



Regular Monthly Meeting  
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
Mayors' Council Conference Room  
Hagåtña, Guam

## MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Melissa B. Savares called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

### ROLL CALL:

ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Mayor	Santa Rita
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Vice Mayor	Barrigada
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Vice Mayor	Dededo
BLAS, Jesse M.	Mayor	Yona
BLAS, June U.	Mayor	Barrigada
CRUZ, John A.	Mayor	Hagåtña
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Vice Mayor	Mangilao
LUJAN, Doris F.	Mayor	Inarajan
McDONALD, Paul M.	Mayor	Agana Heights
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor	Yigo
PACO, Rudy A.	Mayor	Mongmong-Toto-Maite
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Mayor	Umatac
RIVERA, Louise C.	Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
SALAS, Frankie A.	Mayor	Asan-Maina
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Mayor	Dededo
SUSUICO, Kevin T.	Mayor	Agat
UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G.	Mayor	Mangilao
<input type="radio"/> ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Mayor	Piti
<input type="radio"/> CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Mayor	Merizo
<input type="radio"/> FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Vice Mayor	Agat
<input type="radio"/> GOGUE, Jessy C.	Mayor	Chalan Pago-Ordot
<input type="radio"/> HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Mayor	Sinajana
<input type="radio"/> IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Vice Mayor	Sinajana
<input type="radio"/> SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Vice Mayor	Yigo
<input type="radio"/> SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Vice Mayor	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon
<input type="radio"/> TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Mayor	Talofoto

**O = ABSENT      \* = LATE      \*\* = OFF ISLAND      R = REPRESENTATIVE**

**Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established.**

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

**II. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

**III. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of January 2, 2019 – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor June Blas. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**1. Audience Request (Special Monthly Meeting February 20, 2019)**

- a. Vince Reyes, Executive Director, Inetnon Gefpa'go Cultural Arts Program
- b. Jayne Flores, Director, Bureau of Women's Affairs
- c. Michelle Voacolo, President, Micronesia Climate Change Alliance
- d. Karen Storts, Executive Director, Ian Construction
- e. GDOE Superintendent on Grass cutting

**Mayor Louise Rivera made the motion to approve all requests in the same order they were in and seconded by Mayor Paul McDonald. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

**2. Communications**

a. **UOG LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP *INACHÁ'IGEN FINO'CHAMORU 2019*** – Annually seeking support as part of the UOG Charter Day activities. The event is scheduled on March 11-12, 2019. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to donate \$500 from the *mayors' dues* account and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

Mayor Paul McDonald said it would be proper that Association of Mariana Islands' Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Elected Council Members (AMIM) would sponsor as well. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion to donate \$500 from the AMIM and seconded by Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista.** In discussion, Mayor Rudy Matanane queried if it wouldn't be an insult for the Guam members to move forward and do something without letting the CNMI members know. *President* stated that with the AMIM general membership, Guam has the majority.

*AMIM President* Mayor Kevin Susuico stated he is supportive of this because students from the CNMI would be here for competitions and further stated he would put it on AMIM letterhead and send it to them as a courtesy. **No discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **75<sup>TH</sup> LIBERATION FESTIVITIES** – *President* announced weekly meetings held every Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Adelup in the small conference room with Lt. Governor Tenorio and Speaker Muna-Barnes as honorary co-chairpersons. The theme that was agreed upon with the committee is: *75<sup>th</sup> Guam Liberation A Legacy of Peace and Friendship*. The Executive Committee met yesterday, Tuesday, February 5 and broke down different



committees; *Carnival, Queen, Raffle, Finance and Sponsorship, Memorials, Parade, Education, Marketing, Military/External Affairs*. *President* said we want to partner mayors with cabinet members or staff that have been assigned by the lieutenant governor.

Mayor Paul MacDonald said he is bothered by the bill that was introduced by Senator Telena Nelson and it should be settled first before going through all these efforts and being worthless again and then to take the rock beneath our feet again and believed that it could be premature to continue. Mayor further expressed getting a survey from other senators if they're going to support the bill because the Council had gone through this before and it's a terrible feeling that there was so much work done and at the end it wasn't worth it.

Mayor Dale Alvarez said he finds the bill she introduced insulting to the mayors and that why are mayors getting pushed around. Mayor said to let the legislature handle Liberation and let the senator feel the work and see the carnival without games of chance and then you see a press release that the mayors got a lot of stuff in their village that they should attend to it instead of spending time with the parade.

