

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	DATE REFERRED	COMMITTEE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	SESSION DATE	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
37GL-23-1325	Ronald T. Laguana	Member	Guam Ancestral Lands Commission	12/5/23	Four (4) Years, September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027	12/12/23	Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture	1/8/24 1:00 p.m.	1/11/24 3:44 p.m.			



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

*I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 37th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

January 10, 2024

**The Honorable Chris Barnett** *DUB*  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules  
*I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña Guam, 96910

**RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.**

*Håfa Adai* Chairperson Barnett:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027 and which was referred to the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 7 TO CONFIRM
- \_\_\_\_\_ TO NOT CONFIRM
- \_\_\_\_\_ TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- \_\_\_\_\_ TO ABSTAIN
- \_\_\_\_\_ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Received:

January 11, 2024 12:32 p.m.

*Beatrice Cruz*

Sincerely,

*Therese M. Terlaje*  
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

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

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

## COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATION of

Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a  
Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands  
Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years  
from September 18, 2023 to September  
17, 2027.



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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

January 10, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

**From:** Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Reappointment of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the reappointment of **Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.**

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

December 12, 2023

**To:** **Joaquin P. Taitague**  
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Darleen Hiton**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Senator Chris Barnett**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Referral of Reappointment**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!*

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §9.01, Rule IX of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following reappointment:

**Appointee:** **Ronald T. Laguana**

**Position:** **Member**

**Term Length:** **Four (4) Years; September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027**

Please refer the following document:

“[Doc. No. 37GL-23-1325](#) – Office of the Governor – Reappointment and Supporting Documents for Ronald T. Laguana, Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.”

Ensure the reappointment is referred to the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture chaired by Speaker Therese M. Terlaje. I also request that the same be forwarded to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin J.A. Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



Note that the Legislature has taken steps to ensure that any protected personal identifying information has been redacted or excluded in whole or in part in order to protect the privacy of any individual(s) whose information has been included as part of this transmittal.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

December 5, 2023

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

37GL-23-1325  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Time: 5:40pm  
Received: [Signature]

**RE: Board Reappointment**

*Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:*

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the applicable local laws, 21 GCA § 80103, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Ronald T. Laguana  
POSITION: Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission  
TERM LENGTH: **Four (4) Years; September 18, 2023, to September 17, 2027**

The reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

*Senseramente,*

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
*Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Acting Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam*



37GL-23-1325

Messages and Communications

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Committee on Rules

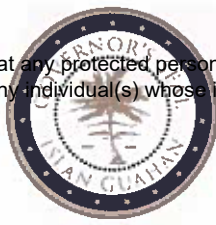
December 11, 2023

2:03 p.m.

*Kamarin Nelson*

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR

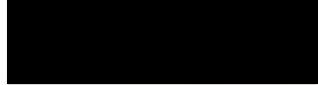


JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

**UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

December 5, 2023

**RONALD A. LAGUANA**



*Hafa Adai* Mr. Laguana:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 21 GCA § 80103, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION**  
**Term Length: Four (4) Years; September 18, 2023, to September 17, 2027**

Your reappointment is a testament to your commitment to public service and your faithful execution of the great responsibilities that this position requires. I am confident that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend my gratitude for your continued service in this important role.

As you are aware, this reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano with the Office of the Governor at (671) 473-1121.

*Senseramente,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua F. Tenorio".

**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
*Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Acting Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM  
Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet**

The following information is required for submission to the  
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

<b>Last Name</b> LAGUANA	<b>First Name</b> RONALD	<b>Middle Initial</b> T.
<b>Mailing Address</b> [REDACTED]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [REDACTED]	<b>State</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Zip Code</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Phone</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**EDUCATION**

<b>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</b>	<b>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>TYPE OF DEGREE</b>	<b>YEAR EARNED</b>
<b>High School</b> John F. Kennedy High School, Tamuning, Guam	1974-1977	High School Diploma	1977
<b>College</b> University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam	1977-1989	BA Education	1989
<b>Graduate School</b> University of Guam, (36 plus Ed. graduate credits)	1989-1993	Master Equivalency	
<b>Other Degree</b> Master Educator Certification			2012



## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education Chamorro Studies & Special Projects Division (CSSP) Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Administrator
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2000-2015

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education CSSP Division Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> School Program Consultant
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1990-2000

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Chamorro Language and Culture Specialist
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1990-2000

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education Agueda Johnston Middle School Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Chamorro Language and Culture Teacher
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1981-82, 1984-1990

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Department of Education F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> World Geography/Bilingual-Bicultural Teacher
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1982-1983

## PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> N/A		<b>Position Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

### PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> University Manor Condominiums		<b>Position Title</b> Condominium Superintendent
<b>Address</b> Mangilao, Guam	<b>Phone No.</b> 647-5003	<b>Dates Held</b> 2000-2016

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> Discover Guam, "The Local Way"		<b>Position Title</b> Tour Director/Ambassador Escort
<b>Address</b> Tumon, Guam	<b>Phone No.</b> 646-4238	<b>Dates Held</b> 2000-2015

### TRAINING

<b>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Nat'l Ass for Bilingual/Bicultural Education (NABE) Annual Conf.	1981-2015
Center for Nat'l Origin, Race, Sex, Equity (CNORSE) Annual Conf.	1981-2000
Pacific Resources for Eduation & Learning (PREL)	1981-2015
North West Regional Laboratory Annual Conf.	1981-2000

### AWARDS

<b>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member of the Year 2018, YMLG</li> <li>-GVB Excellence In Tourism Award 2004</li> <li>-Legislative Resolution, Recognition for Service to GDOE 37 years of Government Services, Retirement 2015</li> <li>-Legislative Resolutions (Annual Chamorro Month Celebration 2000-2015)</li> <li>-Indigenous Pioneer of the Year Award 2013 (PIBBA)</li> </ul>

### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

<b>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-CERT (First Responder, Community Emergency Response Team) GHS/OCD</li> <li>-Joint Information Center (JIC, GHS-OCD) GDOE RAC Duty 2000-2015</li> <li>-NGSWC Regional Rep in National Organization of Conservation Districts (NACD) 2003-2015</li> <li>-Certified Diver NAUI &amp; PADI</li> <li>-Bonfide Farmer (DOA) 2014-Present</li> <li>-Chauffeurs License ABG</li> <li>-Registered Chamorro Language Interpreter (SCG &amp; US District Court of Guam)</li> </ul>

## COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

### List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

- Young Men's League of Guam, Board Member - Present
- Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, Vice-Chair - 2002-2019
- Member, UOG Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition-2018-Present
- Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam (FCAG), Board Member - 2020
- Northern Guam Soil & Water Conservation (Director - Chair), 2013-2018
- Amot Farm, Board Member 2018-Present
- Nasion Chamoru (Traditional Council Language & Culture)

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

- Executive Producer, Guam's 1st Animated Movie entitled, "Maisa", 2015
- Children's Chamoru language book entitled, "I Mannok" (CSSPD/GDOE) 2015
- Co-Author: Introduction to Guam, It's History & Culture of the Chamoru People (In Japanese language) 2012
- Children's Chamoru language, storybook, "I Mangga'chong-hu Gi Tasi" (My Friends in the Sea) 1997
- Contributing Translator - Fino' Siha put Kinalamten Salut yan Inutet Gi Fino' Chamoru (Behaviorial Health and Disabilities Glossary in Chamoru) 2017

## MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
N/A			

## OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Infraction Committed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

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**(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?**

Yes  No

**(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?**

Yes  No  If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**

**Statement of Financial Interests**

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

**TO:** The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
Governor of Guam  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

**FROM:** Ronald T. Laguana

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST

Ronald T. Laguana  
Signature

11/17/2023  
Date

**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Ronald T. Laguana   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Signature

11/17/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center | 120 West O'Brien Drive | Hagåtña, Guam 96910 | (671) 475-3370 | Fax: (671) 475-0078

**Name:** RONALD A LAGUANA

**Driver's License ID #:** [REDACTED]

**DOB:** [REDACTED]

### CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

**Criminal Cases:**  
**No Cases Found**

**Civil Cases:**

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

**Dated:** 11/17/2023

**Sophia Santos Diaz**  
Clerk of Court

By: Ventura Salenga Jr

**Prepared by: Ventura Salenga Jr,**  
Deputy Clerk I



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**Government of Guam**  
**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION**  
P.O. Box 23909  
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921

November 21, 2023

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>Ronald A. LAGUANA</b>		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b>	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	<b>[REDACTED]</b>
<b>■</b>	<b>The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.</b>		

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\***

*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*

**By Direction: BARBIE**

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
REVISED 04/26/19

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police



Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Ronald Laguana's nomination. I trust that his reappointment will bring immense value to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission and contribute to the preservation of our cultural heritage for generations to come.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JTB' followed by a flourish.

John T. Burch  
Executive Director



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

## FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings –Monday, January 8, 2023 starting at 1:00 PM

**Speaker Therese M. Terlaje** <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com> Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 8:53 AM  
To: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>, Office of Senator Shelton Guam Legislature <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.org>, "Senator Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>, Senator Dwayne San Nicolas <senatorsannicolas@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Roy Quinata <officeofsenatorquinata@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>, "Honorable Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>, Chris Duenas <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>, "Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr." <office@senatorfrankblas.com>, Senator Jesse Lujan <senatorlujan@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Thomas Fisher <senatorfisher@guamlegislature.org>, phnotice@guamlegislature.org  
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December 29, 2023

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media  
From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

Subject: **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings –Monday, January 8, 2023 starting at 1:00 PM**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai,*

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**MICHAEL SANTOS MAFNAS**

"Mike" of Dededo, passed away Nov. 29, 2023, at age 35. Last respects Dec 30, 2023, at Santa Barbara Catholic Church Lower Level from 9am-10:30am. Mass for a Christian burial at 11am. Private Cremation will follow at Our Lady of Peace in Winward Hills, Yona.

**LYDIA GUERRERO QUIDACHAY DEDIJS**

"Len" Familian Kodac of Agat passed away on Dec 15, 2023, at age 72. Mass of Intention is offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Agat. Last respects Jan. 6, 2023, at ADA'S Mortuary in Sinajana from 9am-11am. Burial follows at Tiguag Cemetery in Nimitz Hill.

