

To whom it may concern

After living in the states for 55 years and having moved to Puerto Rico 2 years ago I believe I can see what is wrong with this country.

1. Hold all politicians (Corruption is rampant at all levels) and government workers (Laziness is the norm) accountable
2. Reduce the size of government departments and workforce
3. Reduce the 78 municipalities to a minimal level, with sharing of essential services (San Juan Metro, east, west and south)
4. Increase Medicare reimbursements to stop the exodus of doctors and change formulas so PR gets reimbursements at the very least as much as the poorest state in the US
5. Get rid of the Jones Act requirements that cost PR ½ billion in excess costs per year
6. Fire all Autoridad Energia Eléctrica upper management
7. Have all cities, churches and all others pay for their own electricity
8. Review all major, previous outsourced contracts and set up watchdog committees (San Juan Airport, Ports roads etc.)
9. Increase auditing of businesses who for the most part are not compliant due to years of lax enforcement by Hacienda and its employees
10. Get rid of the ability of government agencies to hire "confidentials " (Political Appointees)
11. Reduce number of holidays for government workers
12. Go after the underground economy which is much too large
13. Set up oversight boards for the Police and Justice Department
14. Reduce welfare benefits (food stamps, rent subsidies etc) and put people to work on repaving roads and improving the infrastructure
15. Enforce all traffic laws. (people don't stop at stop signs, park wherever they want, speed) Let them know there is a new sheriff in town so that it permeates throughout the island both public and private and everyone will pull their own weight and be held accountable for all actions or inactions
16. Increase efficiencies in Health Care delivery and get rid of dependency of paper transactions
17. LOWER sales tax. 11½ percent is insane
18. Promote all inclusive packages in hotel/airfare industry similar to Dominican Republic so as to increase tourism
19. Increase taxes on beer and cigarettes
20. Bring back incentives for Pharmaceuticals and other manufacturers.
21. Incentivise home grown agriculture
22. Tax medicinal Marijuana

As a retiree I'm willing to offer my time to contribute in any way I can to help make this beautiful island be the great example it can be for the rest of the Caribbean and South America.

Sincerely
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