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Diane T. Capehart
Senator, 35 Legislature of the US Virgin Islands
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Via email: garrindell@legvi.org, apetersen@legvi.org

Dear Senator Capehart,

I am writing to testify on behalf of my sister, Anna Wallace Francis, who has been nominated to the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees for the District of St. Thomas. It is my honor to highly recommend Anna Wallace Francis to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Francis is a passionate, hard working woman of substance. She puts her heart and soul into any project or organization she works with. I feel she would be an asset to the board and can bring many years of valuable experience from her professional and community involvement.

Mrs. Francis has served her community in so many ways during her lifetime. As a native of St. Thomas, she has been involved in all areas of her community. Starting as a VI National Park Interpreter while in college during the summers; returning home after getting her degree and serving as a science teacher for over 30 years. She has volunteered in many community organizations over the years and continues to do so after her retirement from the Board of Education.

Anna has been a camp counselor, environmentalist, cultural history instructor, founder of Camp Umoja, an Environmental Educational Campground; founder of the Environmental Rangers Educational Youth Group, member of the Pan African Association, an Environmental & Cultural History Instructor for Ascension Livity, Inc. and many more. She is also a member of the Eta Phi Beta Sorority. Based on her professional experience and community service record, Anna is qualified to provide valuable insight to the Board.

She is a fierce protector of the environment and cares deeply about the health, preservation, history, and safety of the beauty of the Virgin Islands—and its residents. Lastly, she is a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and loyal family woman whom I am blessed to call my sister!

Based on her history and history of our family, selecting her to serve on the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees for the District of St. Thomas would have a positive impact on our Islands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Julia Wallace-Hall