



SUPPORT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LEASE

Parcels No. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

*A Commitment to Responsible Revitalization,
Stewardship & Community Investment*

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EXECUTIVE COVER LETTER

June 3, 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Dear Honorable Senators and Members of the Legislature:

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the proposed lease approval for Parcels No. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

As long-time residents, business owners and employers in St. Thomas who have been actively involved in supporting the local community, we respectfully submit this package not only to clarify the intended use of the property, but also to demonstrate our long-standing commitment to responsible investment, revitalization, and stewardship within our community. Over the past several decades, our families and businesses have continuously invested in St. Thomas and the Virgin Islands through tourism, employment, hospitality, historic preservation, and downtown redevelopment efforts.

We firmly believe in the future of downtown Charlotte Amalie and in the importance of preserving and responsibly activating underutilized spaces. Unfortunately, some misconceptions have circulated regarding our intended use of the above referenced Crystal Gade property, so we respectfully wish to clarify that this is not intended to be a retail deli, nightlife venue, bar, or high-traffic public operation. The proposed use is a commissary kitchen (to support existing operations located elsewhere) and administrative office space.

We fully understand and respect the importance of preserving the character of the surrounding neighborhood and community. Our intention is to responsibly utilize and improve a property that has remained underutilized for many years. Included within this package are examples of our prior revitalization efforts, including the full restoration of 4 Wimmelskafts Gade (aka Back Street), which reflects the type of thoughtful investment and stewardship we bring to downtown St. Thomas.

The St. Thomas Reformed Church (the “Church”) uses the phrase “community-first” in communications to its congregation organizing opposition to this lease. We share that value completely. It is a principle we have lived and demonstrated through decades of investment, employment and stewardship on St. Thomas. We respectfully ask that this principle be applied fairly and consistently, ensuring that all qualified, long-standing members of this community are afforded the same opportunity to invest in and contribute to its growth. We are that community. We have always been that community. Included in the attached are Letters of Support from various downtown business leaders attesting to our past efforts to support our community.

We would also like to note that this project has followed all required government protocols and procedures and been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (“DPNR”), DPP, the Attorney General and the Governor before now coming to yourselves. We respectfully ask for fair consideration and your approval for the opportunity to continue contributing positively to the future of our island community.

Unfortunately, as we now reach this final step of the lease approval process, a variety of claims and concerns have suddenly been raised. To assist with your decision making and provide you with all the relevant information, the attached will directly and satisfactorily address all such items, including the factually incorrect claim made by the Church that the Church will lose access or easement rights to their property. [The executed Lease Agreement explicitly addresses this in Article 1.02, which guarantees the Church continued pedestrian access through Parcel No. 3 to their church structure at all times. This protection is further confirmed in the Department of Property and Procurement’s (“DPP”) formal 60-Day Notice dated March 9, 2026 (see Exhibit A). The Church’s access rights are fully preserved and legally protected under the very agreement they are opposing.] Also noted will be the various olive branches that we have extended regarding certain claims and concerns.

At a broader level, the Territory’s ability to attract and retain private investment depends on confidence that executed agreements will be honored and that the procurement process will be respected. When completed leases or contracts are reversed at a late stage, it sends a signal to current and prospective investors that the process cannot be relied upon. We believe the Legislature shares our interest in maintaining that confidence, not only for this project, but for the long-term economic health of the Virgin Islands.

Respectfully,

Pash Daswani & Giresh Mirpuri

Members, DM Hospitality LLC
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands

GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY & LEGAL BASIS

The Church never held a lease. Their use of this property was an informal, revocable permission terminable at any time by the Government with 60 days' written notice.

The Legal Reality: A Revocable Permission, Not a Right

The Church's use of Parcels No. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade was governed by a Stipulated Agreement dating from Civil No. 731/79 — a court case from 1979. That agreement did not grant the Church a lease, a tenancy, or any formal property right. It granted a revocable permission, explicitly at the pleasure of the Government. The governing language of that agreement states:

"Said right and permission, however, shall be at the pleasure of the Government, terminable at any time with not less than sixty (60) days' written notice."

This language is clear. The Church's use of this property was always contingent on the Government's continued willingness to allow it. No formal lease was ever sought, negotiated, or executed by the Church in the many years since that Stipulated Agreement was entered.

The Government Followed the Law Precisely

On March 9, 2026, DPP Commissioner Lisa M. Alejandro issued a formal written 60-Day Notice of Termination of Use (see Exhibit A) to the Church, delivered both via email and hand delivery. This notice was issued in strict accordance with the terms of the 1979 Stipulated Agreement. The Government's authority to issue this notice is unambiguous, and the process was carried out correctly and transparently.

Furthermore, the Government's notice was not without accommodation. The DPP Notice explicitly confirmed that:

- The vacant land area in Parcel No. 3, located behind the Church, shall remain vacant and unimproved.
- The Church shall retain full access through Parcel No. 3 to its church structure.
- The Church may continue to perform repairs and maintenance to the Church from that land area.