**MANUEL ABES DE LEON**

"Ka Manny" of Barrigada passed away Dec. 9, 2023, at age 81. Viewing and Last Respects Dec. 30 from 9:30-11:30am at Our Lady of Peace Funeral Home, Barrigada. Interment Services will follow at Our

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**ROSE HOPKINS CASTRO**

"Sissy", of Hågat, passed away Dec. 16, 2023, at age 71. Mass of intention at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Hågat. Last respects Dec 30, 2023, from 8am-11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Mass for a Christian Burial at 12pm, followed by interment at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada.

**JARREN ANTHONY CRUZ PANGELINAN**

Of Yona died on Dec. 20, 2023, at age 29. Viewing and Last respects Dec. 30, 2023, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Toto, from 9-11am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11am. Interment follows at Vicente Limtiaco Cemetery in Nimitz Hill, Piti.

**JOSEPH DAVID LIMTIACO SANTOS**

"Joe" of Barrigada passed away Dec. 22, at age 85. Mass of Intentions nightly 6pm

San Vicente Parish, Barrigada, rosary follows. Last night 12/30 530pm. Last Respects Jan. 6, from 9am - 12:30pm, followed by 1pm Mass of Christian Burial at Niño Perdido y Sagraada Familia Church, Asan. Interment Services follow at Guam Veterans Cemetery, Piti.

**FRANCIS CANICE QUITUGUA**

"Frankie/Kiko" of Yigo passed away Dec. 18, 2023, at age 54. Mass of Christian Burial will be Jan. 3, 2024, at 9am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Yigo, followed by burial at Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti.

**DARLENE CRUZ SHOLING**

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**LIBERATO H. RUBRICO**

"Boy" of Dededo passed away Dec. 27, 2023 at age 85. Last Respects



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January 5, 2024

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media  
From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Chairperson *TMT*  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE**

**OF  
BERNADINO CRUZ TAJERON  
AND ANA DIVERA TAJERON,  
Deceased.**

PROBATE CASE NO: PR0012-19

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

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A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration is set for January 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the Superior Court of Guam, Hagåtña, Guam.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the time and place set for said hearing and show cause, if any, they have, why the Petition should not be granted.

/s/ GEORGETTE BELLO CONCEPCION, ESQ.  
Attorney for Petitioners

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM  
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**OF  
SAMMY HSIUNG HSIEH,  
Deceased.**

PROBATE CASE NO: PR0198-23

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/s/ TERENCE M. BROOKS, ESQ.  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM**

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OF  
BENIGNO M. PALOMO,  
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PROBATE CASE NO. PR0145-23

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the undersigned counsel for the Petitioner and Administrator of the Estate of Benigno M. Palomo, Decedent, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said Estate or against said Decedent, that within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this Notice, they either file such claims with necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam, or exhibit them with necessary vouchers to the Law Offices of Minakishi V. Hemlani, P.C., Suite C-312 OP Plaza, 285 Faresholt Ave. Tamuning, Guam 96913, the same being the place for the transaction of said estate.

Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Marinna Julian, Esq.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
ANTHONY JOSEPH MENDIOLA ARTERO,  
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PROBATE CASE NO. PR0206-23

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media  
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**Speaker Therese M. Terlaje** <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 28, 2023 at 3:54 PM

To: John Burch &lt;john.burch@galc.guam.gov&gt;, Ron Eclavea &lt;ronald.eclavea@galc.guam.gov&gt;

December 28, 2023

***Transmitted via Electronic Mail***

John Burch, Executive Director  
Guam Ancestral Lands Commission  
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Guam Ancestral Lands Commission  
[ronald.eclavea@galc.guam.gov](mailto:ronald.eclavea@galc.guam.gov)

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- [Bill No. 153-37\(LS\)](#)- Frank Blas, Jr./ Thomas J. Fisher/ Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 80.37(b) TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 80, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE POSSESSION OR USE OF AN EXPLOSIVE OR AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY.
- [Bill No. 155-37\(LS\)](#)- William A. Parkinson- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 164 TO TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "UNIFORM ACT TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES FROM WITHOUT A STATE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS."

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Date: Monday, January 8, 2024

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1	John Burch	GALC			✓	✓		✓
2	Fred Bondre	DOC						✓
3	Ron Edavea	GALC						✓
4	SEVERINA ATALIE	MARIANAS AGUPA TALKSHOW						
5	David Herrera	SELF						✓
6	VINCENT MINATON	SELF						✓
7	Ronald Laguana	GALC				✓		✓
8	Jeanette Tautaro	SELF						✓
9	Mae R. Ade							✓
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1	EARL GARRIDO	SC18	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	✓	✓	✓	
2	Ben C. Paris	YULG	[REDACTED]	D.egabbe@clay...			✓	
3	David Lucas	SC1A	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		✓		
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1	Robert N. Celestial	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]					
2	Zenon E. Belanger	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	zenonb@guam.net				✓
3	Peter Santos	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]				✓
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Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

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1 message

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**Bob Pelkey** <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 at 8:59 AM

To: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Cc: Ronbo Laguana <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Hafa Adai Honorable Speaker,

I would like to provide my support of the Nomination of Mr. Ronald Laguana to serve on the Guam Ancestral Land Commission. Señot Laguana has been committed to protecting our language, culture and our Natural resources. I believe that he is an excellent representative of the Chamoru heritage and history and that he will provide valuable guidance towards the mission of GALC.

Without reservations, I highly recommend that he be confirmed as a member of the GALC, so he can continue his positive service for our island and the people who call Guam home!

Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Ronald Laguana's Nomination.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse

Si Bob Pelkey

Prisidente, YMLG



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

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## Letter in Support of Senot Ronald Laguana

1 message

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Denise Cruz <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 11:47 AM

To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Cc: Denise Cruz <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

To The Committee on Health and the Members of 37th Guam Legislature:

This letter is in support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguáña (aka Senot Ron) from Dededo in his re-appointment to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission for an additional four years.

My knowledge of Senot Ron has been for approximately 50 years plus and his dedication, faith, support and passion for the island of Guam and her people cannot be matched.

He has demonstrated his commitment to the promotion and preservation of the CHamoru Culture in a number of capacities both personally and professionally.

What stands out and is most impressive is his inspirational practices of the CHamoru way of life with both his peers and the next generation of island leaders.

His educational background provides an array of knowledge, skills and abilities that he continues to give to the islands people in every aspect of what he does. We all look forward to what lies ahead with Senot Laguana holding a seat on the Commission.

It is truly my honor and an absolute privilege to submit this letter of support for a genuinely committed advocate of Guam and her people.

With the highest regard, I support the confirmation of the re-appointment of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguáña to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Sinsramente,  
Denise Chargualaf Cruz

Sent from my iPhone



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

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## Error Correction, Testimony for Proposed Reconfirmation of Ronald T. Laguana as Member to Ancestral Land Commission

1 message

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Dorothy Laguana [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 2:54 PM

(Error Correction on Salutation)

Delete: Buenas yan Hafa nai Adai  
Replace with: Buenas yan Hafa Adai

Dispensa yu. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai,

My name is Dorothy Laguana and am writing to testify in support of my brother Ronald Laguana's proposed reconfirmation to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC). I just want to point out that my brother is an active Chamorro in our community, our island.

Since Ronald was young, he has always maintained strong convictions to preserve and protect our land, culture, language and its people. He learned and spoke Chamorro at an early age. Despite my father's firm discipline to speak English in our home, my brother spoke Chamorro and with my mother's discreet influence and support. In his later years, he studied the Chamorro Language and acquired his master's equivalency to become a Chamorro teacher and ultimately, he became Head of the Chamorro Language Commission.

As the youngest of 6 brothers, he loved accompanying my father or grand uncle, or uncle, and along with his older male siblings to our family property—we call our ranch. They randomly made trips on the week days to farm the land. As a family, we often spend the weekends from morning to afternoon in our grandparent's property to collectively till, prepare or harvest the land. We would plant and replant sweet potatoes, taro, wing beans, bitter melon, pupulu. We grew lemai trees, pugua trees, limon chi'na and lemon dimello trees, mango trees, bilimbini (star apple) trees and numerous other local fruits and vegetables. To put simply, we are a farming family who my father and his father, our grandfather, impressed on us, and served as our role models, to nurture and farm our family land. My grandmother, too, loved to spend her days on the land. Aside from his profession as a banker, my father loved fishing, hunting and farming our land.

So as you can see, my brother has deep-seated roots in his love for the land. To this day, behind his home is land that he nurtures, tills and plants and harvests banana, lemon, papaya, lemai and kammachili trees. I am certain that my brother will not disappoint you in preserving and protecting our Chamorro land, the peoples' land. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Sent from my iPhone



Speaker Therese M. Terlaje &lt;senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com&gt;

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Earl <[REDACTED]>  
To: "Speaker Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 11:24 AM

Testimony for Ronald T. Laguana

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Hafa Adai, and Good Afternoon to the esteem Speaker of the 37th Guam Legislature Therese M. Terlaje and the Honorable Senators in attendance. I thank you, for allowing me (Earl J. Garrido), to appear before this august body. I come before you today to give testimony on behalf of Ronald T. Laguana, the nominee for the Guam Ancestral Land Trust Commission.

As a nominee for the Guam Ancestral Land Trust Commission, Ronald T. Laguana's passion for protecting and preserving ancestral lands will serve as an invaluable asset to the commission. His deep connections to the land and his understanding of the importance of preserving Guam's heritage for future generations make him an ideal candidate for this important role.

Allow me to open my testimony with my definition of leadership and integrity. The characteristics of a good leader can vary, but here are some common traits that are often associated with effective leadership:

1. Integrity: A good leader should possess strong moral and ethical principles, like knowing right from wrong and consistently acting in accordance with those values.

2. Conviction: It is important for a leader to have strong beliefs and stand up for what they believe is right. This can inspire others and create a

sense of purpose within a team or organization.

3. Legitimacy: Leaders who speak from the heart, and are genuine in their actions tend to earn the trust and respect of their followers. Being true to oneself, and transparent in communications can foster strong relationships.

4. Service-oriented: Good leaders prioritize the needs and well-being of their team members. They are willing to serve and support others, rather than seeking personal gain or glory.

5. Strong values: Leaders with ingrained values provide a consistent moral compass for their team. This helps guide decision-making, and promotes a sense of unity and shared purpose.

