

# THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802
340-774-0001

March 3, 2023

### **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Novelle E. Francis Senate President Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capitol Building St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Nomination of Anna Wallace Francis – Virgin Islands Territorial Park Trust Fund, Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 32, chapter 2A of the Virgin Islands Code, I hereby nominate Mrs. Anna Wallace Francis, who resides on St Thomas, to the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees for the District of St. Thomas. The term of appointment is five (5) years.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to ask the advice and consent of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature on this nomination. A copy of Mrs. Francis' resume is enclosed for your review.

Your prompt and favorable confirmation will enhance the Board's ability to meet its robust agenda and serve the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

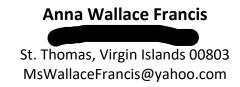
Albert Bryan Jr.

Governor

Enclosure

Cc: Senator Diane T. Capehart

Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary



**PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE:** to promote a love and respect for the Virgin Islands; while teaching the importance of knowing our history, culture, and environmental heritage.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Howard University, Washington, D.C. M.Ed., Curriculum Development and Teaching December 1985

Fisk University, Nashville, TN. B.A., Biology and Spanish December 1979

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

UVI Cooperative Extension Service Continuing Education Classes in: Computer Technology, Batik Art, Agriculture, and Cooperatives 250 participation hours from 2013-2019

St. Thomas-St. John district Science Institute
Department of Education Bi-Yearly training Sessions
100 participation hours from 2006 to 2009

#### SKILLS:

- \*Ability to design and develop instructional packages and power point programs.
- \*Knowledge and experience in designing and creating, painting wood crafts, using various carpentry tools
- \*Ability to capture the natural beauty of our environment on canvas & through photography
- \*Seamstress with a Love for African style clothing, and working with Tie Dye & Batik
- \*Unlimited desire to expand the knowledge of young people in their history, culture, creative arts and the value of their environment.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER (January 1981 –1983, & December 1985 – August 2013)

Virgin Islands Department of Education, St. Thomas, V.I.

Taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade life, physical and environmental science. Taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade chemistry, physical and environmental science.

Taught 9th & 10th grade physical and earth science

**TEACHING ASSISTANT** (August 1985- December 1985)

Center for Academic Reinforcement

Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Taught Expository Writing to college freshmen class

### CAMP COUNSELOR (June 1985 – August 1985) 4-H Summer Program

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Taught and gave practical experiences in basic skills in Agriculture. Special emphasis was placed on the utilization of local produce for landscaping in an attractive and practical manner.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT** (August 1984-May 1985) Instructional Materials Center Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities included maintaining the entry and withdrawal of cards in card catalog; shelved books and other materials; assisted with the storing, retrieval, and getting up of audio visual and computer equipment; assisted with the ordering of supplies and books for the I.M.C.; typed all correspondence

**SCIENCE TEACHER** (January 1981 – June1984) VI Department of Education, St. Thomas Taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade life science, 9<sup>th</sup> grade physical science, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade biology.

**COMPUTER OPERATOR** (January 1980 – January 1981) Psychological Resources, Atlanta, Ga. Organized, graded and entered test scores and personal histories into the computer, via a CRT, for computer evaluation of psychological personality tests; transmitted cases via modem; updated data from master disks onto magnetic tapes; maintained alumni mailing lists for Atlanta University Complex colleges.

**PARK AID** (May – August 1978 and May – August 1977) VI National Park, Interpretation Department, St. Thomas – St. John.

In St. John, performed as snorkel instructor and trail guide. Operated information center at the Cinnamon Bay Museum; arranged displays of Indian and African artifacts and organisms from the Echinodermata Phylum. Accessed library books and classified "visitor spotted" animals.

In St. Thomas, maintained visitor information center; typed correspondence and answered information requests on park activities.

### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE / SERVICE:**

- \*2021-Present: Environmental & Cultural History Instructor for Ascension Livity, Inc., I See Us VI Cultural Heritage Education Video Media & Technology Project
- \* 2014-2015: Volunteer Elective Teacher at the VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy
- \* 2009-Present: EAST
- \*2008-Present: Pan African Association Host Cultural educational events and informational radio programs
- \*2007- 2010: VI Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.,
- \*2003-Present: Environmental Rangers Educational Youth Group.
- \*2003-Present: Founders of Camp Umoja -- An Environmental Educational Campground, with the mission to acquire, protect, preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive land and educate the community about the value of our natural resources.
- \*1983-1985: Science/Arts & Crafts Teacher Ujamma Shule Elementary School, Washington D.C.
- \*1980-1981 Atlanta Botanical Gardens & Exodus Right to Read Academy
- \*1975 Virgin Islands Fish & Wildlife

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

\*2022: Member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Chi Chapter

\*2007-2010: VI Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc...

\*2007-2009 Faith Wesleyan Church Trustee Board

\*1998-Present – Member Pan African Support Group

#### AWARDS/HONORS:

2004 The African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation, Inc. ANKH Award

2004 U.S. EPA environmental Quality Award

2006 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Award

2006 Pan African Support Group Mawina Konyate Daughter of Africa Award

2007 Carnival Cultural Fair Winners in the Plant Division

2009 Bordeaux Farmers Rastafari Agricultural & Cultural Fair Award for working with Youth

2009 Named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

2012 The 14th Caribbean Urban and Community Forestry Conference educational Award 10-26-2012

2015 Helen Gjessing Community Services Award

2022 Ascension Livity, Inc. Cultural Heritage Recognition

2023 We Grow Food Honorary Farmers of the Year Award

#### COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS / CONFERENCES / PUBLICATIONS / RADIO PROGRAMS

2003-2006 – Newsletter – Environmental Rangers Speak

2006 - "Health from Your Garden" \* Healing Wisdom from Our Elders \* A Collection of Plant Information & Healthy food Suggestions, written by Mrs. Cleone Beverhoudt & The Environmental Rangers

2006 –U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Conference on the Health of Coral Reefs – Power Point presentations

2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 - Asante Sana Award Program – honoring Environmental, Historical, Cultural Leaders in our community

2010 – 10<sup>th</sup> DPNR Nonpoint Pollution Conference – 3 Power Point presentations on Gut studies and 2 Displays on Beach Pollution, and Recycling in the VI

2012 Power point presentation on "Ensuring That Community Knowledge in Urban Forestry/Environmental Science is sustained by Developing Teen Mentors for Future Generations "at the 14th Caribbean Urban & Community Forestry Conference UVI 10-27-2012

2013 St. Croix - PSA –competition /presentation on clean water; ecosystem habitat protection; turtle protection 2013-Present – Co-Host radio programs on Community Activism and Culture & Environmental Topics

# Informational Documents on Anna Wallace Francis

St. Thomas, VI 0803 MsWallaceFrancis@yahoo.com

# In consideration to be on the Territorial Park Trust Board

Statement of Interest Biography Resume

Submitted to Attorney David Bornn

August 17, 2022

# BIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Wallace-Francis's, personal and professional objective has been to promote a love and respect for the Virgin Islands, while teaching the importance of knowing our history, culture, and environmental heritage.

Born on St. Thomas, to Viggo & Julia Wallace, Anna's childhood experiences of exploring the land and marine environments in the VI, and neighboring Caribbean Islands, are the experiences which have shaped her character. Thus, the highlight of her 33 year teaching career was introducing students to the amazing biodiversity of Caribbean environments. As a Science teacher in private and public schools in the United States and on St. Thomas, teaching students about the importance of knowing their history, culture, and environmental heritage has been essential.

Anna Wallace was educated in the public school system, where she attended the Lockhart & Tutu Elementary Schools, Wayne Aspinal Jr. High, and Nazareth Bay High School. Her undergraduate studies in Science were at Inter-American University in San German, Puerto Rico, and Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her graduate studies in Curriculum and Teaching, were pursued at the College of the Virgin Islands and Howard University.