Therefore, the Church's core interests -- access to their structure and the ability to maintain it -- were expressly protected.

Years of Inaction — Then Sudden Opposition

Many Years and No Formal Application

The Stipulated Agreement dates to 1979. For many years, the Church used this property on an informal, revocable basis. At no point during those many years did the Church seek to formalize its interest by applying for a lease, purchasing the property, or taking any legal step to secure a permanent right of use.

The property sat underutilized. No investment was made. No restoration was undertaken. No formal commitment to the space was ever established by the Church through the proper governmental channels.

Opposition Arose Only After a Lease Was Executed

DM Hospitality LLC pursued this lease through the proper, established governmental process. That process took time, effort, and commitment. It was completed and a lease was executed by DPP.

It was only at this point -- after the process was complete, after the lease was signed, after the hard work of navigating the proper channels had been done -- that the Church and its allies mobilized opposition. Not during the procurement process. Not during the many years the property sat available. Only now, when someone else did the work to secure it properly.

If this property was so vital to the Church, why was no formal application ever made in the many years that have passed?

The “Historical Documents” in Context

The opposition has referenced “historical documents” in their communications with the Governor. We respectfully submit that the most relevant historical document — the 1979 Stipulated Agreement itself -- unambiguously supports the Government’s authority to terminate the Church’s informal use and to execute a new lease. Therefore, this document does not support the Church’s position, but instead confirms all of the Government’s actions as correct, thus allowing this lease to be ratified by the Legislature.

Responding to the Church’s Claim of Repeated Requests

The Church has circulated communications to its congregation characterizing this project as a “kitchen/deli” and organizing a letter-writing campaign to senators. We respectfully address those characterizations directly.

In those communications, the Church has stated that it “repeatedly requested use of the building.” DPP records show that no formal written application or lease request was ever submitted by the St. Thomas Reformed Church to the Department of Property and Procurement for these parcels. This is not a matter of interpretation. The DPP procurement record contains no such application.

The Church had every opportunity, over many years, to formalize its interest through the proper governmental channels. It did not do so.

Regarding the characterization of this project as a “kitchen/deli” — that framing is incomplete and misleading. The proposed use includes a licensed commissary kitchen, which is the operational heart of the project and serves DM Hospitality’s existing food service businesses already operating around St. Thomas. It also includes back-office operations and administrative support functions — consolidating the management, accounting, and operational needs of DM Hospitality’s established businesses under one roof. This is a practical, internal facility serving businesses that already employ Virgin Islands residents and contribute to the island’s economy. It is not a public-facing commercial establishment.

The Legislature is entitled to have the full and accurate picture of what this project is. We trust that picture speaks for itself.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES AND OFFICERS APPROVALS AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH RATIFICATION

A Fully Executed, Multi-Agency Approved Agreement

This is not a speculative proposal. This is a fully executed lease agreement (OLC No. 0051-2026) that has been reviewed, approved, and signed by every relevant level of the Virgin Islands Government. The complete approval chain is as follows:

- **DPNR** issued a formal Zoning Certification (see Exhibit B) on May 16, 2025, confirming that the proposed use -- a food and beverage management company with a bakery and deli -- is permitted in the P-Public district under “Offices — General, Professional.” This document was signed by Leia LaPlace, Territorial Planner.
- **DPP** negotiated the Lease and Commissioner Lisa M. Alejandro signed it on December 2, 2025 (see Exhibit C).
- **Office of the Attorney General** (Gordon C. Rhea, Esq.) approved this Lease as to Legal Sufficiency on December 11, 2025 (see Exhibit C).
- **Governor Albert Bryan Jr.** approved this Lease on December 17, 2025 (see Exhibit C).

This Lease document was then transmitted by the Governor’s Office to the Legislature on December 18, 2025 (see Exhibit D).

The Legislature is not being asked to originate this lease. It is being asked to ratify what multiple agencies and officers have already approved.

What Ratification Refusal Would Mean

Declining to ratify this Lease would mean overriding the Governor’s own decision, reversing the Attorney General’s Legal Sufficiency review, and repudiating a completed DPP procurement process -- all in response to opposition that emerged only after the process was complete. We respectfully submit that the Legislature should consider very carefully the message of not ratifying such Lease would send about the reliability of the Virgin Islands’ governmental processes and ability to complete transactions.

THE FACTS: ADDRESSING CLAIMS AND CONCERNS

The following addresses each claim and concern raised by the Church and others. Full documentation supporting every point is contained within this package.