6. Resilience: Effective leaders are able to persevere through challenges and setbacks. They demonstrate resilience and inspire others to do the same, creating a positive and determined environment.

7. Empathy: A good leader understands and cares about the feelings, needs, and perspectives of others. They are able to listen actively, show compassion, and consider diverse viewpoints.

It seems that Ronald T. Laguana possesses many of these characteristics based on the descriptions provided. However, it is important to note that leadership is a complex and multifaceted concept, and these traits are not exhaustive.

In closing I have known Ronald T. Laguana's family for decades. The family is upright and moral in their convictions. The family's patriarch instilled deep moral values in their upbringing. Ron knows right from wrong and is morally motivated to stand up for right! Ron speaks from his

heart and will defend his convictions for himself and others. Ron continues to serve and brings to the table moral and ingrained values. Ron stands for righteous convictions with right being his standard benchmark.

Ronald T. Laguana embodies these qualities to the highest degree. His dedication to serving the people of Guam and his advocacy for the preservation of ancestral lands is evident in his actions and his unwavering commitment to his community. His leadership and integrity have been evident throughout his career and his involvement with numerous community organizations including the Ancestral Land Trust Commission.

I urge, the esteem members of the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature to consider and support Ronald T. Laguana's qualifications and his dedication to the people of Guam when making your decision. Remember that true leaders are not always the ones with the loudest voices, but the ones who lead by examples and have the best interest of our community at heart.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and may we continue working towards a future that honors and preserves the rich heritage and ancestral lands of Guhan!

Si Yu'os Ma'ase

**Earl J. Garrido**

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

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## Reappointment of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to GALC

1 message

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Elizabeth Aguigui <[REDACTED]>  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>  
Cc: Elizabeth Aguigui <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 8:10 AM

GALC Testimony

I strongly support the reappointment of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to the board of Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC). I have always found Mr. Laguana to be extremely knowledgeable and thoughtful as he considers some of the difficult decisions that the land board is charged with making. Mr. Laguana has very strong background in natural science, natural resource management and Chamoru Cultural issues. The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission will continue to benefit greatly from his knowledge, wisdom, and experiences.

Thank you for considering my comments on Mr. Laguana's reappointment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Aguigui



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

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## Testimony : Ronald A.T.Laguaña

1 message

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**Geri Flores** [REDACTED]  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 1:55 AM

RE: Written Testimony in Support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguáña

Hafa Adai Senator,

I am writing this letter in support of our Islander Brother Ronald A. T. Laguaña

For his reappointment to serve as a member of the Ancestral Lands Commission.

I've been personally acquainted with Señor Ron from JFK Class of 77 for the past 15 years , mostly active in planning for our reunions . During the course of all our meetings, our group created a bond that I now consider my second family .

In the short time I have known Ronald , I see how dedicated and passionate he is in preserving our CHamoru Culture & Language . His many accomplishments in Education and community work are proof of his love for our island .

He continues to be a great advocate for Guahan and our people & an asset to the commission . This second reappointment proves him to be honest, loyal and professional .

It is an honor to support the confirmation of Ronald A.T.Laguaña for his re-appointment to serve in the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Sincerely ,

Geraldine B. Flores

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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

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## Reappointment of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to GALC

1 message

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Jacinta Perez [REDACTED]  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com  
Cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 at 3:27 PM

GALC Testimony

I support the reappointment of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to the board of Guam Ancestral Lands commission (GALC). Mr. Laguana is a Chamorro and speaks Chamorro and knowledge on Natural resource, cultural issues. Mr. Laguana will be an asset to (GALC) and thank you for considering Mr. Laguana for this reappointment.

Si Yu os Ma ase.

Jacinta T Perez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



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## Letter for Support to Serve for Mr Ron Laguana

3 messages

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**Lisa Mosher** [REDACTED]  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 12:05 PM

Senator / Speaker Therese Terlaje and Senators

1-(671) [REDACTED]

Date - Jan 7, 2024 ( as I am currently off Island )

Subject - Letter for Support to Reconfirm and Serve as Program Administrator for Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Buenas yan Hafa Adai.

My name is Lisa M Mosher. [REDACTED]  
- Resident/TaxPayer on Guam Aug 1 1990 (40th Anniversary - Organic Act of Guam - 1950)  
- GDOE Teacher (12/5/1990- Present...GWHS)

I am providing this Letter of Support for Mr Ron Laguana to be confirmed for another 4 yr Term as Program Administrator for GALC. I have know Mr Ron Laguana since I relocated to Guam. I met him through both families in Oregon and Guam , GDOE , C and I , Chamorru Language, UoG- Chamorru , MLI , MARC Professors and Researchers.

He is a very passionate advocate , teacher , and historian of Chamorru Language and Culture. I have had the fortune to teach a few of his children at GWHS. I believe he was with GDOE in different capacities for 36-37 yrs before retiring. He was a main advocate for making sure Chamorru Language continues / isn't lost ... most especially in working with not only GDOE and other entities to insure future generations (K-12) study , learn , etc. in Chamorru Arts, Culture, History, and Language from as far back as the birth of the Mariana's Islands through the Present.

He has served 15 yrs for the GALC. The GALC has benefitted and continues to be strong due to his passion, knowledge, commitment, leadership and his networking with others to make sure Chamorru Culture and Language does not disappear.

I fully support that he continues for another 4 yr term. I know myself and many others would like him to continue. Biba Guam. Biba Chamorru. Biba GALC.

It is my pleasure to advocate, support and recommend your favorable renewal of 4 more years of his Leadership for the GALC.

Sincerely and Respectfully~

Lisa M Mosher  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**Lisa Mosher** [REDACTED]  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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**Lisa Mosher** [REDACTED]

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 12:27 PM



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## In Support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguá'ña

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LPA Schulte [REDACTED]  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com  
Cc: [REDACTED]

Sun, Dec 31, 2023 at 1:39 PM

December 31, 2023

RE: Written Testimony in Support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguá'ña

Sent via email to:

Speaker Therese Terlaje

[senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com)

To The Committee on Health and the Members of 37th Guam Legislature:

This letter is in support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguá'ña (aka Senot Ron) from Dededo in his re-appointment to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission for an additional four years.

I have known Senot Ron for almost 50 years and his love, faith, support and passion for the island of Guam and her people is unwavering.

He has demonstrated his commitment to the promotion and preservation of the CHamoru Culture in a number of capacities both personally and professionally.

Most impressive is his inspirational practices of the CHamoru way of life with both his peers and the next generation of island leaders.

It is indeed a privilege to submit this letter of support for a genuinely committed advocate of Guam and her people.

With the highest regard, I support the confirmation of the re-appointment of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguá'ña to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

Sincerely,

Lou Aguon-Schulte,

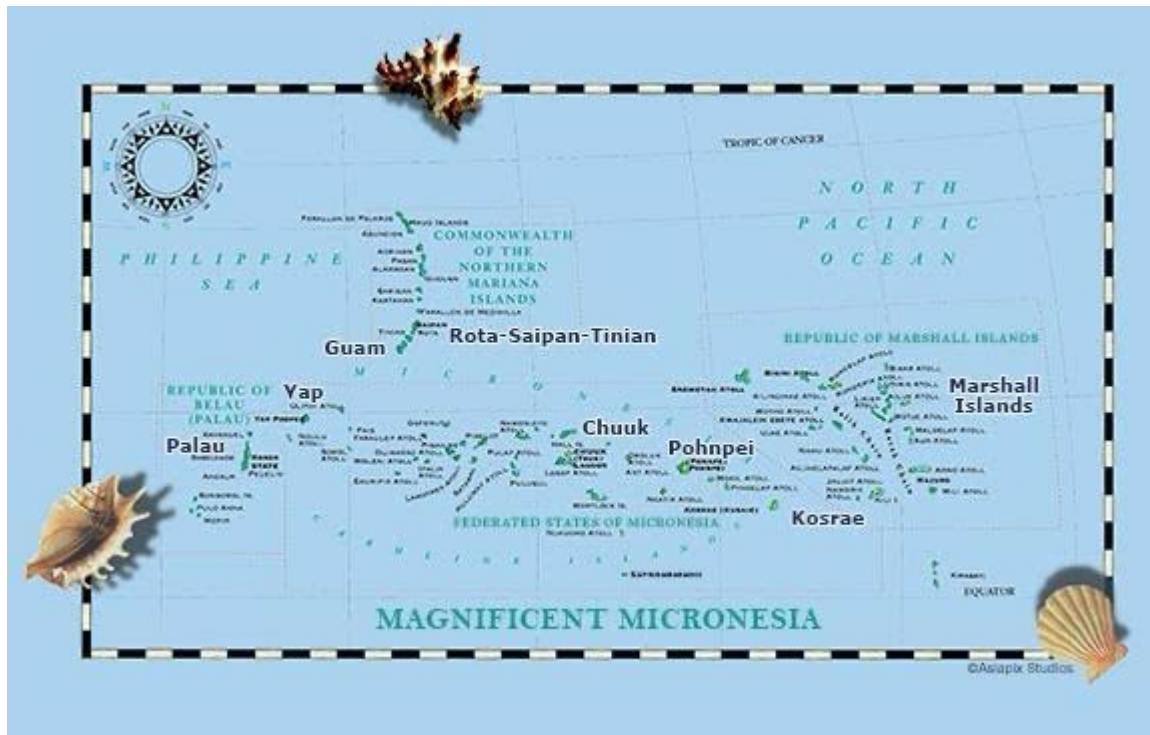
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## Appointment of Ronald Laguana

1 message

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**Maggie Tenorio** [REDACTED]  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 7:16 AM

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ronald Laguana to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Ron has been involved in Guam's efforts to promote and facilitate the awareness of our history rich in culture , language, traditions .

He has served GovGuam in his capacity as a long-time teacher for DOE in Chamoru history and language. His love for our island is ever present having the tenacity, endurance and commitment to get involved with issues impacting our land, sea, rights, the future of our children, culture, traditions and in promoting the teachings and use of our Chamoru language and practice of Chamoru traditions. Despite his involvement with his family especially his grandchildren, Ron still finds the time and energy to continue his work in the promotion of our Chamoru language, culture and tradition in his service to our people, the people of Guam.

