



ELECTION  
Wed 7th September  
8am – 8pm  
At your local  
polling station

PLEASE  
**VOTE**  
SAM  
**MÉZEC**

**A VOICE FOR CHANGE**

Dear Voter,

I am standing in this election for Senator as a Reform Jersey candidate because I seek a mandate for a raft of policies to deal with the growing inequality which has been created by the current Council of Ministers.

Their plans to stop, reduce or outsource essential public services on which so many depend were hidden from voters during the 2014 election as were their plans to increase taxes. Ministers who stood for election in 2014 knew that they had created a black hole in public finances of over £100m but did not admit this until after they had been elected. Now is the opportunity for you the ordinary low and middle earners of this Island to **join me in passing judgement on these failed policies.**

At a time when incomes for the poorest fell by 20%, the Council of Ministers chose to cut £10m from support for pensioners, children, under 25s, single parents and those with a disability. To cut support for the poorest and most vulnerable people in Jersey whilst wasting money on business class flights to South Africa to play golf is shameful. **A vote for me is a vote to end these shameful cuts.**

Now the ministers propose tax increases for long term care, health and the hospital disguised as “charges”, all of which allow the very wealthy to avoid paying their fair share and will continue to squeeze middle earners. **A vote for me is a vote against the regressive health charge.**

Ministers should admit that their economic model is broken. You cannot grow the economy by making cuts to public services; mass redundancies simply increase the benefits bill; we know that outsourcing will reduce standards. We must protect frontline public services, explore all options for progressive taxation and rein in the spending at the top levels of the civil service.

I believe that only a vote for me will send the message to ministers that they should serve all parts of our community, not simply the wealthiest.

## My Record

As a Deputy in the States Assembly for just over two years, I have asked more questions and lodged more propositions than many States Members have in their entire careers. I have developed a reputation as a thorn in the side of the Council of Ministers. But, most importantly, **I do not just criticise, I provide positive and constructive alternatives.**

I have worked with my Reform Jersey colleagues and others both inside and outside the States to propose realistic alternatives to the austerity imposed by ministers.

### Together we have successfully–

- Pressurised the Council of Ministers to maintain the Christmas bonus for the poorest pensioners
- Exposed the wasteful spending of senior civil servants
- Championed same-sex marriage
- Achieved a commitment to introduce online voting
- Stopped a lower minimum wage for young people being introduced
- Prevented some outsourcing and built in safeguards around future outsourcing
- Saved People’s Park
- Founded the ‘Jersey Living Wage’ campaign

I have also worked hard on the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel where we have secured extra funding for education and reformed the Prison Board of Visitors.

**“ By working as a team, and by listening to voters, we in Reform Jersey have been effective at turning public opinion into action in the States to better represent the voting public. ”**

If elected as a Senator, I will have a mandate to start to repair much of the damage being done by the Council of Ministers.

# Policies

## Taxation

The introduction of 0/10 and GST has been a disaster and left the States unable to raise the revenue it needs to fund public services and cope with the ageing population. The Council of Ministers is ready to raise the basic rate of tax on middle earners to 23%. Reform Jersey proposes to replace the Health Tax by raising Social Security Contributions from businesses who employ high earners.

We oppose raising new taxes which will disproportionately affect low and middle earners.

## The Economy

I want to see the States provide action, not just words, to support local businesses. Economic growth in Jersey has been stagnant for years and when we have achieved growth it has been confined only to small parts of our economy. More must be done to help struggling businesses and emerging industries by modernising regulations and introducing progressive rates of Social Security Contributions for the self-employed.

I will continue to support the 'living wage' and will fight to raise the minimum wage and end the abuse of zero-hours contracts.

## Public Sector Reform

The Council of Ministers has so far completely failed to rein in spending on the top levels of the civil service and has instead focused on redundancies for frontline workers who, by and large, do a very good job. We must change the culture in the civil service so that we get good value for money for the public. Ministers must stand up to their Chief Executives more often and focus efficiency savings at the management level.

