

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
63-36 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Christopher M. Dueñas Telena Cruz Nelson Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Sabina Flores Perez Frank Blas Jr. Clynton E. Ridgell Joe S. San Agustin Jose "Pedo" Terlaje V. Anthony Ada Joanne Brown James C. Moylan Telo T. Taitague Mary Camacho Torres	Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.	4/14/21 4:32 p.m.			4/15/21	Author	4/26/21 5:30 p.m.	4/28/21 11:40 a.m.	



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature

April 27, 2021

The Honorable Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 63 -36 (COR)

Håfa Adai Chairperson Barnes:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Report on Res.No. 63-36 (COR) "*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry,*" which was publicly heard on **Monday, April 26, 2021.**

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

April 27, 2021

11:57 A.M.

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE
I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature

AUTHOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 63-36 (COR)

“Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry.”

Introduced by:

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje / Senator Christopher M. Dueñas /
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson / Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña
Barnes / Senator Amanda L. Shelton / Senator Sabina Flores Perez
/ Senator Frank Blas Jr. / Senator Clynton E. Ridgell / Senator Joe
S. San Agustin / Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje / Senator V. Anthony
Ada / Senator Joanne Brown / Senator James C. Moylan / Senator
Telo T. Taitague / Senator Mary Camacho Torres

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators,
please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING
163 CHALAN SANTO PAPA
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
TEL 671-472-2461
COR@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG

April 15, 2021

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)**

Buenas yan Häfa adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje, Christopher M. Duenas, Telena Cruz Nelson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank F. Blas, Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Joanne Brown, James C. Moylan, Telo T. Taitague, Mary Camacho Torres – “Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, author of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
63-36 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Christopher M. Dueñas Telena Cruz Nelson Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Sabina Flores Perez Frank Blas Jr. Clynton E. Ridgell Joe S. San Agustin Jose "Pedo" Terlaje V. Anthony Ada Joanne Brown James C. Moylan Telo T. Taitague Mary Camacho Torres	Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.	4/14/21 4:32 p.m.			4/15/21	Author			



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

FIRST NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30PM

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 2:39 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Audio / Video <av@guamlegislature.org>, Guam MIS <mis@guamlegislature.org>, Ibarra Hernandez <ihernandez@guamlegislature.org>, Tom Unsiog <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>

Bcc: psablan@guampdn.com, mangilao.vicemayor@gmail.com, Troy Torres <troy@kanditnews.com>, Mayor Taitague <talofomayor@gmail.com>, manasilva626@yahoo.com, "Wen, Anne" <AWen@guam.gannett.com>, mtrmayorpaco17@gmail.com, haidee@postguam.com,

lloretleones@gmail.com, agatvice.chrisfejeran@yahoo.com, Phil Leon Guerrero <phil@postguam.com>, pattiontheradio@yahoo.com, life@guampdn.com, "Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin."

<mcogadmin@teleguam.net>, hagatnamayor@hotmail.com, rudy iriarte <rudyiriarte@gmail.com>, Robert Hofmann <guammayor@gmail.com>, dmgeorge@guampdn.com, "Mayor Frankie A. Salas"

<asanmainamayor@gmail.com>, jolene@spbgum.com, Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting <news@spbgum.com>, K57 <news@k57.com>, "Mayor Paul M. McDonald"

<mayor.mcdonald671@gmail.com>, "Stole, Jasmine" <jstole@guam.gannett.com>, inalahanmayor@gmail.com, ymayortony@gmail.com, KISH <kstokish@gmail.com>, Guam PDN

<news@guampdn.com>, michael ko <gktv23@hotmail.com>, raygibsonshow@gmail.com, mayorernestc@yahoo.com, Chris Malafunkshun Barnett <Chris@kuam.com>, Maureen Maratita

<publisher@glimpsesofguam.com>, Mai Habib <mai.habib@spbgum.com>, Bruce Hill <pacificjournalist@gmail.com>, emmanuel@mvariety.com, KPRG <admin.kprg@gmail.com>, Maria Louella

Losinio <louella.losinio@gmail.com>, Jason Salas <jason@kuam.com>, John Oconnor <john@postguam.com>, carlsonc@pstripes.osd.mil, onedededo@gmail.com, The Post Editor in Chief

<editor@postguam.com>, Rindraty Limtiaco <slimtiaco@guampdn.com>, atoves.tatuha@gmail.com, Jessie Bautista <jessie.bautista007@gmail.com>, MELISSA SAVARES <melissa.savares@gmail.com>, Oyaol

Ngirairikl <managingeditor@postguam.com>, bryan@mvariety.com, reporters@postguam.com, KPRG Guam <pdkprg@gmail.com>, Umatac Mayor <umatacmo@gmail.com>, guam@pstripes.osd.mil, "Limtiaco, Steve"

<slimtiac@guam.gannett.com>, Mar-Vic Cagurangan <publisher@pacificislandtimes.com>, tlamorena@gmail.com, mabuhaynews@yahoo.com, Patti Rodriguez <parroyo@spbgum.com>, Kelly Park

<kcn.kelly@gmail.com>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <sabrina@kuam.com>, June Blas <mayorbarrigada@gmail.com>, "Mayor Louise C. Rivera" <mayorlrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>, Manuel Cruz

<cruzma812@gmail.com>, "Santo Tomas, Joseph (Jojo)" <jsantotoma@guam.gannett.com>, mindy@postguam.com, Jessy Gogue <ocp.mayor@gmail.com>, Allan Ungacta

<mayorallan.ungacta@yahoo.com>, Pacific Island Times <pacificislandtimes@gmail.com>, Desk Editor <deskeditor@postguam.com>, Kevin Kerrigan <kevin@spbgum.com>, gerry@spbgum.com, Jesse Alig

<jesse.alig@pitiguam.com>, GovGU Meeting <govguammeetings@oagguam.org>, agatmayor@yahoo.com, Nestor Licanto <nestor@kuam.com>, dcrisost@guam.gannett.com, Dale Alvarez

<[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, editor@saipantribune.com, akaur@gannett.com, rlimtiaco@guampdn.com, junhan@mvariety.com, reporters@kuam.com, kinf@tg-engr.com, Manny Duenas <gfca@ite.net>, Chelsa

Muna-Brecht <chelsa.munabrecht@agriculture.guam.gov>, "Ronald T. Laguana" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

April 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

Please be advised that Speaker Therese M. Terlaje will convene a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform, to provide testimony on the following agenda item:

- **Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)** - Therese M. Terlaje / Christopher M. Dueñas / Telena Cruz Nelson / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Sabina Flores Perez / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose “Pedo” Terlaje / V. Anthony Ada / Joanne Brown / James C. Moylan / Telo T. Taitague / Mary Camacho Torres- “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry.* ”

Please contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje at 472-3586 or senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com, if you would like to provide testimony on the agenda item. Please indicate if you will be attending the hearing physically or virtually. **Registration deadline is 5:00PM on Friday, April 23, 2021.** Written testimony can also be submitted via email to the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 or Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm.

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com
website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

2 attachments



First Notice of Hybrid Hearing-Monday, April 26, 2021 at 530PM.pdf

379K



Res. No. 63-36 (COR) and Letter from Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas.pdf

4184K



Office of the Speaker THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

Please be advised that Speaker Therese M. Terlaje will convene a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform, to provide testimony on the following agenda item:

- [Resolution No. 63-36 \(COR\)](#) - Therese M. Terlaje / Christopher M. Dueñas / Telen Cruz Nelson / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Sabina Flores Perez / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / V. Anthony Ada / Joanne Brown / James C. Moylan / Telo T. Taitague / Mary Camacho Torres- "*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.*"

Please contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje at 472-3586 or senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com if you would like to provide testimony on the agenda item. Please indicate if you will be attending the hearing physically or virtually. **Registration deadline is 5:00PM on Friday, April 23, 2021.** Written testimony can also be submitted via email to the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 or Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm.

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*

Police: FedEx gunman used legally purchased assault rifles

INDIANAPOLIS (The Washington Post) - Residents held vigils here Saturday in memory of eight people gunned down late Thursday at a FedEx plant, as authorities said the 19-year-old gunman used two assault rifles to target his former workplace.

Police said the shooter, Brandon Hole, purchased the rifles legally last July and September, raising further questions as many call for tighter restrictions on powerful firearms and more safeguards on who can own them. Earlier last year, officials say, Hole's mother had reported her fears that her son would attempt "suicide by cop," leading authorities to question Hole and temporarily detain him for mental health reasons.

This latest mass shooting - the sixth in the United States in the past five weeks - left local leaders once again calling for action to stop these violent outbursts that have targeted offices, stores, places of worship, movie theaters, nightclubs, colleges and grade schools.

"We have to act against gun violence," said Rupal Thanawala, president of the Asian American Alliance in Indianapolis. "I cannot say why this happened, but these people will not come back. Everyone should have the right to feel safe at work, at school, at houses of worship. But, people don't have that anymore."

The victims of Thursday's shooting ranged in age from 19 to 74 years old, including a recent high school graduate with basketball talent and a 68-year-old Indian immigrant who loved long



EIGHT DEAD: The FedEx facility in Indianapolis where a gunman killed eight employees is pictured on Friday, April 16. Megan Jelinger/For The Washington Post

walks around his neighborhood. Four members of the Sikh community were killed. The massacre also hospitalized at least five people with one in critical condition, according to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

On Saturday, officials released no new details about Hole's motive. The gunman, who last worked at the FedEx plant in 2020, was found dead at the crime scene by police Thursday with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A person who knew Hole said he had suffered from mental illness, and said he did not get the treatment he needed.

"I feel really bad for the eight families that lost loved ones," said a man who

identified himself as a family friend who spoke in an interview with The Washington Post on the condition of anonymity because he does not want to be the family's spokesperson. "Should have never happened at all. I do know that they did try to get him help, and they couldn't."

In a statement released Saturday, Hole's family said, "we are devastated at the loss of life caused as a result of Brandon's actions; through the love of his family, we tried to get him the help he needed."

"Our sincerest and most heartfelt apologies go out to the victims of this senseless tragedy. We are so sorry for the pain and hurt being felt by their families and the entire Indianapolis community," the statement reads.

No one answered the door at Hole's home on Saturday. A "no trespassing" sign was on the front door.

Hole was known to law enforcement: Last spring, according to a brief statement released Friday by the FBI, his mother called police to say he might try to commit "suicide by cop." The FBI said Hole was interviewed after items

of an undisclosed nature were found in his bedroom. A shotgun was confiscated. Authorities have released no further details about that investigation.

Authorities may need time to piece together a "psychological autopsy" of the gunman, said Christopher Ferguson, a Stetson University professor of psychology who is an expert on mass shootings.

He said a common feature in many mass shootings is that the perpetrator has an untreated or undiagnosed mental illness and is an "injustice collector" who blames some group, or society generally, for all that has gone wrong in the person's life.

"Other people are screwing them over. Society is evil. Society is hurtful. They are emotionally crushed by their relationship with society, and they're very angry about it. So they want to die, but they want to bring other people with them," Ferguson said.

The massacre has recharged the political debate about gun laws, with President Biden calling for a ban on military-style semiautomatic rifles and limits on ammunition cartridges. Some local leaders demanded new laws to keep weapons out of the hands of people known to pose a public threat.

Indianapolis City-County Council member Ali Brown, a Democrat, renewed a call Saturday for lawmakers to ban military-style assault weapons.

"We're all shook to our core and we all feel the need to have something change," she told a local TV station, WISH. "This country has a problem, and it was exhibited here in Indianapolis on Thursday night and pretty much every other day in Indianapolis."

Early Saturday afternoon, DeAndrea Yates, 38, who founded an anti-violence group in 2015 after her 13-year-old son Deandre was shot and injured, organized a prayer vigil in a church parking lot. "I know prayer vigils seem cliché now, but as a believer, I think prayer is our greatest weapon," she said.

Another event organizer, Cathy Weinmann of the group Moms Demand Action, said she plans to send a letter to the governor demanding action: "Thoughts and prayers' aren't working," she said.

An evening vigil brought even more calls for reform - and weariness.



BID INVITATION

Bid No:	GCC-FB-21-007
Bid Description:	Design Build Glass-Fused-To-Steel 30K Gallon Water Storage Tank
Pre-Bid Conference Date (Mandatory) & Site Visit:	10:00 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2021 GCC Technology Center, Room 1107 1st Floor, (Building 1000)
Bid Submission:	10:00 a.m. Monday, May 17, 2021 GCC Materials Management Office, Room 2105 1st Floor, (Building 2000, GCC Student Services & Administration Building)
Bid Opening Date:	10:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2021 GCC Technology Center, Room 1107 1st Floor, (Building 1000)
Place:	Guam Community College Student Services & Administration Building

Interested vendors may purchase a bid packet at the Cashier's Office (Room 2119) located in the GCC Student Service & Administration Building, 1st floor, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday (excluding Government of Guam holidays). A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 must be paid on or before the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference date. Upon payment and issuance of a receipt, a bid packet must be picked up from the Materials Management Office, Room 2105 (1st floor). A PDF file of the bid packet is available upon request via email.

For additional information, please contact the Materials Management Office at 735-5542 or email: materialsmanagement@guamcc.edu.

