House of Keys Election

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2006

Top Priority
to implement the
Tynwald resolution

24 RESTORE OUR 24 HOUR HOSPITAL S

My Manifesto

- a pledge to you

Dear Ramsey Voter,

Elections are serious events, and nobody takes them more seriously than I do, because this is the time when I make you a solemn pledge - my promise of what I will work towards, on your behalf, remaining for the next five years in the House of Keys.

As we both live in Ramsey, we may already have met and discussed what you want from your MHK.

If not, I hope that we will have the chance to talk before election day - but remember, I am always available to listen to your ideas or help with individual problems, elections or not.

Most of our hopes and fears boil down to a central question: "How will Government protect the quality of our Island life, while stimulating changes where improvements are needed?"

This manifesto contains specific ideas for doing this. Hopefully, my policies fit with your own ideas. You can help me to make them happen by returning me to the House of Keys with your mandate to turn these ideas into reality. For the next five years, I promise to give it my full energy and dedication, working with you, in partnership, for the benefit of everyone in Ramsey.

Yours sincerely,

Leinard Surger

Please vote at the election to support our campaign to make the restoration of 24 hour cover at Ramsey Cottage Hospital a TOP priority.

PROTECTING OUR ISLAND CHARACTER AND OUALITY OF LIFE



A special word to teenage voters:

Yes, you'd better believe it! I was once a teenager and wondered if my vote was a waste of time - why not leave it to the others?

Well, I found out that voting is NOT a waste of time, because experience proves over and over that one person can make a difference. Voting is YOUR chance to choose that person - the one with the energy and vision to shape the future the way you want it. Providing a safe future with new jobs and new opportunities, affordable housing and good leisure facilities is a big challenge. How do you know who to trust to get it done?

As the father of my own teenagers, I understand your aspirations, and I offer you my long experience, including my current work at the Department of Trade and Industry developing our Film Industry, to help turn your hopes into achievements. Ask around, and look up my record. I think you will see it's a record you can trust.

A record to inspire confidence:

FILM AND TV; looking through my 30 years work in public life, one of my most rewarding achievements is the success of the Manx Film Industry. As a Member of the DTI responsible for this activity, it is hugely pleasing to help it thrive and prosper, bringing new investment and exciting jobs to the Island.

At the same time, it is frustrating that some of this new income has been frittered away through financial laxity in other, non-productive areas - such as the disproportionate costs of Public Enquiries (Mount Murray, Child Care) overspending on capital projects (IRIS scheme, incinerator, etc) and general incompetence in running key Departments such as Noble's Hospital, as detailed in the recent PricewaterhouseCoopers Review and Health Care Commission Report.



As Chairman of the Film Commission visiting the set of "Lassie"

ENERGY; as a member of the Energy Policy Committee, I am keenly aware of the challenges facing the Island, and the impact of high energy costs on our everyday lives.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; I am a member of both the Manx National Economic Committee and the Economic Development Committee, I have worked hard to keep existing businesses flourishing, and to bring new investment to the Island.

My work as Chairman of the Economic Development Group has been rewarded with the growth of exciting new opportunities in e-business and the setting up of new on-line operations. Working in co-operation with the Treasury, my work has contributed to bringing multi-million pound investments to the Isle of Man, boosting high-quality jobs and prosperity.

SOCIAL VOCATION; As Chairman of the Ramsey Cottage Hospital League of Friends, I have led, and continue to lead, the campaign for the restoration of 24 hour service for the North. This is a clear and constant commitment, and is the main reason for asking you to return me to the House of Keys, where I can press home the fight on behalf of everyone in Ramsey and the North.

IF YOU SHARE MY COMMITMENT TO MAKING THESE AFTER 30 YEARS IN POLITICS WITH 10 YEARS I

THE HOUSE OF KEYS ELECTION THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER

is your chance to choose a better future

- so what really matters to you and your family?



