



Elections System of the Virgin Islands



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Gala

*Thriving With Integrity,
Elections Celebrates Sixty*

THE RITZ CARLTON, ST. THOMAS, USVI
FEBRUARY 25, 2023





My Personal Pledge to Freedom, Democracy and My Profession

I uphold the Constitution of the United States and the laws, policies and court decisions of federal, state and local jurisdictions;

I commit to excellence and competence by maintaining the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the elections process through continuing education and self-evaluation;

I am accountable for maintaining public confidence in honest and impartial elections which I conduct in a fair, efficient and accurate manner;

I dignify voters by providing equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

I am responsible for just and equitable treatment of the general public, elected officials and members of my profession;

I manifest a positive role in community relations by being accessible and receptive to both individuals and groups;

I have the courage and stamina to protect the public's interest from manipulation for personal or partisan gain while respecting the rights of all;

I am flexible and innovative within the framework of the law in carrying out my duties on behalf of the public's interest;

I conduct all fiscal responsibilities with wisdom and integrity, and I am accountable for all funds and resources committed to my charge;

I maintain a productive and efficient operation through a well-managed election environment;

I endeavor to maintain the highest level of integrity in performing all duties of my profession.

PROGRAM

Mistress of Ceremony – **Ms. Pamela Richards**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Cocktail Hour / Interlude Steel Pan Music**

Invocation – **Bishop Earl Harrison**

Welcome Remarks

Introduction of Dignitaries

Remarks

Board Chairperson – **Ms. Alecia M. Wells**

Senate President – **Senator Novelle Francis, Jr.**

Delegate to Congress **Stacey Plaskett**

Governor – **Albert Bryan, Jr.**

Musical Selection – **Ms. Shikima Jones Sprauve**

Reading of the Election Proclamation – **Ms. Kevermay Douglas**

Introduction of Guest Speaker – **Ms. Caroline Fawkes**

Guest Speaker – **Chairman Thomas Hicks, U.S. Election Assistance Commission**

Presentation to Guest Speaker – **Ms. Kevermay Douglas**

Musical Selection – **Ms. J’Nia Etienne CAHS 10th Grade**

Dinner – Saxophone/Steel Pan Music – **Mr. Jeremiah Hodge (Kean Student -12th)**

Musical Selection – **Saxophonist**

Recognition Awards – **Mr. Terrell Alexandre**

Musical Selection – **Mr. Jeremiah Hodge**

Presentation of Honorees -Longest Serving Election Officials – **Ms. Kevermay Douglas**

Musical Selection – **Ms. J’Nia Etienne**

Vote of Thanks

Special Selection – **Mr. Bernard Liburd**

Benediction – **Minister Grace Harrison**

Dancing – **Top Notch Band**

Elections System of the Virgin Islands Proclamation

WHEREAS, this is the 60th Anniversary of the Elections System of the Virgin Islands which was established by the enactment of a revised Title 18 of the Virgin Islands Code in Act No.936 February 20, 1963; and

WHEREAS, prior to the extensive revisions embodied in Title 18 the Election System came under the auspices of first the Colonial Council and thereafter the Municipal Court of the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history Title 18 was affected by multiple amendments all of which were superseded by Act 936 which established the Elections System as an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government, stewarded by the Office of the Supervisor and an elected Board of Elections; ensuring greater autonomy, administrative structure and integrity.

WHEREAS, this restructuring provided the framework upon which the integrity and confidence in the system has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, today; sixty years later the Virgin Islands Elections System remains a time honored and vital part of local government serving as the foundation and the guardian of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Supervisor and the Board of Elections work collaboratively to conduct free, fair, accessible, secure and transparent elections; and

WHEREAS, an essential component of their joint mission is the education of the electorate through community outreach education and workshops,

WHEREAS, the steadfast adherence to this mission has enhanced understanding and appreciation of the voting process and has dramatically increased voter registration and turnout; and

WHEREAS, as the System evolves the Supervisor, Administrative staff and the Board continue to thrive and strive to improve the voting process through community outreach, education and the employment of new more efficient technology; and

WHEREAS, the public perception of the voting process depends largely on the voters' experience at the polls it is also fitting that we laud the invaluable assistance of our loyal team of poll workers/election officials who play a vital role in assisting voters to seamlessly navigate new innovative voting technology; and

WHEREAS, the success of these combined efforts has been demonstrated by increased public confidence ; and

WHEREAS, the advent of early voting in concert with the employment of new more efficient voting technology has doubled voter participation since their implementation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to our entire Election family for their steadfast work which fuels the continued growth of the system; and

WHEREAS, we are wholeheartedly committed to the ideology expressed simply but profoundly by Former President Barack Obama, "There is no such thing as a vote that does not matter. It all matters."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Caroline F. Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections, with pride and humility salutes the Elections System team past and present for their tireless service as we celebrate this our 60th Anniversary of Thriving with Integrity as we continue to buttress the cornerstone of our democracy, the sanctity of our freedom, the right to vote.

— Written By Board Member Lisa Harris Moorhead



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ALBERT BRYAN JR.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Election System of the Virgin Islands (ESVI) on its 60th Anniversary of preserving the community's confidence in the democratic process of electing governing officials and protecting one of the most fundamental rights of our democracy – the right to vote.

The ESVI marks six remarkable decades of successfully holding primary, general and run-off elections, registering generations of Virgin Islanders to vote, enforcing election laws and regulating disclosure and limitations intended to govern campaign practices. Indeed, the VI election system is "Thriving with Integrity," and we are grateful to the ESVI team, past and present, for its commitment to serving the people of this Territory.

Over the years, the ESVI has also kept pace with emerging technology and best practices for securing its voting system through an election cycle. It moved seamlessly from paper to electronic ballots and tallying votes manually to automation. In 2022, we watched as the ESVI shifted from polling places to voting centers in an effort to make voting as accessible as possible for all residents.

Just as the ESVI has painstakingly implemented measures to ensure democratic elections, each of us has a responsibility to use our vote to shape our government. It is crucial that Virgin Islanders register to vote to make their voices heard and to help create a government reflective of and responsive to the needs of the Territory.

Best wishes to the ESVI for all of its planned events to celebrate the notable achievements and history of the organization.

May God bless you all. May God bless these beloved United States Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.".

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ROACH

I am honored to extend greetings on the occasion of the 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of the Election System of the Virgin Islands (ESVI). I join a grateful Virgin Islands in celebrating the ESVI on this significant milestone. I commend the Board and staff for their due diligence and service within our electoral system.

The Election System of the Virgin Islands is charged with protecting the election laws of our Territory, laws created to support our fundamental right to vote, and to encourage active participation in the democratic process that governs us. We should never take this process lightly or for granted.

For six decades, we have seen the impact of the ESVI and its progressive movement towards implementing their motto of a fair, accessible, secure, and transparent election system. They remain steadfast in educating voters, candidates, and the Virgin Islands community across various areas of importance that contribute to the overall framework of voting and elections.