/s/ **MARY A.Y. OKADA, Ed.D.**
President

This advertisement was paid with Guam Community College Funds.
GCC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE



I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING • MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 • 5:30 PM
In *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room and utilizing a Zoom Conference platform for combined face-to-face and virtual attendance

- **Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)**- Therese M. Terlaje, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telena Cruz Nelson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank Blas Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Joe S. San Agustín, Jose "Pedro" Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Joanne Brown, James C. Moylan, Telo T. Taitague, Mary Camacho Torres- *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."*

Please email senatorterlaje@guamcc.edu or call 472-3586 to register to in-person or virtual testimony **no later than Sunday, April 25, 2021** and/or if you require any special accommodations. Written testimony can also be submitted via email to senatorterlaje@guamcc.edu. The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4; Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes and will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

SECOND NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30 PM

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 11:04 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Ibarra Hernandez <ihernandez@guamlegislature.org>, Guam MIS <mis@guamlegislature.org>, Audio / Video <av@guamlegislature.org>, Tom Unsiog <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>

Bcc: psablan@guampdn.com, mangilao.vicemayor@gmail.com, Troy Torres <troy@kanditnews.com>, Mayor Taitague <talofomayor@gmail.com>, manasilva626@yahoo.com, "Wen, Anne"

<AWen@guam.gannett.com>, mtmmayorpaco17@gmail.com, haidee@postguam.com, lloretleones@gmail.com, agatvice.chrisfejeran@yahoo.com, Phil Leon Guerrero <phil@postguam.com>, pattiontheradio@yahoo.com, life@guampdn.com, "Mayors' Council of Guam - Admin." <mcogadmin@teleguam.net>, hagatnamayor@hotmail.com, rudy iriarte <rudyiriarte@gmail.com>, Robert Hofmann <guammayor@gmail.com>, dmgeorge@guampdn.com, "Mayor Frankie A. Salas" <asanmainamayor@gmail.com>, jolene@spbgum.com, Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting <news@spbgum.com>, K57 <news@k57.com>, "Mayor Paul M. McDonald" <mayor.mcdonald671@gmail.com>, "Stole, Jasmine" <jstole@guam.gannett.com>, inalahanmayor@gmail.com, ymayortony@gmail.com, KISH <kstokish@gmail.com>, Guam PDN <news@guampdn.com>, michael ko <gktv23@hotmail.com>, raygibsonshow@gmail.com, mayorerneatc@yahoo.com, Chris Malafunkshun Barnett <Chris@kuam.com>, Maureen Maratita <publisher@glimpsesofguam.com>, Mai Habib <mai.habib@spbgum.com>, Bruce Hill <pacificjournalist@gmail.com>, emmanuel@mvariety.com, KPRG <admin.kprg@gmail.com>, Maria Louella Losinio <louella.losinio@gmail.com>, Jason Salas <jason@kuam.com>, John Oconnor <john@postguam.com>, carlsonc@pstripes.osd.mil, onedededo@gmail.com, The Post Editor in Chief <editor@postguam.com>, Rindraty Limtiaco <slimtiaco@guampdn.com>, atoves.tatuha@gmail.com, Jessie Bautista <jessie.bautista007@gmail.com>, MELISSA SAVARES <melissa.savares@gmail.com>, Oyaol Ngirairikl <managingeditor@postguam.com>, bryan@mvariety.com, reporters@postguam.com, KPRG Guam <pdkprg@gmail.com>, Umatac Mayor <umatacmo@gmail.com>, guam@pstripes.osd.mil, "Limtiaco, Steve" <slimtiaco@guam.gannett.com>, Mar-Vic Cagurangan <publisher@pacificislandtimes.com>, tlamorena@gmail.com, mabuhaynews@yahoo.com, Patti Rodriguez <parroyo@spbgum.com>, Kelly Park <kcn.kelly@gmail.com>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <sabrina@kuam.com>, June Blas <mayorbarrigada@gmail.com>, "Mayor Louise C. Rivera" <mayorlcrivera.tatuha@gmail.com>, Manuel Cruz <cruzma812@gmail.com>, "Santo Tomas, Joseph (Jojo)" <jsantotoma@guam.gannett.com>, mindy@postguam.com, Jessy Gogue <ocp.mayor@gmail.com>, Allan Ungacta <mayorallan.ungacta@yahoo.com>, Pacific Island Times <pacificislandtimes@gmail.com>, Desk Editor <deskeditor@postguam.com>, Kevin Kerrigan <kevin@spbgum.com>, gerry@spbgum.com, Jesse Alig <jesse.alig@pitiguam.com>, GovGU Meeting <govguammeetings@oagguam.org>, agatmayor@yahoo.com, Nestor Licanto <nestor@kuam.com>, dcrisost@guam.gannett.com, Dale Alvarez <daleealvarez@gmail.com>, editor@saipantribune.com, akaur@gannett.com, rlimtiaco@guampdn.com, junhan@mvariety.com, reporters@kuam.com, kinf@tg-engr.com, Manny Duenas <gfca@ite.net>, Chelsa Muna-Brecht <chelsa.munabrecht@agriculture.guam.gov>, "Ronald T. Laguana" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Melanie Mendiola <mel.mendiola@investguam.com>, [REDACTED], "Winn, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Winn@mail.house.gov>, "San Nicolas, Michael" <michael.sannicolas@mail.house.gov>

April 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

Please be advised that Speaker Therese M. Terlaje will convene a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform, to provide testimony on the following agenda item:

- [Resolution No. 63-36 \(COR\)](#) - Therese M. Terlaje / Christopher M. Dueñas / Telen Cruz Nelson / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Sabina Flores Perez / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / V. Anthony Ada / Joanne Brown / James C. Moylan / Telo T. Taitague / Mary Camacho Torres- *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."*

Please contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje at 472-3586 or senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com if you would like to provide testimony on the agenda item. Please indicate if you will be attending the hearing physically or virtually. **Registration deadline extended to 5:00 PM Sunday, April 25, 2021.** Written testimony can also be submitted via email to the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 or Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm.

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

2 attachments



Second Notice of Hybrid Hearing-Monday, April 26, 2021 at 530PM.pdf
377K



Res. No. 63-36 (COR) and Letter from Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas.pdf
4184K



Office of the Speaker THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *Tmt*

Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of Hybrid Public Hearing – Monday, April 26, 2021, 5:30 PM**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai,

Please be advised that Speaker Therese M. Terlaje will convene a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform, to provide testimony on the following agenda item:

- [Resolution No. 63-36 \(COR\)](#) - Therese M. Terlaje / Christopher M. Dueñas / Telen Cruz Nelson / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Sabina Flores Perez / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / V. Anthony Ada / Joanne Brown / James C. Moylan / Telo T. Taitague / Mary Camacho Torres- "*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.*"

Please contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje at 472-3586 or senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com if you would like to provide testimony on the agenda item. Please indicate if you will be attending the hearing physically or virtually. **Registration deadline extended to 5:00 PM Sunday, April 25, 2021.** Written testimony can also be submitted via email to the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 or Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm.

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*

Tax refunds processed for 3,154 February filers

The Department of Revenue & Taxation announced Thursday it has processed 3,154 refunds for tax year 2020 and prior income tax refunds this week.

The Department of Administration will now process these for payment by check or electronic deposit.

About 10,000 manual returns were filed by Feb. 12. This is the fourth batch of refunds paid for this file date.

The total income tax refunds that will be paid in this batch is approximately \$9,938,640, including refunds garnished to repay government debts.

These represent payment of 3,154 error-free returns filed on or before Feb. 12.

To check the status of your income tax refund, log into your individual account at <https://www.myguamtax.com> and use the "Lookup Status of 1040 Refund" tool. DRT can be reached at 635-1840/1 or 635-7651.

Due to high call volumes, DRT recommends utilizing the "Lookup Status" tool or to contact the department via the Contact Us section of the website, or to email incometax@revtax.guam.gov. **(Daily Post Staff)**



TAX FILERS: Cars line up for drive-thru service on Oct. 15, 2020, at the Department of Revenue & Taxation in Barrigada. Tax refund checks are ready for mailing for income tax filers who filed by Feb. 12. Post file photo

Man, 65, accused of sexually assaulting minor for 8 years

By Jolene Toves
jolene@postguam.com

A 15-year-old girl told police that the same man had sexually assaulted her since she was 7.

A complaint filed against Rick Guevara, 65, alleges that he inappropriately touched the victim on her private areas at least twice a month.

While the teen could not remember the exact times and dates of the assaults, she recalled an incident that occurred when she was 8 years old.

"Defendant told her to sit on his lap, and she felt something hard on her butt area where defendant said, 'Don't worry ... you won't get pregnant this way,'" the complaint states.

She also told police about the last time Guevara sexually assaulted her, in January. He allegedly groped the teen.

According to police, the girl described the incidents to another individual, who corroborated her statements.

Police questioned Guevara regarding the alleged assaults, but his version of

The charges

Rick Guevara, 65, is charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony and second-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony.



the incidents was slightly different.

Guevara admitted that when the girl was about 12 years old, she sat on his lap and he said she "won't get pregnant like this," but he denied that he became aroused during the incident, the complaint states.

"Defendant also admitted that he did poke (the girl's) butt with his finger in January 2021 but that he was only 'joking' and was not meant for sexual gratification," according to the complaint. "Defendant admitted that he did this ... on multiple occasions while she stayed with him."

Guevara is charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony and second-degree criminal sexual conduct as a first-degree felony.

Andersen: Infrastructure upgrades proposed on base

The U.S. Air Force is considering new infrastructure upgrades at Andersen Air Force Base adjacent to the northwest corner of the airfield and within the munitions storage area at the base.

Construction is expected to take place over about seven years and would include airfield pavements, an aircraft hangar, maintenance and utilities buildings, fuel systems, fencing and utilities, roadways and parking, storm water management infrastructure and earth-covered magazines, according to a release from Andersen.

The Air Force anticipates increased demand on the construction workforce and increased local spending during construction.

About 204 acres would be disturbed during construction, which will ultimately end up as either developed sites or maintained vegetation after the project's completion, Andersen stated.

"The Air Force considered other locations on Andersen AFB for construction of infrastructure upgrades; however, only the Proposed Action locations were determined to meet the criteria for the infrastructure upgrades," the release added.

An environmental impact statement will be conducted, and the Air Force will conduct cultural and natural surveys, as well as consult with resource agencies to determine the impact on those resources, according to the release.

The Air Force is seeking input from local and federal government officials, as well as the general public. But due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Air Force will not hold in-person public scoping. That will be done remotely, via the project website at www.AAFBInfrastructureEIS.com.

The website provides posters, a presentation, an information brochure in English and Chamoru,

Go online

The Air Force is seeking input from local and federal government officials, as well as the general public. But due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Air Force will not hold in-person public scoping. That will be done remotely, via the project website at www.AAFBInfrastructureEIS.com.

and other meeting materials, as well as means to provide public scoping comments. Scoping materials are also available in print at the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagåtña, according to the release.

Andersen is asking the public to submit comments in English by visiting the website, sending an email to AAFBIInfrastructureEIS@us.af.mil, or via postal mail to the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, ATTN: CEV (AAFBI Infrastructure EIS), Unit 14007, APO, AP 96543-4007.

"The Air Force also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800) regarding the identification of or effects on historic properties, or regarding requests to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process," Andersen stated.

The purpose of the upgrades is to enhance Andersen's capability to support permanent and rotational forces within the Indo-Pacific "and strengthen the U.S.'s ability to respond regionally and worldwide, in alignment with evolving Air Force and Department of Defense initiatives for the region," the release stated.

"This Proposed Action is needed to meet national security objectives and improve Andersen AFB's ability to support the mission requirements for permanent and rotational aircraft in the face of evolving global security challenges," it added.

(Daily Post Staff)

SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING • MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 • 5:30 PM
In 1 Liheslaturan Guåhan's Public Hearing Room and utilizing a Zoom Conference platform for combined face-to-face and virtual attendance

• **Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)**- Therese M. Terlaje, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telena Cruz Nelson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank Blas Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose "Pedro" Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Joanne Brown, James C. Moylan, Telo T. Taitague, Mary Camacho Torres- *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."*

Please email senatorterlaje@guam.gov or call 472-3586 to register to in-person or virtual testimony **no later than Sunday, April 25, 2021** and/or if you require any special accommodations. Written testimony can also be submitted via email to senatorterlaje@guam.gov. The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4; Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes and will also stream online via 1 Liheslaturan Guåhan's live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.

little type BIG RESULTS
use the classifieds whether you're buying, selling, or hiring



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)- Monday, April 16, 2021 at 5:30PM

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
To: "San Nicolas, Michael" <michael.sannicolas@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Winn, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Winn@mail.house.gov>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 2:07 PM

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Guam's Representative to U.S. Congress
Michael.SanNicolas@mail.house.gov

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

Hafa Adai Congressman San Nicolas,

You are cordially invited to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,* ” and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your availability for virtual or physical attendance. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!


Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
36th Guam Legislature

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture
I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910
T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com
website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

 **Res. No. 63-36 (COR) tmt .pdf**
3987K



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Guam's Representative to U.S. Congress
Michael.SanNicolas@mail.house.gov

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)


Hafa Adai Congressman San Nicolas,

You are cordially invited to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,* ”and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your availability for virtual or physical attendance. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,


Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
To: Manny Duenas <gfca@ite.net>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 2:16 PM

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:Manny Dueñas, President
Guam Fisherman's Cooperative Association
gfca@ite.net**SUBJECT:** Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)*Hafa Adai* President Dueñas,

I would like to cordially invite you and members of the Association to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry,* ”and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation and/or that of any members for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

36th Guam Legislature

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



GFCA Invitation to Resolution NO. 63-36 Hybrid Hearing_04.26.21 at 530PM_TMT.pdf

403K



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Manny Dueñas, President
Guam Fisherman's Cooperative Association
gfca@ite.net

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

Hafa Adai President Dueñas,

I would like to cordially invite you and members of the Association to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry,*” and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura's* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation and/or that of any members for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators,
please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

**Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)-
Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30PM**

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
To: kinf@tg-engr.com

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 2:20 PM

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:Kin Flores, P.E., Director of Energy Projects
TG Engineers, PC
kinf@tg-engr.com**SUBJECT:** Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)*Hafa Adai* Director Flores,

I would like to cordially invite you to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,*” and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

36th Guam Legislature

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



TG Engineers Invitation to Resolution NO. 63-36 Hybrid Hearing_04.26.21 at 530PM_TMT.pdf

396K



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 19, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Kin Flores, P.E., Director of Energy Projects
TG Engineers, PC
kinf@tg-engr.com

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)


Hafa Adai Director Flores,

I would like to cordially invite you to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,*” and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,


Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

**Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)-
Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30PM**

1 message

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 22, 2021 at 1:51 PM

To: Melanie Mendiola <mel.mendiola@investguam.com>

April 22, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Melanie Mendiola, Administrator
Guam Economic Development Authority
mel.mendiola@investguam.com

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)*Hafa Adai* Administrator Mendiola,

I would like to cordially invite you and members of the Association to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,* ”and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation or that of a representative for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

36th Guam Legislature

Attachment: Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)
April 6, 2021 Letter from Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



GEDA Invitation to Resolution NO. 63-36 Hybrid Hearing_04.26.21 at 530PM_TMT.pdf

4589K



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

April 22, 2021

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Melanie Mendiola, Administrator
Guam Economic Development Authority
mel.mendiola@investguam.com

SUBJECT: Invitation to Hybrid Public Hearing on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

Hafa Adai Administrator Mendiola,

I would like to cordially invite you and members of the Association to provide testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), which is “ *Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry,* ”and sponsored by all fifteen members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

A hybrid public hearing will convene on **Monday, April 26, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM** utilizing a hybrid meeting format to offer members of the community the option of physical attendance in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan’s* Public Hearing room or virtual attendance via *I Liheslatura’s* Zoom meeting platform.

Please confirm your participation or that of a representative for virtual or physical testimony via email or call 472-3586. If you are unable to attend, written testimony is also being accepted and can be submitted via email to senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
36th Guam Legislature

Attachment: Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)
April 6, 2021 Letter from Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, April 26, 2021

5:30 PM

AGENDA:

The hearing will be held in the Public Hearing Room at the Guam Congress Building, as well as utilizing the Guam Legislature's virtual meeting platform, for the following agenda items:

- [Resolution No. 63-36 \(COR\)](#) - Therese M. Terlaje / Christopher M. Dueñas / Telen Cruz Nelson / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Amanda L. Shelton / Sabina Flores Perez / Frank Blas Jr. / Clynton E. Ridgell / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / V. Anthony Ada / Joanne Brown / James C. Moylan / Telo T. Taitague / Mary Camacho Torres- *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."*

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Individuals in need of assistance or accommodations should also contact the Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje. The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4 or Channel 112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes. The hearing will also stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed at http://www.guamlegislature.com/live_feed.htm.

Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Tel: (671) 472-3586 | Fax: (671) 969-3590 | Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com | www.senatorterlaje.com

**For transmittal of official Messages & Communications to the Guam Legislature to be distributed to all Senators, please send to: speaker@guamlegislature.org*



[Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature
Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

In Person Attendance Sign in Sheet

Date: Monday, April 26, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM

Hybrid Public Hearing: Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)- Speaker Therese M. Terlaje / Senator Christopher M. Dueñas / Senator Telena Cruz Nelson / Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Senator Amanda L. Shelton / Senator Sabina Flores Perez / Senator Frank Blas Jr. / Senator Clynton E. Ridgell / Senator Joe S. San Agustin / Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / Senator V. Anthony Ada / Senator Joanne Brown / Senator James C. Moylan / Senator Telo T. Taitague / Senator Mary Camacho Torres- "Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."

	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NO.	E-MAIL	Type of Testimony		Support	
					WRITTEN	ORAL	Yes	No
1	Joaquin Flores				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								



I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature
Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Virtual Attendance Sheet

Date: **Monday, April 26, 2021**

Time: **5:30 PM**

Hybrid Public Hearing: Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)- Speaker Therese M. Terlaje / Senator Christopher M. Dueñas / Senator Telen Cruz Nelson / Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Senator Amanda L. Shelton / Senator Sabina Flores Perez / Senator Frank Blas Jr. / Senator Clynton E. Ridgell / Senator Joe S. San Agustin / Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje / Senator V. Anthony Ada / Senator Joanne Brown / Senator James C. Moylan / Senator Telo T. Taitague / Senator Mary Camacho Torres- *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry."*

	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT NO.	E-MAIL	Type of Testimony		Support	
					WRITTEN	ORAL	Yes	No
1	Ruben Velesrubio, HSG Co. Ltd. (Note- Attended to listen to hearing. Did not provide testimony)				N/A	N/A		
2	Joe Sicad, HSG Co. Ltd. (Note- Attended to listen to hearing. Did not provide testimony)				N/A	N/A		
3	Tommy Tanaka, Jr., HSG Co. Ltd. (Note- Attended to listen to hearing. Did not provide testimony)				N/A	N/A		
4	Alex Rabano, HSG Co. Ltd. (Note- Attended to listen to hearing. Did not provide testimony)				N/A	N/A		
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								

MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS
GUAM

1632 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-1188

330 HERNAN CORTEZ AVENUE SUITE 300
HAGATNA, GU 96910
(671) 475-6453

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-990

April 6, 2021

Senator Therese Terlaje
Speaker, 36th Guam Legislature

Senator James "Jim" Moylan
Minority Leader, 36th Guam Legislature

Dear Speaker Terlaje and Minority Leader Moylan,

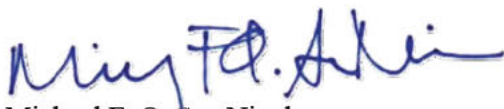
I write to humbly request a letter of support from I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan to secure federal funding for the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association.

Over several years, our community has demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to developing a new Fishermen's Co-op for the island, and in the face of challenging economic conditions introduced by COVID-19, Team Guam is seeking additional funding to assist in bringing this multi-phase project across the finish line. With these federal funds, not only will we have a new opportunity to meet the unique needs of our people, but we will also have the ability to empower our community members at the grassroots level by channeling federal dollars directly to the Fishermen's Co-op. Further, with a new Co-op successfully realized, Guam can procure many benefits that range from a revitalized local economy to a greater understanding of our marine ecosystem and new avenues of cultural preservation.

Our partnership maintains a history of delivering significant results for our island, and I hope to continue on this path of unity in service of a more promising, prosperous Guam. We are confident that the 36th Guam Legislature shares the vision that this provision is deserving of our utmost efforts to secure, and I respectfully request that a letter expressing your support is transmitted as soon as possible.

Thank you for your diligence and service, and I look forward to our continued collaboration on the road ahead.

Much Respect,



Michael F. Q. San Nicolas

Member of Congress

Guam

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-990

330 HERNAN CORTEZ AVENUE SUITE 300
HAGATNA, GU 96910
(671) 475-6453

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Res. No. 63-36 (COR)
Public Hearing Testimony
Provided by Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas (GU-00)

Monday, April 26, 2021

Håfa A dai Speaker Terlaje, Minority Leader Duenas, and all Senators of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan. Thank you for your leadership in advocating for the needs of all those who call Guam home, and for providing me the opportunity to speak on an important Congressional program which can facilitate our island's economic prosperity. While this legislative body is critical to comprehensively serving our community with local policies, our collaboration in endeavors at the national level have historically delivered significant results to our people and bring the promise of continued efficacy.

Congress has introduced an incredible opportunity to channel federal dollars directly to Americans for community-centered projects through the House Committee on Appropriations. More specifically, Team Guam is utilizing the Community Project Funding program to advocate for and help empower our local community members with a funding request to support the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility. Securing a Community Project Funding award will historically allocate federal monies directly to our people at the grassroots level.

For decades we have discussed the criticality of diversifying Guam's economy, and should we successfully secure federal funding to complete the Co-op facility reconstruction, we will make strides in achieving this goal. It is widely understood that tourism is the stronghold of our economy. As our island's single largest industry, it generates \$1.4 billion annually, represents 60% of Guam's annual business revenue, and employs over 18,000 of our residents.¹ The industry's sensitivity, however, is equally undeniable and the emergence of COVID-19 has dramatically emphasized this reality.

Similar to many countries around the world, the impacts of the global pandemic have significantly affected our economic stability. In particular, a standstill for international travel has decimated our tourism industry with 76% less visitors coming to Guam in the first 10 months of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 and an estimated \$1.38B loss of local income and spending.² While the financial challenges our households and businesses have faced in the past year have been alleviated by U.S. Federal Government pandemic assistance, this aid will soon dissipate as our nation begins to regain its economic footing. Moreover, as we look to the future with the knowledge of tourism's inherent vulnerabilities and

¹ Guam Visitors Bureau, "Guam Tourism 2020." *Guam Visitors Bureau*, 2014.

<https://www.investguam.com/userfiles/filcs/Guam%20Tourism%202020%20Strat%20Plan%20Final.pdf>

² Maria Claret M. Ruane, Ph.D., et al., "2020 Guam Economic Report." *University of Guam*, December 31, 2020. <https://www.uog.edu/resources/files/schools-and-colleges/school-of-business-and-public-administration/2020-Guam-Economic-Report-SBPA-ODE.pdf>

the hope of regaining stable economic conditions, a continued reliance on tourism as Guam's primary industry would be detrimental to our community, its permanent economic security, and its goals of growth.


Over several years, our community has demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to developing a new Fishermen's Co-op for the island and the compounded benefits of a new Co-op facility has been widely recognized by our island leaders. I Liheslaturan Guåhan had passed laws pre-COVID providing funding mechanisms for the facility's renovation. I Maga'Hågan Guåhan has also demonstrated clear administrative support for this path of economic diversification by allocating funds from available local resources to bolster this project. Although local funding has put the project in motion, it has not been enough to both address the major challenges that have emerged since its groundbreaking and bring it to completion.

Senators of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, we need direct and substantial investment in the reconstruction and expansion of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op facility. We need to revitalize and diversify our local economy with the elevation of our fishing industry, deepen our understanding of our ever-important marine ecosystem, and foster new and existing avenues of cultural preservation in an increasingly modernized world. As a pillar of food sustainability and local fishing traditions, the Co-op's renovation is fundamentally intertwined with our collective health, climate crisis responses, and connection to history and identity. As a center for marine research and regional commerce, a renovated Co-op will also serve as a resource for well-informed policies and greater economic standing. A new and improved Co-op facility is key to opening doors to the future prosperity of Guam and securing Community Project Funding is presently the most direct opportunity to bring this long-awaited, multi-phase project across the finish line.

Community engagement and support is crucial to determining if a project is worthy of federal funding. With the mission of serving our people and meeting the unique needs of our community, your voice as our island's leaders is incredibly significant to ensuring the strongest possible application for Community Project Funding. Further, a priority of this body is to realize a more prosperous future for our people. The overwhelming benefits of this project's success cannot be overstated and the federal funding we can obtain to support its completion will afford us the opportunity to focus local resources on other important programs.

I respectfully request that this legislative body move to pass Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) which would express full support of the renovation and expansion of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op facilities, request congressional support with Community Project Funding, and in turn strengthen our chances of securing federal monies for the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association. You will move forward a longstanding community desire to diversify our economy, revitalize it with a renewed focus on our existing resources, foster our cultural ties to the sea, and effectively uplift our community.

Sincerely,



Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Member of Congress

Guam



Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association

"Our Ocean's Best"

Greg D. Perez Marina, Hagatna

P.O. Box 24023 * GMF, GU 96921

Telephone: (671) 472-6323



April 26, 2021

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker, 36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, GU 96910

Ref.: Testimony in favor of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) *"Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry,"* as Sponsored by all fifteen Senators of the 36th Guam Legislature.

Dear Madam Speaker and Senators of the 36th Guam Legislature,

On behalf of the members of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association (GFCA), we respectfully request the passage of Resolution No. 63-36 and offer our support as testimony for said passage. In short, the Fishermen's Co-op is very much looking forward to seeing come to fruition the construction of a new operational facility, the installation of a protective seawall as well as to house ancillary fishery related support activities within the confines of the new facility.

While the Co-op has received funding towards this endeavor, the cost of the entire project will require additional funding to complete the plans for a multi-purpose fishery facility. To that end, we are hopeful that, with the passage of Resolution No. 63-36, our island's Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas will in turn use the Resolution and accompanying supporting statements to arm his efforts in securing federal funds to augment the shortfall of our current project cost projections. We, then, offer the following statement of support:

Background:

The Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association, a Non-profit/Tax Exempt Domestic Corporation, was first registered with the Government of Guam on December 9, 1977 and assigned Charter No. D-3551. The Co-op's basic premise for existence is to allow local fishermen

to assemble as a group to market their catch as well as to procure supplies such as fuel and ice that otherwise may be economically difficult to procure as individuals.

The initial location of the Co-op was a stall within the compound of the old Guam Public Market, now known as the Chamorro Village. Eventually the Co-op moved to its present location in an old butler tin structure at the Hagatna Boat Basin (also known as the Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina). The structure sits on Government of Guam land and the Co-op holds a long-term lease on the property. The current structure is situated such that the property allows for expansion. The structure has been retrofitted to allow areas for fish processing, a cold storage room, a fuel pump monitoring room, and storefront operations.