Mayor Jesse Blas stated that the information wasn't what was not taken into consideration that the effect it's going to have on the people receiving news with the Guam Island Fair being transferred to GVB. Senator Nelson failed to recognize that to get that information out before meeting with the mayors for their feedback. Mayor further expressed that you cannot isolate one day of Liberation versus twelve months of mayors work there's no comparison. With this one particular senator, that we remind her that you cannot say we're supposed to focus on junk cars and stray dogs because we do that every single day of our career. As a senator, that before you decide to pull the rug under the mayors feet, is to make sure that you understand the reaction that the mayors are going to feel and bring it up to us beforehand before you pass it on to somebody else. If they want transparency then we should be all working together; your words representing the people. If that were taken into consideration, we wouldn't be having these kinds of conversations. That was the mistake in the senator's part by not getting out the information accordingly and the effect it was going to have on the people that are listening. It's in the *The Post*. It's in our chat group. We read it. We reacted.

*President* said there is only one carnival committee and we could discuss because we have the parade, raffle, memorials, we're still going to solicit and queen's; all these have nothing to do with what they want to do at the legislature. She further expressed that "mayors are resilient and no matter what they do to us we stand up because we serve the people whether you give us the resources or not but it doesn't mean we're not going to plan. Let's break down into committees and if you want to be a part of it, let's continue the motion. Come to the meetings every Tuesday, be a volunteer to be part of a committee". The dates are already set. The Guam Micronesian Island Fair starts from May 29 to June 2. From June 3 to June 30 Celebrating the Diversity of Guam where entertainment and activities would be the diversities the island shares; multi-ethnic multi-cultural. From July 1 to July 28 would be Liberation festivities.

ED stated that the Liberation Executive Committee is moving forward. They are not waiting for any bill to pull the rug under the mayors' feet. There are four (4) senators present here today, a representative from the governor's office, and a representative from Senator Nelson's office.

The following have been determined either by volunteering or by who had been told by the administration to oversee these committees:

- **CARNIVAL** Dominic Muna / Mayor Rudy Matanane
- **QUEEN** Anna Marie Arceo / Mayor Melissa Savares
- **RAFFLE** Connie Shinohara / Mayor Jesse Alig
- **FINANCE-SPONSORSHIP** Therese Arriola / Mayor Robert Hofmann
- **MEMORIALS** Lt. Col Esther Aguigui / Mayor June Blas
- **PARADE** Jesse Garcia / Tim Aguon  
Mayor Paul McDonald / Mayor Jesse Blas
- **EDUCATION** Ina Carillo / Mayor Louise Rivera
- **MARKETING** Pilar Laguana / Elfrie Koshiba / Mayor Kevin Susuico
- **MILITARY/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** Monica Guzman / Mayor Doris Lujan

## VII. NEW BUSINESS –

**1. MCOG RESOLUTION FOR OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW) RURAL SEXUAL ASSAULT** – *President* expressed that Duane Sanchez from the Federal Program Office is asking for Council's resolution of support for a grant they are applying for a Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program. **Mayor Paul McDonald made the motion for a Council resolution of support and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No discussions or objections and the motion passed.** Governor's representative Robert Lizama queried who's name to put on the MOU. He said the MOU involves what the content is on the grant however it's a combined signature page that had to be submitted with the grant. ED stated that with a federal grant, the president would sign but he would countersign as a certifying officer. *President* said it would be okay to put Angel Sablan down as the executive director.

**2. BILL NO. 29-35 GAMES OF CHANCE / BILL NO 33-35 TRANSFER AUTHORITY OF GUAM ISLAND FAIR TO GVB** - *President* recognized and gave the floor to Senators James Moylan, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Joe San Agustin, and Wil Castro who sponsored and co-sponsored Bill No 29-35. Senator Moylan stated that this bill would authorize the Mayors' Council to establish rules and regulations related to games of chance at fairs. The bill doesn't say which games of chance but to show the community accountability for these funds.

**3. ADELUP SPACE** - ED expressed that before the new administration came offered the MCOG space at Adelup. Over the past few weeks the president, vice president and admin. office staff had taken a look at three or four different options. Parks & Recreation building in Agana Heights but Historic and Preservation had taken over the whole building and had invested putting money in a big filing system; Latte of Freedom Hall of Governors in Adelup but the criticism Council would get if we moved there, we'd be taking away a tourist attraction.