The impact of the ESVI is notable. I encourage our entire community to continue to learn more about the Election System of the Virgin Islands and the importance of exercising the right to vote. I wish the ESVI all the best on their Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.

To the Board, staff, and coordinators of the weeklong celebration, "Thriving with Integrity, Elections System Celebrates Sixty," I say congratulations! May you continue to be blessed in your daily endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tregenza A. Roach". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor



STACEY E. PLASKETT
VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN STACEY E. PLASKETT

On behalf of the Members of the 118th Congress, my family, and my staff, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Elections System of the Virgin Islands (ESVI) on your Diamond Jubilee, which marks 60 years of efforts to promote fair, accessible, and secure elections. I am encouraged by your dedication and steadfast commitment to promoting transparency and public confidence in our electoral process.

Established on February 20, 1963, the Elections System of the Virgin Islands has been entrusted with safeguarding the right to vote, a hallmark of our democracy. I commend ESVI for your tireless work throughout the years, devoting your time and energy and making numerous contributions to improve our elections system for the benefit of our community. Voting is the single most significant act of political participation. And, given the recent threats to democracy in the United States and across the world, your efforts to preserve this sacred right are critically important—today, perhaps more than ever.

Congratulations once more on your Diamond Jubilee. The Virgin Islands and I are deeply appreciative of your continued commitment to ensuring the integrity and safety of our elections.

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett
Delegate to Congress

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A Message of Congratulations to the Election System of the Virgin Islands

I count it a distinct pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Supervisor Caroline Adams-Fawkes and the Election System of the Virgin Islands on this occasion of their Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.

Elections are the most impactful way that we participate in our society. Since its inception on February 20, 1963, the Election System of the Virgin Islands has served as the foundation and guardian of our democracy. The many achievements of the Election System of the Virgin Islands reflect the hard work of a team that stands on the shoulders of men and women who had a shared vision of what the Election System could and should be. We appreciate and applaud the outstanding leadership of Supervisor Caroline Adams-Fawkes and all those who have served this organization with their vision, initiative and hard work to ensure the Election System's continued success. It is only fitting that we recognize and bestow honor on those who have continued the growth of the Election System of the Virgin Islands.

This Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebration recognizes the many ways that the Election System has become and continues to be integral to the fabric of the Virgin Islands. It is my hope that it will be a memorable occasion that honors the Election System's accomplishments past and present and celebrates its initiatives for the future.

On behalf of the members of the 35th Legislature, a hearty congratulations to Supervisor Caroline Adams-Fawkes and the entire staff of the Election System of the Virgin Islands on this auspicious milestone of celebrating 60 years of outstanding service to our territory.

Sincerely,

Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senate President
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Message from the Board of Elections



Dear fellow Board members and honored guests,

I am writing to you today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United States Virgin Islands Board of Elections, and to reflect on my decades of service as a member of this esteemed institution.

As we look back on the last 60 years, it is with great pride that I recall the many milestones we have achieved. From our establishment under Title 18, Chapter 3, Section 41 of the Virgin Islands Code, to our recent election in November 2022, for six of the fourteen seats on the board, it is clear that we have come a long way in our mission to ensure free and fair elections in the Virgin Islands.

As a Board member for the past 20 years, I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the most dedicated and hardworking individuals I have ever known. Together, we have overseen countless elections, helped to shape the direction of our territory, and stood firm in the face of challenges and adversity.

As we look to the future, I am confident that the Board of Elections will continue to play a vital role in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process and promoting civic engagement in our communities. I am honored to have been a part of this organization for 2 decades, and I look forward to the next chapter in its proud history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alecia M. Wells".

Alecia M. Wells
Chairwoman

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Elections System of the Virgin Islands

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This year, the Elections System of the Virgin Islands (ESVI) observes our Sixtieth Anniversary —Diamond Jubilee. Established on February 20, 1963, ESVI is the sole entity responsible for ensuring one of our most precious rights as a democratic society – the right to vote.

Today, we stand on the shoulders of all who served in the Elections System of the Virgin Islands since its authorization by Act No. 936 of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. We cannot say “elections” without remembering our stalwart leader, Ms. Henrita Todman, the first Supervisor of Elections. She had the foresight, vision, spirit, and tenacity to lead this organization at a time when most organizations were not led by women. We continue to sing her praises and thank her daily.

We embrace this Diamond Jubilee as a meaningful way to show the hardworking staff, board members, elections officials, and those who offered themselves as candidates over the last six decades that we value their contributions. Their abilities and efforts have ensured the continuing success of this organization. Together, we celebrate and take pride in each of their accomplishments and commitment to excellence.

We also honor the electorate who have entrusted us throughout these 60 years with their precious votes. A week of activities territory-wide including an elections retrospective exhibit, an anniversary ceremony, a forum, an essay contest, lunch on the lawn, a progress march, and the Diamond Jubilee Gala demonstrate our continuing quest to remind all segments of our community that civic engagement is important. We will continue to celebrate with other activities throughout 2023, and welcome public participation.

Celebrating an organization’s anniversary is an important milestone in the professional journey of an employee. As the current Supervisor, I express sincere gratitude for the diligent efforts of so many over the years. Recognizing that dedicated employees are the foundation of any successful organization, I offer a special thank you to the ESVI team for your daily contributions to the success of our organization.

Thriving with Integrity, Elections System Celebrates Sixty – Cheers to All of Us, Past and Present!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline F. Fawkes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline F. Fawkes, CERA
Supervisor of Elections

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February 6, 2023

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RE: 60th Anniversary

Dear Ms. Fawkes,

I write to express our congratulations on the celebration of your 60th Anniversary of the Election Department. We at the Election Center, the National Association of Election Officials, have maintained a wonderful relationship with all members from the Virgin Islands while working to provide them with valuable training and networking opportunities over our history of partnership with your offices.

There was a time when the administration of elections and voter registration was a straight forward, relatively simple matter of occasionally organizing election workers, maintaining registration lists, and holding periodic elections. That time is no longer. Civil rights concerns (racial, ethnic, disabilities, language minorities) as well as a variety of other considerations ranging from increasing participation to the demands of modern technology have forever and radically altered the nature of the elections/registration process. As a result, thoughtful election and registration officials have come to believe that this profession is one that requires expert, trained administrators who understand the subtleties of the myriad of factors now making the administration of the elections process a specialty for which specific knowledge and abilities are essential.

Your offices have consistently demonstrated a commitment to providing valuable training opportunities to your staff. We commend your leadership in this area and thank you for your partnership with the Election Center over the years to provide training and networking opportunities for your staff. Please accept our most sincere congratulations on your 60th anniversary as we look forward to the continuation of our partnership with your offices.

Sincerely,

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To the Elections System of the Virgin Islands

As the President of the International Association of Government Officials (IGO) it is my pleasure to congratulate the Election System of the Virgin Islands on its 60th Anniversary.

As a long time, member of IGO, the Election System of the Virgin Islands has aided in our vision to foster excellence in public service through education, innovation, and networking.

