



# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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## Committee Report—Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunications

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications convened on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 6:20 p.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas for a Townhall to discuss the **VIHA FY 2024 Annual Plan**. During the town hall, community members shared their concerns with various aspects of the annual plan, including the proposal to increase the required security deposit. A number of observations and suggestions were made, particularly in terms of a desire for improved housing conditions and maintenance, and for increased opportunities to participate in homeownership programs.

### Legislative Attendance

Committee Members Present	Non-Committee Members Present
Senator Marvin Blyden, Chair	Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
Senator Marise James, Vice Chair	
Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.	
Senator Samuel Carrion	
Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff	
Senator Ray Fonseca	
Senator Carla Joseph	

### Invited Testifiers

Ms. Lydia Pelle, Chief Operating Officer, Virgin Islands Housing Authority	
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**The following individuals were available for discussion and questions:**

- Ms. Lydia Pelle, Chief Operating Officer, Virgin Islands Housing Authority
- Mr. Jimmy Farmer, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications Townhall adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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