## Population

The Chief Minister has completely failed to meet his own migration targets, most recently allowing over 1,100 low earners into the Island.

Population targets must be met if we are to protect our resources and the environment. There should be a greater focus in future on training people already resident in Jersey to do high skilled jobs, rather than constantly importing new workers.

## Housing

Both house prices and rents are too high. I want to introduce an empty property tax to encourage landlords to put the 3,000 empty properties we have back on the market. This could reduce demand and rents, making it easier for Islanders to get by.

## Education

I will oppose attempts to slash newly qualified teachers' salaries because of the potential damage to recruitment and standards.

Our higher education grants scheme has not been properly adjusted for 15 years. I will support an improvement to the grants scheme and consider a private loan scheme alongside it to make sure every able young person is able to access higher education, no matter what their family income is.

## Health

There must be a greater focus on preventative care. I will support the abolition of upfront fees to see a GP.

I will support the proposals to see the hospital rebuilt on the current site and will work hard to ensure the public get good value for money after millions have been wasted so far.

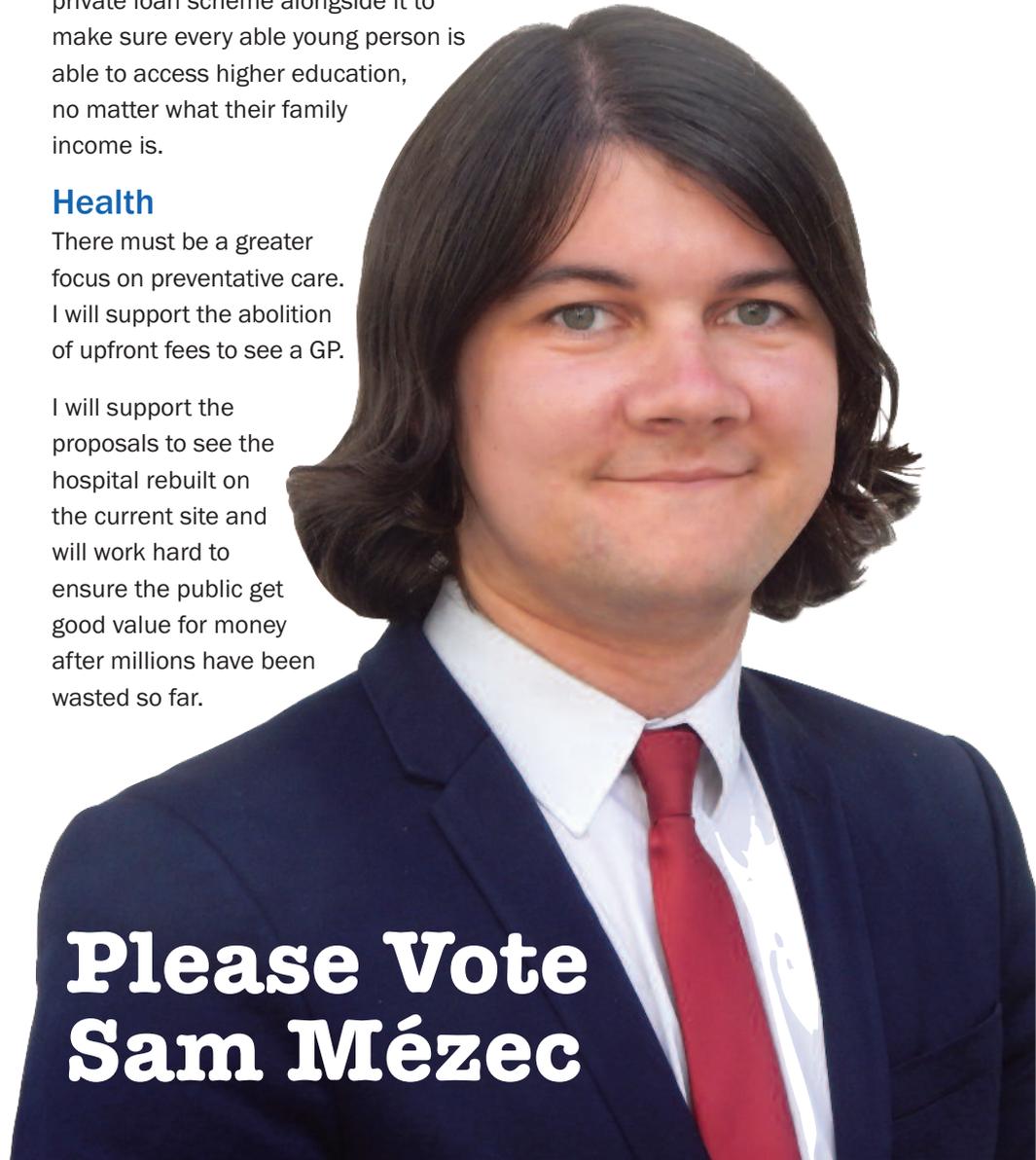
## Equality and Human Rights

The achievement I am proudest of in my time as a Deputy has been getting the States to accept a proposition to introduce same-sex marriage.

I have also been glad to support the implementation of anti-discrimination laws. However, the model of law the States has introduced is based on an old and out of date UK law. I believe we should aim to introduce an all-encompassing Equality Act, based on modern principles of inclusion.

## States Reform

Our democratic system is too complicated and unfair. Reform Jersey supports one category of States Member elected in equal sized constituencies where each voter has an equal voting power. We will support any proposal which makes our system fairer.



**Please Vote  
Sam Mézec**

# How to vote

Voting will take place between 8am and 8pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at your usual polling station.

For most Parishes this will be at your Parish Hall. However, for St Helier, St Saviour and St Brelade, your polling station will depend on which district you live in.