We look forward to continued collaboration with you and wish you well on this auspicious occasion.

Bill Werngren
City of Gothenburg
Senior Adviser Election Committee
President iGO



Congratulations to
Elections System of the Virgin Islands

for providing

60 years

of service and dedication to elections!

Best wishes to you all as you celebrate this
significant milestone.

 **ELECTION**
Systems & Software

Guest Speaker

Chairman
Thomas Hicks



*U.S. Election Assistance
Commission*



Thomas Hicks was nominated by President Barack H. Obama and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on December 16, 2014, to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Commissioner Hicks has focused his efforts on voter access. Under his leadership, the EAC developed a pocket-sized voter card that serves as a guide on voting rights for voters with disabilities. In addition, Mr. Hicks has addressed the difficulties overseas voters have when requesting and returning their ballots, such as dealing with foreign IP addresses and issues with timely ballot delivery.

Prior to his appointment with the EAC, Commissioner Hicks served as a senior elections counsel and minority elections counsel on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, a position he held from 2003 to 2014. In this role, Mr. Hicks was responsible for issues relating to campaign finance, election reform, contested elections and oversight of both the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the Federal Election Commission. His primary responsibility was providing guidance to the committee members and caucus on election issues.

Prior to joining the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Hicks served as a senior lobbyist and policy analyst from 2001 to 2003 for Common Cause, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers citizens to make their voices heard in the political process and to hold their elected leaders accountable to the public interest. Mr. Hicks also served in the Clinton administration from 1993 to 2001 as a special assistant and legislative assistant in the Office of Congressional Relations for the Office of Personnel Management.

Mr. Hicks received his J.D. from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and his B.A. in Government from Clark University (Worcester, MA). He studied at the University of London (London, England) and law at the University of Adelaide (Adelaide, Australia).



In Memory

Of...

All the Board Members and Staff
that we lost over the years.

History of ELECTIONS

The earliest participatory visualizations were probably voting systems. Voting in Greece was introduced in the 5th century BC. Adult male citizens were invited to express their opinion by dropping a pebble in an urn: a white pebble meant “yes” and a black pebble meant “no”. Sometimes two urns were used. The left image is a detail of a Greek wine cup from the 5th century BC and is one of the earliest known depictions of the act of voting. The middle image is a modern reconstruction from a TV documentary.

Secret voting was also in use, but it is unclear how (perhaps using “a contraption to obscure the urn into which a voter was placing his hand”). By the mid-4th century BC, a more elaborate method of secret voting was introduced based on bronze ballots whose difference could only be felt by touch.

In the 19th century, freemasons and fraternities started to use ballot boxes to decide who should be included in the group or who should be expelled (see right image). The boxes had a small opening where each member would covertly insert a white marble to mean “yes”, or a black marble (or black cube) to mean “no”. After everyone voted, the box was opened so that all members could immediately see the results. Sometimes a single black marble or cube was sufficient to reject a proposition or an applicant, yielding the expression “blackballing”. Annelisa Stephen 2012



Although elections were used in ancient Athens, in Rome, and in the selection of popes and Holy Roman emperors, the origins of elections in the contemporary world lie in the gradual emergence of representative government in Europe and North America beginning in the 17th century. At that time, the holistic notion of representation characteristic of the Middle Ages was transformed into a more individualistic conception, one that made the individual the critical unit to be counted. Once governments were believed to derive their powers from the consent of the governed and expected to seek that consent regularly, it remained to decide precisely who was to be included among the governed whose consent was necessary. Advocates of full democracy favoured the establishment of universal adult suffrage. Across western Europe and North



cast ballots. For example, in Switzerland and the United States, fewer than half the electorate vote in most elections. Although legal or self-imposed exclusion can dramatically affect public policy and even undermine the legitimacy of a government, it does not preclude decision making by election, provided that voters are given genuine alternatives among which to choose.

During the 18th century, access to the political arena depended largely on membership in an aristocracy, and participation in elections was regulated mainly by local customs and arrangements. Although both the American and French revolutions declared every citizen formally equal to every other, the vote remained an instrument of political power possessed by very few.

Even with the implementation of universal suffrage, the ideal of “one person, one vote” was not achieved in all countries. Systems of plural voting were maintained in some countries, giving certain social groups an electoral advantage. For example, in the United Kingdom, university graduates and owners of businesses in constituencies other than

America, adult male suffrage was ensured almost everywhere by 1920, though woman suffrage was not established until somewhat later (e.g., 1928 in Britain, 1944 in France, 1949 in Belgium, and 1971 in Switzerland).

Although it is common to equate representative government and elections with democracy, and although competitive elections under universal suffrage are one of democracy’s defining characteristics, universal suffrage is not a necessary condition of competitive electoral politics. An electorate may be limited by formal legal requirements—as was the case before universal adult suffrage—or it may be limited by the failure of citizens to exercise their right to vote. In many countries with free elections, large numbers of citizens do not



those in which they lived could cast more than one ballot until 1948. Before World War I, both Austria and Prussia had three classes of weighted votes that effectively kept electoral power in the hands of the upper social strata. Until the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 in the United States, legal barriers and intimidation effectively barred most African Americans—especially those in the South—from being able to cast ballots in elections.

