



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Mr. Harith Wickrema
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St. John, VI 00831

Dear Mr. Wickrema:

It pains me to author this letter, but it has become apparent that your position as President and the actions you have taken on behalf of Island Green Living Association, Inc. ("Island Green") have resulted in conflicts with your role and responsibilities as a Member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority ("VIWMA").


While at times the policies of the Government and the philosophy of Island Green mesh to the benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands; there are times when these policies and Island Green's philosophy are at odds. Under these occasions, you have demonstrated that the objectives and views of Island Green shall have precedence over that of the Government and more particularly that of the VIWMA.

These actions on your part in my view present a substantial conflict of interest, which is prohibited by Virgin Islands law. Accordingly, I am exercising my authority pursuant to Title 29, V.I.C. §497(b) and removing you for cause from the Board of Directors of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority effective 5:00pm, March 16, 2018.

I commend you for your tireless efforts in serving the people of the Territory through the VIWMA and through Island Green Living Association, Inc. I look forward to working with you as we push to make source separation and redemption centers a permanent part of solid waste management policy in the Territory.

Thank you for your service to the Government and the people of the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,


Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor

Cc: Tawana Albany-Nicholas, Interim Executive Director, VIWMA
All VIWMA Board Members
Hon. Myron D. Jackson, Senate President, 32nd Legislature of the Virgin Islands