

THE BOLQUES BULLETIN

A Bimestrial Update from the Office of Angel Bolques Jr. Senator-At-Large
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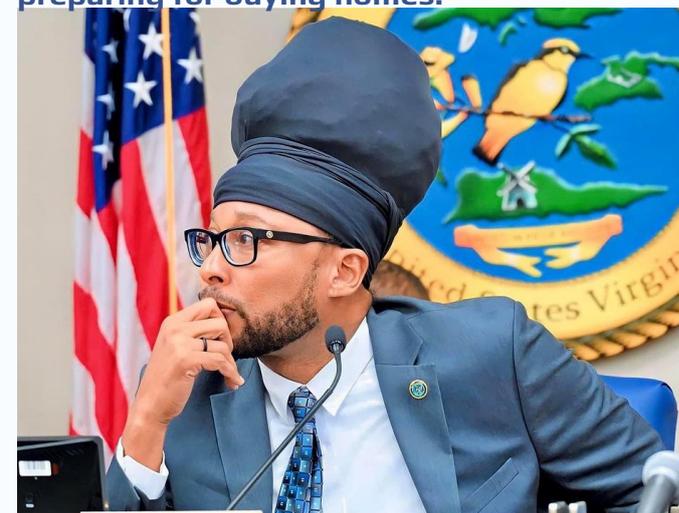


A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENATOR-AT-LARGE

In the heart of our community, we've shared moments that truly showcase our strength, resilience, and the power of unity. From our inspiring Homebuyer Credit Workshops, igniting a collective ambition towards homeownership, to the Akwamu Insurrection Plaque unveiling at Ram Head, we've honored our ancestors' brave fight for freedom, drawing strength from our shared history. The joyous laughter of children at Happy Faces Academy Daycare reminded us of the pure wonder of youth and the importance of fostering their curiosity and love for reading. In our office, the exceptional dedication of Masa and Jordan from Eudora Kean High School has uplifted our work but also filled us with hope for the future. These moments, these efforts, are the essence of community. They remind us that we are unstoppable, capable of overcoming challenges and achieving great things together. Keep this spirit alive, for our community's heart beats strongest when we stand united. Wholeheartedly, Angel Bolques Jr. Senator-At-Large

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Homebuyer Credit Workshops, in partnership with Senator Blyden, were a success, thanks to everyone's excitement and participation. We shared important tips on buying a home and managing credit, which really motivated everyone. The great feedback and interest from the community showed us how much people want to learn and support each other in getting their own homes. I'm very thankful for the fantastic turnout and everyone's eagerness to learn. This workshop was a key step in helping our community feel more confident and informed about preparing for buying homes.



UPCOMING LEGISLATION

I am thrilled to share that BILL# 35-0133, aimed at creating a maritime industry scholarship program in the Virgin Islands, has passed key committees and is now in legislative session. This initiative represents a vital investment in our youth and maritime sector, promising to open career paths and strengthen our local economy. Let's rally behind this important bill as it progresses, ensuring we equip our future leaders with the tools they need for success in this critical industry.

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CULTURE AND HISTORY

We paid tribute to our valiant ancestors with the unveiling of the Akwamu Insurrection Plaque at Ram Head. This event honored those who, in 1733, boldly confronted the European slave trade's brutality. Distinguished speakers, including Dr. Hadiya Sewer, Scott Simmons from the National Park Service, along with myself and Delegate to Congress Stacey E. Plaskett, commemorated Akwamu leaders like King Kanta, King Claes, King Juni, and Queen Breffu for their pivotal role in this historic act of defiance. Their courage marks a significant chapter in the history of St. John, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the broader fight against colonial oppression everywhere. We extend our deepest thanks to Delegate Plaskett, the National Park Service, Eudora Kean JROTC, the Office of St. John Administrator, and all attendees for their contributions to this meaningful event. I was honored to attend and support this momentous event.

YOUTH AND THE FUTURE

I spent an absolutely delightful day reading to the bright-eyed little ones at Happy Faces Academy Daycare. 📖 ✨. The joy and excitement in their eyes were truly heartwarming! Their laughter and eager curiosity brought so much happiness into the room. It's moments like these that remind us of the pure joy and wonder of childhood. A big thank you to the staff of Happy Faces Academy Daycare for inviting me and to all the children for being such a wonderful audience. The wonders of reading truly make a difference in their lives. Can't wait to come back!



ON THE JOB INTERNS

I am excited to shout out my awesome interns, Ms. Masa and Mr. Jordan, from my Alma Mater, Eudora Kean High School, who've been incredible assets to my office. Their dedication, creativity, and hard work have truly set a high bar, and they are very impressive young people. Whether it's tackling projects or bringing fresh ideas to the table, they've made a significant impact. I am grateful for their contributions and excited to see their bright futures unfold. Jordan plans to major in Mechanical Engineering, and Masa plans to major in Criminal Justice. I am keeping my eyes and ears open for these two, great things to come. Thanks for everything, Masa and Jordan!

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