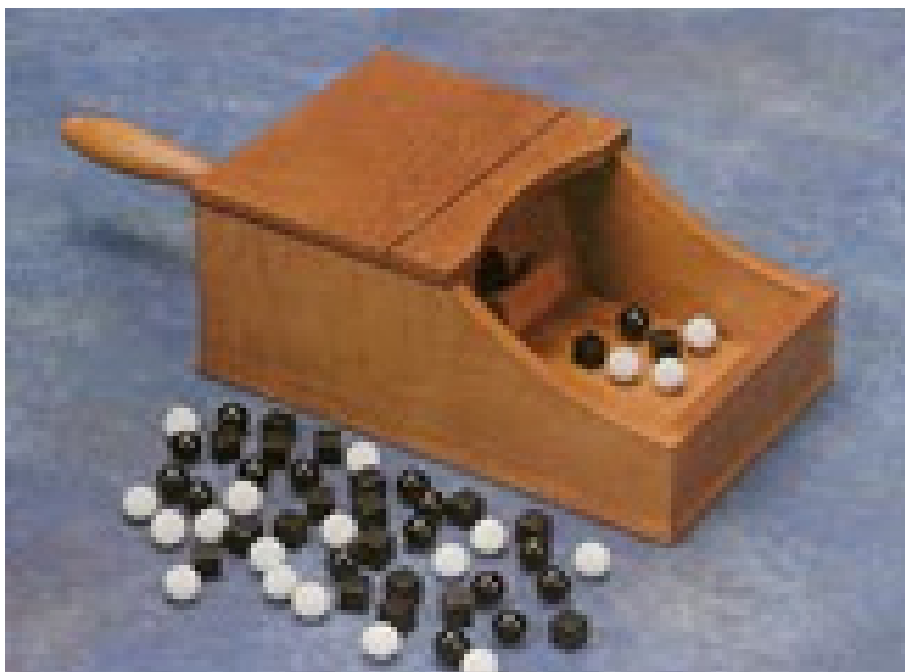
Functions of Elections

Elections make a fundamental contribution to democratic governance. Because direct democracy—a form of government in which political decisions are made directly by the entire body of qualified citizens—is impractical in most modern societies, democratic government must be conducted through representatives. Elections enable voters to select leaders and to hold them accountable for their performance in office. Accountability can be undermined when elected leaders do not care whether they are reelected or when, for historical or other reasons, one party or coalition is so dominant that there is effectively no choice for voters among alternative candidates, parties, or policies. Nevertheless, the possibility of controlling leaders by requiring them to submit to regular and periodic elections helps to solve the problem of succession in leadership and thus contributes to the continuation of democracy. Moreover, where the electoral process is competitive and forces candidates or parties to expose their records and future intentions to popular scrutiny, elections serve as forums for the discussion of public issues and facilitate the expression of public opinion. Elections thus provide political education for citizens and ensure the responsiveness of democratic governments to the will of the

people. They also serve to legitimize the acts of those who wield power, a function that is performed to some extent even by elections that are noncompetitive.

Elections also reinforce the stability and legitimacy of the political community. Like national holidays commemorating common experiences, elections link citizens to each other and thereby confirm the viability of the polity. As a result, elections help to facilitate social and political integration.

Finally, elections serve a self-actualizing purpose by confirming the worth and dignity of individual citizens as human beings. Whatever other needs voters may have, participation in an election serves to reinforce their self-esteem and self-respect. Voting gives people an opportunity to have their say and, through expressing partisanship, to satisfy their need to feel a



sense of belonging. Even nonvoting satisfies the need of some people to express their alienation from the political community. For precisely these reasons, the long battle for the right to vote and the demand for equality in electoral participation can be viewed as the manifestation of a profound human craving for personal fulfillment.

ELECTIONS of the VIRGIN ISLANDS - Then to Now

Act No. 936, Bill No. 1800 repealed Title 18 of the Virgin Islands Code, Entitled "Elections", To Enact a New Title 18 of Such Code for the Other Purposes. Proposed by Senators at Large Earle B. Ottley, John L. Maduro, Randall N. James and Patrick N. Williams, Senators for the District of St. Thomas Percival H. Reese and David Puritz. Which was adopted February 6, 1963 and approved February 20, 1963.

The first Members of the Board of Elections were Earl B. Ottley, Former Governor Charles W. Turnbull and Ms. Henrita Todman.

Ms. Henrita Todman was a clerk for the Municipal Council, Police Court and the Legislature, after serving as an excellent educator for years. Many persons in leadership positions within the government knew of her exemplary performance. On July 12, 1944, Henrita Todman began a career with the judicial branch where she served as a clerk in the Police Court under the Honorable Cyril Michael, Alphonso A. Christian and other distinguished jurists. On April 13, 1963, when the Office of Supervisor of Elections was established, Henrita Todman was considered the ideal candidate for this post given her past exceptional service to the Government of the Virgin Islands. She was a progressive administrator and a supporter of voting machines in the territory. She has served

diligently and efficiently as the Supervisor of Elections for her 31 years.

Elections Conducted : 31 Primary, 31 General, 7 Run Off, 6 Special, 5 Constitutional Conventions and 2 Initiatives.

The Primary election was changed from Tuesday's to Saturday due to tropical storm Bertha in 1994, which caused the postponement of the elections.

Vision - To regain and increase public confidence in the election system by assuring all of our Elections are Fair, Accessible, Secure and Transparent.

Mission - To conduct reliable elections and accurately maintain voter registration records for Virgin Islands citizens. Uphold the laws, policies and court decisions of federal and local jurisdictions.

TIMELINE

1960s

MILESTONE EVENT

**April
13 1963**

FIRST SUPERVISOR OF
ELECTIONS APPOINTED
- MS HENRITA TODMAN

1964-65

The first Constitutional Convention was held. Thirty-three elected and appointed delegates adopted another Revised Organic Act, which included a provision for an elective Governor and Lt. Governor for a four-year term, - congressional representation, the presidential vote, abolition of the Presidential veto of

local laws and other expansions of local authority. It also issued a Resolution on Status.

1967 BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM ELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

1968 Congress provided the following: Passage of the Elective Governor's Act Abolition of the presidential veto of local laws. Override of the governor's veto by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature. The equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment

1968 The Independent Citizens Movement (or Independent Citizens' Movement) is a political party in the U.S. Virgin Islands that was founded by Viridin C. Brown and Steve O'Reilly in 1968.

1970s MILESTONE EVENTS

1970 BOARD STIPEND INCREASE FROM \$20.00 TO \$40.00

October 1, 1971 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION MUST MAKE AVAILABLE FACILITIES DURING OR AFTER SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION

1971-72 Delegates to the 2 nd Constitutional Convention were elected probably in 1971, and a referendum on the document drafted was held on 11/11/1972.

1972 Congress authorized the election of a non-voting Delegate to Congress. Ron De Lugo was elected as the 1 st Delegate to Congress.

November 1974 Cyril King won the election to become the second elected governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

1976 PRIMARY ELECTION CONDUCTED ON A SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1976 Congress passed Public Law 94-584 authorizing a locally drafted constitution, subject to congressional approval.

1977-78 Delegates were elected to the 3rd Constitutional Convention.

November 7, 1978 Melvin Evans was elected delegate to the United States House of Representatives from U.S. Virgin Islands as a Republican. He defeated Democrat Janet Watlington, an aide to outgoing delegate Ron de Lugo, with 10,458 votes, or 52% of the vote.

November 7, 1978

Governor Luis and Lt. Governor Millin were elected to a full four-year term on November 7, 1978.[8] Luis defeated the Democratic ticket of Ron de Lugo, the-then Delegate of the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. House of Representatives, and De Lugo’s running mate, Senator Eric E. Dawson, in a tough election campaign.[1][4]

1979

A vote on the 3rd Constitutional Convention was held in March, 1979.

1980s MILESTONE EVENTS

1980

Act No. 4462 of the Legislature created the first Status Commission.

1980-81

Delegates were elected to the 4th Constitutional Convention, (probably in 1980.) A vote on the 4th Constitutional Convention was held in November, 1981.

1982

The Legislature passed Act No. 4747 which provided a referendum to decide whether the V.I. should address Status before drafting another Constitution. 1984 The Select. Committee on Status and Federal Relations was created by the Fifteenth Legislature

1986

BOARD CONSISTED TO TEN (10) MEMBERS – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION NO MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY

1987

BOARD STIPEND DURING AN ELECTION CHAIRMAN \$65

July 15, 1988

BOARD STIPEND WAS INCREASED FROM \$40.00 TO \$50.00

1988

The Legislature passed Act No. 5332 which created the 2nd Status Commission.

