THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSTED
"…Like a Woman Scorned"

PETITION

FOR LEGAL SEPARATION OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS; AND,
A MEANS TO SECURE LEGAL STANDING THROUGH ADOPTION OF A TERRITORIAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT; AND,
FOR DETERMINATION OF CUMULATIVE CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR ABANDONMENT, EXPLOITATION, NEGLECT, ABUSE, ALIENATION OF AFFECTION AND GRAND LARCENY, SINCE 1955.

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansted was chartered by King Christian of Denmark in 1733 as a royal Caribbean outpost built on the ruins of Spanish, English, and French settlements after Columbus' claim of sovereignty over Santa Cruz y Las Islas Virgenes for the Spanish Court in 1493; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansted was acquired among the possessions of the Danish West Indies sold for gold to the United States of America in 1917; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansted was abandoned by the Government of the Virgin Islands pursuant to its interpretation of the 1954 Revised Organic Act Section 16(a)&(b); and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands has blatantly exploited its paternalistic control over the Town of Christiansted to the town's financial, cultural, social, political and economic detriment for seven decades; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands has neglected to adopt policies and establish institutions to properly safeguard the lives and property of its inhabitants within the historic town boundaries in the Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands has abused its subjects' civil rights to participate in community economic development and revitalization within the boundaries of the Town of Christiansted by eliminating its governing body from opportunities to share in federal government funding for its municipal needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands has connived with non-profit agencies and other instrumentalities under its purview to deprive the Town of Christiansted access to applying for its fair share of federal funds available to it

as a municipal corporation, resulting in an alienation of affection by the Government of the Virgin Islands towards the historic Town of Christiansted; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands has committed grand larceny against the Town of Christiansted by retaining federal funds under its control and preventing the incorporation of chartered municipal corporations' elected governing bodies that would otherwise have been entitled to access and exercise sovereignty over the funds to be spent within its boundaries:

NOW, THEREFORE, INHABITANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS DOMICILED IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSTED, PRO SE, HEREBY DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS:

ENACT a Municipal Corporations Act authorizing citizens to organize a chartered municipal corporation as a political subdivision of the Territory, enabled by the Act to adopt ordinances, policies, rules, regulations and procedures to start up, manage and operate a town municipal government and to elect a governing body with limited original jurisdiction within the town boundaries in order to govern the public health, safety and welfare of the jurisdiction; and,

GRANT chartered municipal corporations within the Territory municipal sovereignty to apply for Federal funds under consideration by agencies and/or instrumentalities and awarded to the Territory and/or its instrumentalities to be budgeted, obligated and spent within the boundaries of the town for any purpose; and,

IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSTED THROUGH ITS INHABITANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS, PRO SE, HEREBY NOTIFIES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, THROUGH ITS GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND DELEGATE TO CONGRESS, THAT IT WISHES TO SECEDE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND ESTABLISH THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSTED AND ELECT A TOWN COUNCIL AS ITS GOVERNING BODY, AND HEREBY PETITIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TO GRANT IT A MUNICIPAL CHARTER.

Jack Pickel, personally as majority shareholder and president of Club Comanche, Inc., y El Jefe de The Comanche, Owner of 1&40 Strand Street, Town of Christiansted, and as
Co-Organizer of the Christiansted Revitalization Planning Task Force established at the request of Governor Albert Bryan in January 2024, PETITIONER.