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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers
St. Thomas, VI

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I - 9:00 A.M. –11:00 A.M.

Update and discussion on the progress of the housing programs under the purview of the V.I. Housing Finance Authority, including the status of homeownership programs throughout the territory; the outlook for affordable housing and homeownership in the territory; the status of home repair programs; the status of the emergency housing programs administered by the Authority; and lastly the status of programs to combat housing instability.

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Mr. Eugene Jones, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
- Ms. Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

BLOCK II - 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Update and discussion on transportation matters in the territory, including the status of roads and road projects and the status of public transportation, including bus and passenger ferry services.

INVITED TESTIFIER

- Mr. Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

LUNCH 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK III - 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M

Update and discussion on telecommunication issues that impact the economy and the quality of life for Virgin Islands residents. As well as an update on the status of present infrastructure projects and plans for future development, with a focus on planning and utilization of federal broadband funding.

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Attorney Ileana Canellas, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile Puerto Rico
- Mr. Ravindra Maywahlall, General Manager, Liberty USVI
- Ms. Geraldine Pitt, Chief Executive Officer, Viya
- Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, VI Next Generation Network
- Mr. Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Mr. Karl Knight, Chief Executive Officer, VI Water & Power Authority
- Ms. Kimika Woods, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget