



MCAP MANIFESTO 2019

Together we can do better!





Message from the Chairman of MCAP

My dear people of Montserrat, it is with great humility that I greet you. In this up coming general election, we have come to a crossroad, as far as the future of our beloved country is concerned. In every election cycle we hear claims that this may be the most important decision that you, the electorate, will have to make in your lifetime. Unfortunately, this time it is true. The demise of the fortunes of this island over the past five (5) years have hurled us back to this point where this statement cannot be seen as a cliché but rather as a statement of fact.

Political instability and a failing economy now seem to have become the new norm. We are now experiencing the unusual phenomenon of a population in decline. Many residents, including many of our bright young minds, unfortunately, are leaving our country to seek greener pastures. Once again we are at a point in our history where persons have begun to question Montserrat's very viability.

The Movement for Change and Prosperity, MCAP brings you a message of hope and

confidence in the future as we launch into an era of bold innovative leadership, tempered by the wisdom of experience.

Despite all the darkness, that surrounds us, it is paramount that our people continue to believe that there will be light at the end of the elections. Hope is what The Movement for Change and Prosperity can and does offer the people of Montserrat at this present time.

The Movement for Change and Prosperity is ready to lead Montserrat to prosperity again. We did it before. We can do it again. We will do it again.

“Together we can do it better”

Austin Howe
Party Chair (MCAP)

Join the MCAP Train

Together we can make Montserrat better!



Message from the Political Leader of MCAP

My brothers and sisters, twenty eight years ago, the political party, the Movement for Change and Prosperity, MCAP, came into existence and over these years two leaders have served party and country well. I am honoured to be the third elected leader of this great Party, one which has always been at the forefront of rescuing and



rebuilding the country in the wake of natural disaster.

I have witnessed the destruction wrought on this island by Hurricane Hugo 1989 and the Soufriere Hills Volcano in 1995 and on both occasions MCAP was at the helm, leading the recovery charge.

Few past administrations can boast, as MCAP can, of its Herculean post disaster accomplishments following Hurricane Hugo and the Soufriere Hill volcanic eruptions.

I was fortunate to be part of the MCAP's Administration massive rehabilitation and reconstruction investment effort, between 2009 and 2014, that over saw an increase of the housing stock and public sector buildings lost to the Volcanic eruptions as well as a major road project, geothermal exploitation, and new structures like the Sports Complex. These efforts created significant jobs and restored hope to our people.

Over these past 5 years, our country has seen the persistent rolling back of the gains made by the MCAP administration and today, Montserrat is in great peril. That is why at a time such as this, the country urgently needs the Rescue Party, the MCAP Party, to rebuild its economy and to restore hope to its people.

Today, the only political party with the vision and the ability to achieve this rescue mission is the Movement for Change and Prosperity, MCAP.

Residents and friends of Montserrat, as we embark on this 2019 election cycle, with our shared vision and our collective responsibility we will propel our beloved country on to a path of prosperity and economic recovery again.

Together we can do this. Together we will do this.

We will:-

Rebuild the Economy

Restore Hope
Empower our peoples

We are therefore seeking a mandate from every resident of Montserrat which will allow us to pursue an Agenda that:

- Will rebuild the economy by negotiating additional funding from our traditional Funders while at the same time seek foreign direct investment.
- Will include attracting light manufacturing that can add value to the thousands of pounds of natural resources which go to waste annually.
- Will expedite the implementation of approved projects for which funds are earmarked to immediately put people back to work.
- Will see us collaborating with the private sector to allow the re-investment of profits on a tax free basis, as long as these profits are ploughed back into the business.
- Will encourage and assist retirees to explore opportunities to utilize their financial and other resources to develop small enterprises.
- Will continue to pursue modernization of the Public Sector so that first class service can be offered to the general public.
- Will ensure green spaces and community centers are used effectively by our children, youths and seniors.
- Will release the creativity of our youths by allowing them to be part of the development process and by rewarding young innovators.
- Will reconnect government with the people and restore the spirit of trust that binds the government to the people,
- As leader of this MCAP party, I am pleased to present to you the voters, a team of dedicated

men and women from every walk of life, with varying disciplines, experiences and skills who will, with your help, restore the fortunes of this land and set Montserrat on a path to sustainable development.

•Over the past twelve months this group of dedicated men and women has been working together to lay out MCAP's agenda which will take this country forward, re-establishing control over the affairs of our country and make decisions in the interest of all.

