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The Honorable  
**Angel Bolques, Jr.**  
**Senator-At-Large**  
36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks**

The Honorable Carla Joseph, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden  
The Honorable Alma Francis Heyliger  
The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson  
The Honorable Avery L. Lewis

**FROM: Senator At Large Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**   
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

**DATE: February 14, 2025**

**RE: AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks**

**HEARING DATE: Friday, February 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM**

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The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks will convene a hearing on **Friday, February 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM** at the **Cleone Creque Legislative Annex on St. John**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and updates from the **Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation** on youth and aging services and programs for St. John. The discussion will focus on their mission to provide high-quality, accessible programs, services, and facilities that enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages, cultures, and abilities.

Additionally, the **Department of Human Services** will present an overview and updates on their youth and aging services and programs for St. John, including a specific update on the **Senior Center, Head Start Facility, and the Multi-Purpose Building** for the island. The department is also requested to provide a detailed report on the services currently offered to St. John residents, as well as those not currently available. Furthermore, they are asked to include information on any plans to introduce the services not yet offered and timelines for implementation, if applicable. This will help ensure a comprehensive understanding of the resources and future developments intended to meet the needs of the St. John community.

**BLOCK I: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony and updates from the **Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation** regarding their youth and aging services and programs specifically for St. John. The discussion will focus on the department's mission to deliver high-quality, accessible programs, services,

and facilities that enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages, cultures, and abilities. This block will provide an opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the programs currently offered and those not yet available on St. John, along with the challenges faced in delivering these services. The discussion will also highlight the department's future plans and initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity, enhancing community engagement, and promoting overall wellness for residents of all ages and abilities on the island.

**Invited Testifier:**

**The Honorable Vincent Roberts**, Acting Commissioner, VI Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation

**LUNCH**

**12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**

**BLOCK II:**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

This block will feature an overview and updates from the **Department of Human Services** on their youth and aging services and programs specific to St. John. A particular focus will be placed on providing updates regarding the **Senior Center, Head Start Facility, and the Multi-Purpose Building** on the island. Additionally, the department is requested to deliver a detailed report outlining the services currently offered to St. John residents and those not yet available. The presentation will also include plans and proposed timelines for introducing services not presently offered. This aims to ensure a thorough understanding of existing youth and aging resources, address service gaps, and explore strategies to meet the diverse and evolving needs of the St. John community.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services