GUILT TRIPS FROM A ROYAL TOWN TO A GHOST TOWN WITHOUT GOVERNMENT TRIAGE

We will be subject to arbitrary and capricious governance and lack of essential public utilities and services in all of our Territory's towns until the underlying issues of re-establishing ghosted local municipal government and reforming WAPA are accomplished.

Guilt Trips for waste to eligible citizens of their rights to register to vote, to choose candidates to vote for, and to vote who don't vote.

Guilt Trips to parents who don't teach their children to exercise their rights to register, choose and vote.

Guilt Trips to decades of legislators and their ghosts for neglect and willful ignorance in favor of protecting the status quo and the benefits they derive from it.

Guilt Trips to any candidates who ignore the citizens voice demanding re-establishment of municipal government and major reform of WAPA.

Municipal government is not legislative districting.

All states have municipal corporations acts that govern the establishment and limited sovereignty of town boundaries and governing bodies. The USVI does not, but the Revised Organic Act does not prohibit the legislative power to enact a Municipal Corporations Act.

The historic Town of Christiansted, founded c.1733, was chartered by King Christian of Denmark as the capitol of the Danish West Indies. Today, in 2026, Christiansted is a ghostly example of foundational urban decay since enactment of the 1954 Revised Organic Act and its provisions by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

The Legislature eliminated the municipal government backbone and governance from towns in favor of a Territorial monopoly colonial-style government, followed by a "regulated" monopoly water and electricity supplier (WAPA) a decade or so later. These acts have strangled Christiansted's and the Territory's inhabitants from intervening.

In January 2024 Governor Bryan asked individuals in each town to organize a non-profit revitalization agency that would qualify for 501c status.

We defined revitalization in Christiansted as the process of reviving a ghost town with identified geographic boundaries and dedicated rights of way for storm water management, roads and above- and below-ground infrastructure and other urban amenities, that was managed by local citizens originally appointed by the Danish rulers.

Our USVI towns' critical infrastructure foundations are unstable (WAPA), or missing (municipal local government).

Their underground infrastructure (water and sewer) are obsolete and scheduled for replacement, someday, without local supervision.

There is no process and there are no plans in place or being prepared, or money set aside for repairing, replacing and extending town sidewalks and historic paths and trails, necessary circulation improvements to revitalize a town.

Public and private docks, piers and mooring fields are not repaired or maintained timely to support marine economic and security activities in Christiansted.

The 1960 Census recorded 5,137 Christiansted inhabitants, down 65% to 1,770 inhabitants and 2,177 Frederiksted inhabitants down to 528 inhabitants counted in the 2020 Census, while the population of St. Croix has increased from 14,973 in 1960 to 41,004 in 2020. Charlotte Amalie is down from 12,880 inhabitants in 1960 to 8,194 in 2020.

Today, an inhabitant of Gallows Bay, one of the first community settlements on St Croix after colonization by successive European powers beginning in the 16th Century, cannot walk safely into historic downtown Christiansted less than a quarter mile away, due to no sidewalks, broken sidewalks, overgrown and littered sidewalks, no parking spaces, inadequate signage, and poor street lighting.

The residents in the towns have no "local services" and are dependent on Territorial public health, safety and welfare programs for public services provided by the central monopolistic government

that are distant, sporadic and undependable, and by closely-held NPOs not publicly accountable to the town's residents.

There are no elected officials with any geographic representation or responsibilities…St. Croix senators vote on St. Thomas land use and budget issues just as St. Thomas senators create the majority vote to approve changes in zoning maps despite local Christiansted property owners' opposition.

These arbitrary and capricious legislative actions undermine local economic development efforts designed to restore and revive sustainable community quality of life that we want in our hometowns.

We, together, can agree that we want sustainable economic development and thriving towns and communities in the Territory.

We must demonstrate our commitment by electing legislators and a governor and a delegate to Congress who will pledge to honor our COMMON SENSE USVI 2026 plan, and hold them to account for however long it takes to reform WAPA and re-establish local municipal governments in our towns and communities.

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