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# Mocha Residents Courageously Voiced Their Heartrending Stories About Government Abuses During Congressional Visit



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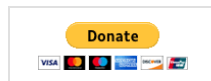
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Georgetown, May 27, 2024 – The recent visit of US Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson to Mocha Arcadia became a platform for local residents to express their frustrations and seek international attention regarding ongoing social and environmental issues in their community. Held at the local community center, the gathering was marked by heartfelt testimonies from several residents affected by government actions and natural disasters.

Residents shared their experiences with the aftermath of the forced evictions that occurred in January 2023, where homes were bulldozed in the name of development for a four-lane highway. “They took our homes and gave us nothing but empty promises,” said one displaced resident, whose family had lived in Cane View for generations. The community highlighted the lack of transparency and fair compensation in the process, asserting that many displaced families are still struggling to find stable housing.





Furthermore, the meeting addressed the severe issue of flooding, which has devastated local agriculture—a primary source of income for many in Mocha. “Every year, the floods take more of what little we have left,” explained a local farmer, discussing how delayed government interventions and poor planning during the dry season have led to significant economic losses.

In emotional appeals to Congressman Jackson, residents also highlighted the uncertain status of land leases and the fear of further evictions under the current administration. “We live day by day, not knowing if the graders will return to wipe out our livelihoods,” shared another community member, echoing a sentiment of instability and fear that pervaded the meeting.

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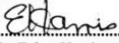
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- d) Consideration and Approval of the Committee's Report;
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- f) Consideration and Approval of Auditor's Report;
- g) Division of Net Surplus
- h) Motions;
- i) Election of Committee of Management and Supervisory Committee
- j) Any other Business.


Notice of complaint to be brought before the meeting must be submitted to the Secretary of the Committee of Management in writing at least one (1) week before the date fixed for the meeting.

The Chairman of the Committee of Management, Mr. Trevor L. Benn, is hereby authorized to preside.

Georgetown August 25, 2024



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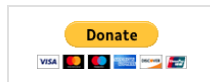






Congressman Jackson expressed his deep concern for the issues raised and committed to bringing the situation to the attention of President Ali and members of congress. The congressman’s visit turned into a poignant reflection on the challenges faced by the community, highlighting their resilience and determination to seek justice and improve their living conditions.

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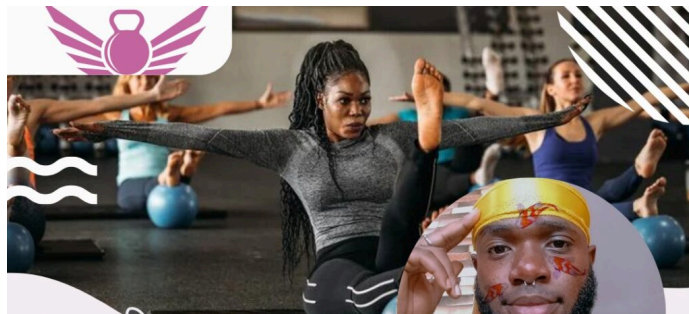
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