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Honorable Myron D. Jackson  
Senator, 31<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
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Dear Senator Jackson:

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is in receipt of your correspondence requesting my participation in the Senate Hearing on Culture, Historic Preservation and Youth & Recreation scheduled for February 5, 2016 at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. In your letter, you requested a status report on Coki Point beach, including maintenance, security, visitor and resident experience, and the rules and regulations that govern said location.

While all vendors and other businesses at Coki Point Beach obtain a business license from the DLCA, the Department does not have jurisdiction over said location. Certain sections of that beach are privately owned. Vendors who engage in business at the locations that are privately owned, obtain lease agreements with the landlords responsible for that property. As a prerequisite to obtaining a business license from the DLCA, these vendors must present a copy of the lease agreement to the DLCA.

The vendors on the section of the beach that is government owned, must present a copy of a lease agreement between themselves and the Department of Housing Parks and Recreation to the DLCA. The Department of Sports Parks and Recreation has jurisdiction over the Coki Point location and personnel from that department monitor the day to day activities of these vendors and provide the requisite oversight, maintenance and security of the area.

Officers from the DLCA also help to monitor the activities of the vendors at Coki Point Beach. They check for business licenses, current leases and try to ensure that all rules and regulations are complied with. The Rules and regulations that govern Vendors' Plaza and other vendors in the territory apply to these vendors at Coki Point and our officers pay periodic visit to the area to ensure compliance. While these rules and regulations were promulgated in 1992, they are periodically updated and were last updated in 2010.



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In light of the foregoing, it is only appropriate that the DLCA respectfully defer to the Department of Sports Parks and Recreation for the status report on the activities and oversight of the Coki Point Beach.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Devin Carrington', is written over the word 'Respectfully'.

Devin Carrington, Esq.  
Commissioner



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