Claim made by opposition	The facts
<i>“A deli or public food operation is being built”</i>	✓ The proposed use includes a licensed commissary kitchen serving existing DM Hospitality food service operations, back-office functions, and administrative support. It is not a public-facing retail deli or walk-in food establishment open to the public.
<i>“This will create significant traffic”</i>	✓ Commissary kitchen operations commence in the early morning and conclude about noon, seven days a week, with only a few food and supply deliveries between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Office operations create zero traffic.
<i>“This will disrupt the neighborhood”</i>	✓ No nightlife, loud music, or late-night operations are planned. Operations run early morning to about noon, consistent with and respectful of the surrounding neighborhood.
<i>“The Church will lose access and easement”</i>	✓ Factually incorrect. Article 1.02 of the executed Lease Agreement explicitly guarantees the Church’s continued pedestrian access through Parcel No. 3 to their church structure at all times. This is confirmed in writing by DPP on March 9, 2026.
<i>“The project ignores community concerns”</i>	✓ We have offered to remove the deli designation entirely if it satisfies the Church and have proactively offered space for Sunday school programs. The Church has not responded to either offer.
<i>“The Church repeatedly requested use of the building”</i>	✓ No formal written application or lease request was ever submitted by the Church to DPP as the procurement record contains no such application. The Church had many years to formalize its interest and did not do so.
<i>“This is inconsistent with downtown preservation”</i>	✓ Our restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade (aka Back Street) demonstrates a proven, documented commitment to preserving and enhancing historic downtown properties, while the Lease requires a \$200,000 minimum investment to renovate this Crystal Gade property.

Each of the above points is addressed in full detail within the Government Authority & Legal Basis, Executive Summary, and Procedural Integrity sections of this package.

REACHING OUT TO NEIGHBORS AND CRITICS

Acting in Good Faith — Meeting with Neighbors

When neighbors began expressing concerns about this proposed project, we joined a 2/13/26 neighborhood meeting at the site headed by Senator Carla Joseph and attended by DPP, members and administrators of the Reformed Church, and owners of surrounding businesses. During such meeting, Senator Joseph and DPP explained the property's legal history and the process taken that led to this lease. We, in turn, explained our plans for the business operation, including clarification that this would not be a retail operation. We then listened to the attendees' comments and concerns, addressed them, then invited those present to, at their convenience, view our current Back Street operation located one block away that shows how we renovated a blighted property and how we operate unobtrusively in the neighborhood.

Goodwill Gesture — Willingness to Remove the Word “Deli”

Much of the opposition's concern has centered on the word “deli” which is commonly understood to be a retail operation open to the public that would create much traffic around the property. This is not our intended use. We wish to state clearly and on the record that if removing the deli designation from the lease would satisfy the Church and resolve their objections, we are willing to do so. The deli component is not a part of our operational plans for the property. Our primary purpose remains administrative offices and commissary support functions. We make this offer in good faith, and we ask the Legislature to take note of it when weighing the sincerity of the opposition's concerns.

Goodwill Gesture — Offer of Space for Sunday School

In a further demonstration of our commitment to being a respectful and cooperative neighbor, we proactively reached out to the St. Thomas Reformed Church and offered to make space available within the property for their Sunday school programs. We believed this gesture would show our genuine respect for the Church's community role and our willingness to coexist constructively. The Church has not responded to this offer.

Goodwill Gesture — Contacting Public Works to Improve the Walking Entrance from Crystal Gade to the Church

Over the drainage gut between Crystal Gade and the property that leads to the Church exists a sequence of metal tubes designed to allow vehicles to drive over unimpeded. As these tubes are rounded and perpendicular to the road, they function as a slippery tightrope to pedestrians. We have contacted DPW to address this matter on behalf of the Church and DPW promises to review the matter.

Olive Branches

We extended olive branches. It has not been acknowledged. We remain open to dialogue, but we cannot negotiate with a party who is not ready to come to the table.

COMMUNITY IMPACT & INVESTMENT HISTORY

Long-Term Commitment to St. Thomas

Pash Daswani and Giresh Mirpuri, together with their affiliated businesses, have been active and contributing members of the St. Thomas business community for decades. This is not the profile of speculative outside investors. It is the record of neighbors, employers, and stakeholders deeply embedded in the economic and civic life of the Virgin Islands.

Areas of Ongoing Investment and Contribution

- Downtown Charlotte Amalie commercial investment and property stewardship.
- Hospitality and tourism development serving local and visitor communities.
- Airport food & beverage operations serving thousands of travelers annually.
- Magens Bay chair rental and boutique operations serving residents and visitors.
- Retail operations providing goods and employment to local residents.
- Island Grind coffee shop operations serving the downtown community.
- Sustained job creation for Virgin Islands residents.
- Historic property preservation and architectural restoration.
- Community engagement, sponsorship, and civic support.

These investments reflect a continued and demonstrated belief in the future and revitalization of St. Thomas. When others have pulled back from downtown, we have continued to invest.

Why Responsible Downtown Investment Matters

Downtown Charlotte Amalie is one of the most historically and culturally significant districts in the Caribbean. However, preserving and revitalizing aging and underutilized properties requires substantial private investment, long-term commitment, and willingness to bear financial risk.

