

SENATORIAL BY ELECTION 2016

# CANDIDATE MANIFESTOS

AND INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING



Election Day 2016  
Wednesday 7 September

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## Election Day: Wednesday 7 September 2016

Following the resignation of Senator Zoe Cameron on 12 July 2016, the Royal Court has called a Senatorial By Election. Election day will be Wednesday 7 September 2016.

The Privileges and Procedures Committee is required to publish the background and policies of the candidates in the forthcoming Senatorial By Election in accordance with the provisions of the Public Elections (Expenditure and Donations) (Jersey) Law 2014.

**The information about each candidate is provided by each of the candidates themselves and the views expressed are those of the candidates and not of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.**

## Voting before Election Day

If you registered to vote before noon on Monday 8 August you can vote before Election Day at:

### **St Paul's Centre, St. Helier**

Weekdays - 8.30am to 5.30pm from Thursday 25 August.  
Weekends & Bank Holiday (27-29 August) - closed.  
Closes at 2.00pm on Monday 5 September.

You can still register to vote up to 12 noon on Wednesday 31 August but you will only be able to vote at your polling station on election day. Polling stations are listed on the back page.

## Voting on Election Day

You can vote on Election Day at your Parish or district polling station, which will be open on Wednesday 7 September from 8am to 8pm.

## Completing the ballot paper

**You can vote for 1 candidate only.**

## Parish Hustings

Monday	15 Aug	St Saviour Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Tuesday	16 Aug	St Clement Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wednesday	17 Aug	St Mary Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Thursday	18 Aug	St Lawrence Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Saturday	20 Aug	Meet the candidates from 9am to 1pm at St Paul's Centre, St Helier
Monday	22 Aug	St Martin Public Hall at 7.30pm
Tuesday	23 Aug	St Brelade Communicare at 7.30pm
Wednesday	24 Aug	Grouville Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Thursday	25 Aug	St John Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Tuesday	30 Aug	St Ouen Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Wednesday	31 Aug	St Peter Community Centre at 7.30pm
Thursday	1 Sept	Trinity Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Monday	5 Sept	St Helier Wesley Grove, Methodist Centre at 7.30pm

You can view the hustings meetings online at [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je)



## Alvin Aaron

### **Immigration**

We need to continue to welcome workers from overseas to fill job vacancies that cannot be sufficiently filled by the local workforce. The current work licencing situation needs to be reviewed and regular assessment of the local requirements needs to take place.

If we continue on the current path of denying licences to struggling businesses, allowing them to hire qualified staff this reckless policy will eventually destroy the existing local economy.

### **Law and order**

I want to see a more efficient border control system in place, with resource allocated to all ports. Background checks should be carried out to all those wishing to remain in the island for work purposes and those with criminal records reviewed, with denying entry if necessary. There seems to be a gap in this process at present with those with records not being recognised until further crimes have been committed at the detriment to the island.

One of the primary responsibilities of the government should be to ensure the safety of its current and future citizens.

### **Tourism**

With Great Britain making the decision to leave the EU, the falling of the pound (£) and the Islamist terrorism sweeping much of Europe many of the popular tourist hot spots have been plagued with fear and reluctance to visit.

This gives Jersey the opportunity to revive the tourism industry, I will aim to encourage people back to our beautiful island through use of media and working with local businesses in order to provide well deserved holidays.

### **Public Transport**

I would seek to end Condors monopoly on our ferry routes. Condor has done untold damage to the Jersey economy and as this years Battle week proves with the failure of the Condor Liberation has affected tourism once again. Someone needs to be held accountable.

I aim to bring back the Hoppa Town Bus Service which has worked well in the past.

### **Minimum wage/Taxation**

We need to counteract the current minimum wage, my solution is to raise the tax thresholds which help those on lower incomes who generally spend their income within the local economy.

### **Parking and Road Safety**

I will challenge the current Minister for the job and will increase much needed street parking within St Helier.

