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Richard Evangelista Selected By Bryan As DLCA Commissioner With Aim Of Streamlining Licensing Process, Government House Says

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Richard Evangelista has been tapped by Governor Albert Bryan to lead the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs as commissioner, Government House announced Friday. Mr. Evangelista, whose last high profile job [was acting CEO of the Juan F. Luis Hospital](#), is currently serving as the assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice's Child Support Division, and is said by Government House to bring revenue-generating expertise to D.L.C.A.

Mr. Evangelista has nearly 25 years in legal and managerial experience in the territory's government.

"I cannot overstate how important this agency is to our government as a revenue generator," Mr. Bryan said, as he sought to portray Mr. Evangelista as the leader who will streamline processes at D.L.C.A. "It is also important to our community as a vehicle for businesses to operate and provide jobs and opportunities for our people."

He added, "Our pursuit for efficiency in our business licensing process is one part of our administration's economic development strategy, and I am happy to have Attorney Evangelista lead D.L.C.A. in that effort."

Mr. Evangelista said Friday that as commissioner he is committed to continuing to build on the automated licensing process started by his predecessors and the overall customer service experience for individuals interacting with the department. He also thanked Mr. Bryan for the appointment.

"As a native son, born and raised on St. Croix, I have witnessed the progression and regression of our economy," he added. "We are on the cusp of a brighter Virgin Islands, and I am committed to making it happen. I look forward to continuing to improve the annual licensing process as well as enhancing the customer experience whenever they interact with the DLCA."

Mr. Evangelista is a graduate of American University, in Washington D.C., and Howard University School of Law.