I am happy and honored to be provided an opportunity to attest to the qualification of my nephew, Ronald Tenorio Laguana as a board member of this very important board. I am grateful that he is given another opportunity to continue his service to our people, our children, our community, our island. Thank you.

Magdalena Tenorio

[REDACTED]  
January 5, 2024



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

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## Testimony - Re-appointment of Ronald T. Laguana

1 message

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**Maria Cru** [REDACTED]  
To: "Speaker Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 4:10 PM

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Submitted is my written testimony in support of the re-appointment of Ronald T. Laguana to serve as a commissioner for the Guam Ancestral Land Commission. Mr. Laguana has served as a commissioner since year 2003 and is a dedicated servant of the commission. Mr. Laguana is well informed of the challenges with Guam Ancestral Land in accomplishing its mission on the return of lands to original land owners or heirs, and to fairly compensate those whose properties has been released but kept by the government.

Thank you,

MARIA G. CRUZ

[REDACTED]





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

## Written testimony in support of Ronald Laguana's reappointment to the Ancestral Lands Commission

1 message

Mary Aguon [REDACTED]  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>  
Cc: [REDACTED]

Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 10:51 PM

January 5, 2024

The Honorable Therese Terlaje  
Speaker, Guam Legislature

Hafa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

I provide my written support for Mr. Ronald Laguana to serve on the reappointment to the Ancestral Lands Commission.

I have known Mr. Laguana for 45+ years through our schools of education and through his community work in Guam. He is passionate about our Chamorro culture and the perpetuation of the Chamorro language. He has dedicated his life to support the work required to teach generations the importance of our culture and history.

Mr. Laguana has devoted decades to public service in Guam and to the Guam Department of Education. His passion to continue to thrive our culture and language, and his institutional knowledge of Guam and her history, places him with a unique ability to continue to serve our government, both current and future, on the Ancestral Lands Commission. Any contribution Mr. Laguana continues to provide will be to the island's benefit for the sustainability and survivability of our culture and language. Mr. Laguana's willingness to continue to serve is commendable and advantageous to all.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in support of Mr. Laguana's reappointment to the Ancestral Lands Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Aguon

[REDACTED]  
Phone: 671-[REDACTED]



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

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## Written Testimony in Support of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguana

1 message

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**Weldon Williams** <[REDACTED]>  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Sun, Jan 7, 2024 at 4:32 PM

January 7, 2024

To: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje  
Chairperson Committee on Health and the Members of the 37th Guam Legislature

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Mr. Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguana's re-appointment  
serve as a member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

It is my honor to support Mr. Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguana's re-appointment to serve as a member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission for Four (4) Years from September 15 2023, September 17, 2027. Mr. Laguana has a passion for the history, culture and preservation of Guam. He has been a long time advocate of the people and land of Guam.

I have known Ronald Laguana for over 45 years and met when we were students at University of Guam. Mr. Laguana was in the first group of students to be educated in the university's Bilingual/Bicultural program. It was the beginning of Mr. Laguana's journey to become an exceptional leader in maintenance, promotion and perpetuation of the CHamoru Language and Culture. His energy and passions can be seen in his collaboration with local, U. S. mainland and our military community. He never hesitates to provide his expertise in the CHamoru language, culture and geography. In addition, he is extremely supportive to the school students in their studies with Guam History Projects (Micronesian Area Research Center, UOG) as they compete with their Guam historical studies/projects at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland yearly. Mr. Laguana is a Guam Historian who works yearly to support middle and high school students in their Guam Studies.

Mr. Laguana is a highly regarded Guam expert and leader in our Guam community and I highly recommend him to continue to serve as a member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission of the next four year.

Very Respectfully,

Mary Perez Williams  
Retired Teacher - 33 years of service  
Guam History Day Teacher/Student Mentor - MARC/University of Guam

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

(671) [REDACTED]

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

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## Mr. Ronald Laguana

1 message

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Peter Terlaje [REDACTED]  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 11:25 AM

I humbly ask of your support in the Re-appointment of Mr. Ronald Laguana to continue to serve as a member to the Ancestral Land Commission for four more years! I have nothing but High Trust in his abilities to serve in such an Honorable and Prestige Agency within the Government of Guam.

vr/ Mr. Peter T. Terlaje  
[REDACTED] Guam  
(671) [REDACTED]

Lunes, Diha 8 gi Ineru, 2024

Håfa adai Mane'lu-hu yan Manaina-hu,

Si Ronald Laguá'ña yu',

Hu Saluda Todu hamyo na ha'áni.

Era mäs, para hågu Honoråpble Etmas Ge'helo' I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guahan, Siñora Sinadora Therese M. Terlaje.

Saludu yan Hafa Adai para todugu lokkue', Sigundo Ge'helo' Siñora Sinadora Tina R. Muna Barnes

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Si Yu'os ma'ase' na en na'i yu' nu este na apotunadat na para bai hu fana' todugu hamyo pa'go na ha'ani put para bai ma apunta tatkomu para mumembro yu' gi Kumision I Tano' I Saina-ta (mucho mas I Tano' I Manaina-ta).

Hu adingangani hamyo gi fino'-ta, sa' estague' I fino' I tano'-ta. I fino' I manaina-ta, nai gaige I espiriton I mañaina-ta deste tåtte na tiempo. Mäs-ña yu' siña hu empåtta guatu giya hamyo I siñente-ku, I hinengge-ku, I hafa maloloffan gi hagá'-hu, u falalaknos gi fino'-hu yan I palabrás-hu.

Manhongge yu' lokkue', na ginen I hila'-ta, i fino'-ta, na gof sina hit manakomprende, managofli'e' ya managuaiya kumu ta tungo' pat maskeseha, en ketungo' yan kena'setbe, piot guini gi Liheng I Konggresu-I Liheslaturan Guahan, sa' estague' I fino'-ta yan estague' I tano'-ta.

Bai hu utot ha' guini, ti guailayi na para bai sigi sumangan maisa yu', sa' ti kostombre-ta na para ta sangan maisa hit yan I hafa siha ta cho'gue, I ta kumple lao bai hu fanoppe, hafa na kuestion ni' minalago'-mu nu guahu, lao bai hu na'tungo' hamyo, bai hu oppe hamyo gi I fino'-ta! Pues konsigi!

Ya esta ha' para bai sangan, na manhula yu' ni'

INIFRESI, na ginen I mas takhelo' gi hinasso-ku, gi etmas takhalom gi kurason-hu, yan I etmas figo' na nina'siña-hu, na hu ufresen maisa yu', na para bai hu prutehi yan hu difende, I hinengge, I kottura, I lengguahi, I aire, I hanom yan I tano' Chamoru, ni' irensia-ku, derecho ginen as Yu'os Tåta, este hu afitma, gi hilo' I Bipblia yan I Bandera-hu, I Banderan Guahan!

Biba Manåotao tåno'! Biba CHamoru! Yan Biba Guahan!

Si Mattåo Ronald Laguá'ña

## PARA EMFOTMASION-HU

1. Tutat na duenu/familia/aplikante in na'i tatte ni' tano'-niha- 337 na familia.
2. I kuantu na akreas ni' in na'na'lo tatte- 2,648
3. Tutat na sulat- 531 ni' sinedda' pa'go
4. I kuantu na duenu ni' trabiha in na'i tatte ni' tano' ni' ti ma klama-194 na sulat yan kontodu tano' "Crown Lands"
5. I kuantu na tano' ni' ginen I Fidirat yan gaige gi Gubietno ya ma transferi guatu giya GALC- 6,533 akreas
6. Tutat na tano' 'Crown Lands"- 1955 akreas gi 'Land Bank Trust' yan sina ha' mas ta'lo di 3902 yu' ni' u guaha.
7. Deste 2002 yu' na mumembro.

## I HAFA I NISISIDAT-ÑA I GALC

1. Na in ma libre ni' kepble-ta para uson-mami sa' ti I kepblen I Fondon Hinerat na I kepblen I Manurihinat na duenu ni' in rikohi ginen I atkelet siha na tano'.
2. Na in na'ham nu ennao na pudet para in sostieni I unu (1) yan sina dos (2) na emplehao ni' siempre maninafekta kumu ta en sedi.
3. Na en apreba I hayi siha mismo u fanma apasi pat osino u yanggen sina, u fanatulaika tano' put otro tano'. (I Areklamento).
4. Na ta na'ma atkila I tano' ya ti fabot yu' manbende tano' CHamoru.



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

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## Ronald Laguana Testimony

1 message

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**Rosemarie Herrero** [REDACTED]  
To: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 8:15 AM

Hello from Florida. I would like to offer a testimony for Senot Ronald Laguana.

I truly believe that he will be an asset to the Guam ancestral lands commission. With his background in our culture of Guam as well as knowing about our island and giving the tourists who come to visit our island a true history of the villages and the part Guam played during the war. I wish at that time I was on the island when he was doing the tours. Not only does he promote our culture through radio but with the future young Chamorro's who will one day represent our island. He teaches his grandchildren our native tongue and often posts clips on our class chat. He is an avid farmer, fisherman and is very respected and loved by his peers and alumni of JFK class of 77! I am proud to call him my brother. He has taught me so many lessons of our culture and the Chamorro language giving me a true understanding.

Thank you for your time and I hope he will be selected!

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Punzalan Herrero

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone



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

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## Re-confirmation of Mr. Ronald laguana

1 message

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**Theodore Nelson** [REDACTED]

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 7:52 AM

To: "Speaker Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>, Chris Barnett <malafunkshun@kuam.com>, "Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, tinamunabarnes@gmail.com

Im in support of Mr. Ronald laguana being a board member again of the GALC. He has dedicated his life to public service, a retired GDOE chamorro curriculum administrator for 35 years, including many years of participation other board memberships. As most senators know he has testified in favor of many legislations that had a vital impact on guams future and supported anything that was pro- Guam

For example his dedication and lead of finally banning night scuba fishing has greatly had a vital impact of an increase of the many types of fish stocks available for our people since 2011. Most of all his knowledge and expertise of trying to return excess land back to the original landowners familias despite all the complications faced by the board by political interferences, greed, and detractors that have posed threat to the hiers to recieve what they justly deserved. As policy makers I feel any future measures to assist the return of land can be sought out and asked of him on how can we as leaders make it a reality through legislation to speed up the return of original landowners properties more effective. For these reasons I support his nomination

Ted Nelson

Stakeholder/ voter

Cc: all senators please



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

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## Testimony in support of Ronald T. Laguana

1 message

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**Vaun Laguana** <[REDACTED]>  
To: "senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com" <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 12:37 PM

Hafa Adai, my name is Vaun Elias Taitano Laguana, son of Ronald Anthony Tenorio Laguana. Unfortunately, I am not able to support my father in person for this testimony due to COVID related concerns, therefore I am writing this email. I humbly ask for your support to allow my father to continue serving as a member in the Ancestral Lands commission. My father has shown, and continues to show true compassion for our Chamoru lifestyle, culture, and language throughout our whole lives. Time and time again, he continues to remind us about the values of our land and sea here at home and what it provides. Although he is retired from work, he continues to be engaged in other activities related to making things better for the Chamoru people and the people of Guam. His love for this island, the ocean, and our people goes above and beyond, and I believe every member of the commission should have the same passion and care that he does. I fully support my father for continuing to serve in the commission, not just because he is my father, but for the love that he shows for our island and our people.