The environmentally unfriendly scratch cards need to be scrapped with more disk parking made available.

Many junctions could benefit from the filter in turn systems, preventing dangerous red light jumping and improve the flow of traffic.

**Place of Birth:** Jersey

**Family Status:** Married to my beautiful wife Rina

**Occupation:** Company Director

My vision for a brighter and exciting future for all of residents of Jersey:

### **Business**

As an administrator of the 'Jersey Businesses in Crisis' Facebook group I provide excellent insight into the local business community and act as a representative for these businesses within government.

My aim is to continue to fight for local businesses, many of which are struggling to survive in the current climate.



## Hugh Raymond

I will be the voice of our community making sure that the appropriate questions are asked of the council of ministers ensuring that costs are kept to a minimum, whilst considering the needs of every sector of the community. We must also find ways of reducing the deficit, safeguarding our economy for the long-term.

I would be honoured to become a Senator.

My full manifesto can be read at: [www.hughraymond.je](http://www.hughraymond.je) but my message is simple, I can't promise to move the world in 18 months but I can give you my word I will use my experience and knowledge of Jersey for the benefit of the island we are all proud to call home.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact, to discuss my manifesto, I am here to listen.

Please vote on 7 September 2016.

I have been supporting the island community for many years, in a wide range of roles. I have decided to stand for Senator as I firmly believe I can put my vast experience to positive use and make a difference for the benefit of the Island.

If successful, I will listen, support and endeavour to find pragmatic resolutions.

My primary role will be to ask those questions that most of us have been asking over the years with regards to the important issues of housing, education, employment, health and immigration. I may not be able to provide immediate answers but will listen, support and endeavour to find pragmatic resolutions.

My current roles of responsibility within Jersey:

- President of the Honorary Police Association
- Centenier of Trinity
- Member of JESIP (Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme)
- Member of Emergency Planning Board for Jersey
- Chairman of the Jersey Sports Council
- Board member of the Battle of Flowers Board
- Member of the Advisory Sports Council
- Vice Chairman of the Jersey Race Course

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## John Young

as being active in voluntary work including Chairman and Treasurer of the Arts Centre. I am now a Planning Officer.

I sat as a Deputy for St Brelade for three years from 2011-14. I chaired the Environment Scrutiny Panel and served on several committees including the Access to Justice group. I successfully brought many private member's propositions to the States, which

- improved the planning law and introduced a new appeals system;
- secured tax allowances for charitable donations;
- secured budget increases for environmental improvements;
- secured changes to Planning policies including:
  - protection for St Brelades bay,
  - protection for neighbouring properties from damaging development,
  - over 55 housing in all parishes,
- achieved a return to work scheme to upgrade our coastal paths;

- moderated the loss of survivor's pensions; and
- kept Piquet House in public ownership and use.

### The Problem

Since the last election, the Council of Ministers has pursued policies which are out of touch with public opinion. Their isolated approach has eroded public confidence. We need a Senator who can combine honesty with independent thinking and bring about a new approach.

### Key Issues

- Public spending is no longer under effective control. The States departmental silos remain intact and the Civil Service is top heavy with layers of management and bureaucracy. Public sector transformation needs a new approach.
- The cuts are hitting the wrong people. The proposed health and hospital charges are disguised tax increases. We should freeze tax increases and halt cuts to front line services, until the States house is in order.

- We need reform of our tax system for greater fairness including taxing the profits of non locally owned trading businesses.

- We need to modernise State Pensions.

- We need to control our population growth to reduce the demand for public services and future investment in infrastructure, and to prevent the need for "town cramming" which damages the quality of life for town residents.

- We need to establish Urban Improvement Areas to regenerate the back streets of town and reclaim the residential streets from traffic.