•In this upcoming election you must elect a team with the ability and the vision to rebuild Montserrat. We have done our homework and we are ready to return this country to a state of respectability, good governance and rapid development. We are ready and able to tackle the issues which will enable all of us to realize our hopes and aspirations. Together we will regain the fortunes of former years and rebuild the public and private sectors. You can be part of the movement for change and return Montserrat's prosperity.

Easton Taylor Farrell
Party Leader
Movement for Change and Prosperity



GOVERNANCE

Good Governance is a precondition for development. To ensure an efficient and responsive and accountable system of Governance the Movement for Change and Prosperity, MCAP will:-

- Work with the UK and its regional neighbors to extend its Territorial Seas
- Work with the criminal justice system to introduce alternative sentencing for certain offences
- Provide legislative and other support for the Creative Industry to ensure growth and protection.
- Work for electoral reform and a return to constituencies.
- Continue the process of streamlining Ministries/Departments to make them more relevant to the needs of the country.
- Develop a population strategy
- Ensure that new government buildings are user friendly
- Draft new fisheries legislation



FINANCE & ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

Development is dependent on an environment that fosters prudent economic management, sustained growth, a diversified economy and the generation of employment opportunities. There for MCAP will

- Employ prudent economic management
- Restart the development of the Little Bay town center
- Build new and upgrade existing government accommodation.
- Complete the A1 road project
- Complete Garlin Hill road to allow for dual access in and out of Little Bay
- Design and construct a permanent bridge in the Belham Valley
- Seek direct foreign investment to assist in the development programs

Therefore MCAP will continue and expand plans for the development of a port facility in Carr's Bay.



TOURISM

MCAP will focus on the expansion of Tourism's share of the Gross Domestic Product by:-

- Reviewing and implementing the current tourism strategy
- Providing incentives that will increase the capacity and quality of existing hotel and villa rooms
- Developing designated land-side attractions
- Increasing cruise ship and yachts arrivals.
- Encouraging and supporting sports tourism
- Promoting adventure and eco-tourism
- Establishing Plymouth as a national park
- Rebranding the Monserrat Tourism product
- Promoting alternate gateways in and out of Montserrat
- Introducing training in all aspects of the hospitality Industry
- Establishing formal links with the Irish Tourist Market





EDUCATION

Human resource is a primary asset which must be maximized to anticipate the demand of the labor market and facilitate the development of the desired skills, competencies and work attitudes of the residents of Montserrat. To meet this goal MCAP will:-

- Upgrade primary school curriculum to make information Technology Mandatory
- Upgrade the Montserrat Secondary School curriculum and add computer graphics, 3D modeling and computer programming
- Implement Education Management Systems
- Introduce teaching of Civics at all educational levels
- Ensure that learning disabilities are detected early and interventions provided
- Re-introduce Technical/Vocation courses at the MCC
- Re-introduce and expand the teacher training program
- Introduce continued professional development for teachers
- Introduce a student revolving loan program

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

A strong, dynamic and enterprising Private Sector is a strategic necessity for national development and an integral part of a private sector led economy that will provide jobs, generate public revenue, and earn foreign exchange. MCAP will drive economic development by:-

- Implementing an award program for young innovators
- Providing support for small businesses
- Introducing a Young Entrepreneur's scheme
- Encouraging and supporting retired person business opportunities
- Seeking to modernize and expand sand and aggregate mining industry
- Promoting the development of light manufacturing
- Providing incentive for the expansion of water industry for export
- Targeting external companies to set up subsidiaries in Montserrat
- Seeking to establish a development fund



- Ensure that there is a structured Physical Education Program in the curriculum of schools.



- Continuing and expanding the visiting specialist programme
- Promoting and making early detection programs for cancers more accessible and affordable
- Introducing National Health Insurance
- Implementing Mental Health Policy
- Implementing a health professional development regime/programme for all levels of staff
- Developing an electronic patient medical record data base

HEALTH

An MCAP administration is committed to providing universal health care coverage for all by:-

- Strengthening the Health Sector Governance and services
- Constructing the New Hospital on existing site
- Identifying and equipping the hospital appropriately
- Creating linkages between Glendon and other hospitals
- Developing memoranda of understanding with relevant private sector health providers
- Introducing Tele- Medicine in the delivery of health service



LAND & HOUSING

MCAP will continue to implement the National Housing Strategy with the appropriate legal and administrative framework to ensure an increase in the housing stock when we:-

- Provide incentives to the private sector to make housing solutions more accessible and affordable
- Work with private land owners to make more lands available for housing and business development
- Provide essential infrastructure on government own lands to facilitate the construction of commercial housing projects



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JOSEPH EASTON



CHARLES KIRNON

Charles Kirnon has given his entire life to community service. He was the Deputy Premier, and served as president of the Cudjoe Head Community Group. Charles believes that there is dignity in all work that is legal and encourages all to be creative and use the abundance of resources available on island to provide a livelihood for themselves. As Deputy Premier and Minister of Communications, Works and Labour, he has shown his ability to provide principled leadership and dedication to duty.