Over the years and aside from normal structural upkeep, the Co-op has made numerous repairs to the original structure due to typhoon damage. The Co-op has also situated modified shipping containers on the property that function as office and storage facilities. The Co-op's current structure, as mentioned, has been battered by various typhoons that struck the island over the years. Despite the repair work made over the years, the structure is in extremely poor condition and in dire need of replacement and upgrades. In order to be a functional, profitable venture, the Co-op requires a structure that can withstand typhoon force winds as well as accommodate the latest in safe seafood processing and product handling.

Construction Plans:

Due to the poor condition of its current building, the Co-op's board established the Co-op 2000 Committee, which is tasked with developing a plan for a new facility, one that meets all the standards for safe seafood handling, processing and storage. Also required is the installation of a seawall along the property abutting the boat basin's channel, to prevent erosion and property damage from surging storm waters.

Aside from the construction of a seawall and a new building to house the Co-op's base operations, the Co-op 2000 Committee also envisions a facility that will include the housing of ancillary activities, including but not limited to: a learning center; marine monitoring station; vendor spaces for tenants to promote and supply the local fisheries industry; and space for value-added product development of locally caught fish stock. Based on this vision, the Co-op plans to approach this project through the following construction stages:

Seawall Construction

1. Placement of Seawall

First Floor Building Structure Components

1. Seafood Handling (receiving dock, processing room, storage)
2. Fuel Pump Monitoring Room
3. Customer Storefront (equipped with display cases)
4. Manager's office

5. Vendor spaces:
 - (a) long-term anchor tenant-restaurant services that have Co-op fish stocks on their menu, including the vending of the Co-op's value-added product development of smoked fish products, packaged foods, etc. that will work well with tenant plans;
 - (b) tenants offering supplies and products that support fishermen's needs such as fishing supply gear and tackle; and
 - (c) tenants that offer specific Coop souvenir and gift items, clothing and or other local items that promote local fisheries and the community.

Second Floor Building Structure

1. Meeting Venue/Office Space
2. Maritime Learning Center - a classroom intended to provide opportunities for:
 - (a) boater and marine safety training;
 - (b) Coast Guard Reserve training and Boat Captain licensing program; and
 - (c) workshops and seminars educating fishermen on existing or proposed new regulations affecting the fishing industry, including fishing conservation practices.
3. Maritime search and rescue base equipped with marine radio monitoring station.
4. Value-added Product Development Facility (Smoked fish, Prepared fish, etc.)

Funding:

To date, the Co-op 2000 Committee has been successful at securing funding from the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) in the amount of \$3 million from proceeds of the Hotel Occupancy Tax which GEDA oversees and disburses for enhancement of Guam's economy. In addition, the Port Authority of Guam, the overseer of the Hagatna Boat Basin, has committed \$995,00 towards the construction cost of the seawall. While these funding sources are essential to the Co-op's vision of an up-to-date seafood facility and marina, it will need additional funding sources to complete this vision. Below is the Co-op's breakdown of construction phases and funding sources/needs as well as equipment needs. This breakdown is based on the funding that is currently available, which includes the construction of Phase 1a and 1b. When additional funding is secured, the Co-op will be able to complete Phases 2 and 3.

PHASE 1a Construction	\$ 995,000
Sewall	
PHASE 1b Construction (First Floor)	\$1,655,000
1. Seafood Handling (receiving dock, processing room, cold storage)	
2. Fuel Pump Monitoring Room	
3. Storefront (equipped with display cases)	
4. Manager's office	
PHASE 2 Construction (First Floor)	\$1,345,000
1. Ground Floor Tenant Spaces	
PHASE 3 Construction (Second Floor)	\$1,900,000
1. Meeting Venue/Office Space	

2. Maritime Learning Center
3. Maritime Search and Rescue Base
4. Value-added Product Development Facility (Smoked fish, Prepared fish, etc.)

ANCILLARY FUNDING NEEDS

Processing, Refrigeration & Freezer, Store Front Chiller Display, Ice Maker, Fish Disposal/Macerator and miscellaneous equipment, etc.	\$ 300,000
Second Floor Tenant Space Finishing	\$ 112,000
Relocation of Co-op's Current Operation to Temporary Location	\$ 50,000
Contingency	\$ 472,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,799,500

Based on the above cost projections, the Co-op will need an additional \$3 million to complete the Co-op 2000 Vision for a facility that is designed to:

- (a) promote safe seafood handling, processing and vending,
- (b) serve as a fisherman's and boater learning center,
- (c) house a marine emergency response station,
- (d) accommodate a value-added product development facility, and
- (e) lease out stalls for vendors to offer locally caught seafood products in their menu; to sell fishing supplies, gear and tackle, and to sell souvenir items aimed at promoting the Co-op's fishing activities and the island community.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, the Co-op will continue its on-going commitment with the following: (a) provide a used oil and battery collection area for mariners, (b) support the 4-H & Youth sustainable fisheries program, (c) foster its fishery partnership with NOA Science Center, (d) the collection and compilation of fish data: size, weight and reproduction maturity of reef and bottom fish species, and (e) hold, whenever feasible/practical, an annual deep-sea fishing derby.

In conclusion, we are confident the passage of Resolution 63-36 will demonstrate to US Congress that we are earnestly in pursuit of improving our island's fisheries as a means of helping our local economy. To that end, we ask Congress for their assistance in augmenting our funding towards this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Manuel 'Manny' P. Duenas II
President, GFCA



Joaquin "Kin" Flores
Chairman, Co-op 2000 Committee



PERSPECTIVE
GUAM FISHERMAN'S CO-OP FACILITY



PERSPECTIVE
GUAM FISHERMAN'S CO-OP FACILITY



PERSPECTIVE
GUAM FISHERMAN'S CO-OP FACILITY



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Re: Speaker Therese Terlaje's Letter of Support and Resolution No. 63-36(COR)

1 message

Kin Flores <kinf@tg-engr.com>

Mon, Apr 19, 2021 at 9:41 AM

To: "Speaker Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Hafa Adai Natasha,

Attached herewith is a drawing set for the Coop Building and Seawall project layout for Senators to review.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase for all your help.

Kin Flores, P.E.

Director of Energy Projects



101 First Street, Tiyan " Barrigada, Guam 96913

P: 671.647.0808 F: 671.647.0886 C:671- [REDACTED] E:kinf@tg-engr.com

From: "Speaker Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>**Date:** Friday, April 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM**To:** <kinf@tg-engr.com>**Subject:** Speaker Therese Terlaje's Letter of Support and Resolution No. 63-36(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Flores,

I have attached the Letter of Support from Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)- **Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry for your reference.**

Our office is currently working on scheduling a hybrid public hearing for April 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. and will be sending a formal notice soon. As mentioned during our phone conversation, Speaker Terlaje respectfully requests for a copy of the plans for the Fishermen's Co-op to be distributed to Senators. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

Natasha Charfauros

Policy Analyst

Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building, [163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910](#)

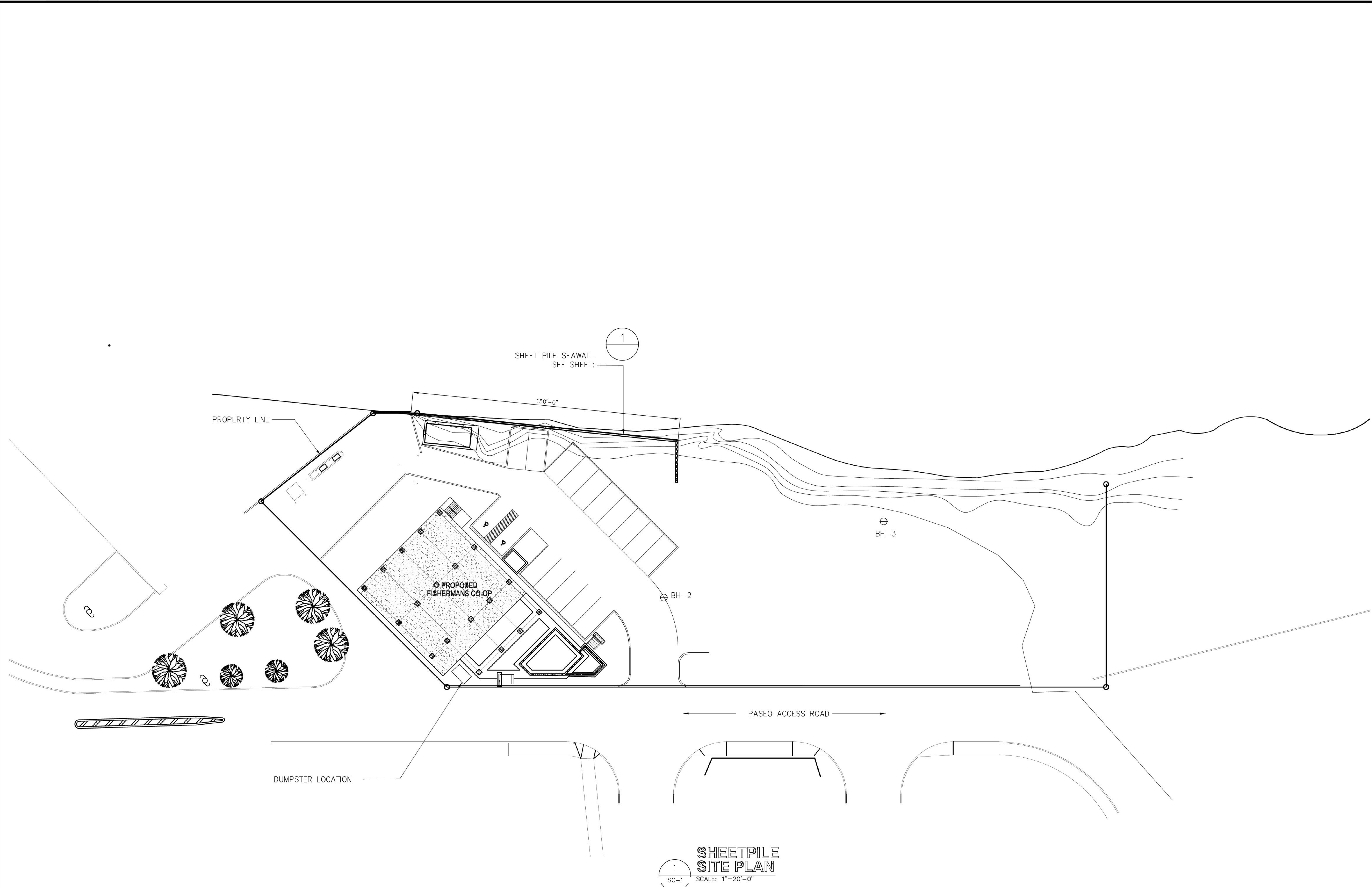
T: (671) 472-3586 F: (671) 989-3590 Email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

website: www.senatorterlaje.com

Electronic Privacy Notice: This e-mail and any attachment(s), contains information that is, or may be, covered by electronic communications privacy laws and legal privileges, and is also confidential and proprietary in nature. If you are not the intended recipient, please be advised that you are legally prohibited from retaining, using, copying, distributing, or otherwise disclosing the information in this e-mail or any attachment in any manner. Instead, please reply to the sender that you have received this communication in error, and then immediately delete it. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Fishermans Coop Revised 0408.kin.pdf
720K

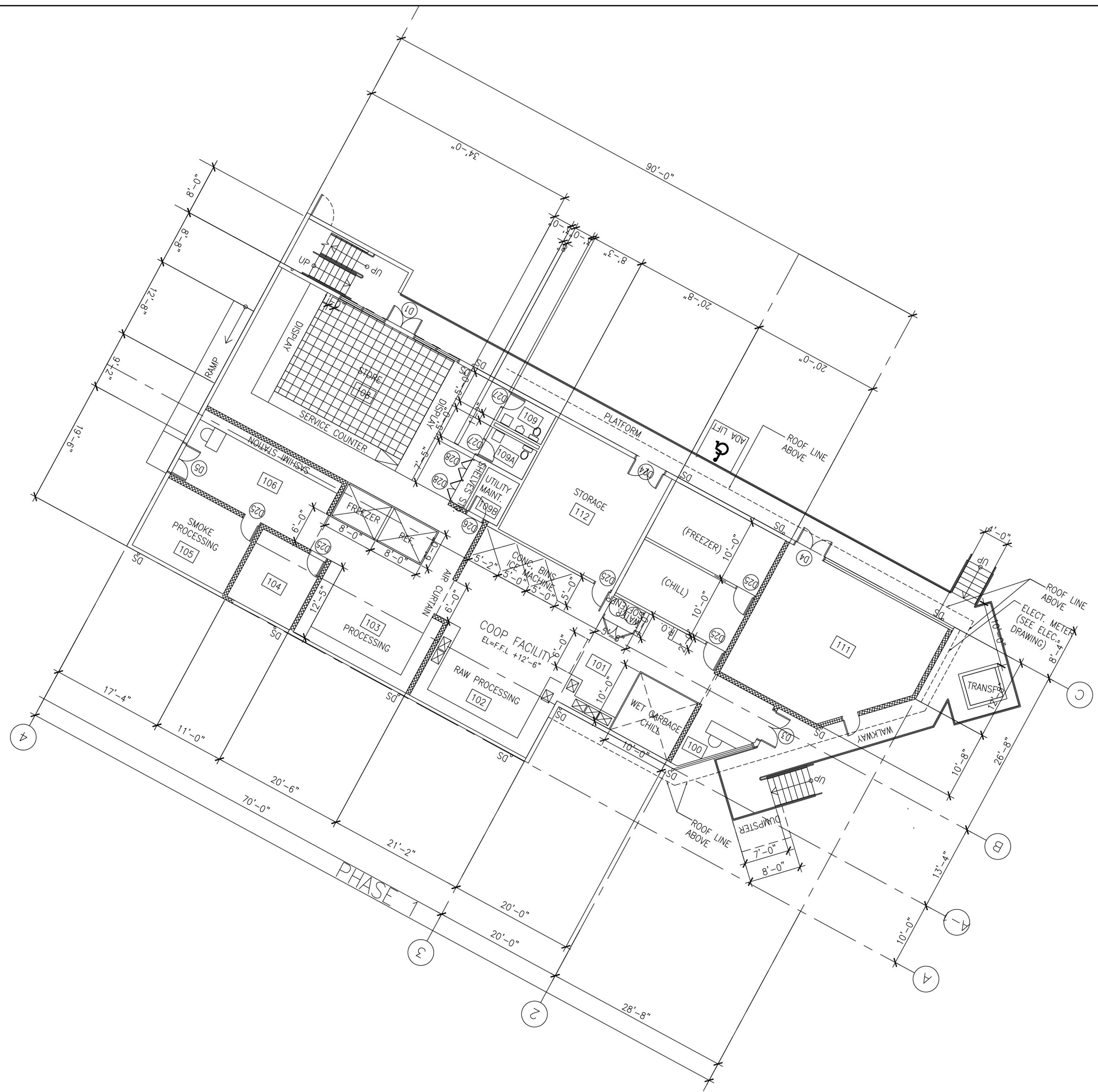


1
SC-1
SHEETPILE SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1"=20'-0"

By	Revisions	Date	Rev. No.

