

# NEXT VI LEADER

## should be Hon. Fraser - USVI Resident

### Hon. Julian Fraser

Representative for the Third District Honorable Julian Fraser, RA has once again expressed his concerns about the state of the economy and people of the VI Territory.  
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### - Hon. Fraser, RA worried about VI's Future

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**SEA COWS BAY, Tortola, VI – Expressing his concerns publicly about the state of affairs of the economy and the people of the Virgin Islands (VI), has always been a feature of Representative of the Third District Honorable Julian Fraser, RA, to the extent that many persons feel that he is ripe for the leadership position at the top of Government.**





### Hon. Fraser & Guests

Among the masses at Honorable Fraser's Annual Christmas Party were persons from sister territories including the USVI who have expressed confidence in Hon. Fraser's potential as Premier of the VI. Photo: Team of Reporters

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A large number of persons turned out at the Third District's annual activity held on January 11, 2014 at the Ellis Thomas Down, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola. Photo: Team of Reporters

On January 11, 2014, Honorable Fraser had his usual social interaction with the residents of his district and the wider communities of the Virgin Islands and US Virgin Islands. While it was set as a time of merriment, food and entertainment, one's ears could not have missed the general pockets of discussion among patrons of the political activist's readiness to sit as Premier of the Virgin Islands.

This was also the view of Mr. Morris M. Nisbett of the USVI. "Did you listen carefully to that speech, that man is ready and should be the next leader of this Territory," said Nisbett. He said that while he is currently residing in the US Territory, he has always been an ardent follower of VI politics and has been admiring the show of strong will by Hon. Fraser.

"Many of you are not from the USA but yet you were able to assess Obama even before he took office that he was the right one to be president, that the same here I am feeling Fraser for the BVI," continued Nisbett.

"Even if it is not with the VIP that I know he is a member, he has what it takes for that position," contended Mr. Nisbett.



## **Worried about future of VI**

Meanwhile, Mr. Nisbett pointed to sections of Hon Fraser's speech that night making specific reference to his concerns about the future of the VI. In that address to the Territory, Hon. Fraser had stated, "This Territory needs leadership that is compassionate, so they can understand the day to day needs of the ordinary man. It needs leadership that is understanding, so that they can comprehend the importance of the flow of money to the dynamics of an economic system. Certainly such leadership will not withhold \$12 million of its citizens hard earn money in the government Treasury and allow the economy to go to the dogs."

Hon. Fraser had further stated that the next Leader of the Virgin Islands must possess the ability to have knowledge of events before they take place, they must have an infectious optimism and clear plan for the future, they must be able to live in the reality of today but also look to the future and plan how they are going to get there and make it fun.

"I must tell you that I am worried for the immediate future of the Virgin Islands; and the long term future of its citizens," said Hon. Fraser.

He had also pointed to a number of weak management decisions taken by the present National Democratic Party (NDP) government that faces possible pit falls in the not so distant future.

"Our government on April 23, 2012 has signed an Agreement called 'Protocols For Effective Financial Management', with the Government of the United Kingdom, and we have violated its provisions recklessly. I am worried that the day of reckoning will come," said Hon. Fraser.

He described the document as the biggest "sellout" of the people of the Virgin Islands that any Government has ever negotiated.

Hon. Fraser further stated that one of the greater perils this Territory faces is the "economic malaise".

"The Premier called it a recession and I have offered what some including myself may consider the greatest piece of advice the Premier could have at this time, which is an alternate method to his Austerity program which is not working," he had said.

But does Hon. Fraser sees himself ready for the position others have confidence of him taking on? Hon. Fraser and other members of the Opposition have all been asked this question by several media reporters but the responses have never been given a direct "Yes" or "No". This news site will continue to pursue this topic.

## **BLOGGERS OPINIONS**

## 63 Responses to “VI’s next leader should be Hon. Fraser – USVI Resident”

**DON Q** (22/01/2014, 09:19) Like (10) Dislike (19) Reply

FRASER CERTAINLY READY TO LEAD

**fair is fair** (22/01/2014, 18:37) Like (9) Dislike (0) Reply

I certainly respect Mr Nisbett's right to an opinion, but as in all case, one should look at the complete picture.

