



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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July 17, 2023

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

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

Re: Nomination of Clement Magras – Virgin Islands Public Services Commission

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of 3 V.I.C § 273, I hereby nominate Clement Magras to the Virgin Islands Public Services Commission for the District of St. Thomas. The term of appointment is three (3) years.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Enclosure

Cc: Senator Diane T. Capehart
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Clement “Cain” Magras
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Objective: To become a member of a Board or Commission or other reputable organization where my experience, accomplishments and proficiency will allow me the opportunity to continue serving my community.

Education:

Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary & High School, 1967, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands
University of Dayton, Ohio, 1971
- Bachelor of Science
National Judicial College
-Administrative Fair Hearings, University of Nevada, Reno

Experience:

Currently retired

August 2008 –2012

Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA)

Serves as the Executive Assistant to the Director, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Governor’s Authorized Representative (GAR). As the Executive Assistant I reviewed Legislation and correspondence and prepared testimony and responses as needed. As the CFO I monitored agency expenditures and acted as one of the certifying officers for VITEMA. In my capacity as the GAR, I represented the Governor at various meetings with FEMA, prepared reports and responses to requests for information and in general acted as the liaison between Government House and FEMA. During this time we closed eight (8) open hurricanes including Hurricane Hugo (1989).

May 2001-August 2008

**Office of Management and Budget, Federal Grants Management Unit
Associate Director**

The Associate Director Coordinates the intergovernmental review of Grant Applications to the Federal government, monitors drawdown, reporting and other activities of active grants, facilitates the annual Single Audit and assists with the VI Department of Education Compliance Agreement with the Federal Government. Additionally, I served as the **State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) with FEMA.**

January 1999 - June 1999

Acting Commissioner, Department of Tourism

Government of the US Virgin Islands

- ♦Managed a Department of Tourism with a \$4M budget, 67 employees, and a Tourism advertising budget of \$11.9M.
- ♦Negotiated for and coordinated efforts for the Sinbad Soul Music Festival, 1999 which attracted 7,000 visitors for one week to the Virgin Islands.
- ♦Divisions included Marketing, Business and Financial Services, Public Relations, 5 local Hospitality offices, and 7 offshore offices in Miami, Atlanta, Washington, Puerto Rico, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.
- ♦Coordinated activities of contracted strategic marketing companies in Germany,

Canada, Denmark, Italy and England.

- ♦Chairman, Virgin Islands Port Authority Board and the Industrial Development Commission(IDC).

January 1997 - January 1999

Executive Director

Legislature of the US Virgin Islands

- ♦Managed a staff of over 250 employees on three islands with an annual budget of \$15M and successfully lowered operating expenses during my tenure.
- ♦Worked cohesively with all members of the Legislature and their personal staffs.
- ♦Implemented new programs and workshops for employees to improve morale, overall efficiency and delivery of services including the installation of Internet.
- ♦Divisions supervised included: Legal, Audits, Business and Financial Services, Research, Journals/Archives, Maintenance and Transportation.

October 1995 - January 1997

Crisis Counseling Coordinator/Deputy IA Officer

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- ♦Assisted Federal agencies with the delivery of emergency services and supplies after a devastating Hurricane Marilyn.
- ♦Coordinated delivery of services and supplies with local authorities and agencies and facilitated the delivery of crisis counseling services to hurricane victims in need.

January 1995 - October 1995

Business & Management Consultant

Emcee Consulting Services

- ♦Operated a small business which assisted other businesses by reducing government “red tape” and facilitating easy start-ups of new companies. This included assistance in filing licensing and incorporation documentation with the appropriate agencies.

January 1991 - February 1995

Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs

Government of the US Virgin Islands

- ♦Managed a department with 55 employees on three islands with an annual budget of \$3M and a special Consumer Protection Fund of \$500,000.
- ♦Department included Legal Division, Weights and Measures, Licensing, Consumer Protection, and Licensing Enforcement.

August 1989 - January 1991 **Special Assistant to the Governor for Audits Resolution**

- ♦Assisted the Office of the Governor in resolving Federal audits.
- ♦Coordinated efforts with local and federal Inspector Generals.

Following Hurricane Marilyn was appointed the Alternate Territorial Coordinating Officer under General Moorhead. Served as a liaison between Government House, all government departments and agencies and FEMA. Coordinated response and recovery efforts on St. Thomas until 1991.

January 1985 - January 1989

Senator, Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands

- ♦Majority Leader both terms

- ♦Chairman Committee on Housing (1st Term)
- ♦Chairman Government Operations (2nd Term)
- ♦Member – Rules, Economic Development and Tourism, Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and the Health Committee (2 terms).

February 1974 – 1991

Owner/Director - Professional Laboratory Services

Managed and operated a medical laboratory serving Veterans, Medicare recipients, and the general public. Assisted the St. Thomas Hospital whenever requested. Also trained interns from High Schools and Youth Multi Purpose Center in laboratory techniques and served as business manager for this medical facility for 17 years.

Activities:

Srved on the Virgin Islands Transfer Centennial Commission

Elected to the 5th Constitutional Convention of the Virgin Islands

Advisory Board Member

Governor's Conference on Libraries; and

Chairman, Participant Selection Committee for Library Conference

Virgin Islands Elected Delegate

White House Conference for Handicapped Individuals, Washington, DC

Member, National Planning Committee for Epileptics

Tradition Bearer

Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Washington, DC

Coordinator, designer and costume maker for the Eagles Carnival Troupe for 47 years.
Parade Marshall for the 2005 Carnival parade.

Seven years active participation in scouting, including 2 ½ years as Skipper/Advisor of activities, assistance in planning and execution of these activities. Personal guidance counseling of a 15-20 member co-ed Sea Explorer unit (ages 15-20).

Past Community Involvement:

Community Advisory Council, WTJX Channel 12 (PBS)

Selective Service Appeals Board

V. I. Humanities Council

Frenchtown Civic Organization

Hibiscus and Orchid Society member

Education Advisory Council, Department of Education

Eagles Carnival Troupe

Awards:

Meritorious Award - Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA, St. Thomas)

Unit Leader of the Year, Boy Scouts of America

Toastmaster's Award

FEMA Awards (2)

References: Available upon request