Ruben U. Velazquez, P.E. Civil and Structural Engineering BALTE PAVILION 415 CHALAN SAN ANTONIO, SUITE 301 TAMPUNING, GUAM 96913-3920 TELEPHONE: (671) 646-0984 E-MAIL: ruben@air-engineers.com	
PROJECT: GUAM FISHERMEN'S CO-OP FACILITY Hagatna	Guam
Sheet Contents: SHEETPILE SITE PLAN	
Designed By: Drawn By: Checked By:	Scale:
DWG. No. <h1>SC-2</h1>	

IF SHEET IS LESS THAN 24" X 36"
REDUCED PRINT - USE GRAPHIC SCALES

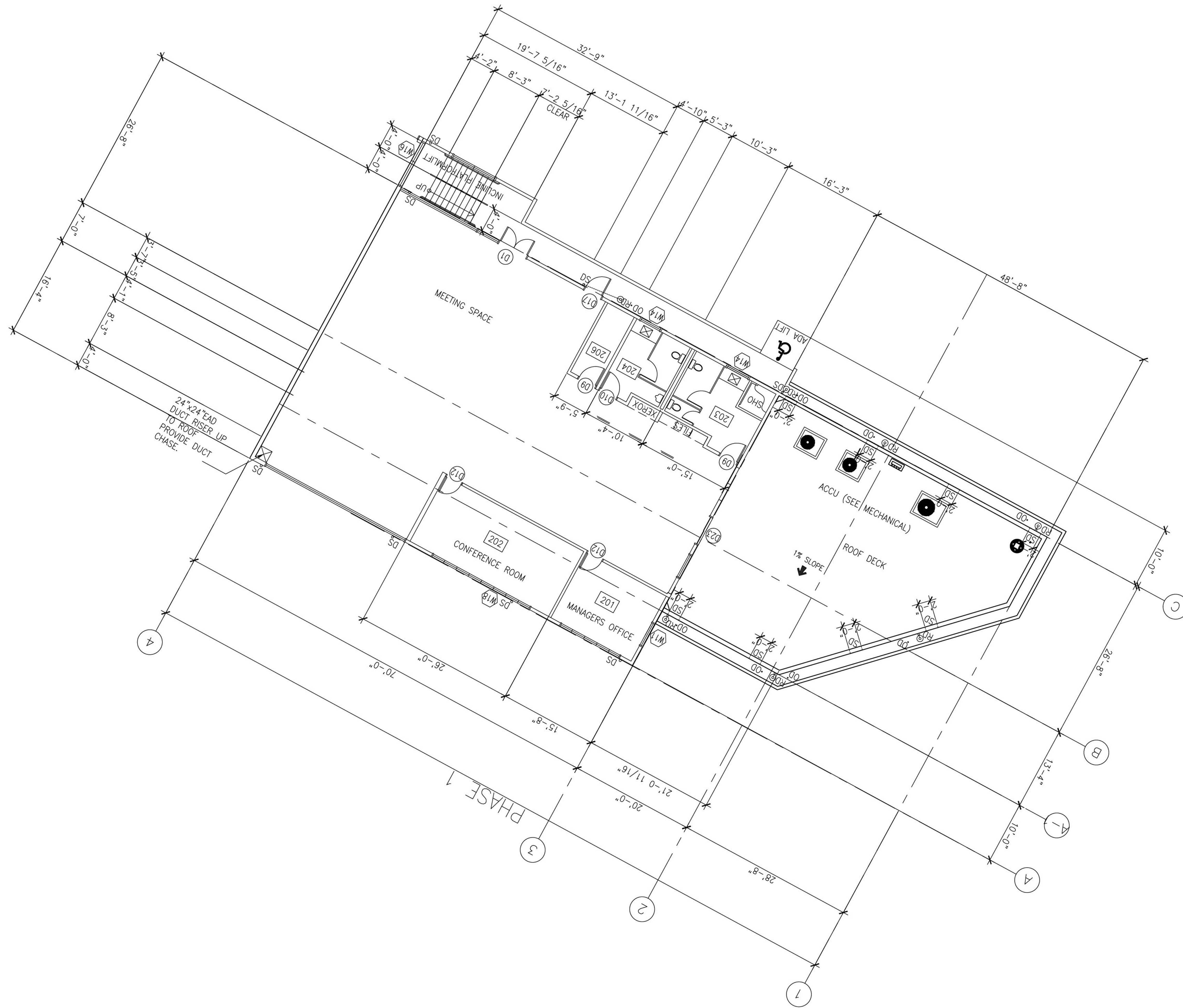


1
A-1 | A-1
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

*PRELIMINARY PLAN
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DESIGNED BY: AHT	PROJECT: GUAM FISHERMEN'S CO-OP FACILITY	REVISIONS	BY
DRAWN BY: TN	HAGATNA GUAM	DATE	
CHECKED BY: AHT	SHEET CONTENTS: FIRST FLOOR PLAN	REV. NO.	
SCALE: AS SHOWN	ALBERT H. TSUTSUI, A.I.A., INC. JULALE CENTER, SUITE 213, BOX 2993, HAGATNA GUAM, 96932		
DWG. NO: A-1			
SHT ___ OF ___			

This drawing was prepared by me or under my direct supervision.



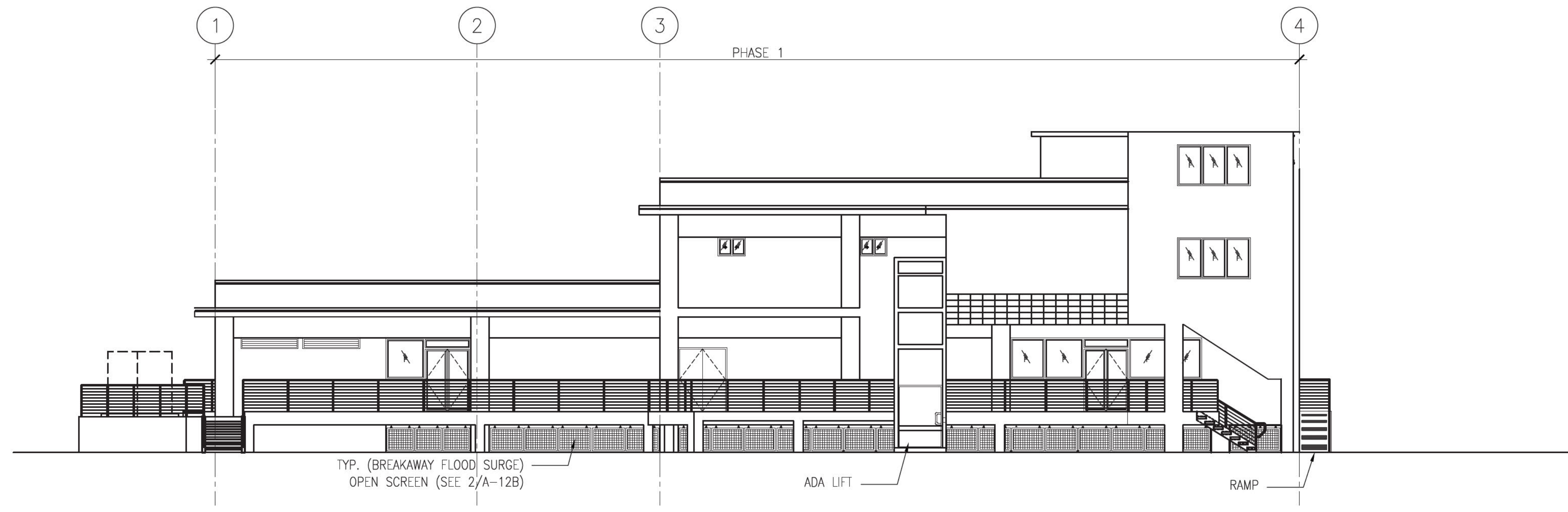
1
A-2/A-2
SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

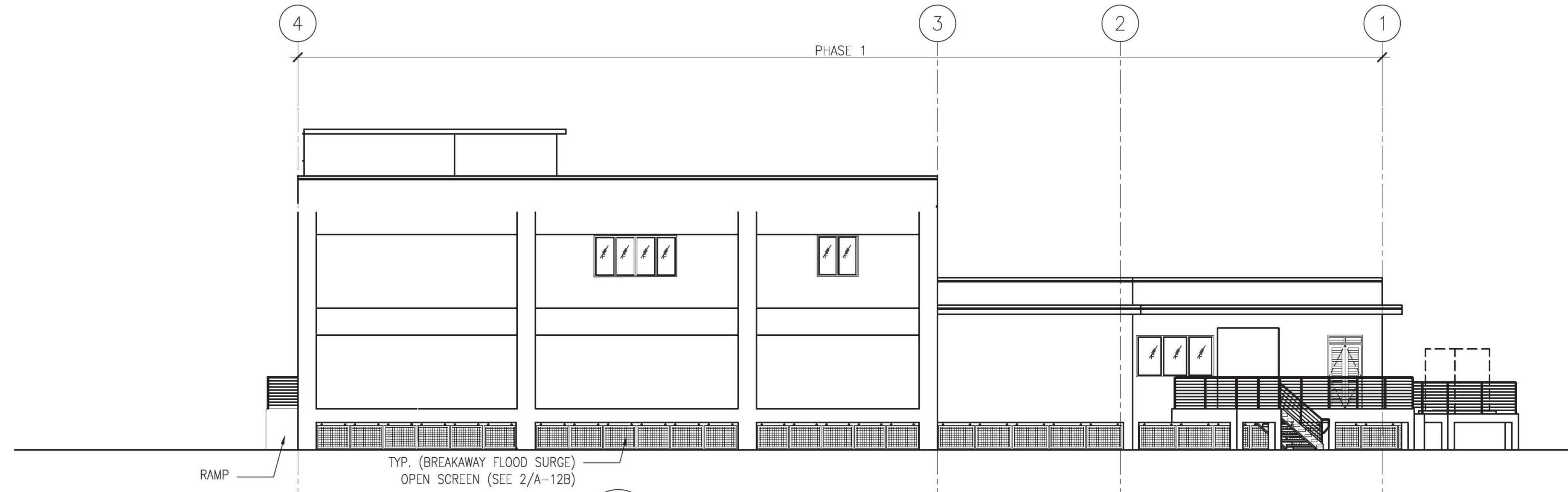
*PRELIMINARY PLAN
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DESIGNED BY: AHT	PROJECT: GUAM FISHERMEN'S CO-OP FACILITY HAGATNA GUAM	PROJECT: ALBERT H. TSUTSUI, A.I.A., INC. JULALE CENTER, SUITE 213, BOX 2993, HAGATNA GUAM, 96932	REV. NO.	DATE	REVISIONS	BY
DRAWN BY: TN	SHEET CONTENTS: SECOND FLOOR PLAN					
CHECKED BY: AHT						
SCALE: AS SHOWN	DWG. NO: A-2					
	SHT ___ OF ___					

This drawing was prepared by me
under my direct supervision



1 BUILDING FRONT ELEVATION
 SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"



2 BUILDING REAR ELEVATION
 SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

DESIGNED BY: AHT	DRAWN BY: TN	CHECKED BY: AHT	PROJECT: GUAM FISHERMEN'S CO-OP FACILITY HAGATNA SHEET CONTENTS: BUILDING ELEVATIONS	ALBERT H. TSUTSUI, A.I.A., INC. JULALE CENTER, SUITE 213, BOX 2993, HAGATNA GUAM, 96932	REVISIONS	BY
SCALE: AS SHOWN			REV. NO.			DATE
DWG. NO: A-6			REV. NO.			DATE
SHT ___ OF ___			REV. NO.			DATE
*PRELIMINARY PLAN SUBJECT TO CHANGE			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE
			REV. NO.			DATE

This drawing was prepared by me or under my direct supervision

Victor T. Artero
P.O. Box [REDACTED]
Hagatna, GU 96932
e-mail: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

April 23, 2021

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker, 36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagatna, GU 96910

Ref.: Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) "*Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry,*" as Sponsored by all fifteen Senators of the 36th Guam Legislature.