Yes, Fraser has been vocal (so has Fahie) in opposition, but what about his performance when he was in govt?

There are several concerns (Bewater contract, the water woes, streetlights on the roundabout, wall of Jericho, failing to deal with sewage after campaigning that he will address, question about the govt development at SCB harbour on private land, etc).

This NDP govt will be judged on its actions and Fraser should be judged on his actions as well, not his loud words. Based on his actions / performance, then the question should be asked, Is Fraser ready to be Premier?

**sally2** (22/01/2014, 09:26) Like (28) Dislike (7) Reply

Dem is resident of St. Thomas wha dem worrying bout we don't go down there tell people Jeff Bush should be the next president stop putting things in the man head and ear he have enough stuff in it

@ **sally2** (22/01/2014, 13:05) Like (3) Dislike (10) Reply

u idiot

**teacher john** (22/01/2014, 16:03) Like (2) Dislike (8) Reply

Say one say two fraser is the man!

**Come on** (22/01/2014, 09:34) Like (39) Dislike (3) Reply

I don't know who Mr. Morris is and he don't know me. However, I have a big problem with people who, only because they are belongers or BVI citizens, don't live here, don't pay any taxes (other than their land tax), don't make any contribution to the economy, get a free boat ride on election day, make a muck and vote for their friends and family, and we the people who live, work and contribute to this society have to carry the consequences of their decisions. It is not right. It is not right. Belongers have their rights, and yes, they deserve to have rights, but if people don't live in BVI, they should not be allowed to vote. They go back to America where uncle Sam takes care of them. As a (dual) U.S/BVI citizen who does not reside in the U.S., I have my rights and privileges there, but I cannot show up to vote. I can't.

@ **Come on** (22/01/2014, 12:48) Like (1) Dislike (22) Reply

How utterly stupid!

@ **Come on...** (22/01/2014, 17:43) Like (1) Dislike (6) Reply

Just for the record..."Us in the USVI" feel the same way about people residing in the BVI coming down here on election day making a muck and voting for their friends as well for no other reason but their BVI lineage. So when yo say i think on 2!

**facts** (22/01/2014, 09:51) Like (4) Dislike (1) Reply

For those that speak English, this article is about FRASER AND HIS BEING READY TO LEAD THE BVI.. Might have helped to say that.

keep it real (22/01/2014, 09:55) Like (3) Dislike (1) Reply

I support JULIEN Fraser but he better know uncle ralph aint going to way so he salt

**David** (22/01/2014, 10:27) Like (12) Dislike (0) Reply

How is the personal ramblings of random resident of the USVI a news story?

**LOL** (22/01/2014, 10:35) Like (16) Dislike (0) Reply

If this happens then we will really need help!

@**LOL** (22/01/2014, 14:59) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

I 2nd that motion..Fraser lead who?

**the bible speaks** (23/01/2014, 08:53) Like (0) Dislike (0) Reply

The haters will not stop what democracy wants fraser as the next Prime Minister

**OhKala** (22/01/2014, 10:48) Like (14) Dislike (28) Reply

@Come on, you really rile me with your foolishness, you don't know the history of these Virgin Islands. It's people like you who are trying to drive wedges between us and our brothers and sisters in the US Virgin Islands, but its not going to succeed. The Virgin Islands people are one people. Always was and always will be.

**Vimisay** (22/01/2014, 14:35) Like (14) Dislike (0) Reply

Can residents of the BVI vote in the USVI? Should someone who don't live in your house, pay for your house, clean your house, pay bills in your house, dictates the rules in your house?