DR. SAMUEL JOSEPH

Dr Samuel Joseph was educated at the University of the West Indies and Baylor University in Texas. He holds a PhD in Physics a Master's in Computational Physics (2001) and first-class honours in Mathematics (1999).. While at Baylor University, "Dr Sammy" was an educator at the Secondary School and t Community College. He managed and coached the school's basketball team and Debating Team. He and his partners established Montserrat's first software company. He has continued to invest in developing ICT skills and businesses on island as a business advisor and financier.



VERONICA HECTOR-DORSETTE

Veronica Kaye Dorsette- Hector is dedicated and passionate about serving God, People and Country. She has served in leadership roles in school, church, union, Cadet Corps and Defence Force. She represented the Montserrat Union of Teachers and was instrumental in the establishment of the local Police Training Facility and launching the bi-annual Civil Service Youth Award. Kaye was the Registrar of the High Court, the Chief Magistrate. She is a Guidance Counsellor and delivers Ethics and Professional Development Workshops and Family Support



NORMAN CASSELL

Norman Anthony Manley Cassell is a trained Meteorologist, Approach Control Air Traffic Controller and Commercial Pilot. He studied Business Administration at the University of the West Indies. He served as Airport Manager for more than a decade played a critical role in getting Montserrat's first certified heliport facility established. He has been a member of Rotaract, Rotary and Optimist Clubs and has served on many committees and associations and the Labour Advisory Board. Norman is committed to community development.

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Joseph 'Easton Taylor' Farrell is the Leader of the Movement for Change and Prosperity (MCAP). Easton is a graduate of the Guyana School of Agriculture and the Eltham Training Centre in Jamaica. He once held the posts of Chief Extension Office, In-Country Counterpart to the Caribbean Agricultural Research Development Institute (CARDI) and Agricultural Officer – Livestock, and president of the Civil Service Union. A three term politician, Easton served as the Minister of Agriculture Land Housing and the Environment. He is a lay preacher in the Methodist Church. Easton adopts the Jaycee's creed: "faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life; that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.

TAYLOR' FARRELL



ROSELYN CASSELL-SEALY

Roselyn Cassell-Sealy's life of service to her community can be found in the development of the small business sector, the growth of the credit union sector and the expansion of Montserrat's tourism sector. She has served on local and regional boards for small business and the credit union sector. As Minister of Health and Education, she introduced the Annual Teacher and Student of the Year Award and an Island Wide group weight loss program which won Montserrat a Pan American Health Organization award.



CRENSTON BUFFONGE

Crenston Curtis Buffonge is an allegiant patriot of Montserrat having served Montserrat, through out the volcanic crisis through his work with the Royal Montserrat Defence Force. Crenston has represented Montserrat, in a variety of sporting activities. He serves as a current member of the Montserrat Football Association. He has managed aviation and sea access for over 20 years. He is an outspoken activist for the advancement of the agricultural sector on Montserrat. Crenston brings to the table a forward thinking, optimistic and solution-oriented approach to Politics.



JENZIL SKERRITT

Jenzil Skerritt has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Land Economics and Valuation Surveying from the University of Technology in Kingston, Jamaica. He was employed by the Montserrat Development Corporation as a Project Officer. He is actively involved in volunteerism and has given time to the Red Cross peer educators, Catholic Youth Community, Montserrat Rotaract Club and Montserrat Basketball Association. He has represented the island in regional and international basketball competitions.



CHARLESWORTH PHILIP

Charlesworth Phillip is a real estate consultant by profession with more than 30 years' experience in real estate management and development and spent most of his professional life providing technical support on major development projects. He was Chairman of the Cork Hill Planning and Development Committee. More recently, as the Senior Project Manager at the Montserrat Development Corporation, Charlesworth was responsible for the implementation of the Marine Village Development Project at Little Bay and the Multi-Purpose Sports Centre.