The space in Adelup is a hole in the wall but the conference room is a beautiful setting but right now even the current staff there would be looking for their own space because they're still moving people around. They had come across a director, who was less than cordial to them because we would be taking his space, too. They're going to be doing some work such as kitchen renovations. Instead of the Council moving, we would remain at the J&G Commercial complex for awhile; the contract is up to September of this year. The other option looked at is the GGARP/SPIMA building behind the Hagatna Mayor's Office. ED



had asked the president to meet with Mr. Angoco and offer him that whatever space the administration would give the Council at Adelup, give that to them and switch.

ED asked the governor's representative at today's meeting, Robert Lizama, to convey to the governor and lieutenant governor that while the offer is on the table at this point it doesn't look like it'd be to anybody's favor to move people out and move the Council in because we'd be ruffling feathers.

**4. MCOG BUDGET** - ED said the executive officers met with oversight chair Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje and this year there would be a few things Council would be doing for this year's budget. They are looking at increasing the Community Maintenance Workers at least by thirty cents an hour. Mayors could increase their personnel depending how they would work out their funding. Council would add in some positions for the larger villages by adding those positions in. Once they approve it with the blessing of Senator San Agustin in appropriations (committee), many would be effective on October 1.

ED conveyed that many of us have read in last week's news of the listing of all directors and deputy directors and their salaries. He said that his position as executive director is the lowest paid salary in the entire Government of Guam. The executive director salary for the Mayors' Council of Guam is \$99,000 as suggested by the Hay Study. ED asked the Body if they could make a motion and if approved it would be effective October. **Mayor Rudy Matanane made the motion to increase the salary of the executive director based on the Hay Study and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No further discussions or objections. Motion carried.**

ED said he would also ask for Capital Outlay probably additional vehicles for each of the villages. He said the senators are supporting the Council so we would put it all in and let them haggle it out but as far as personnel he believed it would pull through and also try to get additional staff positions for Council administration. Mayor Jesse Blas asked if the CMW increase would be yearly increments. ED responded that Council would look at the Hay Study because it does have step increases. Mayor Jesse Blas asked on the executive director's classification on the Hay Study why didn't it take effect with mayors salaries when it went through. *President* stated that it wasn't a Hay Study but a public law.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

### **1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –**

*President* conveyed that Mayor Doris Lujan got a call to verify if she'd be reconfirming as Council representative for the Worker's Compensation Commission and asked the Body if there is anyone reconfirming or a letter to reconfirm in Boards and Commission.

*President* asked Mayor Dale Alvarez if he would like to be on the Cockpit License Board and he acknowledged yes. *President* said she would have a letter drafted for Mayor Alvarez.

**GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** - Mayor Louise Rivera said they got a letter from the governor asking them to stay on as members then they got another letter saying to accept Mr. Babauta as a nominee as the executive director. Mayor Rivera said they had two packets down at the legislature since last year and now they want it resubmitted.

There is no current executive manager because he had retired. They said she was in charge because she was the chairperson so she told them to resubmit the packets right

away and to put out that the position is open. Mayor said Mr. Babauta wanted everything going through to him; wants to call the shots. He also terminated the board secretary who was hired by the board. Legal in Adelup said they'd look into it and help them. She hasn't heard back from them. Mayor Rivera asked *President* to look into this. There had been no board meeting since Mr. Babauta's been on because there hasn't been a quorum. Four would make a quorum. Mayor said she would've resigned but the governor asked the members to stay on and she represented the Mayors' Council. *President* asked governor's representative, Robert Lizama to check with Jon Junior Calvo because she had asked him to check on this matter.

**GUAM CRIME STOPPERS** - *President* asked Mayor Kevin Susuico if he could volunteer to represent. He accepted.

**GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD** - Representative Mayor Rudy Matanane conveyed to Council members if there are any issues with grass cutting to notify him.

**COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION** - Council representative Mayor Jesse Blas reported attending the first meeting and there were different committees that represented different functions and it was a day of updating the governor who said was very firm in moving forward with the decolonization issues. The next meeting is on March 5. Mayor Blas conveyed if mayors have any input to send him an email in letter form so he could bring it up at that meeting. *President* said the plebiscite is going to happen soon with more outreach on *Independence, Free Association, and Statehood*. Former senator Duenas is on the committee on outreach. Mayor Rudy Matanane outreach come to his village of Yigo in March. Mayor Blas made note.

2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *President* said the Guam Museum is going to have an opening exhibit on Chamorro culture for March. More information would be would be emailed to all Districts as the month nears. *President* queried if Council members have been receiving emails on the different activities and events. The Body acknowledged. She encouraged all to take advantage of the activities that are going on.
- Asan-Maina Mayor Frankie Salas announced the recent passing of his community maintenance worker staff Joaquin Jesus Salas. He was admitted to GRMC two days ago. Mayor would notify all on rosary and funeral details.
- ED announced the Santa Lourdes Fiesta scheduled for 1 p.m., Sunday, February 17 at his residence in Wusstig Road, Yigo.
- *President* said the March Regular Monthly meeting falls on Ash Wednesday. **Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion to have the March Regular Monthly meeting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 13 and seconded by Mayor Jesse Blas. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

- *President* announced that if mayors haven't received the official portraits of the governor and lieutenant governor to see Property Control Officer John Blas.
- Today's luncheon hosted by ***Dededo Mayor's Office***.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor June Blas moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Louise Rivera. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attested by:

