

# THE BOLQUES BULLETIN

A Bimestrial Update from the Office of Angel Bolques Jr. Senator-At-Large  
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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENATOR-AT-LARGE

As we step into 2024, I extend my heartfelt New Year's wishes to each of you in our vibrant territory. Reflecting on the past year, we've achieved significant milestones together. Our legislative efforts have brought forth meaningful changes, from enhancing the quality of life and bringing us closer as a people. These accomplishments are testaments to our collective resilience and commitment to a bright future.

Looking ahead, I am energized to continue this journey. The new year presents fresh challenges and opportunities, and I am eager to tackle them head-on. As your representative, my focus remains steadfast on creating policies that foster growth, equity, and prosperity. Let's unite in our efforts to make 2024 a year of impactful progress and shared success. Here's to a productive, prosperous, and joyful New Year! God bless you and yours.

Wholeheartedly, Angel Bolques Jr. Senator-At-Large

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As your Senator, I've dedicated myself to being an active and attentive community member. I've had the privilege of attending various territorial events and listening closely to your concerns and aspirations. These interactions are invaluable to me. They provide insight into the diverse needs of our constituents and help shape my efforts in the legislature. Your voices are the driving force behind my service, guiding me to advocate for policies that truly reflect and benefit our territory. Together, we can build a stronger, more united future.



## UPCOMING LEGISLATION

- **BILL# 35-0133** - establishing an educational scholarship program for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the maritime industry in the Virgin Islands
- **BILL#35-0132** - An Act appropriating funds to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the implementation of technological upgrades
- **BILL#35-0129** - An Act appropriating funds to the DPW to conduct a feasibility study on reopening certain roads on the island of St. John linking the towns of Cruz Bay and Coral Bay to enhance infrastructure, transportation, and public safety. **SEE MORE:** <https://billtracking.legvi.org/>

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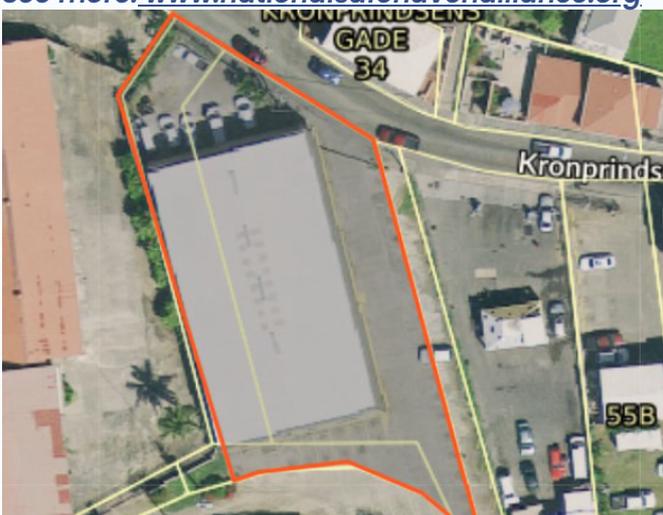
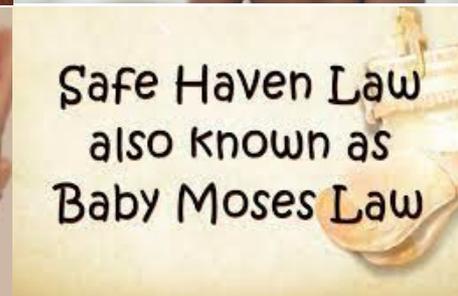


## CULTURE AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

I am filled with immense pride as I announce the passing of Bill No. 35-0217, a special resolution that honors and commends the awesome St. Croix Majorettes. For half a century, this extraordinary group has played a pivotal role in nurturing the potential of our youth, enriching our community services, and elevating the art and sport of baton twirling. Their unwavering dedication goes beyond performance; they have been instrumental in weaving a rich tapestry of culture and social connection in the territory. The Majorettes' commitment to excellence and community engagement has not only entertained but also inspired generations of all ages. As we celebrate their 50-year legacy, we acknowledge their invaluable contributions to the cultural vibrancy and social cohesion of our beloved territory and abroad. Learn more about the St. Croix Majorettes here: [www.stxmajorettes.com](http://www.stxmajorettes.com)

## YOUTH AND THE FUTURE

I am thrilled to announce the passage of Bill 35-0173, the Safe Haven Act, a significant step forward in protecting the most vulnerable members of our society. This groundbreaking legislation allows distressed parents to safely surrender their newborns at designated Safe Haven locations, ensuring these infants receive immediate care and protection. The act embodies our proactive commitment to child welfare and provides a legal alternative for distressed parents. This is more than a law; it promises a future for our most frail population, our infants. See more: [www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org](http://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org)



## STRATEGIC LONG-TERM PLANNING

I am delighted to announce the successful passage of Bill No. 35-0210, marking a significant milestone in the strategic development of the Government of the Virgin Islands. This bill allocated \$2,5M for the acquisition of Plot Nos. 53A, 53B, 54A, and 54B Kronprindsens Gade, Crown Prince Quarter, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. This crucial investment allows the GVI to expand its property portfolio by acquiring the Department of Labor building. This move reduces rental expenses for the GVI and represents a strategic step in our long-term planning. It's a proud moment for us, demonstrating our commitment to fiscal responsibility and the sustainable growth of the GVI and our Virgin Islands.