Si Yu,os Ma'åse

-Vaun Laguana



David Babauta Herrera  
Monday 13:00 January08.2024

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF the Re-Appointment OF Ronald T.  
Laguana.

Buenas yan Hafa adai Madam Speaker and members of the  
Committee on Land.

The following is my testimony in Favor of the Re-  
Appointment of Seniot Ronald T." Amaga" Laguana to  
serve as a member of the Guam Ancestral Lands  
Commission that was created by Guam Public Law 25-45  
"tasked with the responsibility to convey federal  
excess lands to original land owners once returned to  
the Government of Guam and is considered the Land  
Claims Facilitator."

Seniot Ron "Amaga" Laguana is an esteem Trusted Chelu  
of the Nacion Chamoru ever since we first met ~~after~~  
Thirty Years(30)ago in 1995 during the Live-In  
Protest Days in front of the Adelup Compound in an  
effort to "Stop the Touch and Go flight operations at  
NAVAL Air Station in Tiyan, To implement PL 12-226  
Chamoru Land Trust Commission, develop The Rules &  
Regulations, Repeal the LAND FOR THE LANDLESS Program  
AND establish the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Fast Forward to <sup>30</sup>20 years today in January of 2024 and  
Seniot Ron "Amaga", is a stronger more seasoned  
advocate of the "Inifresi" not only in words but in  
action and most importantly and uniquely in the  
Spirit of our Guelos aka the Aniti of our  
Taotaomonas. A meditational mantra the Nacion  
practices up to this day.

Page 1 of 2

**The "INIFRESI" is the The CHamoru "PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE" that was composed by the late Dr. Bernadita Camacho Dungca in 1991**

**And is a guideline that is valued by Seniot Ron Amaga, The Nacion and numerous cultural members in our community pledging To Protect and Defend the Beliefs, the Culture, The Language, The Air, The Water and the Land of the CHamorus.,**

**In closing Madam Speaker and esteem members of the committee on Land to please support the Re-Appointment of Seniot Ronald T. Amaga Laguana to the Guam Ancestral Land Commission.,**

**Saina Maase,**

*S. Maase 1.8.2024*

**Si Dabid Babauta Eerrera**

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JOHN T. BURCH  
Executive Director

January 8, 2024

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
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Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture  
I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guahan  
37th Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building, 163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Ronald T. Laguana's Nomination

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Mr. Ronald Laguana to continue serving as a member and Vice Chairman of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. Having closely observed Mr. Laguana's dedication and commitment to the welfare of the CHamoru people, I firmly believe that his reappointment to the Commission is crucial for the continued progress and preservation of ancestral lands.

Mr. Laguana has been an unwavering advocate for the rights and interests of the CHamoru people throughout his tenure on the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, which spans over twenty years since 2002. As the current Vice Chairman of the Commission, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep understanding of the historical and cultural significance of ancestral lands. His extensive experience and continued service make him an exceptional candidate for this position.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Ronald Laguana is a compassionate and understanding individual who genuinely cares about the well-being of his community. He actively engages with local organizations and community members to address their concerns and works tirelessly to find equitable solutions. His approachability and willingness to listen to different perspectives ensure that the diverse voices of our community are heard and respected.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Mr. Ronald Laguana to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. His exceptional leadership as the Vice Chairman, dedication to the CHamoru people, and over two decades of experience on the Commission make him the ideal candidate to continue serving in this critical role. I have full confidence that, under Mr. Laguana's continued guidance, the Commission will thrive in its mission to safeguard the ancestral lands and promote the well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Ronald Laguana's nomination. I trust that his reappointment will bring immense value to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission and contribute to the preservation of our cultural heritage for generations to come.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JTB' followed by a flourish.

John T. Burch  
Executive Director



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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

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 Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

**Nomination of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.**

	SIGNATURE	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Chairperson	<i>Therese M. Terlaje</i> 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator Joanne M. Brown</b> Vice Chairperson of Health, Land and Culture	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator Sabina F. Perez</b> Member	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Member	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b> Member	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				
<b>Senator Dwayne San Nicolas</b> Member						
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague,</b> Member	E-vote 1/11/24	✓				

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**REQUEST FOR E-VOTE: RONALD T. LAGUANA, MEMBER, GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION**

7 messages

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

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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Håfa Adai Committee Members,

Please see attached Committee Report for Ronald T. Laguana, Member, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options:

- To Do Confirm;
- To Not Confirm;
- To Report Out Only;
- To Abstain; or
- To Place in Inactive File.

Please submit your response **as soon as possible**. Your responses will be logged into the Committee Report Vote Sheet for Ronald T. Laguana, which will be filed with the Committee on Rules.

**Office of Speaker Therese M. Terlaje**

Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*



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Very Respectfully,

**Tracey Aguerro**

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Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

## COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture convened a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 1:30 PM in I *LiheSlatura*'s Public Hearing Room. The item on the agenda was the consideration of the Appointment of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

In compliance with Open Government Law, notices for this Public Hearing were published in the Guam Daily Post and the Government of Guam Public Notice Portal on Friday, December 29, 2023, (5-Day Notice) and Friday, January 5, 2024, (48-Hour Notice) and livestreamed on the Guam Legislature's YouTube Channel. Notices were also sent via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Friday, December 29, 2023, and again on Friday, January 5, 2024.

#### **Senators Present**

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Committee Chairperson  
Senator Joanne M. Brown, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Telo T. Taitague, Committee Member

#### **Appearing before the Committee**

John Burch, Executive Director Guam Ancestral Lands Commission  
Fred Bordallo, Executive Director Department of Corrections  
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**II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

- The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 1:05 p.m. Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Land Use Commission( GLUC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Hafa Adai. Welcome to the Guam Congress Building. The Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture is now called to order. Today's Monday, January 8, 2024, and it's about 1:05 p. m. In compliance of the open government law, notices for this public hearing were published in the Guam Daily Post and posted to the government of Guam public notice portal on Friday,

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December 29th and Friday, January 5th. Notices were also sent by email to all senators and to all main media broadcasting outlets. This hearing is being live streamed on the Guam Legislature's YouTube channel. Individuals testifying, I ask that you first be recognized by the chair and state your name for record keeping purposes so we can make our transcripts very accurate. In an effort to minimize distractions while someone is testifying, I ask that you please refrain from moving around while they're testifying and we've asked protocol to keep the doors quiet. Individuals who are presenting oral testimony are invited to also submit written testimony to ensure that they're. Input is accurately transcribed after testifying, panelists will only be allowed to speak again in direct response to questioning or invitation of a senator who has the floor or at the discretion of the committee chair. So we have several agenda items for this afternoon at 1 PM. Right now, we're going to have the reappointment hearing of Ronald T. Laguana to serve as a member of the Guam ancestral lands commission for four years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027. At 2:30, we will have a hearing on bill number 222-37 COR. It's an act to reserve lot number 2417-1R7, the former Department of Public Health and Social Services main building in Mangilao, for immediate use by the Department of Public Health and Social Services. At 4 p.m., we're having a hearing on two bills, bill number 153-37LS, sponsored by Frank Blas, Jr., Thomas J. Fisher, Dwayne T. San Nicolas. It's an act to add a new subsection 80. 37B. to Article 2, Chapter 80, Title 9, Guam Code, annotated relative to the possession or use of an explosive or an improvised explosive device in the commission of a felony. And Bill Number 155-37 LS, sponsored by Senator William A. Parkinson, is an act to add a new Chapter 164 to Title 8, Guam Code, annotated relative to attendance of witnesses and to cite this act as the uniform act to secure the attendance of witnesses from without a state in criminal proceedings. I'd like to acknowledge the presence of my colleagues. Oops, she just walked out. Senator Telo Taitague and Senator Joanne Brown. Thank you, colleagues, for being here today. All right, so we'll begin with the appointment hearing of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana, the member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. We'll first hear from those who want to testify, either for or against the order that they signed at. And then finally, we'll hear from the nominee himself. So I'll call up Mr. John Burch, who is the Executive Director of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. Mr. Fred Bordallo, he is the Director of the Department of Corrections. Mr. Ron Eclevea, he's the Chairperson of the Guam Ancestral Lands. Severina Atalig from the Marianas Agupa Talk Show. David Herrera, Vincent Minatoya, Ronald Laguana. Oh, sorry, Ron, you will be the last one.

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Jeanette Taitano, May Ada Earl Garrido. If I call your name and you're just, you don't want to testify, that's okay too. Ben Pablo and David Duenas We have a lot of dignitaries in our room today. Thank you for being here. Alright, just a reminder that the Ancestral Lands Commission has many duties according to our statute. They are responsible for establishing five separate registries for the purposes of recording the information in the settlement of ancestral claims One is the original landowner's registry. It's the record at the time of the taking of whose properties were confiscated. It's going to be used for the purpose of confirming an applicant's claim. Number two is the excess lands registry. This is a listing of all lands that have been declared excess by the federal government, including those that may be declared excess in the future by the government of Guam. This is for the purpose of determining which lots may, the Commission may use as just compensation in extinguishing ancestral claims. The Claims Registry is a listing of all claims to ancestral title filed by applicants. The Conditional Awards Registry and the Ancestral Title Registry, a listing of applicants granted land title in return for the surrender of all their ancestral property claims. The Commission is allowed to investigate, authorize to investigate, record, file, report, and respond to requests by ancestral land claimants for remedy, including the government of Guam, whose land was taken by the United States or by the government of Guam on or after January 1st, 1930. Remedy includes just compensation as defined in 80101 of this act. Which for purposes of this chapter is defined as limited to the return of land or access to landlocked lots across public lands if public lands block access to private property. The commission shall establish in accordance with the administrative adjudication law written procedures for extinguishment of claims, awards, and recordation of ancestral land title. Mr. Burch, please state your name and if you're testifying in an official capacity, please state that capacity.