### If elected, I will

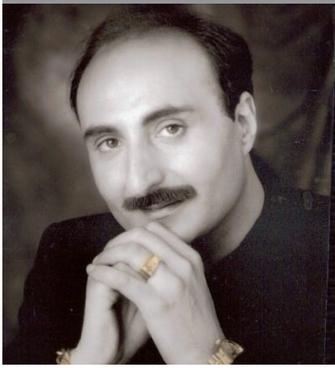
- resign my employment to dedicate myself to the public;
- constructively challenge the Council of Ministers;
- work to correct the policy failures;
- work to find better solutions to our problems.

The new Senator will have only twenty months in office. They will require experience of the States to take opportunities and win the support of back benchers to policy changes. I have that knowledge and experience and will be able to hit the ground running from the very first States sitting. It will also require hard work. My track record proves I can offer both.

### My record

I am not a career politician but have worked full time from the age of 16. For twenty-five years I was a senior civil servant in Jersey, thirteen of them as a Chief Officer. I have held senior positions in our finance and legal sectors for seven years as well

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## Stevie Ocean

PLEASE VOTE STEVIE OCEAN FOR SENATOR

#TrulyAManOfThePeople

Thank you so much for all the support which is making it possible to achieve this. I am honoured to have been nominated and to have the support of the Stevie Ocean Fan Club (Official) who are crowd funding my campaign from their own pockets. I will make a genuine difference. I make you no promise other than that your goals will be my goals, my concerns, your concerns. We must always remember what is truly important; a good quality of family life for everyone.

Our island is only 45 square miles and we already have a population over one hundred and two thousand, we could reclaim land from the sea but we should not because of the unforeseen environmental consequences which might arise such as the sea lettuce in St Aubin's bay. Our Public Services are under pressure, there is one police officer for every 400 people, our hospital is too small, our schools are too small. Further immigration must be strictly controlled by maintaining the five year rule and work permits.

To protect those of us who have chosen Jersey as our home, who have worked within the rules and become an essential part of our community as well as those who were lucky enough to be born here.

Recently I wrote to Google to ask them to remove the (UK) from the Channel Islands which they kindly consented to, I think this was important because it made us a target for illegal immigrants trying to enter the UK who may have been misled by the labelling on the maps.

We must not allow ourselves to become a back door for illegal immigration into the UK. We should send out a clear message that there will be no special treatment, everyone arriving here will be dealt with according to the law and if you are not supposed to be here you will be sent back. Whilst it is easy to open your heart to the plight of these economic refugees we must never forget that many British soldiers were killed in the Middle East, stabbed in the back by people they thought were friends.

I have seen such horrible things, sights I do not want people here to experience.

I want to see that our island life is protected. Human nature is to grumble, but we are so lucky to live here. Yes, we take it for granted but just take a moment to look and see what we enjoy. I am sure you will agree just how lucky we are in Jersey.

I will finish with a word on my behalf, from Mr Alberto Rodrigues, for my Portuguese friends.

Caros amigos Portugueses em Setembro vamos ter eleições para senador por favor votem pelo grande Stevie Ocean o melhor candidato as eleições grande amigo dos portugueses homem de carácter neste momento com

SAIDA DA INGLATERRA NOS PODE AJUDAR MUITO NAO ESQENCEM STEVIE OCEAN PARA SENADOR

Thank you ©Stevie Ocean 2016

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## Mary O'Keeffe-Burgher

*'Jersey doesn't need reform it needs strengthening.'*

Working together, rather than at cross-purposes, we can achieve great outcomes while maintaining responsible fiscal policies and not creating a debt burden that will encumber future generations.

I want to be a champion for Jersey, our culture and our businesses.

Here is a brief summary of a few of what I call my

### LEGIT POLICIES

#### LAW

- Property register- Jersey needs a property register rather than the cumbersome system that is currently in place.
- Administration in the Parishes and the States needs to be digitalised to avoid duplication.
- Joint Philanthropic and Government supported, referral service for people who need to access mental health assessment. For people who find themselves within the judicial process, referrals to be made directly by Centeniers, Lawyers, and Police.

