natural harbours in the Caribbean, the oldest streets in the country, a market that has fed this nation for generations, a waterfront every visitor photographs, and a cruise ship terminal on Melville Street where the ships come in. What it has lacked is structured maintenance, effective oversight, and a proper appreciation of its value.

Residents did not ask us for grand projects. They asked for upgraded, properly maintained sidewalks; safety railings in appropriate locations—particularly for seniors and people with disabilities—and improvements to Market Square.

Now imagine the town operating at the standard its position demands: a reimagined, rejuvenated capital.



PILLAR 1

A CARENAGE THAT IS ALIVE AGAIN

The Carenage is one of the capital's most important landmarks, with tremendous potential to become a vibrant, accessible and attractive waterfront. Improving sidewalks, drainage, lighting, public amenities and water quality will help restore its beauty, safety and appeal for residents, businesses and visitors.

Here is what we will do:

WE WILL

YEAR 1-2	Convene the Carenage Alive Advocacy Group and commission a revitalisation master plan that brings public- and private-sector stakeholders together.
YEAR 1-2	Address parking on sidewalks through clear regulations, signage, designated parking bays and consistent enforcement along key streets in the town.
YEAR 1	Widen and reinforce the plaza, install guardrails over open drains, and construct a properly managed public washroom on the Carenage.
YEAR 1	Restore the harbour lighting, including the lights installed for Grenada's 50th Independence anniversary, and install a solar-powered fountain featuring the colours of the national flag
YEAR 1-2	Improve the cleanliness of the Carenage waters and work with the relevant authorities to enforce noise regulations for boats entering the harbour after 11 p.m.
YEAR 1-2	Work with the relevant authorities to close the Carenage from its junction with Hughes Street near the Police Headquarters on Sunday evenings for a family street festival — food, pan, and local trade.
YEAR 2-3	Explore berthing options at Beausejour in consultation with Rayneau and the Grenada Ports Authority to help ease congestion in the harbour.
YEAR 2-3	Develop a Cultural Heritage Village on Melville Street, featuring Moko Jumbies, steel pan, local cuisine and crafts, to create opportunities for local businesses serving cruise passengers.



PILLAR 2

A MARKET AND MAIN STREET WORTHY OF THE CAPITAL

The vision is for a Market Square that is clean, organised, safe and active — with proper spaces for vendors, regular maintenance, fair enforcement and an environment that residents and visitors are proud to use.

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Coordinate with the Fire Department to schedule a monthly wash-down of Market Square and install permanent, high-capacity waste bins.

YEAR 1

Work with the police to establish a visible presence in Market Square, improve public order and create a safer, more welcoming environment for vendors and shoppers.

YEAR 1-2

Construct purpose-built vendor booths near the Mall on Melville Street, with rental and maintenance arrangements involving the vendors.

YEAR 1-2

Reorganise the Market Square vending system, extend trading hours, improve fencing and lighting, and strengthen the overall management of the facility.

YEAR 1-4

Install a support railing along Market Hill to improve safety and accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities.

YEAR 2-3

Establish a cut-off date for new structures along the Port Highway, make provisions for existing traders and develop a designated food court at a suitable location.

YEAR 2-3

Upgrade the Port Highway to improve traffic flow, pedestrian safety and its overall appearance, while providing for the orderly operation of existing roadside businesses.



PILLAR 3

BRINGING NEGLECTED SPACES BACK TO LIFE

Abandoned and dilapidated buildings were raised in almost every session, including important landmarks such as York House and the old library. Residents were clear that restoring these spaces will require stronger laws and a more deliberate approach.

Here is what we will do to address derelict buildings and restore the town's heritage:

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Conduct public and stakeholder consultations to inform the drafting of a Property Maintenance and Derelict Building Act.

YEAR 1

Publish an inventory of derelict buildings in the town, identifying those with heritage significance.

YEAR 1-2

Introduce incentives for business owners to repaint and maintain their buildings every four to five years.

YEAR 1-2

Restore and remap St. George's Cemetery, finalise maintenance agreements with undertakers, improve signage and grave records, and review tomb sizes to make better use of the available space.

YEAR 1-3

Work with private property owners to develop an escrow mechanism that could enable identified properties to be converted into community spaces, offices, housing, schools and other public uses.

YEAR 1-4

Prioritise the restoration of the Parliament building and other heritage landmarks while preserving the town's historic architecture.

YEAR 2-3

Restore and repurpose the Old Library as a co-working, training and meeting space for entrepreneurs, professionals, students and community groups.

YEAR 2-3

Identify strategically located buildings that could be repurposed for public use, and work with the relevant authorities to accelerate land regularisation for families without legal title to the land they occupy.



PILLAR 4

BETTER ROADS, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC SPACES

Roads, drainage and lighting featured heavily across the consultations. Residents pointed to recurring flooding in Tanteen, the Stadium area and Lower River Road, unfinished flood works, and urgent drainage needs such as Crescent Drive.

Here is what we will do to strengthen the town's infrastructure and address the areas most at risk:

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Repair the Crescent Drive culvert and clear the drains identified by residents, including those at Tanteen, Granby Street, Maloney Street and near KFC.

YEAR 1

Complete the Lower River Road Flood Mitigation Project, including the outstanding wall works, to provide more comprehensive flood protection.

YEAR 1

Clear the river mouth at River Road and establish a year-round maintenance schedule for the channel.