Dear Madam Speaker and Senators of the 36th Guam Legislature,

First and for the record, I am in favor of and in full agreement with the intent of Resolution 63-36 and as such I respectfully seek the Legislature's full support for the passage of this resolution. Secondly, as a member and serving board of director of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association (GFCA), I fully endorsed as well the GFCA written testimony that's to be submitted and signed by "Manny" P. Duenas II, GFCA President, and Joaquin "Kin" Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairman. The GFCA testimony has been reviewed and given the approval by the members of the Board for submission in favor of the passage of Resolution 63-36.

Over the years, the Co-op has been and continues to be a major component of the island's infrastructural support for fishermen to vend their freshly caught fish and seafood products as well as a source for fuel, ice and fishing supplies. And, as a subsistence fisherman and a proponent of the island's fishery, it is my view that our island is in need of a "shot in the arm" to better support our island's fishing community. That being said, the Co-op's current facility at the Hagatna Boat Basin (aka: Gregorio D. Perez Mariana) is in dire need of a new structure with updated equipment to properly and safely handle and process the products brought in by our local fishing community, and to include the need to safeguard the basin's channel land boundary from surging stormwater damages through the installation of a seawall.

To that end, the Co-op created a committee referred to as Co-op 2000 with the mission of developing a plan for an upgraded facility and improved channel way as well as identifying funding for construction of said plans. The Committee has been able to secure engineering plans for a seawall and a multi-purpose building designed to support fishing and the fishing community. The plan for the multi-purpose building intends to include an upgraded fish handling and processing facility, a storefront for vending of fresh fish, a learning center, a marine rescue station, an added value product development component, and vendor spaces for (a) restaurants and stalls that offer prepared fresh as well as processed seafood products, and (b) the sale of fishing supply and gears, and souvenir items that promotes the island's craft related to fishing.

To date, the Co-op 2000 Committee has been able to have committed government funds through the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Port Authority of Guam to support the construction of a new multi-purpose facility and the installation of a seawall. However, due to increasing construction costs, the Co-op 2000 project foresees a substantial shortfall amount of approximately \$3 million. Hence, it is with sincere optimism that the passage of Resolution 63-36 will serve to strengthen Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas' efforts in securing dedicated federal funds for use towards the full realization of the Co-op's planned multi-purpose facility, a facility that will provide a well-rounded support of the island's fishery which we can all be proud of.

In closing, thank you for accepting this written testimony in support of Resolution 63-36 and I am looking forward to its unanimous passage.

Respectfully,



Victor T. Artero



Office of the Speaker **THERESE M. TERLAJE**

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 36th Guam Legislature

AUTHOR'S REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) was introduced on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Christopher M. Dueñas, Telena Cruz Nelson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Sabina Flore Perez, Frank Blas, Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Joanne Brown, James C. Moylan, Telo T. Taitague, Mary Camacho Torres, and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Author, on Thursday, April 15, 2021. The Author convened a hybrid public hearing on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building and utilizing the Guam Legislature's virtual hearing platform.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices for this Hybrid Public Hearing were sent out via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, April 19, 2021 (5 -Day Notice) and again on Friday, April 23, 2021 (48 Hour Notice). The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on Monday, April 19, 2021 and Friday, April 23, 2021.

Senators Present

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson
Senator Joanne Brown
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Minority Leader
Senator James Camacho Moylan

Appearing before the Committee

Joaquin Flores, Chairperson, Co-op 2000 Building Committee

Written Testimony Submitted

Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas
Manuel Dueñas, GFCA President & Joaquin Flores, Chairperson, Co-op 2000
Victor Artero, Member, GFCA Board of Directors

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Hybrid Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at **5:40 PM.**

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: *Håfa Adai*. Welcome. The public hearing is now called to order. Today's Monday, April 26, 2021. The time is now about 5:40 PM. Notices for this public hearing were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, April 19 and again on Friday, April 23, 2021 and the notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post on those same days.

This hearing is being conducted, utilizing a hybrid meeting format to allow for both the physical attendance of hearing participants here at the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room and the virtual attendance via the Guam Legislature, zoom meeting platform. It's hosted by the Guam Legislatures MIS staff and committee staff and I thank them for their assistance.

The host will mute all zoom participants until called upon by the chair. Each member of the panel will be allowed to pose questions to those testifying as is needed. We will take rounds doing that.

I'd like to thank my colleagues for attending this evening's hearing beginning with Minority Leader, Senator Chris Duenas and Senator Joanne Brown. Thank you, Senators, for joining us today.

The agenda item for tonight, there's just one agenda item and that is Resolution Number 63-36 (COR) introduced by Therese M. Terlaje, Christopher M Duenas, Telena Cruz Nelson, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Amanda L. Shelton, Sabina Flores Perez, Frank Blas Jr., Clynton E. Ridgell, Joe S. San Augustine, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, V. Anthony Ada, Joanne M Brown, James C. Moylan, Mary Camacho Torres. Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support community project funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry as the sponsor of the resolution, I'm going to briefly introduce it.

The realization of an enhanced and safer fishermen's co-op facility has been a long-standing mission of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association led by the tireless dedication of President Manny Duenas, association members, the local fishing community, and lawmakers.

Plans for the facility were drafted in 2005 and in 2017, the groundbreaking for the facility was finally held in 2017. However, the project has since been delayed by various challenges,

which include necessary design changes to comply with flood zone regulations and to address poor soil conditions near the sea wall, which have significantly raised the cost of completing the project as well as delays from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association and Mr. Kin Flores, Chairperson of the Building Committee overseeing the project, they are in the final stages of completing the design and have reapplied for an Army Corps of Engineer permit for the new seawall and a permit from DPW for the new building design, they state that they expect the permitting process to begin late this month or in early May.

So, I want to thank Mr. Flores, who's here today with us. Thank you for joining us and for your efforts in this disregard and I want to thank all of those at the fishermen's co-op for their continued work on this project over many years who have witnessed this and this 36th Guam Legislature is undertaking these efforts at the urging and his support of the Congressmen San Nicolas and his efforts to secure community project funding and grants through the US House of Representatives committee on appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to assist the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association with completing the construction of its new facility and the coal relating expansion of our local fishing industry and therefore Resolution Number 63-36 (COR), if passed by the Guam Legislature will be sent to the United States Congress in support of that submission by the Congressmen.

We've received written testimony in support of Resolution Number 63-36(COR) from Congressmen Michael FQ. San Nicholas, which I will now read into the record.

Congress of the United States House of Representatives, Washington DC. *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Resolution Number 63-36(COR) public hearing testimony provided by Congressmen Michael FQ San Nicolas, Monday, April 26, 2021.

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje, Minority Leader Duenas, and all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Thank you for your leadership and advocating for the needs of all those who called Guam home and for providing me the opportunity to speak on an important congressional program, which can facilitate our island's economic prosperity. While this legislative body is critical to comprehensively serving our community with local policies, our collaboration in endeavors at the national level have historically delivered significant results to our people and bring the promise of continued efficacy.

Congress has introduced an incredible opportunity to channel federal dollars directly to Americans for community-centered projects through the House Committee on Appropriations. More specifically, Team Guam is utilizing the Community Project Funding program to advocate for and help empower our local community members with a funding request to support the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility. Securing a Community Project Funding award will historically allocate federal monies directly to our people at the grassroots level.

For decades we have discussed the criticality of diversifying Guam's economy, and we should successfully secure federal funding to complete the Co-op facility reconstruction, we will make strides in achieving this goal. It is widely understood that tourism is the stronghold of our economy. As our island's single largest industry, it generates \$1.4 billion annually, represents 60% of Guam's annual business revenue, and employs over 18,000 of our residents. The industry's sensitivity, however, is equally undeniable and the emergence of COVID-19 has dramatically emphasized this reality.

Similar to many countries around the world, the impacts of the global pandemic have significantly affected our economic stability. In particular, a standstill for international travel has decimated our tourism industry with 76% less visitors coming to Guam in the first 10 months of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 and an estimated \$1.38 billion loss of local income and spending. While the financial challenges our households and businesses have faced in the past year have been alleviated by U.S. Federal Government pandemic assistance, this aid will soon dissipate as our nation begins to regain its economic footing. Moreover, as we look to the future with the knowledge of tourism's inherent vulnerabilities and the hope of regaining stable economic conditions, a continued reliance on tourism as Guam's primary industry would be detrimental to our community, its permanent economic security, and its goals of growth.

Over several years, our community has demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to developing a new Fishermen's Co-op for the island and the compounded benefits of a new Co-op facility has been widely recognized by our island leaders. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* had passed laws pre-COVID providing funding mechanisms for the facility's renovation. *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan* has also demonstrated clear administrative support for this path of economic diversification by allocating funds from available local resources to bolster this

project. Although local funding has put the project in motion, it has not been enough to both address the major challenges that have emerged since its groundbreaking and bring it to completion.

Senators of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, we need direct and substantial investment in the reconstruction and expansion of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op facility. We need to revitalize and diversify our local economy with the elevation of our fishing industry, deepen our understanding of our ever-important marine ecosystem, and foster new and existing avenues of cultural preservation in an increasingly modernized world. As a pillar of food sustainability and local fishing traditions, the Co-op's renovation is fundamentally intertwined with our collective health, climate crisis responses, and connection to history and identity. As a center for marine research and regional commerce, a renovated Co-op will also serve as a resource for well-informed policies and greater economic standing. A new and improved Co-op facility is key to opening doors to the future prosperity of Guam and securing Community Project Funding is presently the most direct opportunity to bring this long-awaited, multi-phase project across the finish line.

Community engagement and support is crucial to determining if a project is worthy of federal funding. With the mission of serving our people and meeting the unique needs of our community, your voice as our island's leaders is incredibly significant to ensuring the strongest possible application for Community Project Funding. Further, a priority of this body is to realize a more prosperous future for our people. The overwhelming benefits of this project's success cannot be overstated and the federal funding we can obtain to support its completion will afford us the opportunity to focus local resources on other important programs.

I respectfully request that this legislative body move to pass Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) which would express full support of the renovation and expansion of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op facilities, request congressional support with Community Project Funding, and in turn strengthen our chances of securing federal monies for the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association. You will move forward a longstanding community desire to diversify our economy, revitalize it with a renewed focus on our existing resources, foster our cultural ties to the sea, and effectively uplift our community. Sincerely, Michael FQ. San Nicolas, Member of Congress, Guam.

We have also received written testimony in support of Resolution Number 63-36(COR) from Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association President Manuel P. Duenas and Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson and Mr. Flores is here with us today and we've also received testimony from Victor Artero. Who's also a member of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association, Board of Directors.

So, we would now hear from Mr. Flores, You have the floor.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Madam Speaker, Senator Duenas, Senator Brown. Thank you again for taking the time this evening to hear this valuable request for additional funding. My name for the record is Joaquin Flores, Kin for short. I was recently voted as a member of the board for the Fishermen's Co-op for the first time in October 2019, and immediately was voted as Committee Chair for the project to help implement and see that this project comes to fruition. So, I have some testimony and I have also provided additional documents for the Senate, one being the detailed plans or plans for the co-op and I hope that some of the renderings were their architectural renderings were also provided to the Senate as well. So, with that, I like to start with a written testimonial letter for this resolution and in favor of our support and relative to, and respectively request in the United States Congress to support community project funding for the construction of an expanded Fishermen's Co-op facility and correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry as sponsored by the entire Senate. Thank you very much for that.

Dear Madam Speaker and Senators of the 36th Guam legislature on behalf of the members of the Fisherman's Cooperative Association, the GFCA, we respectfully request the passage of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) and offer our support as testimony through said passage ensured the Fishermen's Co-op is very much looking forward to seeing come to fruition the construction of a new operational facility, the installation of protective seawall, as well as to house ancillary fishery related support activities within the confines of the new facility.

While the Co-op has received funding towards this endeavor, the costs of the entire project would require additional funding to complete the plans for a multi-purpose fishery facility. To that end, we are hopeful that the passage of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), our islands Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicholas will in turn use the resolution and the company supporting statements to arm his efforts in securing federal funds to augment the shortfall of our current project cost projections.

We then offer the following statement of support as some background and again, Madam Speaker and Senator Duenas, Senator Brown. I wish I had our President of the Co-op, Mr. Manny Duenas here with me as he is a co-signatory of this letter. Manny is by doctor's orders in bed, resting after some medical procedures that have been done, but I offer his apologies for not being here tonight, but a little bit of background, the Guam's Fisherman's Co-op Association, a Non-profit/Tax Exempt Domestic Corporation was first registered with the Government of Guam on December 9, 1977 and assigned Charter No. D D-3551. The Co-op's basic premise for existence is to allow local fishermen to assemble as a group to market their catch, as well as to procure supplies, such as fuel and ice that otherwise may be economically difficult to procure as individuals.

The initial location of the Co-op was a stall within the compound of the old Guam Public Market, now known as the *CHamoru* Village. Eventually the Co-op moved to its present location in an old butler tin structure at the *Hagåtña* Boat Basin (also known as the Gregorio Duenas Perez Marina). The structure sits in Government of Guam land and again, I would like to emphasize through the cooperation and approval by the legislature. We now have a long-term lease for that government land and the Co-op holds a long-term lease on the property. As I mentioned, the current structure is situated such that the property allows for expansion, approximately two acres I believe is what has been leased out to the Co-op. The structure has been retrofitted to allow areas for fish processing, cold storage room, a fuel pump monitoring room, and storefront operations.

Over the years, aside from normal structural upkeep, the Co-op has made numerous repairs to the original structure due to typhoon damage. The Co-op has also situated modified shipping containers on the property that functions as an office and storage facility. The Co-op's current structure as mentioned, has been battered by various type wounds that struck over the years, despite the repair work made over the years, the structure is extremely in poor condition and in dire need of replacement and upgrades in order to be a functional profitable venture.

