

## **Testimony supporting Mr. Luther Renee nomination to the Casino Commission Board, March 9, 2023**

Greetings Senator Diane Capehart, Chairperson, Committee on Rules and Judiciary, other senators present, those viewing and listening via electronic media.

I am Errol Chichester.

I appear before the Committee today on behalf of Mr. Luther Renee to express my strong support for his nomination to the Virgin Islands Casino Board.

I have known and worked with Mr. Renee for approximately fifteen years. Eight of those years we served as administrative colleagues at the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture (VIDOA).

During that time, we had an excellent working relationship which focused on meeting the farming community's needs. While at the VIDOA, Mr. Renee displayed a strong sense of self, community and integrity. He was articulate, considerate and firm in his actions. His decisions were not made indiscriminately but based on the facts in every instance. I have known him as a fair-minded and impartial person who treated everyone equally, regardless.

After his employment with the VIDOA, we continued to work together as members of the Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Directors. His presence on the Board, which began while he was Assistant Commissioner until today, is highly critical as it is an integral part in planning and implementing the annual event. He graciously and convincingly performed the tasks of Fair Vice President, whose responsibilities include booth layout, space allocation to government, non-profits and for-profit businesses, and parking designations. He also serves as the Director of the Exhibitor's section. Mr. Renee uses his professional experience, problem-solving, organizational and administrative skills to accomplish these tasks.

For the past fifteen years, because of the dedication, commitment and tenacity that I have seen Mr. Renee display, I am sure that he will serve the Commission well. It is my opinion that Mr. Renee has the qualities for the position. He is trustworthy and reliable. His strong work ethics, will be a benefit to the organization. Should he be given the opportunity to serve, I have no doubt that he will approach his duties with enthusiasm and dedication. I strongly support his selection and confirmation to serve and I am confident that he can and will get the job done.