**John Burch, Executive Director - Guam Ancestral Lands Commission:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. And hafa adai, Senator Brown and Senator Taitague. My name is John Burch. I'm the Executive Director of the Guam Ancestral Commission. And I'm testifying in my professional capacity as the Executive Director. I'm writing, and I'm here to testify, to express my support for the nomination of Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to continue serving as a member of the, and as Vice Chairman of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. Having closely observed Mr. Laguana's dedication and commitment to the welfare of the Chamorro people, I firmly believe that his reappointment to the

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commission is crucial to the continual progress and preservation of ancestral lands. Mr. Laguana has been an unwavering advocate for the rights and interests of the Chamorro people throughout his tenure on the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, which spans over 20 years since the year 2002. As the current vice chairman of the commission. He has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a deep understanding of the historical and cultural significance of ancestral lands. His extensive experience and continued service make him an exceptional candidate for this position. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Laguana is a compassionate and understanding individual who genuinely cares about the well being of his community. He actively engages with local organizations and community members to address their concerns, and he works tirelessly to find equitable solutions. His approachability and willingness to listen to different perspectives ensure that the diverse voices of our community are heard and respected. In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Mr. Ronald Laguana to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, his exceptional leadership as the vice chairman, dedication to the Chamorro people, and over two decades of experience on the commission make him the ideal candidate to continue serving in this critical role. I have full confidence that under Mr. Laguana continued guidance, the commission will thrive in its mission to safeguard the ancestral lands and promote the wellbeing of our community. Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Ronald Laguana's nomination. I trust that his reappointment will bring immense value to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission and contribute to the preservation of our cultural heritage for generations to come. Si yu'us ma'ase.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Si yu'us ma'ase, Director Burch. Director Bordallo.

**Fred Bordallo Jr., Director - Guam Department of Corrections:** Thank you. Good afternoon, Speaker Honorable Senator Therese Terlaje, Senator Joan Brown, Senator Telo Taitague. My name is Fred Bordallo Jr. I'm from the village of Santa Rita and I'm here personally to support the appointment, reappointment of Ronald Laguana to the Guahan Ancestral Lands Commission. I personally know Ronald, he's a alumni of JFK and you know, we know about what the president said, John F. Kennedy, January 20, 1961. He said, ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country. And the thing about that of what Ronald does is in his passion to serve the

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people of Guam as a member of this commission is very important. And he takes that very seriously as a member of this commission. We hear a lot of, you're gonna hear a lot of, praise on what Ronald's done in terms of his impact on his students as a teacher, at the Guam Department of Education and he's retired. And the preservation of the Chamorro culture, and also as a member of the Young Men's League of Guam, which I was a member of, where I know, Ronald's very passionate in ensuring that these lands, the Ancestral Lands Commission, that the policies that happen there, there is transparent and I'm just going to make it short and just say I trust Ronald and I think the people of Guam will trust Ronald and his capacity as a members of commission. You're going to hear that. So I want to support him here today and I ask each and every member of the Guam legislature to support him and reappoint him to this commission. Thank you. Si yu'us ma'ase.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Si yu'us ma'ase, Director Bordallo. And I know that you were testifying in your personal capacity.

**Fred Bordallo Jr., Director - Guam Department of Corrections:** Yes.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you. And the chairperson of the Ancestral Lands Commission, Mr. Ron Eclavea.

**Ron Eclavea, Chairman - Guam Ancestral Lands Commission:** Si yu'us ma'ase. Speaker Terlaje, Senator Brown, and Senator Taitague. My name is Ron Eclavea. I'm from the village of Yona. I'm the chairman of the Ancestral Lands Commission. I had the pleasure of working with Vice Chair Laguana for practically 20 years. And I cherish the time that I've been there. I've learned from him a lot. His finesse with the Chamorro language and his etiquette with the Chamorro culture, we all know and we envy. I, for one, have appreciated his, his, his service and his tenacity and his emphasisism in the Chamorro people, its culture, preserving the culture. And of course, the mission of the Ancestral Lands Commission, he is practically second to none. I urge you, I'd like to also, um, echo the thoughts of, both directors, Bordallo and Mr. Burch, and I urge you to support his renomination to this commission. I thank you for hearing my, hearing my testimony. Si yu'us ma'ase.

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**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Si yu'us ma'ase. Mr. Herrera, also a commissioner of the Chamorro Lands Trust Commission, and I think, the chairperson now. Si yu'us ma'ase.

**David Babauta Herrera, Commissioner - Chamorro Lands Trust Commission:**

Buenas dias, i na'anhu si Dabid Babauta Hererra. Taotao Hâgat yu, ya dumistitigu yu gi si Pete nabânda, gi private presentation pot si Ron. Pues mâfatu yu para bai supoti si Ron gi esti para ma appointment gi Guam Ancestral Land Commission. Ya bai taitai esti gifino' englis, sa pot no bai lachi sa ti praktiko yu gi fino englis, lo gi fino' Chamorro siña. I would like to present a private presentation for Ron. I would like to support Ron in this appointment with the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission.

The title is in English, but it is in Latin. The practical if you know English law, if you know some more, you'll see now. No, because that's the no, no. Buenas yan hafa adai, Madam Speaker and members of the committee on land, Senator Taitague yan Senator Joan Brown. No si yu'us ma'ase. The following is my testimony in favor of the reappointment of Señor Ronalad T. Amaga Laguana to serve as a member of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission that was created by Guam Public Law 25-45. That's with the responsibility to convey federal excess lands to original landowners. Once returned to the government of Guam and is considered the land claims facilitator. Señor Ron Amaga Laguana is an esteemed, trusted, trusted chelu of the Nacion Chamorro. Ever since we first met, after 30 years ago in 1995, during the live in protest days in front of the Adelup compound in an effort to stop the touch and go flight operation at Naval Air Station in Tiyan. And also we protested to implement the public law 12-226, which is the Chamorro Land Trust Commission that was authored by Senator Paul Budadzu and to develop the rules and regulations and to repeal the land for the land lease program that was established and to establish the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. Fast forward to 30 years today, in January of 2024, Señor Ron Amaga is a stronger, more seasoned advocate of the Inifresi, not only in words but in action, and most importantly and uniquely in the spirit of Arlos, also known as the, Aniti of our taotao mo'na's. The meditational mantra done has shown practices up to this day. The Inifresi is the Chamorro Pledge of Allegiance that was completed or that was composed by the late Dr. Bernedita Camacho



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Dunca in 1991. And it's a guideline that is valued by Señor Ron Amaga, bendision and numerous cultural members of our community pledging to protect and defend the belief, the culture, the language, the air, the water and the land of the Chamorros. In closing, Madam Speaker and esteemed members of the committee on land to please support the reappointment of Señor Ronald T. Amaga Laguana to the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, Dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Hagu mãs, Señor Herrera. Vincent, press that button. Yeah, when the light comes on, there you go.

**Vincent Minatoya:** Good afternoon, Madam Speaker and Senators. My name is Vincent Minatoya. I came in 1985 to run Cocos with DHL. And since then I've made Guam my home. I've lived with the Chamorro people and Merizo for many years. And I got to know, I'm in support of Ron's... I'm in support of Ron Laguana. I've lived with the Chamorro people for many years and I've met Ron when I was going to Gold's Gym in Agana up in the north. And I got to know him, and I really began to see a lot of the Chamorro people that I, I moved from Merizo, I moved to the north. And I realized that, you know, he was very like all the people that I met in Merizo. He is a fisherman, a farmer, a Chamorro advocate. I've seen his talk show. And I realize he is fully for the people. I trust Ron with all my heart. I really admire the way that he is a family man and I'm quite sure that Ron would be very good at what being a Chamorro Land Trust board member. I'm quite sure with all the years of his ability, he'll do a good job in his position. Thank you very much.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you very much, Mr. Minatoya. Mr. Earl Garrido, also a commissioner on the CLTC.

**Earl Garrido, Commissioner - Chamorro Land Trust Commission:** Hafa adai and good afternoon to the esteemed speaker of the 37th Guam Legislature, Therese M. Terlaje, and the Honorable Senators in attendance, Senator Brown and Senator Taitague. I thank you for allowing me, Earl Garrido, I'm here in my own capacity as a concerned citizen. I appear before this august body. I come before you today to give testimony on behalf of Ronald T. Laguana, the nominee for the Guam Ancestral Land Trust Commission on his renewal for his next four years. As a nominee of the Guam Ancestral

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Land Trust Commission, Ronald Laguana's passion for protecting and preserving ancestral lands will serve as an invaluable asset to the commission. His deep connection to the land and his understanding of the importance of preserving Guam's heritage for future generations makes him the ideal candidate for this important role. Allow me to open my testimony with my definition of leadership and integrity. The characteristic of a good leader may vary, but here are some common traits that are often associated with effective leadership. Integrity. A good leader should possess strong moral and ethical principles like knowing right from wrong and consistently acting in accordance with those values. Conviction. It's important for a leader to have strong beliefs and stand up for what they believe is right. This can inspire others and create a sense of purpose within the team or organization. Legitimacy. Leaders who speak from the heart and are genuine in their actions tend to earn trust and respect of their followers and peers. Being true to oneself and transparent in communications can foster strong relationships. Service oriented. Good leaders prioritize the need and well being of their team members. They're willing to serve and support others rather than seeking personal blame, gain or glory. Strong values, leaders with ingrained values provide a consistent moral compass for their team. This helps guide decision making and promotes a sense of unity and shared purpose. Resilience. Effective leaders are able to persevere through challenges and setbacks. They demonstrate resilience and inspire others to do the same. Creating a positive and determined environment. Empathy. A good leader understands and cares about the feelings, needs, and perspective of others. They are able to listen actively, show compassion, and consider diverse viewpoints. It seems that Ronald T. Laguana possesses many of these characteristics, if not all, based on the descriptions provided. However, it is important to note that leadership is a complex and multifaceted concept. and these traits are not exhaustible. In closing, I have known Ron T. Laguana's family for decades. His family is upright and moral in their convictions. The family's matriarch instilled deep moral values in their upbringing. Ron knows right from wrong and is morally motivated to stand up for right. Ron speaks from his heart and will defend his convictions for himself and others. Ron continues to serve and brings to the table moral and ingrained values. Ron stands for righteous conviction with right being his standard benchmark. Ronald T. Laguana embodies these qualities to the highest degree. His dedication to serving the people of Guam and his advocacy for the preservation of ancestral lands is evident in his actions. Unwavering commitment to his community, his leadership, and integrity have been evident throughout his career and his involvement with numerous