YEAR 1-2

Improve road markings and safety signage from St. John's Street through Four Roads, install stop signs at Archibald Avenue and Woolwich Road, and review traffic-light timing and staffing during peak hours.

YEAR 1-3

Expand street lighting along the Melville Street boardwalk, behind NAWASA and throughout the lower housing schemes, including the installation of solar lights where appropriate.

YEAR 2

Construct safer, more accessible sidewalks, including a covered walkway from the Marketing Board to Queen's Park School, and cover open drains where appropriate.

YEAR 2-3

Introduce a consistent house-numbering system throughout the town to help emergency services, delivery personnel and visitors locate properties more easily.

YEAR 2-3

Work with the relevant authorities to establish a controlled parking zone in the town centre, including a paid car park and measures to keep access routes clear for emergency vehicles.

PILLAR 5

A TOWN THAT CARES FOR ITS PEOPLE

Residents called for stronger support before problems become crises — better mental-health care, support for seniors, opportunities for young men, and pathways to employment and reintegration for former inmates.

Here is what we will do to strengthen care, rehabilitation and support across the town:

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Recruit and train a mental-health first-response team so that people experiencing a mental-health crisis can receive timely support from qualified clinicians, alongside emergency services where needed.

YEAR 1

Establish a rehabilitation centre for young men, particularly those experiencing substance-use challenges.

YEAR 1

Establish a care home for older adults and people living with dementia, providing appropriate care and support.

YEAR 1

Establish a halfway house for people leaving prison, offering temporary accommodation, counselling, skills training, employment support and mentorship to assist their reintegration into the community.

YEAR 1–2

Strengthen the perimeter security of the Mental Hospital to improve safety for patients, staff and neighbouring residents.



PILLAR 6

LEARNING, SPORT AND SPACE TO GROW

The town is filled with people whose potential can be unlocked through better access to learning, sport, skills and opportunity — especially for young people and adults seeking new pathways to employment and entrepreneurship.

Here is what we will do to help more people learn, grow and realise their potential:

WE WILL

YEAR 1

Establish the Town of St. George Scholarship Programme to support tertiary education, technical and vocational training, and professional certification, with outreach to residents of River Road and Darbeau.

YEAR 1

Work with the relevant education authorities to make school facilities available after hours for afternoon classes, parenting support and skills training.

YEAR 1

Review the use of Queen's Park playing field for event parking, considering its availability for sport and recreation.

YEAR 1-2

Establish an adult learning programme offering literacy, numeracy and digital skills training.

YEAR 1-2

Organise structured summer programmes, community arts workshops, sewing and craft training, and inter-community club competitions across the town.

YEAR 1-2

Rehabilitate the basketball and netball courts at River Road and the Carenage and appoint a paid caretaker to maintain the town's sporting facilities.

YEAR 1-2

Provide washrooms and seating at Old Trafford, grade the playing field and install goalposts at Mt. Rush Housing Scheme, and work with residents to maintain the community playground.

YEAR 2-3

Develop the Tanteen playground and lower Botanical Gardens into well-maintained green spaces with dedicated play areas for children.

YEAR 2-4

Explore the feasibility of constructing a multi-level car park at the Stadium



PILLAR 7

A TOWN THAT GOVERNS ITSELF

The Town of St. George's greatest strength is its people — their skills, knowledge, time and willingness to contribute.

Our plan is to create the structures that make it easier for communities to take action, contribute directly and help build the parish together.

WE WILL

YEAR 1	Make the Community Liaison Officer more visible and accessible, ensuring residents know who to contact and how to raise concerns.
YEAR 1	Hold monthly Community Representative Sessions and quarterly town halls at rotating locations throughout the constituency.
YEAR 1	Strengthen community policing partnerships and organise regular awareness sessions on crime prevention, health and youth development.
YEAR 1	Work with community groups to organise year-round entertainment and events that bring residents together and encourage community activity throughout the town.
YEAR 1-4	Work with the relevant authorities to install a community water storage tank and a bus stop at the entrance to the housing scheme and establish a community centre in the open space between A5 and A6.
YEAR 1-2	Continue supporting small-business start-ups and new homeowners and provide residents with clear information on how to access housing programmes such as Project 500.
YEAR 2-3	Explore a pilot programme for restoring local government through District Boards and a Town Warden or Mayor, with defined responsibilities for maintenance, sanitation and vendor management, and clear accountability to residents.



TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

**A PLAN ONLY MATTERS IF
PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT IS
BEING DELIVERED.**

The People's Manifesto will not end with its publication. It will be used as a working document to track the commitments made to your community over the next five years.

Progress will be reviewed against the priorities identified in the manifesto, with updates showing what has been completed, what is underway, and what still requires attention.

This will give residents a clear way to follow the work, see how priorities are advancing, and understand where progress is being made.

**YOU HELPED SHAPE THE PLAN. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE
ABLE TO SEE HOW IT IS BEING DELIVERED.**



Online Progress Tracker

A dedicated website will list the commitments in the manifesto and show the status of each one — including what has been completed, what is in progress, and what is still to come.



Annual Community Review

Each year, we will return to the community to review progress, discuss what has been delivered, and hear directly from residents on what still needs attention.

THIS MANIFESTO WAS BUILT WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE

Thank you for your voices

You. Me. US. Ready for More.



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