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# Virgin Islands Mourns the Loss of Former Tourism Commissioner Pamela Richards

**Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and other Virgin Islands leaders pay tribute to Pamela Richards, reflecting on her vast contributions to tourism, legislative leadership, and community service across the territory**

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## Pamela Richards

The Virgin Islands community is mourning the passing of Pamela Richards, a distinguished former commissioner of the V.I. Department of Tourism and a prominent figure in various leadership roles throughout the territory. Governor Albert Bryan Jr. expressed his profound sadness and extended his condolences to her family and friends.

## Governor Bryan Reflects on Richards' Legacy

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. released a statement on Friday, highlighting the extensive contributions of Pamela Richards to the Virgin Islands. "With a heavy heart, I express my deepest condolences on the passing of Pamela Richards, a dear friend, cherished supporter, and former USVI Tourism Commissioner and Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Legislature," he said. Governor Bryan praised her lifelong dedication to the Virgin Islands and her efforts to preserve the islands' culture and history.

### **Senate and Lieutenant Governor Offer Tributes**

Senate Majority Leader Kenneth L. Gittens also spoke highly of Richards's impact, noting her brilliant mind and hard work. "I was so saddened to learn of her passing," Mr. Gittens remarked. He recalled her effective leadership during her tenure as the executive director of the 29th Legislature, emphasizing her role in implementing reforms and advocating for employees.

Lieutenant Governor Tregenza Roach shared his personal memories of Richards, describing her as a trusted friend and a visionary leader. "Pamela was my trusted friend whom I admired and respected for her dynamic, visionary, and creative leadership," he stated. The Lieutenant Governor reminisced about their long-standing friendship and her passionate involvement in community services.

### **Congresswoman Plaskett Expresses Heartfelt Condolences**

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett also released a statement expressing her sorrow over Richards' death. "I was saddened to hear of Pam's passing. First and foremost, Pamela Richards was my friend," said Congresswoman Plaskett. She praised Richards for her dedication to serving the Virgin Islands community in various capacities and remembered her fondly for her contributions to promoting Virgin Islands culture.

### **Richards' Diverse Roles and Lasting Impact**

Throughout her career, Pamela Richards served in multiple capacities, including as the Chairperson of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, and on numerous boards such as the Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her efforts in these roles have left a lasting legacy in the community, contributing to the development and enrichment of the territory's cultural and historical heritage.