- New online forms for income tax for self employed.
- Online registrations & voting.

### EQUALITY

We need equality in everything, in government, business, education and health. I particularly want to champion equality for gender, age and ethnicity.

### GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Looking after our economy protecting what works and looking at diversity. Protecting our finance industry. Spending money wisely, challenging expenses and implementing prudent savings.

### IMMIGRATION

We need a full and balanced debate about immigration.

Our average working age is 41.7 years and set to increase year by year, this is too high and one of the highest of any developed economy, with serious implications for funding pensions and social services. We need controlled immigration to bring our median working age down and to secure our future of services

including care and pensions for the elderly.

### TOURISM

The total on-Island visitor expenditure in 2014 was £232 million, an average of £331 per visitor. Not only is this good for our economy, it is also good for people living and working here and how we spend our leisure time .

Jersey marketing: Businesses and organisations in any community need a shared approach to achieve effective brand development and strategic marketing. Ideally the brand identity stretches to all other sectors of the economy – services, art and crafts, finance and agriculture and fishing, and investment promotion. It is most effective when businesses support the branding by aligning their individual promotional activities where appropriate, using the same language, stories and style to maximise impact in the marketplace.

Thank you for reading this.

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## Guy de Faye

We now have well over 100,000 known local residents and THIS MUST BE DEALT WITH NOW.

Sadly, apart from juggling with work licenses, our government – across the board - appears to have no answers to the central problem (from which almost all other issues derive), let alone a functional population policy.

There will clearly be a need for some internal social engineering, which should be discussed by the community, BUT soon major opportunities will arise from political changes in Great Britain to take control of our situation.

A 6th form discussion group could have pointed out that the UK Brexit referendum would produce either a) radical change after leaving the European Union OR b) radical change by staying in and being part of Federal/ United Europe.

Such challenges apparently bypassed the Council of Ministers (CoM) and our paid experts, who have requested the British government to maintain our “status quo” (NO change)!

It is also time to adjust our flawed economic model (based on **growing** our population), time to cut the continuing “nice to have” spending on cosmetic street architecture and “cobble stone fairy rings” (see outside St Mary’s Church) and time to stop spending and wasting money we don’t have.

Two years ago I revealed that Jersey was over £1,000 Million in debt at the Senatorial hustings in St Martin, with virtually the entire current CoM sitting alongside me. No one said a word then – or at any other hustings. My source of information – one of the CoM!!

I think we can conclude that most knew the score, but didn’t want to reveal it at election time!

I was the straight talker then and will continue to be so.

Projects I will put forward if elected include:

Establishing a permanent solution to our morning peak time traffic congestion;

Stopping our public utilities paying in big dividend cheques for the States to waste and transferring the benefit to you – the customers;

Terminating stamp duty on all property purchases;

And, FINALLY finding serious alternatives to the financial services industry.

Additionally, I will support the Island Wide Vote and the scrapping of “CoM collective responsibility” in any States Assembly reform.

If you are interested there is more detail and plenty more ideas on my [websiteguydefaye.com](http://websiteguydefaye.com).

Please go out and vote and, ideally, please vote for me.

Thanks – Guy de Faye

Population growth in Jersey is out of control and we are heading toward potential catastrophe in respect of standards of life in this Island.

When I left Jersey to further my television journalism career, it was calculated that the optimum population was 80,000. When Jersey overtook that figure, a new cap of 85,000 was set - and then ignored.

Excess numbers of inhabitants impacts on all aspects of Island life from access to health care, cars on the roads, housing availability, levels of employment, public service provision, numbers of schools, welfare and – ultimately – the tax required to pay for it all.

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## Mike Dun

If elected, I will speak with and for the public in and outside of government – in Jersey and beyond – stimulating and organizing discussion and negotiation as needed and challenging government policies and secrecy where necessary on BREXIT.

