

**TESTIMONY ON ST THOMAS AND ST. CROIX CAR RACING UPDATE  
COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, YOUTH &  
RECREATION  
31ST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016**

**EARL B. OTTLEY LEGISLATIVE HALL  
ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**10:30 A.M.  
BY:**

**RANDOLPH N. BENNETT, COMMISSIONER  
PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT**

GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN MYRON D. JACKSON, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, YOUTH & RECREATION OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, FELLOW TESTIFIERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IN THE CHAMBERS AND IN THE LISTENING AND VIEWING AUDIENCE.

I AM RANDOLPH N. BENNETT, COMMISSIONER, PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT. AT THIS TIME, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE INVITATION TO APPEAR THIS MORNING, ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR KENNETH E. MAPP, TO UPDATE THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE ON THE ST. THOMAS RACE TRACK. UNFORTUNATELY, I COULD NOT APPEAR IN PERSON DUE TO A FAMILY ISSUE ON THE MAIN LAND. I AM ATTENDING THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF MY SISTER-IN-LAW. TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF THE

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DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT IS ASSISTANT  
COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY LAKE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT IS IN  
FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR MAPP-POTTER  
ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT OF REESTABLISHING A DRAG  
RACING TRACK ON ST. THOMAS. WE HAVE HELD SEVERAL  
MEETINGS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE RACING COMMUNITY AND  
WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR COMMITMENT AS WELL.

HAVING A RACE TRACK IN OUR COMMUNITY PLAYS A  
FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC  
GROWTH. IT WILL INCREASE THE KNOWLEDGE OF MEMBERS IN THE  
COMMUNITY WHO WANTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE. IT  
WILL ALSO GIVE THEM A FIRSTHAND OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE  
THE THRILL OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE.

IT CAN EVEN ENCOURAGE GREATER EMPLOYMENT IN THE  
AUTOMOTIVE FIELD. IT WILL HELP TO MEET ONE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT'S AREAS OF  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL. IT WILL HELP TO KEEP  
LATE NIGHT RACING OFF OUR STREETS. HAVING SAID THIS, I WILL  
ENSURE ALL EFFORTS CONTINUE TO MAKE THE TRACK A REALITY.

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MR. LAKE WILL UPDATE YOU ON THE MORE RECENT MEETINGS WITH  
THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH REGARDS TO THE TRACK. THIS  
CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT AND I WISH THE VERY BEST TO ALL.  
THANK YOU.