For many years, numerous properties throughout downtown have remained vacant, deteriorated, or underutilized due to the significant cost and complexity associated with restoration and activation. We believe responsible local investment should be encouraged when it preserves historic character, improves safety and aesthetics, activates dormant spaces responsibly, contributes to economic activity, respects surrounding neighbors and institutions, and demonstrates long-term commitment to St. Thomas.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION TRACK RECORD

4 Wimmelskafts Gade (The Old Daily News Building) — A Proven Record of Stewardship

The restoration work completed at 4 Wimmelskafts Gade (aka Back Street) — known to most Charlotte Amalie residents as the old Daily News building, the longtime home of the Virgin Islands Daily News — represents the clearest evidence of the type of investment and care we bring to downtown Charlotte Amalie. This was not a cosmetic project. It required significant private capital, sustained effort from early 2023 through May 2023, and a genuine commitment to preserving the historic character of the neighborhood.

Streetscape Restoration

- Full exterior façade restoration and structural repair.
- Surface refinishing, repainting, and preservation of historic detailing.
- Dramatic improvement to the surrounding streetscape and neighborhood aesthetic.
- Meaningful contribution to the visual quality of downtown Charlotte Amalie.



Before — Crumbling façade



After — Restored streetscape

Side & Rear Restoration

- Restoration of deteriorated rear and side exterior areas.
- Improved safety, appearance, and long-term preservation.



Before — Deteriorated side wall



After — May 2023

Entryway & Stair Restoration

- Removal of years of overgrowth and structural deterioration.
- Full restoration of historic stair access and surrounding masonry.
- Improved safety and aesthetic presentation.
- Preservation of original architectural character.



Before — Early 2023



After — Restored

Courtyard Restoration

- Complete cleaning and restoration of all courtyard surfaces.
- Revitalization of a previously neglected and unusable space.
- Preservation of original materials and historic character.
- Improved functionality and visual quality.



Before — Neglected courtyard



After — Restored brickwork

Structural & Exterior Improvements

- Major structural cleanup, stabilization, and repair work.
- Respectful restoration of historic architectural features.
- Significant enhancement of the property's overall presentation.



Before — Deteriorated exterior



After — Cleaned & stabilized

Interior Improvements

- Major structural cleanup, stabilization, and repair work.
- Respectful restoration of historic architectural features.
- Significant enhancement of the property's overall presentation.



After — Cleaned, repaired & remodeled — Main Office



Conference Room (with views of Back Street)

Additional Community Investment Properties

2 Dronningens Gade — Island Grind 2 Coffee Shop



When the opportunity arose to activate a commercial space at 2 Dronningens Gade, the easy and more profitable choice would have been to lease it as yet another jewelry retail operation — a use that commands significantly higher rents in Charlotte Amalie’s tourist-facing downtown. DM Hospitality made a deliberate decision not to do that.

Instead, we chose to open Island Grind 2, a coffee shop designed to serve the everyday needs of local residents, downtown workers, and visitors alike. The rent is not cheap. The return is lower than jewelry retail would have provided. We accepted that trade-off because we believed — and continue to believe — that downtown Charlotte Amalie needs more gathering places, more community-serving businesses, and more reasons for people to spend time in the heart of our city.

This decision reflects the same civic-minded approach we bring to Crystal Gade. We are not simply chasing the highest return. We are investing in the kind of downtown that works for everyone — locals and tourists alike.

16 Dronningens Gade — Streetscape & Façade Restoration including Replacement of All Windows



Diagonally across from Virgilio's on Dronningens Gade and Stor Tver Gade, one of Charlotte Amalie's most beloved and longstanding dining institutions, the property at 16 Dronningens Gade received façade restoration and streetscape improvements through DM Hospitality's investment. While modest in scope, this work contributed to the visual quality and character of one of downtown's most active and recognizable blocks. It is the kind of investment that does not make headlines, but matters to the people who walk those streets every day.

Taken together — 4 Wimmelskafts Gade, Island Grind Two at 2 Dronningens Gade, and 16 Dronningens Gade — these projects represent a consistent, sustained pattern of private investment in downtown Charlotte Amalie. Not speculation. Not extraction. Investment, restoration, and community contribution. Crystal Gade is the next chapter of that same commitment.

We believe responsible local entrepreneurs who have demonstrated long-term commitment to the community should be encouraged to responsibly activate underutilized properties. Parcels No. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade represent exactly that opportunity — a chance to bring a neglected space back into productive, responsible use in a manner that respects and benefits the surrounding neighborhood.

CLOSING STATEMENT

We respectfully submit this package in support of the approval of the proposed lease for Parcels No. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade.