1988

RESIDENCE DEFINED MAINTAIN LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND ELECTION DISTRICT FOR 30 DAYS. THEN CHANGED TO 90 DAYS

1990s MILESTONE EVENTS

1993

A status vote was held on October 11, 1993, on the following three broad categories:
A) COMPLETE INTEGRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
B) CONTINUED OR ENHANCED TERRITORIAL STATUS
C) REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY
There was a referendum on legalizing casino gambling in the 1990’s.

1994

RUN OFF ELECTION BETWEEN DEREK HODGE/ALFRED HEATH & ROY L. SCHNIEDER/ KENNETH E. MAPP

November 1994

Victor O. Frazer (born May 24, 1943) is a Saint Thomian lawyer and was elected as the 3rd elected Delegate from the United States Virgin

Islands to the United States House of Representatives. He was born in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

April 3, 1995

SUPERVISOR JOHN ABRAMSON, JR BEGAN HIS TERM

1996

RUN OFF ELECTION BETWEEN DONNA CHRISTENSEN & VICTOR FRAZER

1998

PRIMARY ELECTION SUBSTITUTED SATURDAY FOR TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER

July 30, 1998

ELECTION OFFICIALS/ POLLWORKERS REPORTING TIME ONE HOUR 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE HOUR OF OPENING POLLS

2000s MILESTONE EVENTS

May 7, 2003

ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR BODY, ONE OF WHOSE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION FOR A TERRITORIAL OFFICE AT THE LAST PRECEDING GENERAL ELECTION POLLED NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID BALLOTS CAST IN THE TERRITORY SHALL BE RECOGNIZED. GRANDFATHERED

2006

RUN OFF ELECTION BETWEEN JOHN P. DEJONGH/GREGORY FRANCIS & KENNETH E. MAPP/ ALMANDO "ROCKY" LIBURD

2010s MILESTONE EVENTS

2010

STX District Chairman Adelbert "Bert" Bryan - championed the change for the Voting Machines to have an auditable paper trail

January 1, 2010

CHANGE FROM THE JUDGE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF ANY BALLOTS

January 1, 2010

WRONGFUL REGISTRATION OR ATTEMPT TO REGISTER BY PERSON CAN BE FINED \$1,000.00

January 1, 2010

ANY EMPLOYER WHO REFUSES TO ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE TIME OFF TO VOTE CAN BE FINED UP TO \$5,000.00

July 12, 2011

THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED TO EVERY PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY UPON COMPLETION OF ALL THE CONDITIONS OF THE PERSON'S SENTENCE.

December 28, 2011

THE BOARD HAVE THE DISCRETION TO RETAIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL COUNSEL OR RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

December 28, 2011

APPEALS TO THE COURTS CHANGED FROM DISTRICT TO SUPERIOR COURT

2012	CHANGE PRIMARY FROM FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST FOR SECOND SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER	April 8, 2016	INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NECESSARY FOR THE NOMINATION PAPERS FROM 50 TO 100
May 31, 2012	CASTING OF LOTS SUBSTITUTED FIRST MONDAY IN JULY TO SECOND MONDAY IN AUGUST	April 8, 2016	RELATING TO THE FORM OF BALLOT AND VOTING PARTY SYMBOL ON ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
September 7, 2012	CONSENT DECREE – ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT	April 22, 2016	ELECTIONEERING MOVED TO 200 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE
August 13, 2013	SUPERVISOR CAROLINE F. FAWKES BEGAN HER TERM	May 9, 2016	UNLAWFUL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO VOTE OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY
August 13, 2014	EARLY VOTING LAW CREATED	July 31, 2017	VIC 18 CHANGED TO CREATE A SINGLE BOARD OF ELECTIONS THAT GOVERNS BOTH DISTRICTS
2014	FIRST USE OF THE DS200 TABULATING MACHINE AND THE AUTOMARK	December 25, 2017	REPEAL RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS TO BAR CANCELLATION
2014	RUN OFF ELECTION BETWEEN KENNETH E. MAPP/OSBERT POTTER & DONNA CHRISTENSEN/BASIL OTTLEY	2018	RUN OFF ELECTION BETWEEN KENNETH E. MAPP/ OSBERT POTTER & ALBERT BRYAN, JR./TREZENGA ROACH
October 14, 2014	INVESTIGATION OF THE BOARD REGARDING POLLING PLACES AMERICAN WITH DISABILITY ACT ENFORCEMENT		FORMER GOVERNOR KENNETH E. MAPP WAS IN THREE (3) RUN OFF ELECTIONS
November 2, 2015	DEPUTY SUPERVISOR KEVERMAY DOUGLAS HIRED IN THE ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN DISTRICT		

2018 FIRST USE OF EXPRESS VOTE MACHINES REPLACEMENT FOR AUTOMARK

Nov 2018 BOARD MEMBERS STAGGERED TERMS NO MORE THAN FOUR MEMBERS FROM ONE POLITICAL PARTY VACANCY ON THE BOARD – MUST BE SAME POLITICAL PARTY WITH HIGHEST VOTES

OCTOBER 31, 2022 COMPENSATION OF ELECTIONS ELECTION OFFICIALS AND CLERKS INCREASED

November 2022 RELATING TO REGISTRATION – ACTIVE AND INACTIVE VOTERS

2020s MILESTONE EVENTS

2020 Board of Elections Chairwoman Barbara Jackson McIntosh - championed the change to VIC 18 - the Supervisor of Elections manages the Elections

November A nonbinding referendum was on whether to adopt and/or adapt the Revised Organic Act as the constitution of the USVIS.

March 22, 2021 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR TERRELL ALEXANDRE HIRED IN THE ST. CROIX DISTRICT

August 2022 NEXT GEN EPOLLBOOKS IMPLEMENTED CHANGE FROM POLLING PLACES CENTERS IMPLEMENTED EXPRESS POLL

October 2022 ANY VOTER CAN REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WITHOUT A REASON



The proudest now is but my peer,
The highest not more high;
To-day, of all the weary year,
A king of men am I.
To-day alike are great and small,
The nameless and the known
My palace is the people's hall,
The ballot-box my throne!

Who serves to-day upon the list
Beside the served shall stand;
Alike the brown and wrinkled fist,
The gloved and dainty hand!
The rich is level with the poor,
The weak is strong to-day;
And sleekest broadcloth counts no more
Than homespun frock of gray.

To-day let pomp and vain pretence
My stubborn right abide;
I set a plain man's common sense
Against the pedant's pride.
To-day shall simple manhood try
The strength of gold and land
The wide world has not wealth to buy
The power in my right hand!