GOOD HEALTH CARE - a Health Service that puts YOU first, and delivers what you need with less waste, less waiting and less bureaucracy. Top Priority: restoration of 24 hour service at Ramsey Cottage Hospital - with no 'if's' - no 'but's' - no 'excuses'! - no delay by Government in implementing the Tynwald approved policy for Ramsey.

GOOD AND OPEN GOVERNMENT: freely shared information will lead to more responsive government. Stronger ministerial control must go hand in hand with accountability for the performance of Government departments AND their senior officers.

You, the voter, need a stronger voice in setting Government objectives and Civil Servants must be accountable for their performance, as are private sector workers.

GOOD HOUSING - more affordable housing to own and to rent. Help with rates for those who need it most. Greater effort to meet house-building targets not achieved in recent years.

GOOD JOBS AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT - a healthy flow of inward investment to keep good jobs coming - and tougher immigration and work permit controls to make sure that Isle of Man workers get the first chance. Replace the Residency Act 2001 with a more workable and acceptable Act to limit our population at a sustainable level.

GOOD PENSIONS - fair treatment for ALL pensioners and understanding their special needs at a time of high energy costs. A compassionate community where pensioners and the lower-paid don't have to choose between EATING and HEATING.

GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION - A good standard of education, backed up by apprenticeship programmes designed *with* employers to ensure that young people find a ready market for their skills. Not only good training and jobs, but also affordable housing and recreational facilities, island-wide.

GOOD LIFE STYLE - a safe place to live and play, without fear of drugs and crime - helpful to victims but tough on criminals. The reassurance of visible policing with bobbies out on the beat.

GOOD FEELING - an island proud and united in its belief in hard work, open Government, and freedom to stand on its own feet.

HINGS A REALITY, PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR BACKING. TYNWALD I KNOW HOW TO GET THE JOB DONE

MY COMMITMENT TO RAMSEY AND TO OUR ISLAND

What's good for the Island is good for Ramsey

As your MHK, my agenda would tackle both RAMSEY and NATIONAL ISSUES.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Immigration control: we already have ways to control immigration through work permits. I would strengthen and adapt those methods to meet the new E.U. and world situation, ensuring that we only take the immigrant workers needed for our economy.

Housing: we need radical changes in housing policy to enable more people to buy through a Part Equity scheme in association with Government or Housing Associations, more public sector housing, and a rate rebate for the less well off.

Energy Costs: we must help people, especially pensioners, to cope with the unprecedented rise in energy costs. A more generous fuel supplement policy to benefit a greater number of pensioners and the lower income groups which I supported in Tynwald.

Opportunities for the young: we must provide the jobs, affordable housing and recreation facilities needed to keep our young people living and working on the Island.

Public Safety: with the increase in the number of drug offences, assaults and criminal damage, I will make every effort to support our Police. I will press for adequate sentencing of criminals and drunk drivers - and adequate serving of those sentences, particularly by drug dealers. Victims must have their rights strengthened and their needs better protected.

Proud of Mann: strengthen our Island's identity as a single, INDEPENDENT NATION, united behind shared values of work, honesty, opportunity and social justice.

KEY LOCAL ISSUES

Top Priority: restore 24 hour service at Ramsey Cottage Hospital.

Co-operate closely with Ramsey Police and Commissioners to keep Ramsey a safe, healthy and happy place to live. Freedom to Flourish, but tough on those who abuse that freedom. Listen to what people have to say - and put Ramsey first.

Fair Rating System: introducing an all-island rate to reduce the burden of those living in the towns.

Investment and Environment: reviving our town to live up to the image of 'Royal Ramsey'. A refurbished Queen's Pier; an inner harbour Marina feasibility study ensuring compatibility with the environment; better traffic planning to reduce bottlenecks in the town; better highway and pavement maintenance and cleaning, and TLC to realise Ramsey's full potential encouraging new investment and good jobs and opportunities.

Living in Ramsey and having twice been elected your MHK,

I know and share your concerns.

Please give me your vote on 23rd November

- and I promise to do my best for you.

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