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TO: MEMBERS OF THE 31ST LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON
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FROM: Senator Janette Millin Young
Chairperson
Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning

DATE: May 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Notice of Committee Hearing

Please be advised that I have scheduled a committee hearing to be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to discuss the following measures:

10:00 a.m. CZM Permit No. CZT-12-14W issued by the St. Thomas Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission to "Permittee" Black Magic Flightops, LLC.

Invited testifiers:

- ✚ Attorney Dawn Henry, Commissioner Designee, DPNR
- ✚ Attorney Maria Hodge, Black Magic Flightops, LLC.

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11:00 a.m. Bill No. 31-0076 an act directing the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority, to promote the island of St. Croix to those visiting St. Thomas and St. John, and for other purposes.

Invited testifiers:

- ✚ Hon. Beverly Nicholson-Doty, Commissioner, Department of Tourism
- ✚ Mr. Wayne Biggs, Acting CEO, Economic Development Authority
- ✚ Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority
- ✚ Mr. Joseph Boschulte, President/CEO, West Indian Company Limited

2:00 p.m. Bill No. 31-0091 an act requiring the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study of the production, marketability and medicinal value of the Moringa tree in the territory and potential commercial value of hemp, and bamboo production.

Invited testifiers:

- ✚ Mr. Carlos Robles, Commissioner Designee, Department of Agriculture
- ✚ Dr. Simon Jones-Hendrickson, Chief Economic and Fiscal Policy Advisor
- ✚ Mr. Olasee Davis, Extension Specialist II, University of the Virgin Islands
- ✚ Mr. Kwame Garcia, State Director, University of the Virgin Islands
- ✚ Ms. Bernadette Melendez, Director, Bureau of Economic Research
- ✚ Ms. Barbara Laronde, President of USVI NORML

4:00 p.m. Bill No. 31-0100 an act amending title 7 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 1, to allow for the cultivation of Hemp and for other related purposes.

Invited testifiers:

- ✚ Dr. David Hall, President, University of the Virgin Islands
- ✚ Mr. Carlos Robles, Commissioner Designee, Department of Agriculture
- ✚ Mr. Delroy Richards Sr., Police Commissioner Designee
- ✚ Attorney Dawn Henry, Commissioner Designee, DPNR
- ✚ Dr. Robert Godfrey, Director, Agriculture Experiment Station, UVI
- ✚ Mr. Paul Chakroff, Environmental Consultant
- ✚ Mr. Olasee Davis, Extension Specialist, University of the Virgin Islands
- ✚ Mr. Kwame Garcia, State Director, University of the Virgin Islands
- ✚ Ms. Bernadette Melendez, Director, Bureau of Economic Research
- ✚ Ms. Yoki Hanley, Business Owner
- ✚ Ms. Barbara Laronde, President of USVI NORML