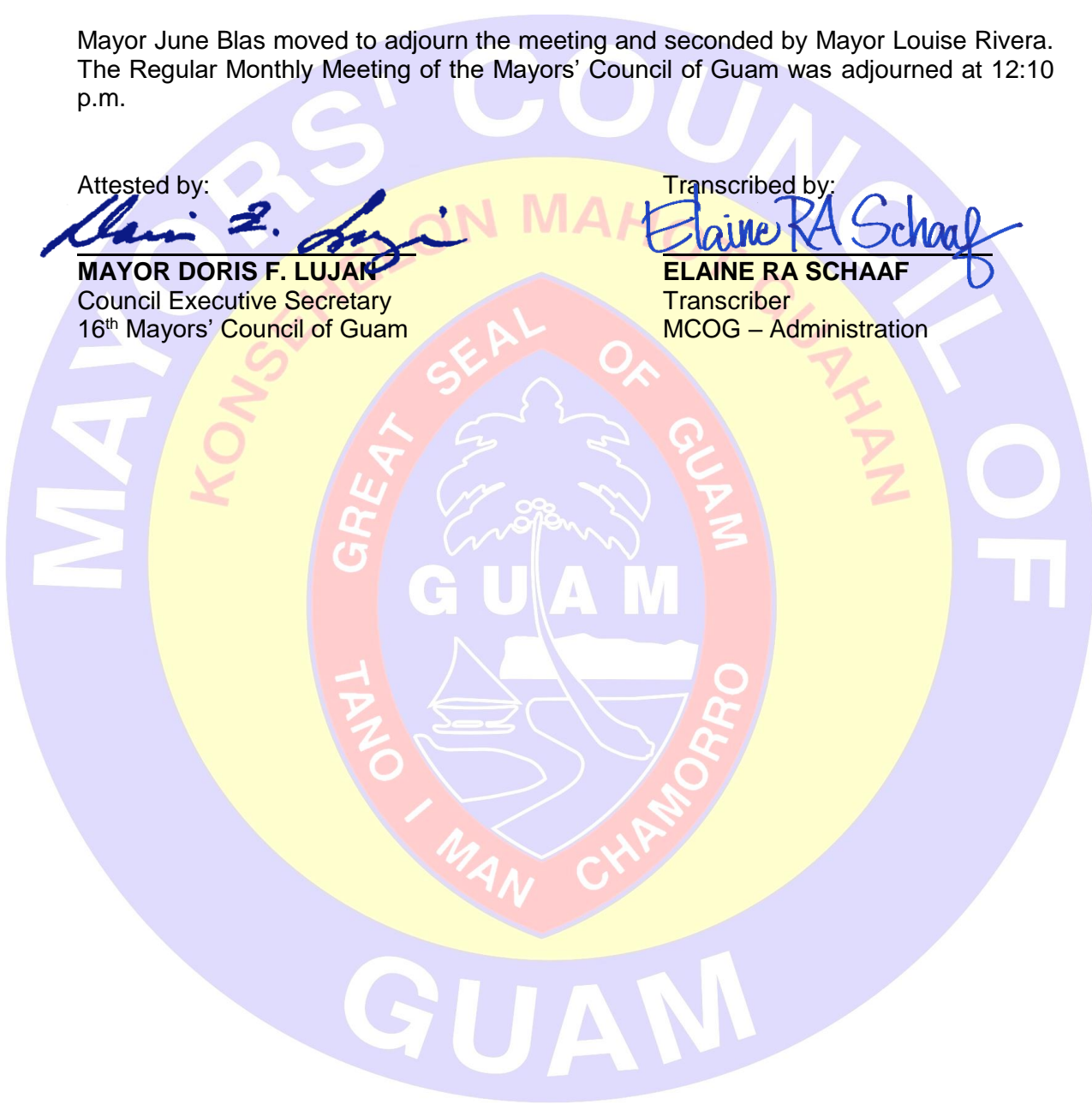


**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

Transcribed by:



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# ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting:  Regular  Special

CTO - 10:10 a.m.  
A - 12:10 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

MAYORS / VICE MAYORS	DISTRICT	CONTACT NOS.	SIGNATURE
ALIG, Jesse L.G.	Piti	472-1232/3	
ALVAREZ, Dale E.	Santa Rita	565-2514/4337	<i>[Signature]</i>
BAUTISTA, Jessie P.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	<i>[Signature]</i>
BENAVENTE, Frank A.	Dededo	632-5203/5019-637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
BLAS, Jesse M.	Yona	789-4798/0012/1525/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
BLAS, June U.	Barrigada	734-3859/25/34/36	<i>[Signature]</i>
CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.	Merizo	828-8312/2941	<i>[Signature]</i>
CRUZ, John A.	Hagatna	477-8045/47	<i>[Signature]</i>
DUENAS, Thomas J.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
FEJERAN, Christopher J.	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	
GOGUE, Jessy C.	Chalan Pago-Ordot	472-8302/477-1333	
HOFMANN, Robert RDC	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
IRIARTE, Rudy D.	Sinajana	472-6707/477-3323	
LUJAN, Doris F.	Inarajan	475-2509-11	<i>[Signature]</i>
MATANANE, Rudy M.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	<i>[Signature]</i>
MCDONALD, Paul M.	Agana Hts.	472-6393/8285/6	<i>[Signature]</i>
PACO, Rudy A.	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	477-6758/9090	<i>[Signature]</i>
QUINATA, Johnny A.	Umatac	828-2940/8258	<i>[Signature]</i>
RIVERA, Louise C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	<i>[Signature]</i>
SALAS, Frankie A.	Asan-Maina	472-6581/479-2726	<i>[Signature]</i>
SANCHEZ, Anthony P.	Yigo	653-9446/5248	
SANTOS, Kenneth C.	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	646-5211/8646	
SAVARES, Melissa B.	Dededo	632-5203/5019/637-9014	<i>[Signature]</i>
SUSUICO, Kevin JT	Agat	565-4335/2531/2524	<i>[Signature]</i>
TAITAGUE, Vicente S.	Talofoto	789-1421/3262/4821	
UNGACTA, Allan R.G.	Mangilao	734-2163/5731	<i>[Signature]</i>
SABLAN, Angel R.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		<i>[Signature]</i>
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES	DISTRICT	SIGNATURE	
GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.	
<i>[Signature]</i> URIAH PEREZ	Ofc of Sen. Jose TerLaje MCOG	989-5310	
WILL CASTRO	GUAM LEG.	355-2342	
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<i>[Signature]</i>	" "	797-4203	
ROBERTO S. VIZCARRA	GOV. OFC. Municipal Affairs	685-1113	
CHRIS BARRAS	Ofc of Sen Pedro TerLaje	484-5301	





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GUESTS	AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO.
Tina Lujan	Vice Speaker Tadena Nelson	777-4968
Jim Moylan	Senator	488-9098
Joe S. San Agustin	Senator	989-5445
Joanne B. Quijone	Sen. Joe S. San Agustin Office	989-5445
Kristina Blasz	Sen. James Moylan	482-1155
Tanya Mendiola	JRM	342-6114
BRYAN MATHEE	36 W6/PA, AAFTS	366-2228