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community organizations including the Ancestral Land Trust Committee. I urge the esteemed members of the 37th Guam Legislature to consider and support Ronald T. Laguana's qualification and his dedication to the people of Guam when making your decisions. Remember that true leaders are not always the ones with the loudest voices, but the ones who lead by example and have the best interest in our community at heart. Thank you for your time and consideration, and may we continue working towards a future that honors and preserves the rich heritage and ancestral lands of Guam. Thank you all.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Commissioner Garrido. Colleagues, is there any questions for any member of this panel? Maybe with the exception of Director Burch, are you able to stay for a while? All right, thank you. So, with the exception of the director, are there any questions for any members of this panel? All right, so Si yu'us ma'ase, I want to thank you all for your testimony and, and for those who are serving on the board. Si yu'us ma'ase for that service as well on the commission. All right, we're gonna hear now from any of these people who wants to testify. Ben C. Pablo, David Duenas, Robert Celestial, Zenon Ballinger, and Peter Santos. Is there anyone else not on this list who would like to testify? Okay, Mr. Duenas, you're first.

**Dave R. Duenas:** I'm first? Bummer. Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Senator Brown. Thank you. Nice seeing you. Senator Telo Taitague. It's a pleasure to be here in support of a dear friend, actually known to me just as Ronald. He's, I've known Ronald for, I'm kind of dating myself, but over 50 years. And with the people here today providing oral testimony, I think it's a clear indicator, um, how well Ronald has done in his capacity as a board member with the Ancestral Land Commission. I'm not going to take too much time, I just want to convey my support and I would encourage the Senators sitting here today and those that are not here to reappoint Ronald to the Ancestral Land Commission. Thank you.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Duenas. Mr. Celestial?

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**Robert Celestial:** Hafa Adai. My name is Robert Celestial. Speaker Terlaje, Senator Brown, Senator Taitague. I'm here in support of Ronald T. Laguana to be reappointed in the Guam Ancestral Commission. I really believe that everybody said all the good accolades for Mr. Ron Laguana, and I'll keep this short.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** I'm sorry, Mr. Celestial, just a minute. Something must be wrong. We'll, hold on for audio, if you don't mind. Okay, we're good.

**Robert Celestial:** Okay. Do I begin, or?

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Please begin.

**Mr. Celestial:** Okay, my name is Robert Namole Celestial. I'm here to support Mr. Ron T. Laguana for the Guam Ancestral Land Commission. I've known him for many, many years and it is true what each and every one of these gentlemen before me has spoken. He loves the community. He's very forthright and he speaks from his heart and he's very passionate for the people of Guam. And so with that, I believe that the Guam Land Commission will benefit from him being reappointed back into the commission. So thank you very much and God bless you all.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Celestial. And can I just say it's so good to see you out and doing well. Glad to see you. Mr. Bellinger. Thank you.

**Zennon Bellinger:** Good afternoon. My name is Zenon Bellinger. I grew up in Chalan Pago and I live in Mongmong. I'm here as a private citizen. I've known Ron's family for many, many, many years. I met Ron about six or seven years ago when I became a member of the Young Men's League of Guam. I know I look very young, right? Anyway, his passion for the Chamorro culture and language has amazed me. On occasion, we go back and forth and I go, you know, Ron, did you understand me? And he goes, yes. I said, that's all that counts. Okay. So I am here in support of Ron's appointment to the Ancestral Lands Commission. And with his passion, I can see that he will be a very good

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board member. Thank you very much, Senator and Speaker Terlaje, Senator Brown and Senator Taitague.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Mr. Bellinger. Is there anyone else who would like to testify?

**Dave R. Duenas:** Madam Speaker, if I could, please.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Duenas.

**Dave R. Duenas:** In the beginning of my oral testimony, I forgot to give you my name and whatever. For those who don't know me, I'm Dave, David. Call me Dave. David R. Duenas testifying on behalf of myself. Thank you.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you.

**Dave R. Duenas:** For the record.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Are there any questions for this panel? Thank you again for your testimony. And great to see you all. All right. So now we're going to hear from the nominee, Mr. Laguana. Please proceed.

**Ronald T. Laguana:** *Hafa adai mañeluhu si Ronald Laguana yu. Matuchiña ti na'magof. Mañeñentihu pago pot esti siha. Bai na'i' hamyu dangkulu na sulutasion ni'un na'i yu esti na apontonida.*

*Para bai Saluda hao hinorâpble Siñora Sinadora Therese Terlaje. Hugu ni mas ge'hilo' I gi I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

*Parehu lokue, para hagu lokue hinorâpble, Siñora Sinadora Joann M. Brown. Dângkulu na si Yu'os ma'åse na gaigihao guenao napon hungok yu. Parehuha' lokue dângkulu na aggradesimiento para hagu hinorâpble, Siñora Sinadora Telo T. Taitague.*

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*Anok giya hamyu sa I famalao'an man gaigi. I famalao'an na gaigi I putded yan I fuetsas ni kumalantini esti na tano'. Tati na tiempo, kuarto mit anus tati na tiempo. Ya guinin enao bai na'i' hamyu salutation ni megagai tãdodong ki korasonhu. Sa ni ungranu na lãhi gumaigiguini. Lao man gaigi I famalao'an. Hamyu ni man mãgas pãgu guini, ni mangaigi todo I mangachongta.*

*Ántis di bai tutuhon I testiguhu, yahu na babaina'i' dãngkulu aggradesimiento ni taotaohu ni manmãtu guini yan mantestigu. Premera direktot si John Burch. Guiya direktot gi Kumision ni mañainata natãno siha. Si Fred Bordallo, amiguta, ni hagasha' matungu'ham, sigundo gehilu gi kumision, para hãgu lokue salutation Ron Eclavea. Para hãgu lokue kumpaileku Holly K. Guerrero guiya gehilu gi kumision manaotaotãno. I amiguhu si Vince, dãngkulu na aggradesimiento ni finatomu. Parehuha' lokue para si Earl, guiya lokue membro, gi tano' mañainata. I cheluta si Dave Duenas ni mantestigu, amiguhu, saludu para hãgu. Parehuha lokue para si Robert Celestial guiya lokue ge'hilo', gi hagas humami gi Nasion CHamoru. Yan si Zenan Ballinger, cheluta gi inetnon Lalãhen Guãhan.*

*Para bai menti I na'an niha espisiat menti. Sa tatkilu enao na atension giya guãhu na man'anok guini yan mantestigu para ma supotihu. I pura ni mañeuluhu ni mangaigiguini lokue, yahu nabai mentisiha. Sa guinin siha dumoririhu mona' ni babai kalamtini esti I minaolek I tano', para I minaolek I tedtaota'. I manklasmetu gi JFK klas siha, siette seitte, si Denise, si Arlene, Si Jerry, si Peter, yan si Dave ha' talo'. I pumalu naman a'tungohu guenao tãti. Esti guiya cheluta siha, si May Ada Gerrera, gofyaña lokue mumu anai gaigi ham gi Nasion CHamoru. Si Ron Acfalle, entingo' esti siha, mantaotaohu. Babaina'i' hamyu dãngkulu aggradesimiento yan si Yu'os ma'ãsi. Si Galakgiteti lokue guenao, manhahamiha' lokue gi Mesgnon CHamoru. Si Ed, ekua si Ed, timalagu, lao hagas studenteko si Ed. Guiya lokue kama'gas guini. U faisen gui para untestigu, lo'i'lekña "tisiña". Sa guiya guini kalan ti siña achogue enao. Megai man'atungo'hu u kumbida ya manaigui. Gaigui lokue i dos cheluhu guini, Carlos yan I asagua si Jeannette, yan si Kathy ni mangachongña Estigui siha si AJ, asaguan Ron, todos hamyu lai, dangkulu na si Yu'os ma'ãse. In na'misinha' lago'hu. Sa tãya na'u chagui tumaigui. Todo tiempo mãfatuyu mantestigu, lao tãya mãto guini pa'umatestiguyiyu.*

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*U sâsangân I fino'ta meñuluhu, sa guinin eyu na mañeñentihu. Malolofanha I hagâ I mantaotaota guinin I palabrâsta. Enigui I linguâhen I tano'. Kâda o'ga'an matmatâhu, ya humuyung yu, ya u'espaha I tinanom siha. I tano' impotanti, ya guini Siñora Gehilu, guini na mamaila' na kuâtro añas ti umamasedi na babai fatâchong guini. Baina'siguru nabai na ti'ufalofan esti na tâno siha guato ni para ma chuleguân. Busta-hit manbendi tano'! Busta-hit manmanuli'tâno! Eyigui, Yangin tana'setbi, ni hafa utsa ni minalagota, lao mungahit manbendi. U'tungo'ha' na meggai na kuestiona ni para mau-guatu I hispitat. Taiguini, yan taiguini, ko para humafân, umbendi I tano'. Ti u'supotti I para manbendi. Busta-hit man bendi! Yanggin para mana-setbi, tana'ma'atkila. Eyigui mâs, sa sumâga I tano' giya hita.*