The importance of BREXIT should not be under-estimated.

If elected, I will however, still carry out my “all Island” duties to the electorate within the States and challenge the unfairnesses and obvious inequalities in this community that need addressing. BREXIT raises a catalogue of new problems. We are all involved.

Nationality, passports, immigration, right to work, farming and fishing, travel, international standards and agreements are just some matters that we must resolve.

After BREXIT the UK government collapsed. The UK political system remains in turmoil.

The futures for Scotland and Ireland are uncertain. Shockwaves have been felt across the world.

Gibraltar and the Falklands are apprehensive for their security.

All the British Overseas Territories – such as the Caymans and BVI – are anxious. Mostly their economies are built around “Finance Activities” which are ever more unpopular and resisted across the world, especially since the “Panama Papers” revelations and Anti-Corruption Conference in London.

Jersey’s “finance” dominated economy is already vulnerable but our relationship with the EU is based upon outdated, obscure Protocol 3 arrangements which were covertly negotiated by others in the 1970s.

The EU (EEC) was then just 9 countries. Today it is 28 and the world is very different.

\* Jersey is not a “sovereign state”. We do not have national negotiating status.

\* We rely upon Senator Bailhache and others from Jersey to transmit our views to London.

\* The new Prime Minister says she will take note of our views “where appropriate”.

\* Such an arrangement is not satisfactory.

Reporting to Scrutiny (27 July) Senator Bailhache said the UK BREXIT decision “was off the earthquake scale” yet Jersey had been planning for it “for two or three years.”

On independence he confirmed that we must “be prepared for any eventuality” but hoped to maintain Protocol 3’s “status quo” terms.

Yet, he proposed a Jersey “Monetary Authority” and a “Commission” to appoint judicial officers.

Why?

\* If elected I will find out and ensure that such decisions are only made after consultation.

\* I will resist secret moves towards constitutional changes or independence.

\* I will promote reforms that are necessary in a democratic society in the 21st century.

NB The 27 July Scrutiny Podcast is not yet published

### JAB - Jersey after BREXIT INDEPENDENCE OR WHAT?

\* On 23 June the UK voted for BREXIT – to leave the EU.

\* Although vital to Jersey’s future, we had no voice in that decision.

\* The UK has just two years to draft new deals with the EU and other places – including Jersey.

This Senatorial vacancy allows me to offer my services as an elected representative for that same two-year period only.

I have fifty years of political and campaigning experience.

I do not need training and am not seeking a cosy career at public expense.

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## Sarah Ferguson

I am standing for this election in response to the many of you who have asked me to stand. Through the opinions which you have expressed to me, it is clear that the main concerns are immigration, population, taxes and charges and housing.

Over the past 14 years the population has increased by 17%, the number of state employees by 33%, Inflation by 52% and States Net Revenue Expenditure by an enormous 98%. It is essential that this growth in expenditure is reduced so that we live within our means.

Under the current system, over half the income tax collected is paid by those in the marginal rate tax band – Middle Jersey.

There is already a Long Term Care Charge and now proposals for a liquid waste charge, a health charge and a hospital charge. There is a proposal of a rubbish charge for businesses – how soon before private residents are included? – and rumours of a new Community Infrastructure Levy to be imposed by the Environment Department. These are all taxes masquerading as charges.

All these charges fall most heavily on Middle Jersey making the tax system totally unfair. It is time it is redesigned to be more equitable. There must be a review of the total tax system and there also needs to be an up to date cost benefit analysis of the zero/10 system. Then we evaluate reform of the system and possible charges.

The level of immigration into the Island is unsustainable. No one would deny the benefits of fresh ideas being brought into the Island but the strain on infrastructure caused by uncontrolled immigration is worrying.

The increase in population means an ever-increasing demand for housing at all levels. At the lower levels it leads to difficulties for native islanders who may need social housing. The pressure on middle level housing makes it more difficult for young islanders to return to work in Jersey after they have gained off Island working experience.