Mrs. Francis's extracurricular activities include working with several community and environmental groups such the Faith Wesleyan Women, Pan African Association, We Grow Food Inc., Red Hook Alliance, Friends of Mandahl, Virgin Islands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., EAST and Eta Phi Beta Sorority. Married to Alcedo Justin Francis, Mrs. Francis's most rewarding and challenging achievements has been raising four sons, and being one of the founding members of the Environmental Rangers, and Camp Umoja: an Eco-Educational Campground on St. Thomas. The Environmental Rangers have received: 2004 the African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation, Inc ANKH AWARD; 2004 U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award and were nominated again in 2006; 2006 U.S. CORAL REEF TASK FORCE HONOREES FOR "Youth Making a Difference for the Health of the Coral Reef"; 2007 Carnival Cultural Fair winners in the Plant Division, in 2008 The Environmental Rangers were recognized by We Grow Food & the Bordeaux Farmers, and in 2011 the Rangers were presenters at the 11th Annual DPNR Non Point Source Pollution Conference in St. Thomas.

At Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, there were several rewarding achievements. Inspiring her home room class to raise and donate money to Governor Farrelly, to save Long Bay was extremely rewarding. The Science classes along with the Environmental Rangers held several public Non-Point Source Pollution and Earth Day Fairs in the school's library. It was a great honor to have mentored at least 15 students who won or placed at the district STEM Fair. The gardens and fruit trees which were planted at ACJHS, have continued to be a positive contribution for future generations long after Mrs. Wallace Francis retired.

Mrs. Francis was a 2006 recipient of the Pan African Support Group Mawina Konyate Daughter of Africa Award; in 2009 she was recognized by the 12th Annual Bordeaux Farmers Rastafari Agricultural & Cultural Food Fair for her works with the Environmental Rangers and throughout the Virgin Islands; also in 2009, she was named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. In 2015 she was honored with the Helen Gjessing Community Services Award.

Retired in 2013, along with her family, she continues to educate and work towards the protection and preservation of our endangered ecosystems, and mentoring youth to do the same. The work on the Campground is ongoing with a focus on Sustainable farming and Agroforestry.

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

# In Consideration for nomination to serve on the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees

**NOMINEE: ANNA OWH FRANCIS** 



Office of the Governor United States Virgin Islands

# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GOVERNOR'S NOMINEE FOR DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

- ALL questions must be fully and correctly answered and returned to the Office of Legal Counsel within seven (7) business days of your receipt of the Questionnaire.
- Do not submit a resume instead of this Questionnaire.
- 3) If more than the allotted space on this form is required for a complete and full answer, please attach as many additional 8½ x 11 sheets as may be needed. At the top of each additional sheet put your name, "Office of the Governor, Office of Legal Counsel", and then reference the question number before each answer.
- 4) The Questionnaire is in Word Format. Please complete all responses clearly in black font color. Responses are <u>NOT</u> to be hand written.
- 5) Please do not hesitate to call the Office of Legal Counsel at Government House at (340) 774-0001 if you have any questions concerning this Questionnaire.

# NOMINEE'S NAME:

# SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. NAME: (Last)	(Fir	st)	(Middle)	(Other)
Francis	A	nna	OWH	
2. SOCIAL SECURITY:				
3. ADDRESS: Mailing:	5550	VDS St. T	homas VI	00803
Residential:	St Th	nomas, VI 00802		
Business:				
E-Mail: MsWallaceFr				
Phone Number(s) -	340-514-0973	(Cell)		(Home)
4. Length of Residence		ds: All my life		
5. Date of Birth:7/22/19	956			
6. Place of Birth: St. Th				
7. Marital Status:	<u>✓</u> Married		Widowed	Divorced
8. Full Name of Spouse				
Mailing & Residential A	ddress: PO Box 30	05037 VDS 00803; 26	CA Estate Mandahl S	t. Thomas VI 00802
Business, Name & Add	ress:			
		9. EDUCATION		
Institution	Dates Attended	Degree Received	Date Received	Certifications
Howard University	1984 -1985	Masters in Ed	December 1985	Curriculum Development
Fisk University	1976 - 1979	B.A	December 1979	Biology
Inter- American University	1975 -1976	12 credit hours		
Nazerth Bay High School	1971 -1975	H. S. Diploma	June 1975	
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#### NOMINEE'S NAME:

10. EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Please list, in chronological order, your complete employment record for the past ten (10) years, beginning with the present or most recent position.

[Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

Employer	Dates of Employment	Position	Address/Phone #	Supervisor
Self Employed	2013- Present	Agroforestry Farmer	21 B Estate Mandahl	self
Government of the VI - Department of Education	1981 - 1983 & 1985 - 8/2013	Secondary Science Teacher	Addelita Cancryn Jr. High School	Mrs. Yvonne Pilgrim

#### 11. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

A. List all federal, state, territorial or local government service, giving dates and type of service such as employee, boards, commissions, executive, legislative or judicial branches, consultant, voluntary service, part-time or honorary. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

B. List and attach a copy of all service contracts you have held independently or been a party to with the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Govt. of the VI, Department of Health, Nutrition Division as a Field Surveyor: Summer 1974
Govt of the VI, Dept of Fish & Wildlife as a volunteer counting our fish populations: Spring 74
VI National Park, Federal Employee as a Park Interperator: Summers 1975,1976, 1977
Govt. of VI, Department of Education as a Science Teacher at Bertha Boschulte 1981-1982
at Eudora Kean 1983-1984
at Addelita Cancryn 1985-2013

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Wallace Properties Family Trus	st Co-Trustee
13. QUALIFICATIONS: Wh Islands in the position, which the	at in your opinion qualifies you to serve the People of the Virgin Governor has nominated you?
Statement attached	
SECTION	ON II: HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
14. MEMBERSHIPS: List scholarly, civic, charitable, and ot	all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, ther organizations.
	yh Chaplain; Pan African Support Group, Environmental
The same of the sa	sident; Friends of Mandahl, Co-Chair/Public Representative tee Board Secretary; VI Resource Conservation & Developmen
15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, TR trusts or fiduciary responsible po	SUSTS, ETC.: List all government or private sector boards, sitions on which you have served or are now serving.
The Wallace Properties Famil	ly Trust

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	PUBLISHED WRITINGS: List all titles, publishers and dates of books, articles, reports, or published materials you have written.
	SECTION III: CHARACTER
18.	Have you ever been the subject of a grand jury, police, and department of justice or any legally constituted government authority, investigation anywhere or at anytime?  YES NO
	If you answer is yes, please explain with details including date and location. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
19.	Have you ever been arrested in any geographical location for any offense, including traffic violations? YES NO
	If yes, please explain with details including offense, date of location and disposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
20.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor? VES NO

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	If yes, please explain with details including offense, date, location and current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
1.	Is there now or has there ever been a judgment entered against you? YES NO  If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
2.	Have you ever been a respondent in any labor dispute or discrimination proceeding?
	If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
23.	Have you now or have you ever been a member of an organization or an associate of an individual advocating terrorism, overthrow of a government by force or the advocacy or subordination of any ethnic group or individuals?
	If the answer is yes, please give details of dates, names of organizations, names of individuals and all pertinent circumstances. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

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24. Do you know of any individual, organization or group, which can be expected to oppose your nomination? YES NO
If the answer is yes, please list the individuals, organizations or groups by name and give the details of your belief for their opposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
25. Do you have any outstanding and delinquent monetary obligations to the Government of the Virgin Islands or any other public or private entity, including but not limited to, personal income taxes, business taxes, real property taxes (commercial or residential), business license renewals, trade name renewals, annual reporting fees, professional organization dues, child support, judgments, debt
Government of the Virgin Islands, includes but is not limited to the following departments, agencies and instrumentalities: the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Tax Assessor, Department of Justice Division of Paternity and Child Support, Board of Education, Economic Development Authority, U. S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, Police Department, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Water and Power Authority, the Waste Management Authority, Department of Health, Department of Human Services
YES NO
If the answer is yes, please attach a detailed explanation of what outstanding and delinquent monetary obligations are owed, the reason for the delinquency, and the intended plan to bring the matter current.
SECTION IV: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest arises when a person's private interests are opposed to the organization interest. In this case, even if not confirmed, I am so proud that the VI Government is finally

which you have been nominated to serve the People of the Virgin Islands.

26.