**Come on** (22/01/2014, 14:37) Like (6) Dislike (0) Reply

Elections is about our future. I don't care who the non-resident voters are or who they come to vote for or support. They vote and they leave. Whatever they did before they left (if they ever lived here), then thanks to them for their contribution. However, when they come and make decisions that the people who live here have to be the beneficiaries to (whether good or bad), they are not back on BVI soil until campaign time and election day. Who is talking about dividing anybody. I have relatives, not only in St. Thomas, but also found out that I have distant cousins in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominica Republic too. They have a right to their belonger status, but they show up and vote and don't even know who they're voting for. Just for the sake of voting and following the instructions of the family member to guide them as to who to vote for. My opinion is mine and you don't have to like it. Your opinion is yours.

**pat** (22/01/2014, 11:39) Like (10) Dislike (0) Reply

while a I agree in principle with Fraser's sentiment about NDP's way of doing things, I do agree with the protocol of effective financial management- something that fraser himself caused to have looked at. He made several mis-steps over the years of service. I appreciate his speaking out, but his talk doesn't match his walk.

He has violated many choices by not being transparent himself. He wasted money with the traffic lights at the round-about, didn't explain the million dollar retaining wall, and blatantly moved forward on filling in SCB and allowed dumping in the mangroves all before being forced to address these issues and informing the public. Speaking out is one thing- but people have a

short memory when it comes to immoral and sneaky choices that benefit themselves. This goes for Andrew as well. I appreciate both of them pointing out wrong-doing, but they have been guilty themselves of not including the public. I really want to see FRESH BLOOD in elections. PLEASE IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT NEW COMMUNITY LEADERS.

**Omni** (23/01/2014, 11:47) Like (0) Dislike (1) Reply

@Pat; Every elected member of government both past and present have made mistakes while in office. From the favorites to least likeable all have done something that was not loved by everybody. Despite their mistakes there are people that voted for them and will continue to vote to them. They drink and party together no matter which side they represent. Now to single out Fraser for what you deem as mistakes or for the obvious ones seem hypocritical, biased, short sighted or just plain uniformed about the political landscape in the history of the BVI. Fraser is no more a devil than anybody else that ever ran for office but from the barrage of comments (most negative) that are posted everytime there is an article about him one would think that he was comparable to the ruthless dictators that have been overthrown and killed around the world in recent times. Let the man do his job and be fair when casting your judgements. As member of opposition his job isn't to be a cheerleader for the NDP. History shows that most government that go unopposed or comfortable gets lazy and corrupted and the end result is turmoil for us the people.

**Hmmmmm** (22/01/2014, 11:46) Like (15) Dislike (0) Reply

I think the next president of the United States should be Bill Clinton, but guess what nobody cares what I think because I dont live there and my opinion doesnt matter. I heard that opinions are like asses, everyone has one. Why do I care about the opinion of some dude from St Thomas. What I do care about is that the BVI does not have an residency requirements regarding voting and all types of people with links to the BVI but who do not reside in the BVI can impact those of us who do by being allowed to vote. My view is...if you want to vote here....LIVE HERE.

@ **Hmmmmm** (22/01/2014, 13:23) Like (2) Dislike (9) Reply

Your comment is a little troubling, YOU REMIND ME OF THAT ONE Minister WHO ALWAYS WANTS TO DEVIDE LOCALS AGAINSTS EXPATS AND CHILDREN BORN HERE AND THOES WHO DO NOT. BACK OFF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE OUR FAMLIIY OF THE usvi...THIS IS NOT ANTIGUA BOSS

**Kingfish** (22/01/2014, 21:19) Like (3) Dislike (2) Reply

@Hmmmmm:

Just a bit of information, Bill Clinton cannot be the president of the US, he served two terms.

@**kingfish** (24/01/2014, 22:09) Like (0) Dislike (0) Reply

Actually he can run for president again, if he wishes; he just can't serve at any one time, for more than 2 consecutive terms. Since at least one term has passed since his 2nd consecutive term, he can run again.

It is another thing, if anybody will actually vote for him or that he would win.

**Ducky** (22/01/2014, 11:49) Like (1) Dislike (1) Reply

You kidding, right?

**in the news** (22/01/2014, 19:13) Like (0) Dislike (8) Reply

It's going to happen it's going to happen Julian Fraser will be our next premier so take it or leave it boss

**Ducky** (23/01/2014, 09:29) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

Woe to us then.