It is essential that there is support for the Parishes to find brownfield sites for affordable housing. Unless these are found the Parish villages will wither away and with them a significant part of the Honorary system.

Inward migration has increased the pressure on affordable housing. The consequent pressure on land available gives an incentive to reduce the sizes of property in an attempt to make homes more affordable. This must be resisted.

There is pressure in attractive locations for larger properties for high income earners. Policies must be developed to ensure middle and low income Islanders are not denied the opportunity to live elsewhere

than large estates concentrated in already crowded urban areas.

We need to improve support of our other significant industries, agriculture, fishing and tourism. This will be even more necessary as the negotiations for Brexit progress.

You can read more about my ideas in my manifesto and comments on:

[www.sarahferguson.net](http://www.sarahferguson.net)

But most importantly your vote is your voice so please use it.

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## Nick Le Cornu

**I am standing as an anti-Austerity candidate in the interests of working people, pensioners and the poor.**

As constitutional arrangements with the UK are reconsidered post BREXIT, the opportunity arises for a long overdue democratic audit of state and representative functions in Jersey.

### **“AUSTERITY” – FIGHTING DISPAIR**

Whilst the Jersey government's "Austerity" policies serve only to preserve the incomes of the wealthy, I shall be putting the arguments for anti-austerity and anti-racist politics capable of fighting for all working people.

**People seek alternatives to orthodox economics that say inequality is inevitable, that wages as a falling percentage of the economy is acceptable and that cuts in public services are “rolling back the state”.**

There must be real diversification of the economy. The old “low tax, low spend” model is broken. Taxation has been shifted deliberately from companies to salaries and wages (0/10/20, GST, “20 means 20”, new “user pays” charges).

Progressive income tax is now essential and a way must be found to tax companies once again.

This autumn the States will debate new rounds of cuts and charges.

### **DEMOCRACY AND VOTER ABSTENTION**

Democracy is broken when 70% of electors abstain from voting at general elections. Those who choose not to vote exclude themselves from being taken into account when decisions are made.

Yet, the COM can be beaten, as the People's Park campaign showed, when people organise themselves.

### **PRIORITIES: –**

- **Create secure jobs. Reduce unemployment. Strengthen workers' rights.**
- **Improve the quality and affordability of private and social rented accommodation. Revive the Rent Tribunal.**
- **End the abuse of Zero Hours contracts.**
- **Campaign for a real “Living Wage”.**
- **Build a new 21st Century Hospital, suitable for islander's needs.**
- **Enlarge affordable child care provision.**
- **Electoral and States Reform. Achieve equal urban representation. One category of Member, elected on the same day in constituencies of equal size.**
- **Implement the Carswell Report. A Crown Officer should not chair the Assembly.**
- **Campaign for effective anti-discrimination measures.**
- **Seek a planned end to the “non-quals” inequality.**

### **BREXIT – “Nothing about us, without us”**

Profound changes to the constitutional relationship between Jersey and UK are inevitable following the referendum to leave the EU. Islanders must be part of all decision making.

Thus arises the opportunity for a democratic audit of state and representative functions.

I oppose Jersey Independence.

**We must preserve and extend working and residency rights for all EU citizens already in Jersey.**

### **POLITICAL CAMPAIGNER, LAWYER & FORMER DEPUTY**

I have campaigned for social justice in Jersey for over 20 years. Being a former Deputy, elected in 2014 in St Helier No.1, I gained valuable experience of the Assembly.

As a lawyer I fight for workers, representing them pro bono before the Jersey Employment Tribunal. I brought the first racial harassment case under the new Discrimination Law and shamed a restaurant for failing to pay staff the minimum wage.

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## Christian May

### EDUCATION

I will lobby for a joined-up approach between private enterprise and the States of Jersey to **provide an effective States-backed loans system for funding University and Higher Education students**. No Jersey student should ever be prevented from attending university on the grounds of cost.

