

“Our goal is a new start for Saint-Paul-de-Vence”

Hello to all,

I hope that you have had a good summer and a good start to the fall.

During this time, **the “Demain à Saint-Paul” team**, has grown with many new players to bring even more expertise and talent to the group in order to create a coherent and competent team. We have worked over the summer on creating our program for Saint-Paul.

In order to create a solid proposal, we have studied and observed the current status of our municipality. The highlights of this exercise are listed below and all the data are obtained from official publications.

As compared to the last official mandates in 2013 and 2018 (the last year with complete data), there are several surprising observations:

-Operational expenses have substantially increased, in particular salary expenses that increased by 26% (adjusting for the newly included salaries of day-care personnel)

- A large decrease in investments of more than 40%
- A surprisingly high increase in taxes
- This has resulted in a surplus of 3.5 million euros in the municipal coffers
- Our estimate is that at least 700000 euros have been contributed by taxpayers without justification
- A small decrease in the sewage treatment payments was agreed to in 2018 in order to lessen the overall tax increases but unfortunately was not communicated to Veolia in time such that this was not implemented

In light of these worrisome data and in order to make a fresh and clean start, one of our first actions should we be elected, would be to have an independent audit of the municipality’s finances and to then share the results with the community.

Highlights of our program

I am not proposing a radical change for Saint-Paul but another 6 years of the same management is not a good option.

For **a better future for life in Saint-Paul**, we propose to install an independent, politically non-aligned team.

With my team, I would like to:

- **Maintain the uniqueness of Saint-Paul while preparing for the future.**
- **Install better governance of the municipal finances.**
- **Develop a concept for sustainable tourism**
- **Install a true municipal democracy**

In order to achieve this, and should you vote for us, our action plan will include:

A tourism strategy built with the Tourism Office, professionals, and locals.

A program for tourism to be developed including culture, events, and local history

Municipal finances: Increase infrastructural investments while rationalising expenses

Municipal transparency: Open and transparent communication

Environmental protection: eco-friendly actions, biodiversity, handicap access, and sustainable tourism

Engage the **youth** of Saint-Paul to be caring future citizens

Urban development: Protect the exceptional character of our community by not allowing construction of incompatible developments such as “Jardin des Arts”

Security: Protect our community based on a risk-based management

Maintenance/works: Plans need to be re-evaluated/recreated (in the majority) with local input

Social support: based on activities incorporating all age groups

Social Clubs: As key to social life, these will be readily supported

Regional Partnerships: A strong involvement with local and regional communities

“We are at your disposal to carry out a platform for a better future for life in Saint-Paul-de-Vence”

Local representatives

In order to refine the details of our program, we will be meeting with all possible members of our community. We have assigned members of our team from all the various parts of the municipality to meet with you. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or proposals. You can reach us through social media as detailed below.

Campaign Team

This team is comprised of members who share our general philosophy, and will possibly partake in program developments. There are already over 200 volunteers who have expressed interest and please contact us if you are interested in joining.

Contact

Follow us for updates and activities:

- on our Facebook page: Demain à Saint-Paul
- on our internet site demainasaintpaul.fr (where you can find the english version of our documents)