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April 16, 2025

Honorable Milton Potter Senate President 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capitol Building P.O. Box 1690 St. Thomas, VI 00804

Dear Senate President Potter:

The Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System (WTJX) located at Plot numbers 36 & 37, Estate Richmond, St. Croix is seeking a rezoning to build rooms in the southwest area on the top floor of the station's office and studio for use of our staff and visiting personnel/contractors.

Owner: Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System

Authorized Agent: Tanya-Marie Singh

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Physical address: Plot numbers 36 & 37 Estate Richmond

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Acreage: .11 acre
Current zone: Commercial

Requested zone: Rezoning to B-3 to allow for the station to build out rooms and a

kitchen studio

As you know, WTJX is a semi-autonomous government entity. Governor Albert Bryan Jr. awarded a Capital Improvement Grant for this project which is funded through the U.S. Department of Interior — Office of Insular Affairs. The scope of the project provides for four rooms which employees will utilize to ride out storms and any other disaster so that we can continuously provide the public with information through our stations. It also serves as a cost savings for visiting staff from St. Thomas who will occupy the rooms instead of hotels. This benefits our operations as our senior technical personnel reside on St. Thomas – the Director of Engineering, Technology Systems Officer, and Production Manager are stationed on St. Thomas. Often times it is a financial burden for these technical staffers to stay long enough on St. Croix to support the television and radio operations on the island. The provisions of these rooms will allow for better training of personnel and evaluation and maintenance of systems.

The rooms will also serve as green rooms for our guests who participate in debates, make appearances, etc. on our various television programs.

There is also a central kitchen in the plans which serves as a location for the television station to produce cooking shows.

WTJX requests your approval of a rezoning to allow for the buildout of rooms as outlined in our architectural plans.

Sincerely,

Tanya-Marie Singh Chief Executive Officer