



October 11, 2022

The Honorable Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States
3 King St.
Christiansted, VI 00820

RE: Character Endorsement for Luther Renee

Dear Governor Bryan,

With great enthusiasm, I endorse Mr. Luther Renee for inclusion on the Virgin Islands Casino Control Board.

I first met Mr. Renee in 1993 as an 8th-grade student at the Good Hope School (GHS), where he served as my algebra teacher and Dean of the Middle School. The rigor of Mr. Renee's algebra class was legendary amongst the GHS student body; however, that rigor was met with detailed lesson plans and private, one-on-one interventions, as necessary. While I am embarrassed to say that I earned a 25 on my first algebra test, I am equally proud to report that by the end of the year, I had the 3rd highest average in the class. I am even prouder to say that Mr. Renee's world-class algebra training served as the foundation for my career as a chemical engineer and investment banker.

Although I feel lucky to have taken Mr. Renee's math class, I would be remiss if I limited my discussion of Mr. Renee's impact on my life to pedantic topics such as algebra. Throughout his tenure at Good Hope, Mr. Renee served as a much-needed mentor to local kids, especially our young black men. As a product of a single-parent home, I am grateful to have met Mr. Renee and received life coaching and tough love from him on numerous occasions. In retrospect, Mr. Renee was one of the few black, professional males that I knew; and his mentorship helped me become a black male professional many years later.

Please let me know if I can provide more information to strengthen Mr. Renee's candidacy for the Virgin Islands Casino Control Board.

Mr. Renee is an incredible man, an incredible Virgin Islander, and has already made countless contributions to the quality of life in our beloved home. I do not doubt that he will continue to serve our community well as a board member of your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed John Hope".

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