Please explain your understanding of "Conflict of Interest" as it applies to the position to

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establishing a Territorial Park for the protection and preservation of our astonishing beauty.
I look forward for generations of people to enjoy and experience the unique beauty of our
islands.
Do you own a business or real estate, or are you a partner or shareholder or affiliated in anyway to sell or provide goods or services to the Virgin Islands Government?  YES  NO
If the answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s) and how you promise to remove yourself from any possible conflict. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]
28. Does any close relative or spouse have a business or real estate interest(s) as described in question 25? YES VNO
If the answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s) and how you propose to remove yourself from any possible conflict. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary.)

### SECTION V: JOB PERFORMANCE

29. In no more than 150 words, please outline in priority order your four (4) specific short-term and four (4) specific long-term goals and objectives you would employ to achieve the entity's purpose and improve its service delivery system if your nomination is confirmed for this position.

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Answer attached	
30. As you must know, the Virgin Islands Government does not have the monetary recontinue business as usual. Do you have a fiscal plan in place to deal with less spenstreamlined system to deliver services to the residents of this Territory?	
If your answer is yes, please give a brief summary of your plan. If your answer is no, ple how you intend to operate your department with less money and deliver the services to the as required. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number	he residents
31. What is your view and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity Harassment? [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question	
Equal Employment Opportunity is the concept of everyone in an organization being	
achieve or maintain fair employment. This is the same concept of biodiversity in na	ture.
Sexual Harassment which can be unwelcomed sexual advances, or request for sex	marketische State and Stat
or verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature. It can also include comments	A CANADA TANADA TANADA
persons sex or sexual orientation. All of this is nonproductive and should be discou	raged.
32. Have you ever been named as a party in any hearing, administrative, civil, a including EEOC, civil rights or sexual harassment?	nd criminal
If yes, please explain in detail, giving date, venue, agency, and the names of the other par disposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]	

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Within the Division of Territorial Parks and Protected Areas within the Department of Planning and Natural Resources

#### 13. Qualifications:

Any successful board should be composed of a group of members with varying experiences, educational levels, and a commitment to the mission and vision of the organization. In consideration of such, I am an Environmentalist, Conservationist, and advocator of VI history and culture at heart. I have spent my entire life educating and working towards the protection and preservation of our endangered ecosystems and mentoring youth to do the same. My generational families have contributed to the VI community through our undertakings and projects with the only motive being to protect and preserve the unique land and marine environments of the VI for the benefit of the entire community.

During my official 33-year teaching career in private and public schools in the United States and on St. Thomas; introducing students to the amazing biodiversity of Caribbean environments, while teaching students about the importance of knowing their history, culture, and environmental heritage has been essential. I have also gained a lot of experience in conservation sustainability as we have been involved in trying to preserve land and create an agricultural park/museum like space for public use. Thus, my experiences volunteering with the Atlanta Botanical gardens; working with the Virgin Islands National Park and Camp Umoja have given me an insight into how the natural environment affects individuals and communities.

# 25. Obligations to the VI Government.

Yes, we have outstanding reports due to Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and Lieutenant Governor Office to submit our Non- Governmental Organization Annual reports & late fees. However, based on history, current calculations and records which have been done, NO we do not have a financial obligation to the IRB.

Since 2005 when we started filing our taxes for the Wallace Properties Trust, monies were reinvested back into the properties which resulted in us not owing any taxes. With regards to our personal taxes, for more than 15 years, we have been owed refunds. We have large deductions taken out of our income; make a lot of community and charitable donations, and had huge medical expenses, resulting in overpayment of taxes thus resulting in historically being owed a refund each year.

After Irma/Maria in 2017, due to medical challenges during 2018, 2019, & 2021, we spent on average six months each year in the states for doctor appointments. This disabled us from getting caught up with paper work to complete our filings. As property owners and full-time farmers our first priority has been the restoration and repairs of the properties, buildings, farms, nurseries, and hurricane debris that needed to be removed. Besides debt due to hurricane damage, we also were not generating income from Camp Umoja. Financially this involved us taking out an SBA loan in 2018, which has been completely paid off in 2022. Also, all property taxes are up to date and have been paid to the Tax Assessors Office, demonstrating our commitment to financial obligations.