While there's a grief to seek redress,
Or balance to adjust,
Where weighs our living manhood less
Than Mammon's vilest dust, --
While there's a right to need my vote
A wrong to sweep away,
Up! clouted knee and ragged coat!
A man's a man to-day!

by John Greenleaf Whittier

The Poor Voter on Election Day





Alecia Wells - CERA
Chairwoman



Shikima Jones-Sprauve
Vice Chairwoman



**Lilliana Belardo
de O'Neal -CERA**



Epiphane Joseph

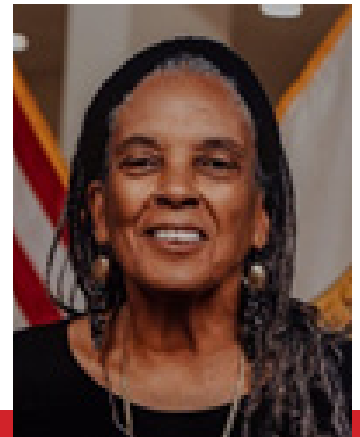


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Raymond Williams
CERA



Lisa Harris Moorhead
CERA



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Ledia Hendricks - CERA
Secretary



Arturo Watlington, Jr.
CERA



Harriet Mercer



Angeli Leerdam

**vote is precious. It is almost sacred.
is the most powerful non-violent
tool we have in a democracy**

Rep. John Lewis



Atanya Springette



Michael Joseph



Florine Audain
Hassell



Kareem Francis

2022 General Election (2023-2026)

St. Croix

Raymond J. Williams
Kareem T. Francis
Florine Audain Hassell

St. Thomas

Atanya Springette
Harriet A. Mercer

St. John

Shikima Jones-Sprauve

2020 General Election (2021-2024)

St. Croix

Lisa Harris-Moorhead
Lilliana Belardo De O'Neal
Glenn Webster D*
Epiphane "Joe" Joseph
Michael Joseph

St. Thomas

Lydia A. Hendricks
Arturo Watlington, Jr.
Angeli Leerdam

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

2018 General Election (2019-2022)

St. Croix

Raymond J. Williams
Barbara Jackson-McIntosh
Frederick R. Espinosa

St. Thomas

Atanya Springette
Harriet A. Mercer
Max Schanfarber

St. John

Shikima Jones

2016 General Election (2017-2020)

St. Croix

Lilliana Belardo De O'Neal
Lisa Harris-Moorhead
Glenn Webster
Epiphane Joseph

St. Thomas

Maurice A. Donovan Jr.
Arturo Watlington, Jr.
Lydia A. Hendricks
Diane Magras

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

2014 General Election (2015-2018)

St. Croix

Adelbert M. Bryan
Rupert W. Ross Jr.
Barbara Jackson-McIntosh

St. Thomas

Carla J. Joseph
Maurice A. Donovan Jr.

St. John

Ivy K. Moses

2012 General Election (2013-2016)

St. Croix

Lisa Harris-Moorhead
Roland L. Moolenaar
Lilliana Belardo De O'Neal
Glenn Webster

St. Thomas

Arturo Watlington Jr.
Lydia Hendricks
Lawrence Larry Boschulte

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

2010 General Election (2011-2014)

St. Croix

Adelbert M. Bryan
Raymond J. Williams
Rupert W. Ross Jr.

St. Thomas

Wilma Marsh Monsanto
Claudette Georges

St. John

Harry A. Daniel

2008 General Election (2009-2012)

St. Croix

Dodson K. James
Carmen M. Golden
Ana L. "Anita" Davila
Lisa Harris-Moorhead

St. Thomas

Lawrence Larry Boschulte
Lorna A.C. Thomas
Colette White-Amaro

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

2006 General Election (2007-2010)

St. Croix

Rupert W. Ross
Raymond J. Williams
Jacqueline Heyliger

St. Thomas

Arturo Watlington, Jr.
Claudette A. Georges

St. John

Leona Smith

2004 General Election (2005-2008)

St. Croix

Dodson K. James
Ana L. "Anita" Davila
Humberto O'Neal
Carmen Golden

St. Thomas

Lawrence Larry Boschulte
Lorna A.C. Thomas
Colette White-Amaro

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

2002 General Election (2003-2006)

St. Croix

Rupert W. Ross Jr.
Evelyn Messer James
Raymond J. Williams
Hamad I. Sirri

St. Thomas

Arturo Watlington Jr.
George Blackhall

St. John

Donna F. Roberts

2000 General Election (2001-2004)

St. Croix

Carmen M. Golden
Ana Anita L. Davila
Arthur A. Joseph
Rueben Fenton

St. Thomas

Kevin A. Rodriguez
Lawrence Larry Boschulte
Phyllis Massac

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

1998 General Election (1999-2002)

St. Croix

Evelyn M. James
Malcolm K. Plaskett
Dodson M. James

St. Thomas

Clement "Cain" Magras
Gaylord A. Sprauve

St. John

Alecia M. Wells

1996 General Election (1997-2000)

St. Croix

Carmen M. Golden
Raymond "Usie" Richards
Ana "Anita" Davila
Arthur A. Joseph

St. Thomas

Christoph K. Massac, Jr.
Rita A. Brady
Roy Howard

St. John

Aubrey E. Bridgewater Jr.

1994 General Election (1995-1998)

St. Croix

Malcolm K. Plaskett
Dodson K. James
Adele D. Allen

St. Thomas

Robert Mathes
Lorraine Baa

St. John

Donna Roberts

1992 General Election (1993-1996)

St. Croix

Raymond "Usie" Richards
Carmen M. Golden
Ana L. "Anita" Davila
Donald E. Ross

St. Thomas

Denise R. Reovan, Esq.
Keith E. Richards
Christopher Keith Massac

St. John

Donna Roberts

1990 General Election (1991-1994)

St. Croix

Alicia Torres-James
Eulalie C. Rivera
Chesley Roebuck

St. Thomas

Gerald E. Hodge
Elise Vialet

St. John

Donna Roberts
Julien Harley
Casilda Quetel Roberts

All other Board Members who were appointed by the Governor or Legislature prior to elections.

Shrouptronic Election Voting Machine Programmers - Team Patrick Phillips, Lead Voting Technician • Trevor James, Gregory Christian, Felicia Neale, Ulric Lewis, David Roberts & Gabriel Nathaniel



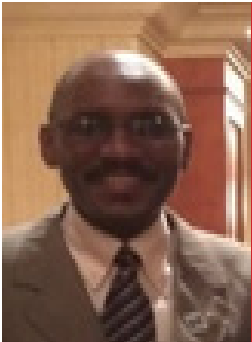
Supervisors of Elections

Ms. Caroline F. Fawkes, CERA (August 13, 2013 – Present)



First use of the DS 200 Tabulator & Auto Mark – ADA Complaint - 2014
Instituted Early Voting in 2014
Established the Senior Election Assistant Position
Instituted Voting Centers in 2022
Instituted interconnected Epollbooks – Real Time Reporting
Legislature codified the expansion of the Duties of the Supervisor

Mr. John Abramson, Jr., CERA (April 3, 1995 – May 31, 2013)



Change the Board of Elections to the Election System of the Virgin Islands and Improved the Wage Scale
Hire local programmers for electronic voting machines.
Codified the Cancellation of Voters
Instituted Electronic Voter Registration Database
Completed the RFP for the purchase of the DS200/Automarks
Instituted Retreats for the Board Members

Ms. Henrita Todman (April 13, 1963 – December 19, 1994)



Serve at the Courts before her appointment to Elections
First Supervisor of Elections – 31 Years
Established the three territorial election offices
Codified the Deputy Supervisor Positions
In 1970, conducted the first election in the history of the Virgin Islands
Worked with Senators to create election laws



Deputy Supervisors and Elections Assistants -Staff

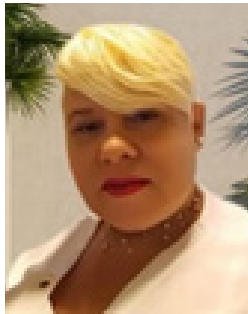


STX Deputy
Mr. Terrell Alexandre



STT-STJ Deputy
Ms. Kevermay Douglas,
CERA

St. Thomas • St. John Staff



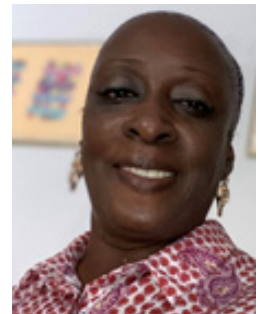
Milagritos Venzen
Senior Election Assistant



Stephanie Joseph
Election Assistant



Sheri Richardson
Election Assistant



Melba Smith
Election Assistant

St. Croix Staff



Ulette Todman Hodge
Senior Election
Assistant



Tricia Johnson
Administrative
Assistant



Richard Muhammad
Board Administrative
Assistant



Mari Felix
Election Assistant



Blanca Maldonado
Election Assistant

Former Employees

St. Croix

Genevieve Whitaker – Deputy Supervisor
James A. Weber, III – Deputy Supervisor
Corine Halyard Plaskett, CERA -Deputy Supervisor
Lula Mae Parris – Deputy Supervisor
Lauritz Gibbs – Deputy Supervisor
Elizabeth Lynch – *Longest Serving -30 years*
Delores Rivera Lang
Josephine Harvey
Felia Rampersad
Juanita Hendricks
Beverly Crawford
Rita Phillip Jackson
Millie Calderon Armstrong
Juanita Hendricks

St. Thomas

Nefrediezha Barbel – Deputy Supervisor
Mabel Maduro – Deputy Supervisor
Sharon Benjamin
Board Administrative Assistant /Acting Deputy Supervisor
Rosemary Berry – Administrative Assistant
Angel Bolques, Jr. – Board Administrative Assistant
Judah Diamondback – Administrative Assistant
Elaine Sprauve

St. John

Natalie Thomas - Deputy Supervisor
Icilma Sprauve

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Election Officials Pollworkers

Gwenavire Hyndman

St. John – Began as a Clerk and progressed to the position as Judge. Served for over 30 years



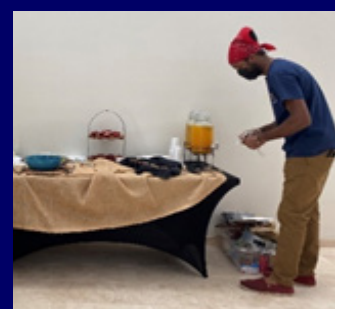
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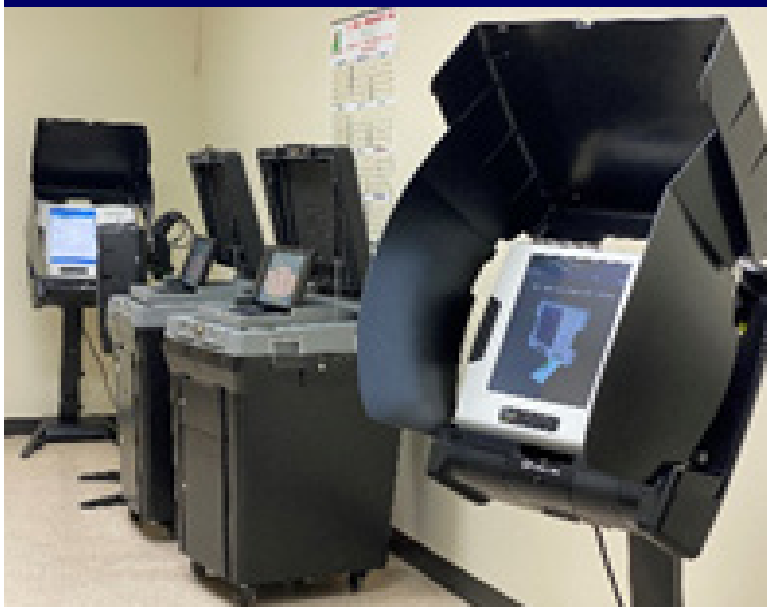
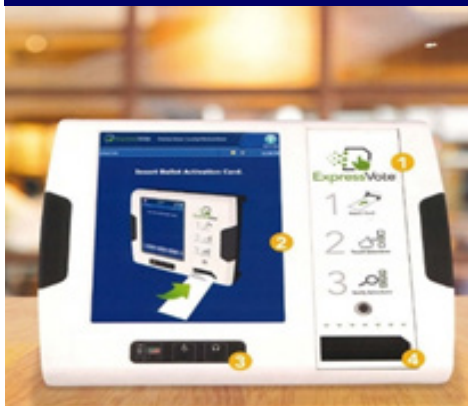
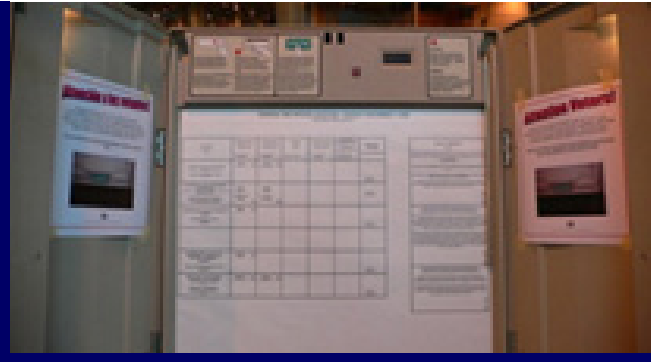
St. Croix - Began as an Election clerk at the young age of 19 year and progressed to position as Judge. Served for over 50 years



Desiree Richardson

St. Thomas - Began as Election Epollbook Clerk at the young age of 18 years and progressed to the position as Facilitator. Also, she serves as an Elections Office Assistant. Presently, still serving, over 40 years