The Co-op requires a structure that can withstand typhoon force winds. As well as accommodate the latest in safe seafood processing and product handling. Due to the poor condition of his current building, the Co-op's Board established the Co-op 2000 Committee, which is tasked with developing a plan for a new facility.

One that meets all the standards of safe seafood handling, processing, and storage. Also required is the installation of seawall along the property abutting the boat basis channel, to prevent erosion and property damage from surging storm waters. Aside from the construction of a seawall and a new building to house the Co-op's base operation, the Co-op 2000 Committee also envisions facility that will include housing of ancillary activities, including, but not limited to: a learning center, marine monitoring station, vendor spaces for tenants to promote and supply the local fisheries industry and space for value added product development of locally caught fish stock. Based on this vision, the Co-op plans to approach the project through the following construction stages, and these are not necessarily in sequence. Some of these now have changed to being concurrent activities.

Number one is the placement of the seawall, the first-floor building structure components, including seafood handling, receiving from the dock processing room storage, a new pump, a fuel pump monitoring station and office customer storefront equipped with display cases, manager's office, and some of the vendor spaces that we envision.

Long-term, an anchor tenant for restaurant services that have Co-op fish stocks on their menu, including the vending of Co-ops added value product development. Development of smoke fish products, packaged foods, et cetera, that will work well with the tenant's plan. Tenants offering supplies and products that support fishermen needs such as fishing, supply gear, and tackle.

Finally, tenants that offer specific Co-op souvenirs and gifts. Gift shop, where souvenirs can be bought clothing and other apparel and other local items that promote local fisheries and the community. The second-floor structure that is envisioned is a meeting or venue office space maritime learning center.

A classroom intended to provide opportunities for boater and Marine safety training. Boater interaction with the Coast Guard, reserve training and boat captain licensing programs that only would promote boating safety. Workshops and seminars educating fishermen on existing or proposed new regulations affecting the fishing industry, including fishing conservation practices, maritime search and rescue equipment with maritime radio monitoring stations. We do that now, but basically in a makeshift operation and value-added product development facility. Again, mentioned a bit above with smoked fish, prepared fish, et cetera. For funding of the Co-op 2000 Committee has been successful in securing funding

from the Guam Economic Development Authority, GEDA. In the amount of \$3 million from proceeds of the hotel occupancy tax, for which GEDA oversees and disperses to enhance Guam's economy.

In addition, The Port Authority of Guam, the oversee of the *Hagåtña* boat basin has also committed \$995,000 towards the construction of the seawall. While these funding sources are essential to the Co-ops vision as an updated sea facility and Marina, it will need additional funding sources to complete this vision.

Below is the Co-op's breakdown of construction phases and funding sources/needs as well as equipment needs for the facility. The breakdown is based on the funding that is currently available, which includes the construction of Phase One(A) and One(B) when additional funding is secured, the Co-op would be able to complete phases two and phase three.

So, with this breakdown Senators, the seawall has now been subsidized by the Port Authority to the tune of \$995,000. Phase One(B) is the first floor building, consisting of seafood handling, the receiving dock, processing room, and cold storage, new fuel pump monitoring room, storefront and equipment, the manager's office. Phase two, which is the construction of the first floor for tenant spaces on the ground floor.

Then finally the phase three, the second floor, which is the meeting and venue spaces for additional anchor tenants and uses that I mentioned also as well, the ancillary funding needs that I've listed also that once the facility is constructed, we would need processing and refrigeration and freezer equipment, storefront chiller displays, ice maker for fish supply, fish disposal, mensurater, and miscellaneous equipment, et cetera. That's about \$300,000 is a rough estimate. Second floor, tenant space finishing, carpeting, window treatments, et cetera would also be approximately \$112,000. There may even be some firefighting requirements, fire reserve tank requirements to meet fire protection requirements for the facility. That has to be funded somehow in this contingency fund of about \$472,000 and as well as the relocation to continue operations of the existing facility to three new containers that have already been erected, but haven't been built out and finished for the temporary operations for the Co-op.

So, the grand total that is for the project is \$6.8 million of which three million is already funded a million from the Port Authority. So, an additional funding source of \$3 million is

being requested based on the above cost projections. The Co-op would need an additional three minutes to complete the Co-op 2000 vision as a facility that is designed to promote safe seafood handling, processing, and vending, service a fishermen's and boater learning center, house a marine emergency response station, accommodating value added product development facility, lease out stalls for vendors to offer locally caught seafood products in their menu to sell fishing supplies, gear, and tackle and sell souvenir items aimed at promoting the Co-op's fishing activities and Island community.

One thing that I haven't mentioned, and this is in addition to what we were trying to envision above is that the Co-op continues its ongoing commitment with the following, providing a used oil and battery collection area for Mariners. So, we helped with protecting the environment, supporting the 4-H and the youth sustainable fisheries program with the University of Guam, foster its fisheries partnership with NOAA, that should be NOAA Science Center, the collection and compilation of fish data, size and weight and reproduction maturity of the reef and the bottom fish species, and finally (e) hold, whenever feasible, practical and annual deep sea fishing derbies. In conclusion, we are confident that passage of Resolution No. 63-36(COR) would demonstrate to the U.S. Congress that we are earnestly in pursuit of improving our islands fisheries as a means of helping our local economy and to that end, we ask Congress for their assistance in augmenting our funding towards this endeavor, sincerely Manny Duenas and Kin Flores. At this time, I'd like to entertain any questions

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Before we get to questions, if we could just upload the rendering that was provided by Mr. Flores, just so that those who are watching in the public can see this. I think my staff was going to do it by zoom or the audio. Can we upload it on the zoom and then switch to zoom, please?

Mr. Flores. I want to thank you and especially President Manny Duenas for this testimony, it's what you have laid out. It's just so exciting for me, I think for all of our community, the plans that have been made by the Fishermen's Co-op Association over many years, they're thorough, they're exciting, there's a lot of learnings, safety, economic, expansion. It really looks like it has the potential to really be a place people really want to be and I know right now, when the Fishermen's Co-op is having activities, it is a place where people want to be. It's always welcoming and exciting and the derbies are fantastic, and they do a lot of this

voluntarily. So, I just want to thank you all for all of that over the years, but I'm excited by what you've outlined in these plans. I think the foresight of it.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Madam Speaker, it's not in my testimony, but I just want to mention to the public that despite the facility, we were getting 200 tourists walk-ins a day, according to Mr. Duenas and they love that selfie on that front door with a sign behind them. So, it's quite a facility for the tourists. Number two, it's our sales, total sales, I believe in one particular in our heyday was in excess of \$1.3, \$1.4 million on an annual basis and we had employed more than 20 to 25 employees at the Co-op, at one point in time, our membership was as high as 130 that I recall. It may not be those numbers now, but it was quite the cooperative support for all fisheries where we can take advantage of economies of scale, we get discounts on fuel, we get discounts on ice. We get discounts on fish products from other fishermen, for sashimi, poki, kelaguen. Whatever products are produced, as members, we also get that discount. As Chris, Senator Duenas is well-known, he's been a board member in the past, and a member for many, many years.

As long as I've been a member for, I think for over 30 years now, it's a facility that we should cherish and promote.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you again and so we're ready now to load this up if we could put it up for everyone. There is the rendering of the Fishermen Co-op.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Sure, I can explain. What you see before you, is actually the front of the building now facing the Marina, the *Hagåtña* Boat Basin. This is an artist's rendition, so it's a virtual concept taken from the drawings, the CAD drawings. So, you would actually drive around on the ocean side to park, and you would enter the facility, the storefront, of the ocean side facing the boat basin.

Well, one of the things that we had to do for this building, which also drove costs up was the floods zone requirements. So, we had to elevate the building five feet above the ground with some breakaway borders around the bottom of it, the buildings and so that increased the building. Its foundation requirements required several, I think up to 50 concrete piles and that really put a constraint on the budget that was awarded to our local contractor. So, there was some value engineering that was done to an exercise to look at an effective foundation design and what we decided was to delete the concrete piles and use a mat foundation,

which is a monolithic one slab of concrete that's elevated above ground and to help lighten the building any way possible. So, some of the design was cut back due to budgetary constraints. I'm free to answer any questions that you have on this rendering.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: I'd like to recognize that Senator James Moylan is with us on zoom today as well and again, I'm here with the Minority Leaders, Senator Chris Duenas and Senator Joanne Brown and I'll let them go first. So, Senator Duenas.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: *Si Yu'os ma'åse* Madam Speaker. Kin, welcome. First of all, I want to say to the public that's viewing out there today, and those who are taking part in this hearing, please lift up Manny in prayer. There's absolutely nothing that would have stopped him from being here tonight, except for doctor's orders. So please pray for Manny for a quick healing and getting back to work at the Co-op. and then also being with us to crack the bottle of champagne on the corner of the building when this is done.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Congressman for reaching out to us. I want to thank you for moving quickly to get this resolution introduced and as you said Kin. Fifteen members and I understand there was absolutely no hesitation in getting the signatures onboard here, and so I really have no questions Kin, thank you and Manny for putting together a very comprehensive as the Speaker said, overview. I believe this is simply because it's a culmination of many, many years of this dream coming to fruition. We've had a lot of dedicated individuals. The GEDA money of course, that was also recognized by the late Speaker Ben Pangelinan, who saw this as a priority, and working with the Governor's office during that time. The money was set aside because there was a lot of competing interest on the hot bonds at that time and this was a priority. It was a priority from this Legislature during that time and it's still a priority. But we all now know right now, the actions on the federal side and the Congressman have really been able to get our profile elevated.

I think he's going to bring this home for us and it's something that's really needed. So, no questions really Kin. With the exception of maybe an understanding of the totality of the funding secured, what would be an ideal timeline and I think they brought you on board and made sure that this was your task because of your engineering background and not only that, but your love for fishing and the fisherman. So, is it even worth discussing just some timeline if all the funding were in place going forward?

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Yeah, that's a good question. I just checked upfront that the contractor, my friend, Joe Sicad and Tommy Tanaka are listening on zoom and so I said, hey make sure you guys are on this channel so that if I trip up with anything you guys can chime in, but I think they're just listening.

We'd like to have the seawall, is really what's dictating this, the permanenting with the Army Corps. We eliminated some features of the seawall by taking out some of the Gambian baskets that are considered discharged film material to be placed in the Marina and that now have been removed.

We just went with something simple with sheet piles, steel sheet piles with a concrete cap to provide the boardwalk and we're extending the seawall to about 120 feet. That's what's being planned for permitting now. The nice thing about that is when fishing derbies, you know, Senator that it's very crowded there.

So now that allows parking or mooring of additional vessels. Along that new seawall for this, and offloading your fish or getting, or unloading some supplies on the vessels. So, if we start late this month, May and we start the permitting process, that's a 90-day nationwide permit that is required. There's going to be some dredging to increase that along, right along the seawall because it's shallow. We're going to dredge some of that material. That would be disposed of upland. So, now it's easier to deal with in terms of a permit and so sheet piling is very common and will fall easily according to my discussions with the Army Corps, easily under a nationwide permit which already has been vetted for EPA and alternative effects analysis, et cetera. Very shortly thereafter, we're just trying to wrap up the final details of the building design for DPW permitting. We'd like to follow that concurrently with the seawall.

It's not necessary, but I think we can. I'm just pushing Joe and Tommy to do that, but it may start in May or June. Hopefully the permit process doesn't take very long with the government agencies. We normally plan for 60 days building permits. I'd like to get it in 45 days and then a 30-day mobilization. So, by June, July mid-July, you would have a building permit to construct. On or about the same time, you would have an Army Corps permit to construct the seawall. Two DPW permits would go in for the seawall and the building at the same time. Then construction will take us through next year, right around the three Q, maybe perhaps four.. But yeah, it's exciting. The challenges that we're facing with this site is that it's reclaimed land and the soil conditions were very poor as a result of some of the investigations

we did. So, the foundations for this building were very challenging. So, we moved it away from the seawall to find better stability in the soils and that's where we're going to build the new building and also avoid a lot of concrete piling. That's very costly for the structure. So, three Q four Q perhaps Senator is probably when we would do the groundbreaking and I mean, the champagne, we do the toasting for the new fishermen.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: That's their tradition on the vessel, Madam Speaker, but we might be duplicated in the building. but Kin I'll just wrap it up. It's really exciting. That timeline is exciting, and I think just for the viewing public, for their understanding as well, this is not just the Fishermen Co-op, that new seawall to be built and that additional dock space is going to accommodate a lot of the Marine activities that happen down there Madam Speaker. There'll be other opportunities for some of the dive boats, some of the other boats, as needed to be able to have the utility and Madam Speaker, also a lot of vessels other than fishing vessels also require a fueling and this is just going to make it so much safer and so much more environmentally friendly.