Our intention is simple and straightforward:

- To responsibly utilize an underused property in the heart of downtown Charlotte Amalie.
- To continue investing in downtown St. Thomas, as we have done for decades.
- To preserve and improve a historic space — as we did with the old Daily News building — in a manner befitting our community's heritage.
- To contribute positively to the economy and quality of life across the Virgin Islands.

We respect the concerns raised throughout this process. Neighborhood input matters, and we are committed to being responsible, considerate neighbors. However, we equally believe that those concerns — when examined against the facts of the proposed use — do not justify denial of this lease.

The record submitted herein speaks to a consistent pattern of responsible investment, historic preservation, and community stewardship. We ask the Legislature and the Governor to weigh that record carefully and to extend to us the fair consideration that it merits.

Downtown Charlotte Amalie needs more engaged stewards. We respectfully ask for the opportunity to provide additional stewardship that will benefit the neighborhood and community at large.

Respectfully,

Pash Daswani & Giresh Mirpuri

Members, DM Hospitality LLC
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas,
U.S. Virgin Islands

EXHIBIT A: DPP 60-DAY TERMINATION NOTICE



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
Department of Property and Procurement

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March 9, 2026

Via Email: officeadmin@stthomasreformedchurch.org and Hand Delivery

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President & Interim Pastor
P.O. Box 365
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RE: Sixty (60) Day Notice - Termination of Use of Parcel Nos. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade, Queen's Quarter, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Dear Rev. DeWard:

The Government of the Virgin Islands ("GVI"), acting by and through its Department of Property and Procurement ("DPP"), hereby informs the St. Thomas Reformed Church ("Church"), that, effective sixty (60) days from the receipt of this notice, the ground floor of the building on Parcel Nos. 2C & 3 Crystal Gade, Queen's Quarter, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the area previously identified for use as a playground during the Church's summer programs on Parcel No. 3, are no longer available for the Church's use.

This notice is being provided pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the Stipulated Agreement in Civil No. 731/79 ("Stipulated Agreement"), which states, in pertinent part:

"Said right and permission, however, shall be at the pleasure of the Government, terminable at any time with not less than sixty (60) days' written notice."

Although the Government has identified an alternate use for the property, the vacant land area in Parcel No. 3, located behind the Church, shall remain vacant and unimproved, and the Church shall retain access through Parcel No. 3 to the church structure. Additionally, the Church may perform repairs or maintenance to the Church from said vacant land area as necessary, as provided in the Stipulated Agreement. The Government requests that the Church provide written communication via email to property@dpp.vi.gov of any planned repairs and maintenance at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the commencement of said repairs and maintenance, so that the Government may provide notice to and coordinate with other users of this shared property, as necessary. In the case of an emergency, however, reasonable notice under the circumstances shall be sufficient.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Assistant Commissioner of Property and Procurement, Vincent Richards, via email at vincent.richards@dpp.vi.gov or (340) 774-0828 ext. 4329.

Respectfully,


Lisa M. Alejandro
Commissioner

Source: Department of Property and Procurement, Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
March 9, 2026.

EXHIBIT B: DPNR ZONING CERTIFICATION



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning

ZONING CERTIFICATION

This will certify that Parcel Nos. 3 Commandant Gade, 2C Crystal Gade, and 3 Crystal Gade, St. Thomas are zoned P (Public) as per Official Zoning Map No. STZ-11.

The proposed use of a food and beverage management company with a bakery and deli would be permitted in the P-Public district under "Offices- General, Professional."

The P-Public district does not list bakeries and delicatessens in its table of permitted uses but allows, subject to conditions, cafes, retail concessions and restaurants. Cafes, retail concessions and restaurants are permitted in the P District if publicly owned and operated, or if publicly owned and privately operated under continuous supervision of a public agency, or if privately owned and operated on a contract with and under constant supervision of a public agency.

The list of permitted uses and development provisions for the P-Public zoned district can be found in Virgin Islands Code, Title 29, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, §228 and 229 (<https://legvi.org/vi-code/>).

GOVERNING AUTHORITY:
Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands

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EXHIBIT D: TRANSMITTAL OF LEASE TO LEGISLATURE



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

December 18, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Milton E. Potter
Senate President
Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capital Building
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

**Re: Lease Agreement for Ratification by the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of
the U.S Virgin Islands**

Dear Senate President Potter:

Transmitted herewith in accordance are the provisions of Title 31, Section 205, subsection (c), Virgin Islands Code is the following Lease Agreement submitted for ratification by the Thirty-Sixth Legislature:

Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Department of Property and Procurement and DM Hospitality, LLC (OLC No. 0051-2026).

Under the proposed Lease Agreement, the Government will lease Parcel No. 2C Crystal Gade, Queen's Quarter, St. Thomas, consisting of a 2-story building; and a portion of Parcel No. 3 Crystal Gade, consisting of a 2-story building to DM Hospitality to operate a food and beverage management company with a bakery and deli, jewelry business management company, and other related purposes. The initial lease term is 30 years with the option to renew for two additional 10-year periods. This lease will provide much needed revenue for the Territory and foster continued economic growth.