**vi** (22/01/2014, 11:54) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

I agree with you, Come on.

**pete** (22/01/2014, 13:09) Like (1) Dislike (6) Reply

Ok the political situation in the BVI can't get any worst hand over the government to the VIP and Fraser

the original pete (22/01/2014, 14:14) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

hmmm... I seem to be victim of the same name bandit. Can't you be original?

**the original pete** (22/01/2014, 14:19) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

...and I disagree with the sentiment of the imposter. This is why identification is important. People come to read certain posters. A different opinion is not theirs. I don't like NDP but VIP and especially Fraser have their short-comings and have made many mistakes too. So don't confuse my opinion.

facts man (22/01/2014, 11:56) Like (4) Dislike (9) Reply

Better get use to it fraser will be the next leader

**@ Ducky** (22/01/2014, 12:28) Like (2) Dislike (7) Reply

Just looking at the 13 of them in the house to be honest I see none other than Fraser who can lead us at this point in our history someone please tell me that I wrong!!

**Sick** (22/01/2014, 12:23) Like (6) Dislike (1) Reply

The constitution needs to state that, "In order to vote in the Virgin Islands elections you must be a Virgin Islander or Belonger who has RESIDED in the VI for 6 months or more consecutively.

**TO; sick** (22/01/2014, 19:33) Like (2) Dislike (5) Reply

And both of your parents must be born in the bvi as well as you...so we would have gotten rid of myron and mark

**Sick** (22/01/2014, 21:12) Like (0) Dislike (2) Reply

Running for office at least one lineage must go back to two or three generations and the candidate be born in the BVI. You forgot Archie. :-)

**Online Now** (22/01/2014, 12:40) Like (4) Dislike (4) Reply

I really do not care who is the next leader but one thing for sure NDP must go as they have less than ZERO respect for residents, the media and the opposition members

**she the cat mother** (22/01/2014, 12:46) Like (11) Dislike (5) Reply

Blind simple people will argued bitterly against this point of Julian being the next leader just for their own political and NDP reasons but trust me at this point Fraser is just exactly what the BVI public need to save the BVI

Don't do it. (22/01/2014, 13:48) Like (11) Dislike (7) Reply

If this man is allowed any more power than he presently has the BVI is finished.

**@ don't do it.** (22/01/2014, 16:43) Like (7) Dislike (4) Reply

Who Myron?

**jokers** (22/01/2014, 14:01) Like (10) Dislike (5) Reply

PUT HE TO RUN AT LARGE AND YOU WILL SEE IF HE A-----S DONT GET THROWN OUT OF GOVERMENT

**pat** (22/01/2014, 14:16) Like (3) Dislike (1) Reply

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**Suck It Up** (24/01/2014, 17:25) Like (0) Dislike (0) Reply

Typical NDP cowbird, can't face the music and fest up to the fact that Fraser represents the future of the Virgin Islands. Sick, Sick, Sick.

You NDP still with these campaign propaganda? We now have the facts: The NDP told us VIP emptied the Reserves, we now find out that they lied. The NDP told us the VIP left the country broke, we now find out that they lied after learning about the many over priced consultants, airport & port multimillion dollar projects, over priced one night dinner & speechwriter; 10yr old millions in payment to cronies for airport; over priced manse road, Craft Alive project, Georgie Hill, & many more projects by the NDP.

The one most unforgivable act that has damaged this country financially is the NDP's Santo eternity corrupt hospital construction project which sucked & is sucking the Treasury dry but ayo want us to leave that alone & forget it while you try to blame others for the nonsense the NDP has done. Millions & millions & millions & more gone through the hospital door thanks to the can't do no wrong NDP.

The NDP is the political party of choice & majority but it is obvious to most of us now that they got the office through lies and malicious behavior and now it is coming back to haunt them which I don't mind but we the people suffering also which is where I have a problem. THE NDP MUST GO NOW! To pat:

**BOL !!** (22/01/2014, 14:24) Like (12) Dislike (5) Reply

St. Thomas in a MUCK but them want to come tell we who to put as our leader ???????????????