So, this is just incredibly comprehensive, something that Guam needs. You stole my selfie, and I was going to tell about that one, cause I used to tease Manny when I go in and I see all the tourists buying fish, I would shake my head and go "*Ai adai Manny, este na Co-op.*" and he said "*No, no, no, bobat don't kid yourself they love this place.*" There are millions of photos of this Co-op all over Asia, from our guests and so you're absolutely right on.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Just to add on, running a co-op it's not a cheap endeavor, with fixed labor costs, other requirements. There's gotta be some means to generate additional revenues to support operations and I think that was Manny's intention was to have these, an anchor tenant of some of some sort with long-term leasing to help support the Co-op promote the fisheries, promote the products that the fishermen catch and then develop other products like smoked fish or whatever can be done with their innovation and their ideas. That was the idea here was to help self-sustain even in the laws of the seasonality of fishing when there's no fish being caught. At least you have some revenues coming in to support the Co-op operation.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: Absolutely, Kin. I know that every visit that I have to family in Seattle, one of the first things I ask is let's head down to Ballard and that area and go to the dock and have lunch at Xi Noax and just hang out around there. Even the fishing

store there, the fish store there, will always tell us, we make good money on the fish, but this restaurant and all the trinkets and just people coming and enjoying themselves down there is really what... and so you're absolutely right. The vision of this is right on, it's timely and the people of Guam deserve this. Our Capitol city deserves this. It really speaks to who we are. I know the Farmer's Co-op has been very successful and that was millions of millions of dollars as well and this was just continued to provide that synergy Kin.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: On the second floor, if you notice there's an open deck and so, the open deck, God forbid that COVID doesn't continue when we have outdoor dining and there's an opportunity there for whoever has the ideas to develop that open deck and you have a beautiful view of the Marina. So, it's something else. It's a leasable space for somebody to have a party, reception party, whatever is desired. It's an opportunity to even use that outdoor space.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: Absolutely. So, Madam Speaker in closing, I just want to congratulate Kin. He's going to laugh on this one, but recently he became a grandpa again, and he's got another fisherman in preparation, so congratulations Kin and the grandkids. I know for sure, I will be coming into the dock, hopefully with a winning Marlin or Yellowfin when they join you for the Derby at the new Fishermen's Co-op.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: So, there's one problem with this project that is on my shoulders. I say, I don't have time to go fishing now, till this is completed.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: Well, we gotta fix that. Let's get it done so we can get back on the water.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Senator Christopher M. Duenas: *Si Yu'os ma'åse* Madam Speaker and thanks, Kin. Thanks for really helping Manny and all of us at the Co-op by taking on this responsibility, but I know that it's a pure labor of love for you. So, thank you to everyone at the Co-op, all of the board members and everybody who's going to see through this dream.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Thank you very much.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: *Si Yu'os ma'åse* Senator. Senator Brown, you are recognized.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Thank you very much Madam Speaker, certainly good evening to Kin Flores. Good to see you again in your other capacity. My last life in the Guam Legislature, we're talking probably 16, 15, 16, 17 years ago, was when the whole legislation went through with regards to the lease of the property and this discussion that we're having this evening that certainly Senator Duenas elaborated on was discussed then and we were actually looking forward to the restaurant that was going to be opening because we assumed it was definitely going to be a seafood restaurant. As you mentioned, the location is a very ideal place, certainly for our Island residents and visitors coming down. One of the things we don't do as much on Guam is really take advantage of our natural beauty and our proximity to the ocean.

It certainly matched very well together with the agenda of the Fishermen's Co-op and then as you mentioned, the subsidiary potential for business that could help support the Co-op and its activities. So, I'm certainly looking forward to the completion of this project. As you mentioned, it's been a long time in coming and putting all these pieces together.

Certainly, Mr. Duenas, Manny Duenas has always been such an advocate of this project for so many years and I think collectively, everyone's looking forward to just seeing the construction of this facility and the ultimate outcome of how this is going to benefit our community. I'm sure, having you, Mr. Flores on board is almost like a guarantee that we look forward to seeing the completion because I'm sure that you will be very focused on wanting to see this project completed as well. So, I really don't have any other comments other than that, and certainly look forward to being up on the roof one evening and having a nice dinner there with my family.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: You can have a beer or a glass of wine up there very soon. That's my vision and my focus.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Yes, and those, especially after the last year, now a year and a half, that we are going through this. I think those simpler, more enjoyable moments and appreciating the natural beauty of our island and our family and friends are probably the highest things on our list these days after everything we've seen.

So, I certainly look forward to the completion of this project. As I mentioned, it's been a long time in the making and I think we'd like to see it.

Kin Flores, Co-op 2000 Committee Chairperson: Sure, this is a valuable addition to the capital, and we want it to be an iconic building and a facility where everybody who comes to Agana, whether they be running the track or fishing or buying fish products, at least they would remember this facility for a long time to come.

Senator Joanne M. Brown: Well, it's one of those things that continue to make Guam good. So certainly, I look forward to it with that. Thank you very much. Madam speaker.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, Senator. I'd like to recognize Senator Moylan, who's with us on zoom right now.

Senator James C. Moylan: Thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Flores for your presentation, really enjoyed looking at the design as well.

It's a project I believe is long overdue and really looking forward to it. I'll also want to thank Congressman Mike San Nicolas for bringing this forward and getting the initiative working for us. I'm looking forward to moving this measure quickly across the floor so we can all support the endeavors of Fishermen's Co-op and Mr. Flores, we'll have a cheers up on top of the balcony there. So, thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

Chairperson Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you, Senator Moylan. I think what they said, I totally agree. Many dreams went into this, a lot of hard work over many years and the more I think about it, the more you talk about it, the more excited I get about what a beautiful, if we added one thing to *Hagatna* and we put our hot bond money into one thing in *Hagatna*, this had to be it and it's going to be beautiful. Thank you for your work. Again, thank you to Manny Duenas for all his work over the years, advocating for the bond money, for the lease, for the bond money to go here to make sure that when they start to have issues that we find another way. And I want to thank so many members of the Fishermen's Co-op who came up to hearings to ensure that the legislature made it a priority and that it was included in different legislations. There were several because I've researched this when they did the first groundbreaking of the Co-op and there were so many legislations to support the Co-op.

So, here we are many years later, finally getting to use this hot bond money and hopefully the additional money to cover the additional expenses because of what you described, the challenges that, because of the ground and other things and also, it took the whole

community and the Governor this year put in, the port put in the additional money for the seawall.

So, I hope it's a great example to Congress and that our Congressman is successful in his bid to get those community support grants for this project. I think it's a perfect project for the entire community. I want to read again your whole list and thank you again, the details that you put into your testimony as to what this space is going to include, and just the economic diversification parts of it are so exciting. But the community parts, when you describe it, I have so many fond memories of the Fishermen's Co-op and that's just because the fishermen have made it welcome and they've made it accessible for all of us in the community. They've made it practical. They've helped us to help our families through their work and their endeavors. So again, I can't say enough. I hope you don't mind that I attached your testimony to a press release I will issue. I'm hoping the media is going to pick up on all the details of what's going to be included in this building.

It's beautiful. Beautiful. And again, thank you all. And prayers for you, Manny, if you're listening and prayers for safety for all of you fishermen. Thank you. Thanks again to all my colleagues here today with me at the hearing and all fifteen senators who unanimously supported this. I was very excited and I'm very proud that we are going to put this type of representation to Congress.

So, we hope we can get this on our agenda this week to vote on it. Thanks to the Congressman for reaching out to me to work together on this and for everybody's work in the community. Thank you for your testimony Mr. Flores and for being here today.

There being no additional testimony this public hearing is now adjourned.

The Hybrid Public Hearing was adjourned at **6:30 PM**.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The realization of an enhanced and safer Fishermen's Co Op facility has been a longstanding mission of the Guam Fishermen's Co-op Association led by the tireless dedication of President Manuel F. Dueñas, Association members, the local fishing community, business community and the entire community of Guam as evidenced by the

support of the Guam Legislature through a long-term Government land lease and other legislation, dedication of Hotel Occupancy Tax Bond proceeds to the Fishermen's Co-op expansion, and additional funding through the Guam Port Authority of Guam, which oversees the Hagatña Boat Basin, for the construction costs of the seawall.

Plans for the facility were drafted in 2005 and in 2017, a groundbreaking for the facility was held. However, the project has since been delayed by various challenges which include necessary design changes to comply with flood zone regulations and address poor soil conditions near the sea wall, which have significantly raised the costs of completing the project, as well as delays from the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the public hearing, Co-op 2000 Building Committee Chairperson Joaquin Flores, provided testimony detailing the updated renovation design plans and on-going construction stages that include placement of the sea wall, first floor building structure components, vendor spaces and the second-floor building structure, as well as a detailed breakdown of current funding resources and ancillary funding needs which are estimated at three million dollars.

Mr. Flores read into the record joint testimony signed by GFCA President Manuel Dueñas and himself, representing the Guam Fishermen's Coop Association's full support of Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), as a means to demonstrating to the U.S. Congress the community's earnest pursuit to improve our fisheries as a means of helping our local economy.

In his written testimony on Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas emphasized our community's commitment to developing a new Fishermen's Co-op as an essential step towards supporting the expansion of the island's local fishing industry and economic diversification, the importance of securing Community Project Funding to carry the project into fruition and further expressed the sentiment that the renovation of the Co-op is "fundamentally intertwined with our collective health, climate crisis responses, and connection to history and identity."

Resolution No. 63-36 (COR) was introduced by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, with the co-sponsorship of all senators of the 36th Guam Legislature in full support of Congressman Michael F. Q. San Nicolas efforts to seek federal funding through the House Committee on Appropriations Community Project Funding Program, to support additional funding needed for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje hereby reports out Resolution No. 63-36 (COR), with the recommendation: TO DO ADOPT.

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *Tmt*
Christopher M. Duenas *CMD*
Telena Cruz Nelson *Telena C. Nelson*
Tina Rose Muña Barnes *Tina R. Muña Barnes*
Amanda L. Shelton *Amselton*
Sabina Flores Perez *SFP*
Frank F. Blas Jr. *FFB Jr.*
Clynton E. Ridgell *CER*
Joe S. San Agustin *JS*
Jose "Pedo" Terlaje *JPT*
V. Anthony Ada *VAD*
Joanne Brown *JB*
James C. Moylan *JCM*
Telo T. Taitague *TTT*
Mary Camacho Torres *Mary C. Torres*

Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** tourism is Guam's single largest industry, generating \$1.4 billion
4 annually, representing sixty percent (60%) of Guam's annual business revenue and
5 employing over 18,000 island residents, which is thirty one percent (31%) of non-
6 federal employment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the arrival of COVID-19 on the island has decimated the tourism
2 industry, causing economic instability and leaving Guam to suffer the consequences
3 more deeply than other states and territories with more diversified economies,
4 emphasizing the fact that Guam can no longer be dependent on a single economic
5 strategy; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Guam business and government leaders have been in continuous
7 discussions on ways to diversify the local economy as we emerge from the devastations
8 of the pandemic to be prepared for future economic disruptions; and *I Liheslaturan*
9 *Guåhan* and the community of Guam have long recognized that the Guam Fishermen’s
10 Co-op, managed by the community nonprofit Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative
11 Association, is one of the pillars of Guam’s economic strategy for sustainability, which
12 is especially crucial as Guam continues to diversify from a vulnerable tourism industry;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, in addition to food sustainability and the economic benefits of an
15 expanded fishing industry, renovation and expansion of the Fishermen’s Co-op facility
16 will foster increased inter-island commerce and tourism throughout the Marianas
17 archipelago. The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association specializes in the sale of
18 local seafood caught daily by local fishermen and aims to encourage the island’s
19 younger generations to continue the perpetuation of the local fishing tradition while
20 serving as the center of information on local and federal policies and advocating for
21 policies that support the local fishing community and a deeper understanding of the
22 marine ecosystem that is central to our island community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, for over forty-four (44) years, the Fishermen’s Co-op has been
24 operating out of its *Hagåtña* facility, in desperate need of full renovation from years of
25 wear-and-tear which greatly affect the Co-op’s daily operations, typhoons, and a need
26 to expand capacity. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* had passed laws pre-COVID providing

1 modest funding mechanisms for the refurbishment of the facility; such plans include a
2 restored Fishermen’s Co-op facility and an expansion of a new and safer fueling pier
3 and docks that will be made available to commercial boats that service Guam’s local
4 and tourist water sports activities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, construction of the new Fishermen’s Co-op facility was impeded
6 by major challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic; competition for skilled
7 workers causing an increase in projected costs; compliance with the flood zone
8 regulations, requiring the new facility to be raised five (5) feet above ground level from
9 the original design to comply with codes; and poor soil conditions nearer the sea wall,
10 which is being built to reinforce the shoreline, resulting in a more costly foundation
11 design; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s fisheries operate mostly on a small-scale basis, revealing
13 that this industry is underutilized. The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association
14 grosses approximately \$1.5 million annually. With the construction of a new and
15 improved facility, there is an opportunity for the development of a Guam longline fleet,
16 and expanded capacity at every level, resulting in community jobs and economic
17 diversity in the heart of Hagatña, Guam’s capital, and throughout the island; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives
19 Committee on Appropriations announced that it would be accepting Members’ requests
20 for Community Project Funding in appropriation bills for FY 2022 and in the coming
21 weeks, the House Appropriations Committee will provide additional information
22 regarding which accounts and programs will be eligible for Community Project Funding
23 requests and the criteria necessary for consideration in those areas. In addition, the
24 Committee will provide support to members so they can submit strong requests that
25 meet urgent needs in their communities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas (D-Guam)
2 intends to request for Community Project Funding in appropriations bills and grants for
3 FY2022 to assist the Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association in completing the
4 construction of its new facility and the correlating expansion of our local fishing
5 industry; now, therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
8 of Guam, fully support the renovation and expansion of the Guam Fishermen’s Co-op
9 facilities as fundamental to the development of an expanded fishing industry on Guam,
10 as a critical pillar to the diversification of Guam’s economy and sustainability, and as
11 indispensable to the development of safe, state of the art, ecosystem friendly inter-island
12 marine activities and commerce for our entire community; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, the *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does further
14 respectfully request the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding
15 for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the
16 correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry in appropriations bills and
17 grants for FY2022 ; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,
19 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
20 be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate
21 to U.S. Congress House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
22 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF APRIL 2021.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary