

Senator Joseph's Legislative Action During Her 2nd Term

Since taking office, Senator Joseph has a record of chairing meetings for the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection every month. The senator has also submitted several Bill requests to address current issues and prepare our islands for the future. Introduced legislation focuses on the UVI GERS Annuity, Housing Discrimination, Water and Power Authority, assisted living, Civil Rights, Veterans Affairs, Law Enforcement, Boards and Commissions, and honoring outstanding Virgin Islanders. Here is the list of bills and bill requests sponsored by Senator Joseph.



- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0004** Allows retirees employed by the University of the Virgin Islands ("UVI"), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan.
- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0005** Amends Virgin Islands Code, relating to landlord and tenants to prohibit discrimination on the basis income.
- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0006** (Act No. 8702) Honors former Senator George E. Goodwin.
- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0011** (Act No. 8706) Honors former Senator Horace A. Callwood, Sr. posthumously.
- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0016** (Res. No. 1904) Honors and commends the Board of Elections on the 60th Anniversary.
- Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0061** (Act. No. 8731) Directs the Virgin Islands Inspector General to conduct an audit of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.
- Sponsor Bill 35-0054** (Act 8722) Amends FY 2022 funds of \$450,000 for Veterans Medical and Burial Expenses to remain available until expended.
- Co-Sponsor Bill Number: 35-0007** (Act 8703) Honors Mr. Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman
- BR 23-0099** - To appropriate \$500,000 to the Department of Justice to fund the Civil Rights Commission.
- BR 23-0105** - To create rules and regulations for assisted living in the Virgin Islands and encourage development of private assisted living facilities.
- BR 23-0106** - To require law enforcement officers trained by the POST to work in the government for a minimum of 6 years.
- BR 23-0256** - To establish the "Restorative Justice Act".
- BR 23-0260** - To Honor Bishop Dr. William A. Industrious and rename Gamble Gade the Bishop Dr. Williams Industrious Street.
- BR 23-0397** - To remove the provision allowing a member of the Commission to continue to receive annuity while receiving a salary as a commissioner.
- BR 23-0469** - To clarify the parameters relating the appointment of members residing outside of the Territory to boards and commissions.



(L to R) Summer intern, Ms. Shania Nieves created a handcrafted purse made from local madras. | Girl Scouts Leadership Day at the Legislature. | Bovoni Housing Community Clean-up Day. | 8th grader Ava Daniels, won the Senator Carla Joseph's Third Annual Black History/Virgin Islands Month Art Contest.

Joseph Address Housing Discrimination in the Virgin Islands

Housing Discrimination for Participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program formerly the Section 8 exists in the Virgin Islands. Based on program participants' complaints and her staff's extensive research, Senator Joseph has introduced legislation to prohibit discrimination based on a tenant's legitimate income source.



Joseph Works to Support Veteran Affairs

Funds for medical and burial services for Virgin Islands Veterans has been at the forefront of concern for Veterans living in the Territory. Senator Joseph moved an amendment that now makes funds available to the Office of Veterans Affairs until expended. The amendment offered by Senator Joseph allowed approximately, \$84,000.00 from FY 2022 to be added to the specified line item in the FY 2023 Budget for a total of \$534,000. (Picture: Senator Joseph at Office of Veterans Affairs Townhall Meeting on St. Thomas.)

Joseph's 3rd Annual Art Contest Continues To Inspire Students

Ava Daniels, an 8th grade student at Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School won the Senator Carla Joseph's Third Annual Black History/Virgin Islands Month Art Contest. The art piece depicts Queen Mary. Ava said "the reason why I chose her is because she was one of the leaders that led the rebellion on St. Croix along with two (2) others who were arrested for arson. Their riots did not go unnoticed. I find it inspiring how she fought for herself and others freedom in the Virgin Islands." Ava was awarded a cash prize of \$200 from Senator Office. The contest was open to all middle school students in the St. Thomas/St. John District.



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My Fellow Virgin Islanders,

Happy New Year! I am grateful for your prayers, ideas, support, and the opportunity to serve as your senator. I am pleased to share some of the events, activities, and work my staff and I have engaged in over the past year for my second term in office. I serve as Secretary of the 35th Legislature; Chair for the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection; Liaison to the United States Department of the Interior; and Ex-Officio Member of the VI Public Service Commission. I also serve as a member of the Committees on Rules and Judiciary, Education, and Workforce Development; Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning; and Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications. Although I am not a member of the Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance, I remain active in this powerful Committee that monitors and reviews our Government's Budget and Finances.

I remain committed to working with all stakeholders, the Governor, my Senate colleagues, and the people of the Virgin Islands to move our Territory forward positively. As always, feel free to reach out to my office to share your thoughts and concerns, as my staff and I are here to serve. Contact my office at (340) 693-3515 or senatorcarlajoseph@legvi.org



(L to R) Little League Baseball Season in St. Thomas. | USVI Women's Basketball Team Gold Medal Victory. Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis 40th Anniversary of ordination. | Road paving project in Estate Bovoni | Br. Fernando Leonard and Br. Kelson Thomas of Faith Christian Fellowship Church Alive In Christ.

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Nazareth Cricket Field named in honor of Former Senator George E. Goodwin

Senator Joseph sponsored Bill No. 35-0006 to honor and commend former Senator George E. Goodwin for his many years of contributions to the Virgin Islands community. The Bill, now Act 8702, names the Cricket Field slated for Parcel H of Tract 1, Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the George E. Goodwin Cricket Field. Goodwin was also awarded the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor. Former Senator George E. Goodwin passed away from this life on Monday, September 11, 2023. Senator Joseph said, "Senator Goodwin was a businessman who gave unselfishly and a compassionate public servant. I consider myself blessed to have known, worked with, and been mentored by such a strong, God-fearing family man."

Left Top Photo: Sen. Joseph with former Sen. Goodwin in 2019. Below it: Touring the George E. Goodwin Cricket Field. Middle: Future site of George E. Goodwin Cricket Field Est. Nazareth St. Thomas. Bottom Right: The Senator instructing the construction crew.



(L to R) Grandparents Day event sponsored by Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Chapter. - VI's own First Officer Gleason Thompson, Jr. co-piloted Jet Blue - I love STT sign unveiled at Vendor's Plaza. - Donating to Queen Louise Home. - Visiting new home of the Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center - IEKHS Student on tour of Capitol Building led by the senator.

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