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The Honorable Senate President Donna A. Frett-Gregory
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
3022 Estate Golden Rock
Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820

Re: Request for Rezoning for the VITEMA Hermon Hill Administrative Facilities – Emergency Operations Center and ECC 911

Dear Madam President Frett-Gregory,

The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is respectfully requesting the rezoning of the following Government of Virgin Islands owned parcels at Estate Hermon Hill:

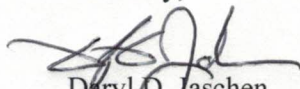
- 102-A Remainder Estate Hermon Hill (3.683 acres)
- 102-B Estate Hermon Hill (0.394 acres)
- 102-C Estate Hermon Hill (0.502 acres)

We are requesting a change from its current zoning of R-3 (Residential-Medium-Density) to P-Public. This will include a total site area of 4.579 acres. VITEMA occupied this location up until 2010 when the agency relocated due to issues with the facility indoor environmental quality.

VITEMA has received a Hazard Mitigation Grant that will allow for the current building to be demolished and a new facility built on the same footprint that has a total interior area of approximately 25,000 square feet – including a 13,712 square foot VITEMA operational facility and a 1,420 square foot corridor that meets the International Building Code Requirements for a Risk Category IV Building along with a 9,968 square foot safe room that meets the 2000 edition of the International Code Council (ICC) 500 Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters as well as the requirements in the Fourth Edition of FEMA P-361 Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes: Guidance for Community and Residential Safe Rooms.

We have submitted the application package required to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and look forward to following the process to successfully have this Government owned building designated as zone category “P”.

Sincerely,



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Director

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