

Please take the following points into consideration to stimulate Puerto Rico's economic growth short and long term.

Puerto Rico's high school dropout rate could be as high as 44% to 48%. This is a problem that local government has never been able to control. It is closely related to criminal behavior later in life and being able to get a better job. We need to develop strategies and programs to significantly reduce high school dropout rates.

Explore ways to improve High School education. Puerto Rico's children's score on PISA test have been described as horrible. Is the lowest in the nation by far

<http://www.unz.com/isteve/the-amazingly-horrible-test-scores-of-students-in-puerto-rico/>

Please do not accept false reasoning that for cultural and language reasons we need special tests on the island.

The old Navy base in Ceiba, PR, Rossevelt Roads, was turned over to the PR government. It has some underground facilities that have been closed and off limits for national security reasons. I suggest that if these areas are no longer needed for national defense, they could be an excellent and unique platform for an entertainment park and tourism developments to further develop the island as a tourist destination.

Speed up bomb cleaning efforts in some of Vieques' and Culebra's beaches, that were used for live bomb practices by the Navy. Some of these beaches are among the best in the Caribbean area. Recuperating them will improve tourism development.

Promote better higher education in Puerto Rico's Universities by promoting cooperation with key mainland Universities. For example, improve graduate courses on business, like Harvard University cooperating with University of PR business school, and other major business schools with other Universities in PR. Educating future entrepreneurs and business leaders, to develop new ideas and business ventures on agronomy and how to further develop agriculture in PR so the island is able to improve its ability to feed itself.

Instruct US Geological Survey to do more detailed studies of Puerto Rico's South and Southeast area of the Caribbean sea floor for possible oil deposits. There are preliminary studies that indicate the possibility of oil deposits.

Thank you for your attention on these suggestions, that will not only help the island economically, but also improve on its quality of life.

Respectfully,

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