STT Crystal Gade Storage



STX - Sunny Isle Annex



St. John Cruz Bay



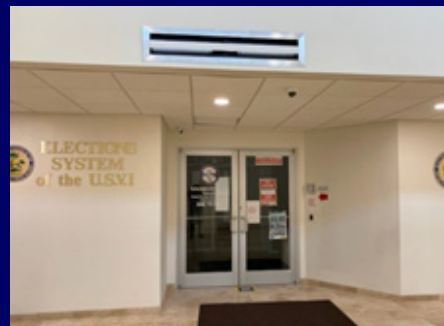
St. John Battery



St. Thomas Elections Office, Lockhart Gardens Shopping Center



St. John / The Market Place



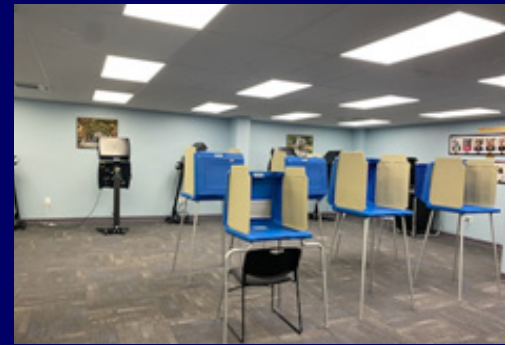
Main Sunny Isle Shopping Center/Old Movie Theatre – St. Croix Elections Office



St. Croix Other Office Locations

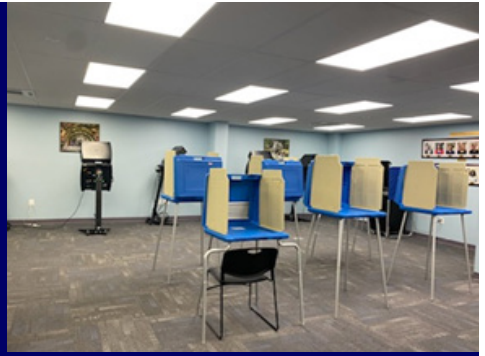
- 1975-1985 West Office in Lagoon Complex
East Office La Grande Princesse
- 1985 East - Hamilton House.
- 1990 Estate La Reine Shopping Center (Combined)
- 1997 Sunny Isles Annex

St. John – Located where the Frank Powell Sr. Park Bandstand presently









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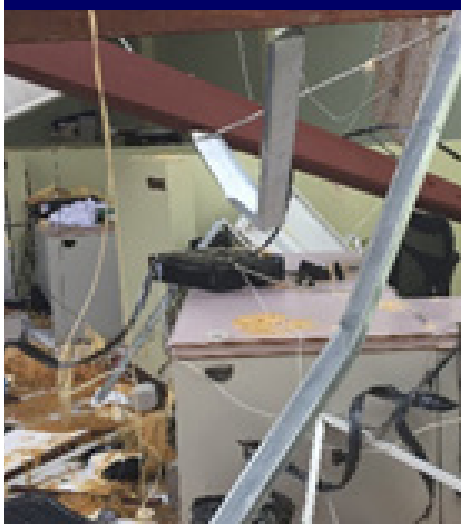
**Are you a
registered
voter?**





**Don't
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Vote!**





Slogan's Over The Years

Positive Is How I Live

Elmo D – The Man For We

Yes We Can

Dowe Now! Serious Minds for Serious Times

Change We Can Believe In

Keep Your Future Bright, Vote Celestino A. White

Let's Make It Happen

Man For All People

Vote George, It Is A Goodwin

Your Voice of Reason

Progress Forward

Change Course Now

Got the Job Done, Vote Watlington

Keep Them in Line Push #9

Communication is Key

Focus Forward

A Man for All People, Touching Lives

Don't Guess, Vote Bolques

Vote Donald Ducks Cole – Who Ducks No Issues

Still The Voice We Need, The Change We Deserve

Man of Action

Ready For Forward Movement

New Generation Leadership

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize Don't Blink

A Strong Voice for Challenging Times

Don't Blame Me, We Didn't Vote for Farrelly

If Anyone Can, Canton Can

Prepared to Serve

Your Voice, Your Advocate

For People, Not Politics

St. Croix All De Time

My People, My Island, My Concern

There Is No Hope, Without Hope

Time to Build

Leadership for the 21st Century

Together We Will Rise

All Is Well, With Wells

A Better Choice

It's Cruzial

Proven Results

Spring Forward With Springer

We Will Not Let You Down

Leadership With Conscious

Young People Matter

If Not Now, When

You Can Bank On Me

Let Your Conscious Be Your Guide

The Bull From Annally

Sensible Balanced Leadership

Forget the Rest and Vote for the Best



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We subscribe to these Principles:

Freedom is an inherent human right, but it is also fragile and can be lost through neglect or misuse

○ Freedom requires responsibility.

- Freedom can best be maintained and nurtured through the democratic process. The success of the democratic process requires fair and open elections which accurately reflect the intent of the electorate.

• Therefore, it is our unique role as election officials to serve as gatekeepers of Democracy.

It is our sacred Honor, to protect and promote public trust and confidence by our conduct of accurate and fair elections.

As the public's guardian of freedom within a democratic society, we are responsible for the integrity of the process. Our role demands that these principles must be placed above personal or partisan gain.

Nurturing and protecting Democracy is a team effort in the profession of elections administration. Our task requires wisdom, courage and the desire to remain focused on our vision of free and impartial elections despite changes in our society and its laws.

By dedicated adherence to these Principles and Standards of Conduct, we demonstrate our loyalty to freedom, pride in our profession and a commitment to the excellence of the democratic process.

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ESVI Diamond Jubilee Week

60th

**Thriving with Integrity,
Elections System
Celebrates Sixty**

For more information visit
www.vivote.gov or email us
at ESVI.info@vi.gov



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Open House Reception and Retrospective Exhibit
6pm – 8pm | ESVI Sunny Isles office, St. Croix
With invitation
(Exhibit open to the public Monday-Friday 8am to 5 pm)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ESVI 60th Anniversary Celebration
Invited Guests, Staff & Board Members
10am – 12pm | Government House, St. Croix
Watch event on facebook.com/vivote.gov

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ESVI hosts discussion forum:
*"From Jackson to Evans: The Fight for
Representation and Universal Suffrage."*
11am – 12:30pm | University of the Virgin Islands
Research and Technology Park, St. Croix
Watch event on facebook.com/vivote.gov

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

ESVI hosts *"Lunch at the Historical Ruins"*
Enjoy an easy afternoon with music, fun and friends
12pm – 2pm | Susannaberg, St. John
Register and join at ESVI.info@vi.gov

"ESVI Marking Milestones" A one-hour TV special featuring
interviews with notable Virgin Islanders on the most significant
moments in our political history.
9pm | WTJX Public Television and facebook.com/vivote.gov

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

ESVI's Jubilee Walk for Progress
From Crystal Gade to Roosevelt Park
Music, Hors d'oeuvres & Drinks
4pm – 6:30pm | St. Thomas
Open to public

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ESVI Diamond Jubilee Gala
The Ritz Carlton at 6pm -10pm | St. Thomas
With invitation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Announcement of winners and prize presentation
Essay contest: *"One Person. One Vote."*
Open to all Junior High & Middle School students



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