

St. Eustatius, September 10, 2021.

Dear (deputy) government commissioner Sint Eustatius,

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2021, in which you respond in one go to - let me quote you - our letters of July 13, 15, 18, August 1 and 15, 2021. You will not blame us for seeing here a rather tight link to our letter to the National Ombudsman of September 5. We detect an arrogant undertone of *"up to now we have been able to keep the club away from us, but we cannot maintain that attitude any longer"*.

You distance yourself from our suspicions. That you distance yourself from it surprises neither friend nor foe, but when it comes to suspicions you then remain vague. In our opinion, no suspicion has been formulated anywhere. Of course, this is not a court case, so it is not directly relevant to show or demand evidence for each formulation, but where we too think "we do not know this for sure", we talk about 'presumptions'. Perhaps you are referring to our interpretation of "arrogance of power", but that is pretty much a fact by now. You yourself "prove" us right about this by acknowledging receipt of 5 letters (from July 13 to August 15, 2021) at once, and only because we approached the National Ombudsman. Oh, pardon, this last is of course only a presumption.

On a more substantive note, your sentence "Social participation and space for dialogue have also been taken into account" is plainly wishful thinking. From which fact is there any evidence of this participation and dialogue? Not a single fact! And because you make 'desirable' statements that cannot be substantiated with any facts, we use the expression "arrogance of power".

We would like to see your words actually fulfilled. To date, our group of concerned Stadians is not impressed, and certainly not convinced of your good intentions.

Kind regards,

on behalf of and with the group of concerned Stadians,

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Sint Eustatius.

Cc: *National Ombudsman*

*Chairman and members of the Kingdom Relations Committee*

*Members of the Island Council of Sint Eustatius*