Because of the challenges listed above, we are diligently working with our accountant and professionals to have those reports submitted to the proper agencies during this tax season that will account for all activities properly. Attached are documents showing the history of refunds given and us not owing the government.

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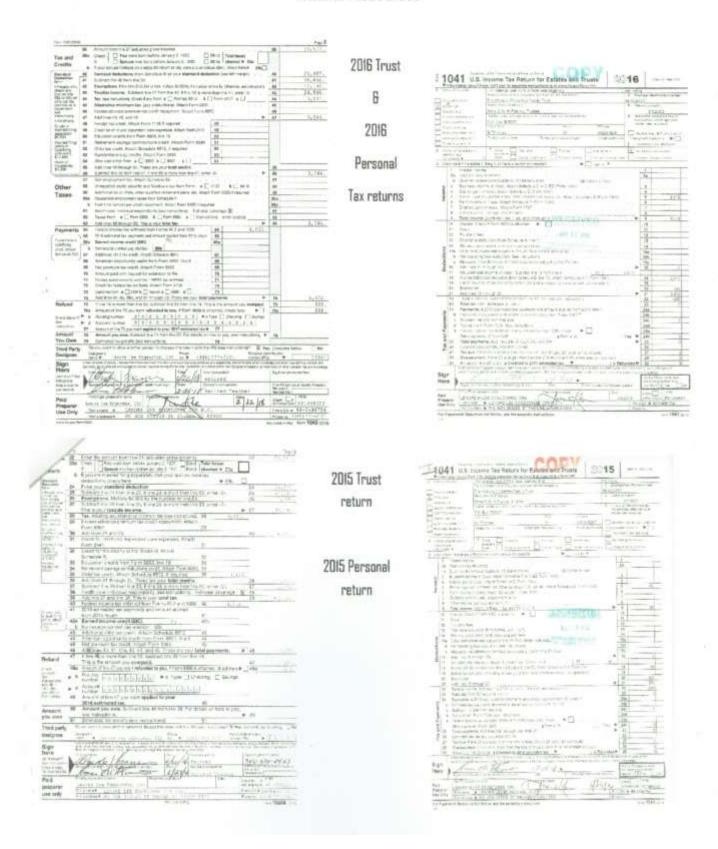
Within the Division of Territorial Parks and Protected Areas within the Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Examples of Tax extension requests and examples which demonstrate the history of refunds given and most likely us not owing the IRB.



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Within the Division of Territorial Parks and Protected Areas within the Department of Planning and Natural Resources



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#### 29. Short Term Goals

Residents and elected officials will understand the intrinsic and extrinsic value of VI natural resources and culture.

Identify that most environmental problems are due to economics. Over development of nature for profit creates over consumption and loss of natural resources.

Residents and elected officials will appreciate how the preservation of The Common\* resources in the VI will help with the global climate crisis.

Input from environmental and community groups during planning will lead to greater participation and support.

# Long Term Goals

Developing confidence in the VITP\* will lead individuals to donate land for preservation in perpetually.

The VITP\* shall protect and preserve more of The Commons\* for future generations.

Acquiring Cays and land around beaches will ensure greater public access.

The VI will attract business that derive more intrinsic and monetary value from protecting, preserving and enjoying our natural resources, than contributing to unbridled development.

### 33. Additional Information

To quote Olasee Davis "These lands hold such astonishing scenic beauty that national parks are spiritual places." It is a step forward for us 163 years after the first national park was formed at Yosemite that we now are developing a VI Territorial Park. Personally, and as a government, we all have learned many lessons over the years. Let's move forward together as a unified community. Let us all work together to cherish, protect, preserve, teach about, and share our God given natural resources and cultural heritage.

- The Commons are the air, water, forest and marine ecosystems, wetlands, wildlife, beaches and nonrenewable resources.
- VITP Virgin Islands Territorial Park

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33. Is there any additional information that y	ou believe would exist the Co	ommittee on Bules and
the Judiciary in processing your nomination		ommittee on Rules and
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This is to certify and affirm that all the statement or schedules or other such supporting document		
addendum to this document are true and correct		
faith.		
Signed this 4 day of March 2023	1 -	
Anna OWH Francis	V. 25#4	19
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