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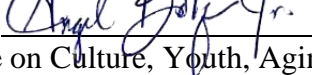
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
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FROM: Angel L. Bolques, Jr. 
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

DATE: October 18, 2023

**RE: OFFICIAL AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks
Hearing – Monday, November 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has set a hearing for Monday, November 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The committee will hear testimonies and updates on three vital areas during this hearing. The first part of the hearing will focus on YOUTH with the Children's Museums, discussing their operations, achievements, and challenges while highlighting their role in community engagement and cultural enrichment. In the second part, attention will shift to AGING and Disability Compliance and Rights, where experts will provide important data and insights into the current state of disability rights and accessibility in the Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I: **10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

BLOCK I of the hearing focuses on examining the operations, accomplishments, challenges, and social significance of Children's Museums in the Virgin Islands. This hearing will delve into management and social impacts, address the hurdles they face, and underscore their importance in fostering community engagement and Cultural enrichment within the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

- Chantel Hoheb – Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Children's Museum
- Ellie Hirsh – President of the Children's Museum of St. Croix

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LUNCH

12:00PM – 1:00PM

BLOCK II:

1:00PM – 3:00PM

BLOCK II of the hearing is dedicated to evaluating the current state of Disability Compliance and the Rights of individuals with disabilities in the Virgin Islands. Expert testimonies will provide vital statistics, highlight operational efforts, celebrate achievements, and identify challenges, offering a comprehensive view of the status and issues surrounding disability rights and accessibility in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

- Julien Henley – ADA Coordinator of the Virgin Islands
- Angus Brigo – Executive Director of the Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands
- Monique Bute – Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Association for Independent Living, Inc.