I will work with the Education Department to **ensure OECD approved testing is applied in all Island schools**. We need to ensure that we are delivering the highest educational standards for our children.

### HEALTHCARE

I will develop a **partnership initiative with local businesses and our schools** to ensure that our children are instilled with an early appreciation of both proper diet and fitness.

I will support the **lifting of the ban on gay men donating blood in Jersey**, permitting them to contribute positively and charitably to our community in a way other Islanders already can.

### POPULATION

I will support **appropriate controls and a citizenship programme to ensure immigrant workers are an asset to the Island** by virtue of their skills, community participation and contribution to tax income, whilst excluding those with unspent or serious criminal convictions.

### CULTURE & HERITAGE

I will work **towards the creation of a public/private partnership proposal for the future of Fort Regent**. This issue needs to be tackled once and for all with private investment and an appropriate Service Level Agreement. With real leadership Fort Regent can once again provide a vibrant home for sports, entertainment and heritage.

I will **develop a clear and enforceable cultural policy**. We need a new aspirational policy that focuses on protecting our unique heritage and language; whilst also providing support and incentives for the arts to thrive on the Island.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

I will work to ensure that the Environment Department's 'Future-proofing Jersey' is implemented and that the Department for Infrastructure are **prioritising resilience against the effects of global warming for St Helier and the Island as a whole**.

### ELECTORAL REFORM

I will work with the E-Government Team, Digital Jersey and Parish stakeholders to **prioritise online voter registration and voting for the 2018 elections**. Everybody who can vote, should vote and we need to offer greater access to the electorate in a secure and accessible way.

I am ready to get to work from day one.

I hope you will consider giving me your vote on 7 September 2016.

I believe we need a fresh perspective in the States Assembly.

I have a solid track record of working for the community to promote equality and fight discrimination. Equally, I am not afraid to stand up to power, as I did by successfully leading the 'Save People's Park' campaign.

Throughout the duration of my time in office, I will work to achieve the following ten key pledges:

### THE ECONOMY

I will instigate a **thorough review of existing States owned assets and amenities**. Achieving optimisation will lead to savings and more efficient services for the people of Jersey, without the need for increased taxation or charges.

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## Sam Mézec

At a time when incomes for the poorest fell by 20%, the ministers chose to cut £10m from support for pensioners, children, under 25s, single parents and those with a disability. A vote for me is a vote to end these shameful cuts.

Now the ministers propose new taxes for long term care, health and the hospital disguised as "charges", all of which allow the very wealthy to avoid paying their fair share.

Ministers should admit that their economic model is broken. You cannot grow the economy by cuts to public services; mass redundancies simply increase the benefits bill; outsourcing will reduce standards.

I believe that only a vote for me will send the message to ministers that they should serve all parts of our community, not simply the wealthiest.

### My Record

As Deputy for just over two years I have worked with my Reform Jersey colleagues and others in the States to propose realistic alternatives to the austerity imposed by ministers.

Together we have successfully –

- Maintained the Christmas bonus for the poorest pensioners
- Championed same-sex marriage
- Stopped a lower minimum wage for young people
- Saved People's Park
- Exposed the wasteful spending of senior civil servants
- Promoted online voting
- Prevented some outsourcing

### Policies

#### The Economy

I will continue to support the 'living wage'; raising the minimum wage and ending the abuse of zero-hours contracts. More must be done to help struggling businesses and emerging industries.

#### Taxation

The Council of Ministers is ready to raise the basic rate of tax on middle earners to 23%. Reform Jersey proposes to replace the Health Tax by raising Social Security Contributions from businesses who employ high earners.

### Population

The Chief Minister has completely failed to meet his migration targets, most recently allowing over 1,100 low earners into the Island.

Population targets must be met if we are to protect our resources and the environment.

