

Puerto Rico Task Force  
Washington D.C.

Puerto Rico is a US territory since 1898, it is time to be part as a partner with all other States.  
There is a lot of well educated people and talented people on the Island, that have added value to our great Nation.

I will point out key ideas for the Economic Development of Puerto Rico in the near future.

1. 2012 people vote 61% for Statehood, Congress approve referendum Statehood Vs independence.
2. We have to start with small things one a time
  - a. Pay all Gov. debt
  - b. Cut unnecessary Gov. Expenses
    1. Car allowance
    2. Chou fer, Drivers
    3. Police Protection for Gov Officials cut as only special needs
    4. Lower salary to all Gov Directors by as much as 50%
    5. Take all money away from politicians, a board is going to control expenses
    6. Cut municipalities in halve there is 78 municipalities in Puerto Rico to much cost
    7. There is 27,000 motor vehicles in the PR Gov. change all to natural gas an electric power.
    8. No big contract for anybody, money is going away in friends contract
    9. Business permits in one day or less, cut all the bureaucratic steps, give 2 years to get all documentation needed but open business first if you don't comply in two years close business
    10. Welfare people give 20 hours a week for clean roads and other services, like hospitals or police help.
    11. Gov employees work by merit and by points in service.
    12. Make all Gov. documents available as possible in the Gov. Web site
    13. Review the civil code in Puerto Rico, there are many laws but no one implement or obsolete
    14. If the need for a physical Gov. office make sure the telephone works and the service to the people is up to good standard.
    15. Bring people from the states to teach here know how in service and efficiency.

3. Economic Development for Puerto Rico

- a. Money save from efficiency and cutting expenses at the Gov. level
  - aa. Clean roads, and public places
  - bb. Cutting grass roads and parks
  - cc. Clean beaches
  - dd. Pavements on roads and new side walks
  - ee. Pridco Buildings rent or sale all of them at low prices
  - ff. Sale or rent all public property in no use

4. Tourism

Bring lower end cost hotels to the Island  
Incentive for chain hotels and small hotels  
Need of public golf courses  
World wide marketing campaign  
Better public transportation  
Finish Highway on the north of the island

5. Safety

Police in Puerto Rico is not to professional, it is not proactive.!!!!

More education, better pay, better equipment, and more Proactive, it is not respected on the Island, need of stateside Police director. Here to much politics on the Police Dept.

6. Education

With 3.7 billion dollars the Public Education System in Puerto Rico is a disaster.

Re do all Public Education System, and have to be bilingual 100% in 5 years.

A control Education Board is necessary to fix all problems at the education System plus control expenses.

7. Agriculture

Give people Gov. land lease to grow local products, incentives and Gov. Know how productive land.

8. Taxes

Lower Business taxes and licenses to improve hiring of new employees

Lower IVU and IVA tax

9. Industry

Incentive local manufacturing, financing and know how  
minimum wage freeze for 10 years in Puerto Rico

10. Energy

1. Efficient energy lower cost, Nat gas.

2. No energy monopoly like Prepa( Local energy Dept)

3. Solar. wind, water, also recycle energy all sell to Prepa to lower cost of energy.

thank you Very much

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