I thank you and the members of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature for your prompt action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

EXHIBIT E: COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTERS

Letter of Support 1 — Chamber of Commerce, St. Thomas



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May 28, 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Gireh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

The St. Thomas business community is best served when responsible, long-established local investors are encouraged and supported in their efforts to activate and improve the properties that make up our commercial landscape. DM Hospitality LLC has a demonstrated record of exactly that kind of investment. The restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade stands as one of the finest examples of responsible private historic preservation in recent memory in downtown Charlotte Amalie.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade — administrative offices and commissary support functions — is consistent with responsible commercial land use in a historic district. It will bring a long-underutilized property back into productive use, generate economic activity, and contribute to the continued revitalization of our downtown.

The business community values consistency, fair process, and the ability to invest with confidence that completed agreements will be honored. I urge the Legislature to approve this lease and send a clear message that St. Thomas welcomes and supports responsible investment.

Respectfully,

Hugo Hodge
1st Vice President
Chamber of Commerce, St. Thomas
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Letter of Support 2 — Leigh Goldman, Esq.

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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Re: Support for Lease Approval
Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI**

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

I have known Pash and Giresh as members of the St. Thomas community for many years. They are people of integrity, with a genuine and demonstrated commitment to this island and its people. The work they have done restoring the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade is welcome and I believe necessary private investment that Charlotte Amalie needs more of, and those willing to put real resources behind their belief in the future of our islands.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade is straightforward, responsible, and entirely appropriate. I have no doubt that Pash and Giresh will be good stewards of this property, just as they have been with every investment they have made in our community.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to approve this lease.

Respectfully,



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Letter of Support 3 — Max Daswani, Artistic Jewelers



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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

His Excellency, the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators and Governor:

I write in strong support of the proposed lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As a business owner who has operated in the heart of downtown Charlotte Amalie for many years, I have watched our downtown go through its share of challenges. I have also watched, with great admiration, what Pash and Giresh have done with the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade. Most people in this community remember that building as a landmark — the longtime home of the Virgin Islands Daily News. When the paper left, it fell into serious disrepair. What DM Hospitality did with that historic structure is exactly the kind of private investment our downtown needs. They restored it, preserved it, and brought it back to life.

The proposed use at Crystal Gade — administrative offices and commissary support — is consistent with the quiet, responsible way that DM Hospitality operates all of its businesses. As a neighboring business owner, I have no concern whatsoever about noise, traffic, or disruption to the surrounding community. That is simply not how DM Hospitality operates.

Downtown Charlotte Amalie thrives when long-standing, community-invested business owners are given the opportunity to grow and steward our historic spaces. I respectfully and strongly urge the Legislature and the Governor to approve this lease.

Respectfully,

Max Daswani
Owner, Artistic Jewelers, Charlotte Amalie
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Letter of Support 4 — Anish Lakhwani, Grand Jewelers

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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing to express my strong support for the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As the owner of Grand Jewelers, I have operated my business in the heart of downtown Charlotte Amalie for many years. I know this community, I know these streets, and I know the people who invest in them. Pash and Giresh are exactly the kind of operators our downtown needs. Their work on the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade speaks for itself — that building sat deteriorating for years until they stepped in, invested their own capital, and restored it to a standard that makes the whole neighborhood look better.

The proposed use at Crystal Gade — administrative offices and commissary support — is low-impact, appropriate, and consistent with the character of our downtown. As a neighboring business owner, I have no concern about noise, traffic, or disruption.

I respectfully urge the Honorable Members of the Legislature to approve this lease and support the continued revitalization of downtown Charlotte Amalie.

Respectfully,

Anish Lakhwani
Grand Jewelers, Charlotte Amalie
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Letter of Support 5 — Sunil Idnani, Eden Jewelers

May 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am pleased to write in support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, on behalf of Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As the owner of Eden Jewelers, I have been a part of the Charlotte Amalie business community for many years. In that time, I have seen the downtown district face real challenges — vacant properties, deteriorating buildings, and a slow erosion of the commercial vitality that makes our city special. What gives me hope are investors like Pash and Giresh, who have demonstrated through their work — most visibly at the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — that they are committed to this community for the long term.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade is straightforward and appropriate: administrative offices and commissary support. This is not a disruptive operation. It is a responsible, low-impact use that will bring a neglected property back to life and contribute to the economic activity of our downtown.

I urge the Legislature to approve this lease without further delay.

Respectfully,



Sunil Idnani

Owner, Eden Jewelers, Charlotte Amalie
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Letter of Support 6 — Vick Chugani, Kay's Fine Jewelry



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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write with enthusiasm in support of the proposed lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

I have been part of the Charlotte Amalie downtown business community for many years, and I can say without hesitation that Pash and Giresh are among the most committed and community-minded investors operating in our city today. The transformation of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade from a deteriorated structure into a properly restored historic property is a testament to what responsible private investment looks like. That project did not just benefit DM Hospitality — it benefited the entire surrounding neighborhood.