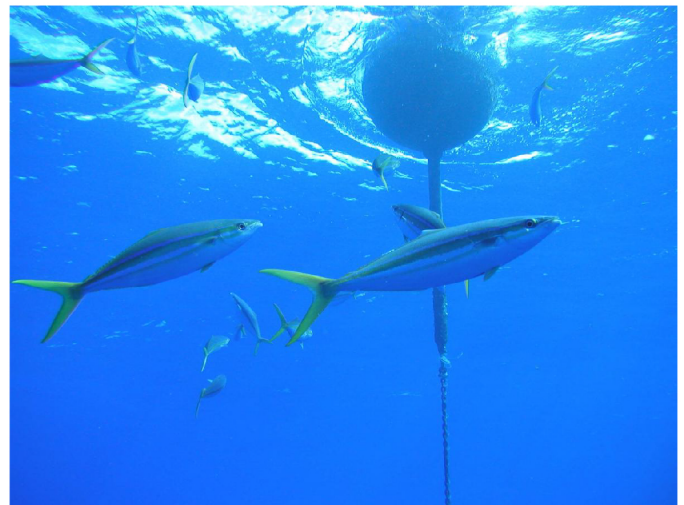


- Provide a rehabilitation incentive package for home owners in Salem, Cork Hill and Foxes Bay
- Continue to provide service lots to low income families
- Work with the affected residents of Look Out, Davy Hill and ShinLand in upgrading the housing stock to disaster resistance standard
- Review minimum standards for decent housing and enact a revised Building Code
- Continue to provide housing solutions for vulnerable persons
- Upgrade homes of families, living without basic sanitary facilities and safe drinking water

- Introducing advance training in modern fishing techniques
- Providing incentives to individual who wish to venture into HI- Tec agriculture and fishing
- Facilitating expanded agricultural operations in more fertile areas.
- Providing necessary support to livestock farmers to increase production of local products
- Building additional linkages between tourism and agriculture
- Work with the Farmers' Association to provide a chilling facility for farmer's produce.



- Commercializing the use of fruits such as mangoes, black berries, tamarinds and breadfruit
- Developing an Information Technology System to assist in harvesting forecasting



AGRICULTURE

MCAP will identify, promote and assist in implementing appropriate farming and fisheries technologies and systems to enable increased production off targeted import substitution crops and products by:-

- Continuing to train farmers in modern techniques and integrating technology in food production
- Implementing programs with the appropriate incentives to attract young persons into modern commercial agriculture

FISHERIES

The fisheries resources of Montserrat must be fully exploited to modernize the fishing industry by using advanced technology. We will achieve this by:-



- Selecting groups of young fishers and offering them attachment/scholarships that will expose them to modern fishing techniques
- Working to commercialize the fisheries industry
- Initiating a register of all fisher folks and their boats
- Strengthening fisher folk associations



TRADE

MCAP will seek to expand, improve and develop local products for export to improve incomes of local artisans. We will:-

- Develop an online marketplace for Montserrat made products
- Appoint a Montserrat Trade Representative in the UK
- Develop and implement “a “Made in Montserrat” Brand

- Attract manufacturing firms to set up franchise in Montserrat
- Work with Standards Bureau to establish standards for some products

ENVIRONMENT

An MCAP government is committed to protecting the environment and its bio - diversity for future generations. We will :-

- Develop and implement a comprehensive recycling system
- Provide duty free concession on electric cars
- Implement a comprehensive ocean governance regime
- Continue to protect Montserrat’s unique Bio-diversity
- Advocate the use of environmentally friendly materials in all areas of development
- Implement the Conservation & Environmental Management Act
- Update and implement the National Climate Change Adaption Policy
- Encourage restoration of Historic Sites with government incentives
- Update National Disaster Management Planning





INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

An MCAP administration is committed to the use of Information technology in all areas of its development. To this end we will:-

- Move all government payment and other services on line
- Implement a National Identification System (ID System)
- Continue to upgrade the National ICT Policy
- Install the Fibre Optic Link

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building healthy communities to allow for the strengthening of families, providing recreational facilities and developing community ties is critical to harmonious societies. MCAP will ensure this by:-

- Establishing green spaces across the island
- Upgrading all existing community centers

- Assisting in developing after school clubs with responsible partners
- Developing skills training programs for the unemployed
- Developing programs for the elderly to enhance their quality of life
- Protecting the well being of residents in residential/care facilities
- Incorporating recreation activities for seniors and physically challenged
- Improving public spaces for the use of persons with disabilities
- Providing duty free concessions on all equipment and accessories for the elderly and persons with disabilities
- Equipping community centers for use by students as after school activity





YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

An MCAP administration will actively engage young people and youth organizations in policies affecting their lives by:-

- Developing and implementing a Montserrat Youth award for quality, innovation and recognition of youth work
- Enhancing recreational facilities across the island
- Encouraging effective partnership between government and sporting bodies in the interest of sports development.
- Sourcing additional sports and academic scholarships for our youths
- Giving National Recognition to our athletes to serve as a motivation for excellence
- Developing closer bonds with British Sporting Bodies and local associations
- Supporting youth representation at local and international levels



LABOUR

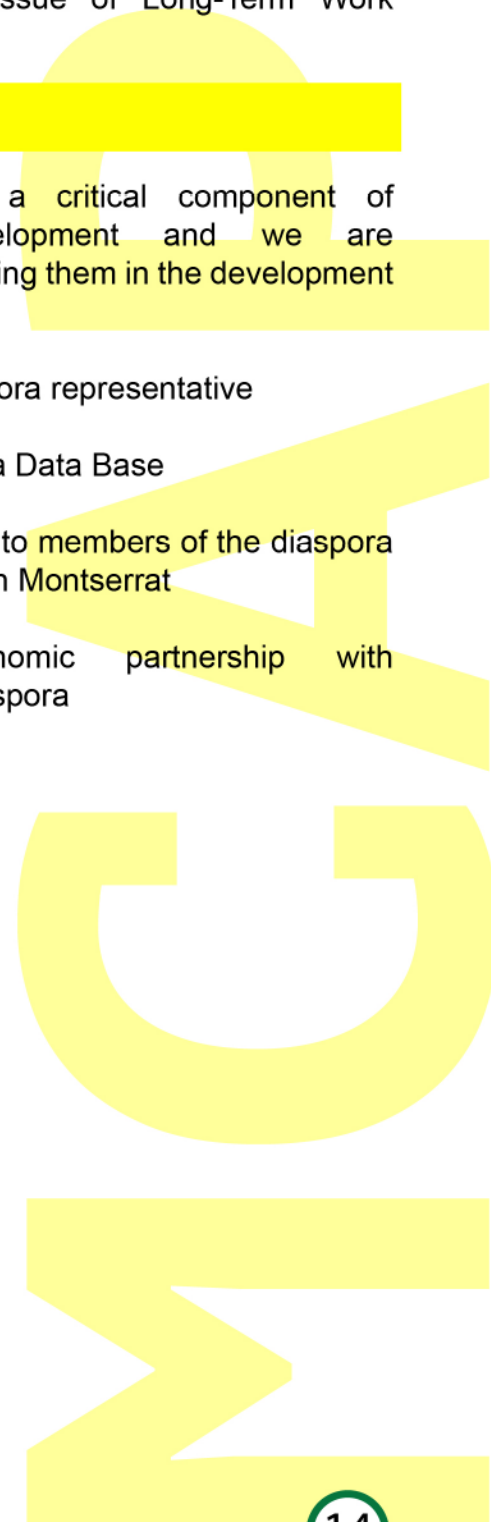
Workers' rights must be protected and their benefits secured. In particular MCAP will:-

- Review, update and implement the Labor Code
- Reintroduce the issue of Long-Term Work Permits

DIASPORA

The diaspora is a critical component of Montserrat's development and we are committed to engaging them in the development process by:-

- Appointing a Diaspora representative
- Creating a diaspora Data Base
- Offering incentives to members of the diaspora who wish to invest in Montserrat
- Developing economic partnership with members of the diaspora





MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE AND PROSPERITY (MCAP)

MCAP's MOTO: "One vision, one mission, one dream, one team."

MCAP believes in the following: -

(a) Upholding the Constitution of Montserrat and the fundamental rights and freedoms enshrined therein.

(b) Upholding the law

(c) That certain basic economic and social needs should be met, including:

- Employment for every individual willing to work
- Decent and affordable housing for every individual
- Quality early childhood, primary, secondary and technical education for every child
- Tertiary education for as many persons as possible
- Special education for differently abled persons

•Adequate and quality medical care for all

•Adequate social welfare for senior citizens, differently abled persons and other vulnerable groups

•The promotion of racial and social harmony and the elimination of gender discrimination and all other forms of discrimination

•The conservation and sustainable use of the environment

•The fostering and support of regional policies aimed at improving the standard of life of the people of the Caribbean

•The free enterprise system

•The conservation, protection and advancement of Montserrat's national and cultural heritage

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