Tell Fraser run AT LARGE instead of for the 3rd district and you'll see how quick his Political Career is over !!

**hog city** (22/01/2014, 14:45) Like (4) Dislike (5) Reply

Why you or myron dont come down in the 3rd and run against him? FRASER FOR PREMIER.. eat your heart out :)

**LAW** (23/01/2014, 08:23) Like (3) Dislike (1) Reply

Fraser is the premier already



**BOL** (23/01/2014, 16:57) Like (1) Dislike (1) Reply

DONKEY.....If Myron win AT LARGE, why would he have to run for a District ????????????

The BIG BOYS run AT LARGE !!

@ **BOL** (23/01/2014, 23:41) Like (0) Dislike (1) Reply

So jackass I guess Lavity, TB Lettsome, Fraser, Mark, Ralph, and Dr. Pickering are small boys...set of fools name one thing an At-large Member has done for the country? just One!!!!

**seac cows bay massive** (22/01/2014, 18:34) Like (3) Dislike (1) Reply

A helluva RUCKUS would have broken out if Myron come run in the 3rd

**Champ** (22/01/2014, 16:21) Like (3) Dislike (2) Reply

hahahahahahahahah would be a big mistake . hon frasier if that's your plan change that and fast

**Say What?** (22/01/2014, 17:40) Like (2) Dislike (2) Reply

"Many of you are not from the USA but yet you were able to assess Obama even before he took office that he was the right one to be president, that the same here I am feeling Fraser for the BVI" Oh my God, Obama seems to be going down as the worst President in history and this he wants the same for BVI?????

**bay yute** (23/01/2014, 06:20) Like (5) Dislike (1) Reply

Like him or hate him fraser is the man!

**The Eye** (22/01/2014, 18:29) Like (3) Dislike (5) Reply

OK, we are exploring the possibility of whether or not Fraser could be the Premier, when put him up against Ralph and Dr. Smith...I say Fraser hands down!!!

**The Eye** (23/01/2014, 06:43) Like (0) Dislike (1) Reply

@ The Eye YOU are infringing copy right. Go get your own name and I will never outright vote for Fraser because of his arrogance and he feels as if he is walking in the air and not on the ground when ever in power.

the real the eye (23/01/2014, 08:53) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

You all could try and run but cannot hide as its destiny that Mr. Fraser will be our next PREMIER

**live** (22/01/2014, 19:30) Like (10) Dislike (2) Reply

If not Fraser then who, WE CERTAINLY NOT GOING BACKWARDS TO ORLANDO OR SLEEPING UNCLE as for Alvin please

**VOICES** (23/01/2014, 06:22) Like (6) Dislike (3) Reply

Premier and Minister of Finance the Honourable Julian Fraser RA get use to hearing that bvi bam

**oh yea** (23/01/2014, 15:33) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

after 8 years of hearing it they will get use to it for sure

**lily** (23/01/2014, 11:57) Like (3) Dislike (4) Reply

If this happens, I certainly migrating to the U.S.

@ **lily** (23/01/2014, 15:32) Like (3) Dislike (1) Reply

well book your flight from now because it will trust we

**Premier Julian** (23/01/2014, 13:43) Like (5) Dislike (0) Reply

The people who will put Julian in charge don't blog, and most never read these pages- but trust me - they will put Julian to run the show- just start counting down the months-

**Ron** (23/01/2014, 18:57) Like (2) Dislike (0) Reply

I like the feedback from the dude from rock finally someone talk with sense

**WRITING ON THE WALL** (23/01/2014, 19:05) Like (3) Dislike (0) Reply

They just cannot stop this movement FRASER FOR PREMIER AND NDP MUST GO

**Steve** (23/01/2014, 23:36) Like (4) Dislike (0) Reply

Look at that third photo...not even during horse races there are so much people on the track....mehson Fraser the people with you do not mind the noise!!