Crystal Gade represents another opportunity of exactly that kind. The proposed use — administrative offices and commissary support — will not generate noise, traffic, or disruption. It will generate steady, responsible occupancy and continued investment in a space that has sat underutilized for far too long.

I respectfully and strongly urge the Legislature to approve this lease and allow this important revitalization project to move forward.

Respectfully,

Vivek Chugani

Kay's Fine Jewelry

Letter of Support 7 — Manish Chhabria, Alpha Jewelers



May 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in strong support of the proposed lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As the owner of Alpha Jewelers, I have been part of the Charlotte Amalie downtown business community for many years. I know Pash and Giresh as fellow business owners, neighbors, and as people who have consistently put their money where their mouth is when it comes to investing in this city. Their restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — a property that sat in serious disrepair for years — is one of the best examples of what responsible private investment looks like in our downtown.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is exactly the kind of quiet, low-impact, appropriate use that a historic downtown property deserves. There is no credible basis for the concerns that have been raised about noise, traffic, or disruption.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to approve this lease and allow this important project to move forward for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully,

Manish Chhabria

Owner, Alpha Jewelers, Charlotte Amalie

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Letter of Support 8 — Kathrynne Green, Mr. Tablecloth

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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing in strong support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As the owner of Mr. Tablecloth, I have been part of the Charlotte Amalie business community for many years. I have seen this downtown at its best and at its most challenging, and I have learned to recognize the difference between investors who are here for a quick return and those who are genuinely committed to this community. Pash Daswani and Giresh Mirpuri are the latter. Their restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — a building that holds real meaning for so many people in this community — was undertaken with care, investment, and a genuine respect for the history of Charlotte Amalie.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is quiet, appropriate, and entirely consistent with the character of our historic downtown. It will not generate noise or disruption. It will generate exactly what our neighborhood needs — responsible occupancy, private investment, and the kind of steady, long-term commitment that only comes from people who truly believe in the future of this city.

I respectfully and enthusiastically urge the Honorable Members of the Legislature to approve this lease. Downtown Charlotte Amalie is stronger when people like Pash and Giresh are given the opportunity to invest in it.

Respectfully,

Kathrynne Green

Owner, Mr. Tablecloth, Charlotte Amalie
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Letter of Support 9 — Vivek Daswani, Royal Caribbean

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May 27, 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing to express my personal support for the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As someone deeply connected to the St. Thomas business and tourism community, I understand the critical importance of maintaining a vibrant, well-maintained, and actively invested downtown Charlotte Amalie. The health of our downtown directly impacts the visitor experience and the long-term economic vitality of the entire island.

Pash and Giresh have demonstrated through their investments — most notably the full restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — that they are serious, responsible stewards who invest for the long term and respect the historic character of our community. The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is exactly the kind of quiet, responsible activation that a historic downtown property deserves.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to approve this lease and support the ongoing revitalization of downtown Charlotte Amalie.

Respectfully,



Vivek Daswani

Royal Caribbean, St. Thomas

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Letter of Support 10 — Hal Tayler, Little Switzerland



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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am pleased to write in strong support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

Little Switzerland has been a part of the Charlotte Amalie commercial landscape for many decades, and in that time I have seen what genuine investment in our downtown looks like. Pash and Giresh are the real thing. Their restoration of the old Daily News building — a landmark that most people in this community know well — was a serious undertaking that required significant private capital, sustained effort, and a genuine belief in the future of downtown Charlotte Amalie. The result speaks for itself.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is low-impact, appropriate, and entirely consistent with the responsible way DM Hospitality operates its businesses. I have no concerns about disruption to the neighborhood. On the contrary, I believe this project will be a positive addition to the area.

I respectfully and enthusiastically urge the Legislature to approve this lease. Charlotte Amalie needs more investors like Pash and Giresh, not fewer.

Respectfully,

Hal Tayler

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Letter of Support 11 — Arun Punjabi, Renaissance Jewelers

May 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

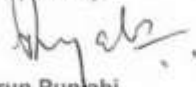
I am pleased to write in support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

Renaissance Jewelers has been a fixture of the Charlotte Amalie business district for many years, and in that time I have come to appreciate deeply the value of neighbors and fellow business owners who genuinely care about the state of our downtown. Pash and Giresh are exactly that kind of people. The work they did on the old Daily News building — transforming a well-known but badly deteriorated Charlotte Amalie landmark back into a properly restored, functioning property — took courage, capital, and commitment.

I have reviewed the nature of the proposed use at Crystal Gade. Administrative offices and commissary support are among the most benign commercial uses possible. They generate no meaningful foot traffic, no noise, no disruption. What they do generate is economic activity, employment, and the kind of steady, invested occupancy that a historic property deserves.

