

Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol
acting commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources.
Coastal zone management program
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Good day commissioner Oriol

My name is Trent Myers, and have called St John home for a decade. I chose to raise my children here, and my son Garrett attended Guy Benjamin School, before going to Middle school. I object to the development plan as proposed by Summers End LLC. I object to loosing the peace and tranquility currently found in Coral Bay, I object to developers that promise the world, and often go bankrupt, or harm the community often leaving large scale operations unfinished and abandoned. We have seen our share of examples such as Pond Bay, Sirenusa, and Grand Bay which removed much of the small town feel of Cruz Bay. In the wake of these projects, there are folks who have lost their life savings, with never ending law suits to this day. This reflects very poorly for the Virgin Islands Government, and the community. We can not sit back and allow this to happen again and again. My mother used to say the road to hell is paved with "good intentions" The developer and investors start out with some good ideas, and intentions. some of these have merit, but I believe money is the only motivation. Life here, tends to cause things to slow down a bit. A good example of this is the two areas on Centerline road which were washed out due to mud slides in 2009. Those areas are still being repaired five years later. I believe our infrastructure is ill equipped to handle 1,000 extra cars and trucks daily on Centerline road.

With mega yacht facilities located just 2 miles to the North at (West End) Tortola, and 3 miles to the West on St Thomas in Red Hook, There is no need or community support to Construct a marina or litter the shoreline with Condominiums. Coral Bay is the last undeveloped bay. Handing over authority of this community resource would be poor judgment.

Marina facility's such as Yacht Haven Grand on St Thomas sit idle and have less than 30% occupancy. The adjacent shops that "are" able to stay open, are barely making ends meet because of inflated rent and electricity. These shops only cater to the super wealthy, while excluding the working class/ (everyone else).

I, like many thousands of other islanders and visitors value Coral Bay's peace and quiet. We currently see the night sky, if this development were to become reality, We would lose this forever, except when the power goes out, which is more likely.

I work on yachts and have seen the trend of larger yachts 40 to 100 feet, becoming completely independent of marina facilities. They have every conceivable amenity. The owners of these vessels would rather use a \$15.00 per night mooring, surrounded by stars and reasonable vessel spacing, and because St. John has

hundreds and hundreds of moorings, in the National Park there is not a need for this facility. In fact it takes away from it.

Coral bay is a natural amphitheater. Sounds bounce off of Bordeaux and Upper Carolina. Around Christmas, you can hear the choir from the historic Moravian church. This harbor, and this valley is worth saving and protecting from over development. Please ask yourself if this project fits a mission statement of a (need being fulfilled in Coral Bay) and in the. (best interest of its residents.) The answer is a resounding NO. It is good only for a few unattached wealthy persons who come in and leave just as quickly. (non- residents). They would not have to live with any of the consequences after one good hurricane.

Paradise is not found by building another parking lot and "cookie cutter" condos on a hill. It is built by character, passion and uniqueness and people who decide to live in one place they (love so much) that they stay for generations and value its culture and history. You would be chasing those very people away. I thank you for taking the time to read all of our letters, and respectfully request that the members of this council use wisdom to make a decision that your grandchildren can be proud of.

Sincerely,

Trent Myers