### Housing

Both house prices and rents are too high. I want to introduce an empty property tax to encourage landlords to put the 3,000 empty properties we have back on the market. This could reduce demand and rents, making it easier for Islanders to get by.

### Education

I will oppose attempts to slash newly qualified teachers' salaries because of the potential damage to recruitment and standards.

We must find a way to increase funding for higher education to improve access for young people.

Please read my full manifesto at [www.reformjersey.je](http://www.reformjersey.je)

### Dear Voter,

I am standing in this election for Senator as a Reform Jersey candidate because I want to seek a mandate for a raft of policies to deal with the growing inequality which has been created by the current Council of Ministers.

Their plans to stop, reduce or outsource essential public services on which so many depend were hidden from voters during the 2014 election as were their plans to increase taxes. Now is the opportunity for the ordinary low and middle earners of this Island to join me in passing judgement on these failed policies.

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## Casting your vote at a polling station

When you arrive at the polling station or pre-poll voting station you will be asked for your name. You should have some identification with you such as a driving licence or passport in case it is needed.

You will then go to the voting booth to cast your vote by putting an 'x' beside the name of your preferred candidate.

## Voting by post

If you will be out of the Island on Election Day you can apply to vote by post.

Postal voting forms can be downloaded from [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je) or requested from your Parish Hall. You must return your application form by noon on 31 August 2016 to:

**The Judicial Greffe, Royal Court House,  
Royal Square, St Helier, JE1 1JG**

When the Judicial Greffe receives your application, they will send you everything that you need to cast your vote:

1. You will receive your ballot paper and a ballot paper envelope. Mark an 'x' in the box alongside the name of your preferred candidate.
2. Fill out and sign the declaration of identity form.
3. Put the ballot paper envelope and the declaration of identity form inside the return envelope and post it back to the Judicial Greffe, to be received no later than noon on 7 September 2016.

## Voting if you are sick or disabled

If you know you will not be well enough to go to a polling station to vote then you can arrange to vote in advance by completing an application form for a pre-poll home visit. Application forms can be downloaded from [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je) or requested from your Parish Hall. Please return your completed application form for a pre-poll home visit by 31 August 2016 to:

**The Judicial Greffe, Royal Court House,  
Royal Square, St Helier, JE1 1JG**

If you fall ill on 7 September 2016 and cannot make it to your polling station, please contact your Parish Hall as soon as possible and they will send an official to you to take your vote.

## The polling stations on Election Day are:

Parish	Venue
Grouville	Parish Hall
St. Brelade District No. 1	Parish Hall
St. Brelade District No. 2	Communicare
St. Clement	Parish Hall
St. Helier District No. 1	Town Hall
St. Helier District No. 2	Springfield Stadium
St. Helier District No. 3	Rouge Bouillon School
St. Helier District No. 4	First Tower School
St. John	Parish Hall
St. Lawrence	Parish Hall
St. Martin	Public Hall
St. Mary	Parish Hall
St. Ouen	Parish Hall
St. Peter	Parish Hall
St. Saviour District No. 1	Georgetown Methodist Church
St. Saviour District No. 2	Parish Hall
St. Saviour District No. 3	Maufant Youth Centre
Trinity	Parish Hall

If you live in St. Helier, St. Saviour or St. Brelade and you are not sure which district polling station to attend, you can find out on [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je) or by contacting your Parish Hall.

## Senators

The position of Senator was created in 1948. Senators are elected on an Island-wide basis and represent the whole of the electorate.

Senators attend States sittings and have the same voting power in the States Assembly as Connétables and Deputies, with a single vote each. Like all elected States members, Senators can be appointed to Ministerial and Scrutiny roles, as well as being appointed to serve on States committees and panels. To date, the Chief Minister has always been elected from the Senatorial benches.

In addition to attending States sittings, Senators also carry out constituency work, helping Islanders and listening to any problems or ideas they may have.

There are 8 Senators in the States Assembly and all States members will be subject to re-election in May 2018.