**St Brelade No. 1** – Parish Hall

**St Brelade No. 2** – Communicare Centre

**St Helier No. 1** – Town Hall

**St Helier No. 2** – Springfield Stadium

**St Helier No. 3** – Rouge Bouillon School

**St Helier No. 4** – First Tower School

**St Saviour No. 1** – Georgetown Methodist Church

**St Saviour No. 2** – Parish Hall

**St Saviour No. 3** – Maufant Youth Centre

If you are unsure which district you live in, please contact your Parish Hall or contact Reform Jersey and we will find out for you.

## Remember to bring ID!

### Pre-poll vote

If you wish to vote early, there will be a polling station set up at St Paul's Centre in Town on the following dates –  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August –  
8:30am – 5:30pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September – 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 8:30am – 2:00pm

### Home vote

If you are ill on the day of the election, please call your Parish Hall as early as you can and they will arrange for someone to visit your home with a ballot paper.

If you are ill, disabled or caring for someone with a disability and know in advance that you will not be able to make it to the polling station, you can apply for somebody to visit your home with the ballot paper at a time that is convenient for you before election day.

You can print off the application form on [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je) or contact the Judicial Greffe on 01534 441366.

### Postal vote

If you will be out of the Island and unable to vote in person, you can apply for a postal vote to be sent to the address you will be at.

You can print off the application form on [www.vote.je](http://www.vote.je) or contact the postal voting officer on 01534 441300.

**If you have any questions, or require transport on election day, please contact me on 07797 811130.**

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## About Sam Mézec

Sam is 25 years old, Jersey-born, educated at St Saviour's Primary School, Grainville and Hautlieu before studying Law at the University of Westminster.

He was elected Deputy for St Helier No. 2 at the age of 23 and previously worked in trust administration and for a local litigation firm.

In his spare time, he plays electric guitar for local rock band FlashMob, enjoys walking along Jersey's beautiful coastline and keeping up to date with international politics.

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