I urge the Honorable Members of the Legislature to approve this lease without further delay. Our downtown needs this kind of investment.

Respectfully,



Arun Punjabi

Owner, Renaissance Jewelers, Charlotte Amalie
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Letter of Support 12 — Nelson Rosario, Hair Spray Salon

May 28, 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I am writing to express my personal and strong support for the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

As a small business owner who has served the Charlotte Amalie community for many years, I understand what it means to be invested in this neighborhood — not just financially, but personally. Pash and Giresh are invested in this community in exactly that way. When I see what they did with the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — taking a property that so many of us had watched deteriorate over the years and restoring it with care and real investment — I see people who love this city and are willing to put their resources behind that love.

The project at Crystal Gade is not a flashy or high-traffic operation. It is administrative offices and support facilities for businesses that are already part of the fabric of St. Thomas. It will improve a neglected property, generate local employment, and contribute to the economic life of our downtown.

I respectfully ask the Legislature to approve this lease. People like Pash and Giresh are exactly who we want investing in Charlotte Amalie.

Respectfully,



Nelson Rosario
Owner, Hair Spray Salon, Charlotte Amalie
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Letter of Support 13 — Amit Khemani, Beverly's



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May 28th 2026

Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in strong support of the proposed lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

Beverly's has been a part of the Charlotte Amalie business community for many years, and in that time I have watched our downtown evolve through good times and difficult ones. What has never changed is my belief that this city's future depends on people who are willing to invest in it — not just with words, but with real capital and real commitment. Pash and Giresh are exactly those people. The restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade is proof of that. Most of us remember that building and what it meant to this community. To see it brought back to life through private investment, done properly and with care for its historic character, is something every person who loves Charlotte Amalie should appreciate.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is quiet, responsible, and entirely appropriate for the neighborhood. It will not create disruption. It will create the kind of steady, invested presence that a historic downtown property deserves and that our community benefits from.

I respectfully urge the Honorable Members of the Legislature to approve this lease. Charlotte Amalie is at its best when good people are given the chance to do good work here.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amit Khemani".

Amit Khemani

Owner, Beverly's, Charlotte Amalie
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Letter of Support 14 — Abe Tarapani, Diamonds International



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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands
36th Legislature
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Re: Support for Lease Approval — Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie

Dear Honorable Senators:

I write in strong support of the lease approval for Parcels 2 & 3 at Crystal Gade, submitted by Pash Daswani, Giresh Mirpuri, and DM Hospitality LLC.

Diamonds International has been one of the most recognizable names in Charlotte Amalie for many years, and in that time I have come to know this community and its business landscape deeply. I know what genuine investment in St. Thomas looks like, and I know the difference between operators who are here for a quick return and those who are truly committed to this island. Pash and Giresh are the latter.

Their restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade speaks for itself. That building was a landmark for this community, and to see it brought back to life through private investment, done with care and respect for its history, is something every person who loves Charlotte Amalie should appreciate.

The proposed use of Crystal Gade for administrative offices and commissary support is responsible, low-impact, and entirely appropriate for the neighborhood. It will not create disruption. It will create exactly the kind of steady, invested presence that our historic downtown deserves.

I respectfully urge the Honorable Members of the Legislature to approve this lease. St. Thomas is stronger when people like Pash and Giresh are given the opportunity to invest in it.

Respectfully,

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Letter of Support 15 — David A. Bornn, Esq.

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Honorable Members of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

36th Legislature
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
U.S. Virgin Islands

**Re: Support for Lease Approval —
Parcels 2 & 3, Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie**

Good Day Honorable Senators:

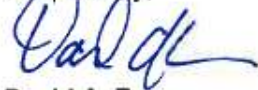
As a native Virgin Islander and life-long resident of St. Thomas with a passion for restoration of our Downtowns, I write in support of approval of a lease for Parcels 2 & 3 Crystal Gade, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, from the Department of Property and Procurement to Pash Daswani and Giresh Mirpur doing business as **DM Hospitality LLC**.

As an attorney and long-time advocate for the restoration of our Downtowns, it appears that we are getting a roll on the revitalization of the Charlotte Amalie Downtown through responsible private investment transforming abandoned or underutilized properties and contributing meaningfully to the economic and civic life of the town. DM Hospitality has demonstrated exactly that kind of commitment through their restoration of the old Daily News building on Wimmelskafts Gade — a project that required genuine investment, persistence, and respect for the historic character of our downtown.

I have reviewed the nature of the proposed use at Crystal Gade as administrative office space and commissary support functions to their existing businesses. Such uses represent the most benign and low-impact uses of any commercial property in the historic district..

I respectfully urge the Legislature to give this lease their full support. Charlotte Amalie is better served by engaged, invested stewards than by vacant, deteriorating properties.

Respectfully,



David A. Bornn
Attorney