

July 5, 2024

**Honorable Diane Capehart, Chairperson
Rules & Judiciary Committee
THIRTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE of the V.I.
3022 Estate Golden Rock
Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820**

Re: Vance E. Pinney – Nominee for CZM Commission

Dear Chairperson Capehart:

By way of introduction, my name is Brenda J. Hollar and I practiced law for twenty-two (22) years before I became a Judge of the Territorial and later Superior Court of the United States Virgin Islands from 1994-2012. In 2012, I retired; however, on several occasions, after my retirement, I was requested by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to become a member of different panels to preside over certain cases when one or more of the Justices had to recuse themselves.

In the above capacities, I had the opportunity to become very familiar with the role and function of the Coastal Zone Management and its Commission and I have concluded, in my opinion, that one of the United States Virgin Islands most precious resources is its shorelines and beaches, Accordingly, their protection and preservation are of the utmost importance. And so when I learned, the Honorable Albert Bryan chose it fitting to nominate Mr. Vince E. Pinney, a seasoned and qualified person, to fill the vacancy of CZM Commission member, in the District of St. Thomas & St. John District, I was ecstatic.

With respect to Mr. Pinney, I believe I am qualified to assess his suitability for the position as CZM Commission member because of his impeccable reputation as a licensed Contractor and Architect with years of experience working in the Government as well as in private practice.

Personally, I am very proud of the phenomenal job Mr. Pinney did as a co-Contractor and Architect in drawing the plans to my home and all the detailed topographic and other sketches required for completion of my home, especially given the difficult terrain. Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not mention that Mr. Pinney is a very personable individual, yet uncompromising when adhering to the strict zone, coastal and other regulations.

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Moreover, I believe I can say, without fear of contradiction, that Mr. Pinney was one of the hardest working licensed Architects following Hurricane Irma and Maria that devastated the island in September, 2017. He assisted so many, including myself, in submitting appropriate, detailed and accurate documentation for losses sustained and estimates for replacement costs to the insurance company so that payments could be processed.

Because of the foregoing, I enthusiastically and without any reservation, endorse the nomination of Vince E. Pinney, to the venerable position as Coastal Zone Management Commission member and recommend that Mr. Pinney be confirmed by the body as a whole to said position.

If you have any other concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call me. My contacts are (340) 690-4427 (c) and (340) 774-6147 (h).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda J. Hollar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Brenda J. Hollar