*Enigui I mâs tatkilu pâgo para bai chogui. Para bai hasu tâti ki korasonhu yan I manmembro lokue gi kumsion na pa ta chogui I minaolek. Sa megaihit, kumu sigihit mana'i' huyong tâno para esti taiguini, taiguini tâya balita kumu ti i kumision. Manli'e'hu manana, ya makât. Sa esti I politika makât. Guânabai na' man a'a'pakihit sa para ta supotti esti na pâtida, esti na taotao. Lo tipot patitidayu meñuluhu. Baibaba I korasonhu. Eyu mâs I matâhu na pata-protehi esti-siha na tâno'. Busta-hit magâhit, ta susteni I tano' para I manmamaila' na hirenasion. Sa destiki man-hulatyû gi Nasion CHamoru, anai manfotma ham na Nasion CHamoru, I duranten Ânghet yan si Ed. Dufuntu Ed gi Inifresi. Ti guinen as doctor Dungca yu na fumotmâyu na guininen I Nasion CHamoru yu na'inchegui eyu. Eyugui na manhulâtayû na guinen I mâstatkilo gi hinasoku, I mâs tatkilom na korason hu, yan I mâs figu' naninatsiñahu na u ufresinmaisayu, yan para bai protehi, yan u difendi, I hinengi kottura, I linguâhi, I airi, I hanom, yan I tano' CHamoru. I hirensiaku direcho guinin as Yu'os tâta, esti u afitma, gihilu biblia, I bandirahu, I banderan Guahan. Eyigui na tumatayuhu. Sen impotatanti na para ta protehi I tano'. Sa komu'unahiyutalo I mamaila, kuarto na añas, ungan âtman guenao. Lao makât nai mansigiha' man-a'da'gao yan I pumalo, bai atmiti enao. Lo baitachu ya bai ekungnkok I pumalu na mañelu, ya busta-hit mana'i'huyong tano. Para I gobietno, patmeseha hayi gui. Para ta chulitati ya tana'I' I manhurinat na dueno, eyigui siha tana'i'. Hurinat na dueno. Yanggin tisina, pues tana'podong giya hita, pot komu "Crown Lands". Enigui esta a'na' mimisen I lagoho todo, esti siha I kuentos niha a'na' matakñahu'. Sinora, pabai tachû. Eyu-ha na mimisin I lagohu esta pago, so kâda'u'tan I*

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*tano, kadadiha malolofanhu guini, u lili'e' I tasi. I manmalolofan siha na mañeluta ni manmâtai siha. Yan esta mandidid-hit siha esta. I man CHamoru esta mandidiha, esta manhâhânao, esta kuantu-hit tetinan esta. Ya I famagu'onta siempre u kinatga esti. I mañeta, I manñeto, I pisñeta, yan I man disñeta. Ta protehi, ya ta susteni. Eyigui enao para bai opihafan na kueston para hunfaisenyu. Sa' babai opiha talo gifino'ta, enigui, mahonggi-hu na guinen I fino'ta, guinen I hilu mañainata, enigui na gaigui I Espiritu. Yan enigui na malaknos gi korason hu. Yan enigui I mina-lago'ña I mañainata para ta setbi ya para tafan lâla guini nu hita ni man CHamoru. Si Yu'os ma'âse yanggen hâfa na kueston, potfabot dâggao magi.*

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you also for being willing to serve on this commission again after all these years. And, I guess I was just curious when they said 20 years, I wasn't aware of that. Were you one of the first commissioners? Ahe? Okay. I have a couple of questions and then I'll open it up for, for the others. First of all, I asked this of all the nominees. Do you have any? Conflict that would impede on your ability to serve on this commission?

**Ronald T. Laguana:** Âhi

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Okay. No business interest in land

**Ronald T. Laguana:** Tâya, lo eyuha' I yoku ñeta yan ñetu siha ni'in pipilan gi-gima'. Eyigi espetsiamenti I famagu'on famagu'onhu. Eyugui na guñnabiai na ti mafatuyu I ufisina nai. sa mamumulhanam. In pokpoksai I famagu'on famagu'on-mami. Meshu kuarto, guana singko manfâtu guâtu gi gima'. Yan enagui mâs u'atentendi. Lo a'a'nokhayu gi sigun Zoom. Enao-ha' mâs ti pot hâfa na politka na bânda. Tâya.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Might be leased by the Lands Commission.



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**Ronald T. Laguana:** Tåya intireshu gui.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Okay. Alright. Or vice versa. Okay. And what about, obviously they're, I think we're in a unique time right now where, the mission of the Ancestral Lands Commission is, um, I'm not going to say being questioned, but it's definitely kind of like we have to decide whether this ancestral lands commission is going to how long is it going to go on? How much are we going to be able to accomplish? We've heard testimony and in other bills where if you know, they're citing the public law 106-504 that's the federal law that said at You know, once the land is returned to the government of Guam it cannot be returned to Ancestral land Owners. And we heard this testimony from the director and he's citing the public law and the analysis done by some legal parties. There's also been articles written and other opinions made about, you know, really the applicability of that for all potential ancestral lands. And then we know that we continue to have a process where the government of Guam through GEDA and then the governor is supposed to identify which lands they believe are excess. Send that to the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Navy through the Secretary of the Navy responds and says which lands he or she agrees is excess and are able to be returned and any conditions on the return. So there are actual documents listing these lands. And we have seen few in the past few years, but there are some. And, so I guess I just want to ask you as a commissioner, are you aware of the status of those lands? My understanding is that the lands that have been returned in the recent years, have not been deeded to the Ancestral Lands Commission. But are, are you as commissioners tracking those lands and able to, I don't know, advocate for their either passage to the Ancestral Lands Commission or not.

**Ronald T. Laguana:** *Hunggan mågahit Dinanchi hão madam speaker. Guåha'siha listan tåno' ni u'li'e' na esta masota guato gui GovGuam ta'a'lok. Ya hagas umentu enao gi direktot na eyu na tåno siha, guåha siha mangaitano'. Lo u'mentiha, mana'i' tåti guato gui dueno. Lo guinen enao na lista, bai chonik enao. Yan I kumision, ya bai gågao I sunipotti siha I kumision. Ya'u' mani'tåti. Enaguifinenina ta na'i' tåti I mánhurinåt*

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*dueno. Sa guaha siha u'huhungok ni man-mana'i', ma halt siha nai. Yati fabot yu ni enao. Sa na'i' I dueno I direchon niha, ni hagas iyon niha ya siha u'dititmina hafa malagu' niha gi tano'. Guinen eyu para bai'in guadok enao mas yan I Gehilu. Gehilu Ron? Nisita ta espiha esti siha Ron, cheluta? Sa guaha' esta fana'an sais esta na listan tano'. Piot eyu papa iya USO, makeke entrega guato gima war. Ti guinen eyu nai na planu na ti mañasaonaoham, Lo bai-inspiha impeñu na infañaohao guenao na planu. Enigui ilelekta', u'tunghu'ha haada elelekm speaker. Eyu natano', ta susteni I tano' yata na'I tati, I manuhurinat na dueno. Yanggin ti Siña tanã'i tati hurinat na dueno, yata soda, pues ta susteni kumu Crown Lands. Eyigui, Bai prumeti enao, bai mumuyi madam speaker. Bai mumuyi enao na suto guini gui mamaila na kuatro años.*

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** I think at the very minimum, yeah, we need to be aware and the commission needs to be aware. The commission needs to answer as to whether they, I think they need to get involved in those things or not, but, so there are properties that are already in your inventory. There are crown lands in your inventory. There's lands that have been deemed returnable to ancestral lands owner. They've been, the claims have been adjudicated, they're ready, but we have not been able to locate those land owners. And I guess, so, you know, we've had several oversights. And the last list that I remember is, let me see. At that, yeah, 108? Yeah. So, has there been any progress? Do you see progress being made on that? And if not, is there a solution that the land, Ancestral Lands Commission is going to propose as to how to address those that are not, we're not able to contact the 108? Have you done our best efforts? I mean, are you, are you being diligent that the best efforts are being made to contact them?

**Ronald T. Laguana:** *Hungan siñora, inchagi man poblika gi gaset. Yataya resotu, lo pago para ben dekka' enao mas talo' ya baben sigiha chumagi. Pot pagu, para enspiha taimanu pago gi internet. In chagiha gi internet, lo ben chagi pago gi facebook, todo siha gi internet, gi Instagram. Bai faisen ha talo I direktot John, ta espiha inpeñu, tachonik yu.*

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*Yata aligao eyusiha I manhuriñat siha na dueno yo maklåtåti I tano'niha. Enigui sinot, enigui tatkilu baben chegui.*

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** So, some of the other lands in your inventory are for the commission to invest, right, and to get the proceeds, and those are for the beneficiaries of the land bank. Right now, the law says the beneficiaries are those whose land was returned to the government of Guam. But not returned to the ancestral land owners. So, I think, Mr. Burch and Mr. Borrja, you can come up here, Mr. Burch, and Director Burch, have testified before that these include the lands, under the airport at Tiyan, the lands under the National Guard facilities, or, those in particular, we have beneficiaries, right? And I believe they are known beneficiaries, and those are our, our immediate aim for either compensation or, or, according to the statutes. There's also a land bank bill. We're going to be having a hearing on that, but it's also proposing that we expand the list of beneficiaries to all the people whose property was never returned to the government of Guam and that they also become beneficiaries. So, um, I just want to know are you, do you believe that the commission is investing these properties, are the properties available to it in the best way possible in order to maximize benefit to these beneficiaries.

**Ronald T. Laguana:** *Sinora, enchachagui mǎnu siñatmǎmi. I gehilu si Ron, yan guǎhu yan I pumalo in espipiha impeñu para ben chagi mama'business nai meseha enao nai na tǎno, ta invest, ta fañaonao nai, meseha hǎfa na investment. Kosaki tafan gǎna mas salapi, yo lamigai gi banko. Lo enagui in ata'a'atan esta I investment committee. Yan I tano' ni nimamaila' para bai-in lease-out. Eyigui pago' inchechenikmona.*

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Okay. That's for the, that's for the money in the bank.

**Ronald T. Laguana:** Yeah, and

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**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** The reason why I'm asking is because, for example, the hundred acres that we're, we're considering the bill to transfer out of your land bank and sell to the government of Guam was never the subject of a lease or even an RFP. That was a testimony we received. So are you looking at all your property and trying to, you know, maximize the return on those properties. Is that an active process of the Ancestral Lands Commission?

**John Burch, Executive Director - Guam Ancestral Lands Commission:** The 102 acres that you're discussing right now, that, what the commission agreed to was for sale or lease.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Yes.

**John Burch, Executive Director - Guam Ancestral Lands Commission:** Where we could get the best option for the commission itself. The other, there are other acres out there, properties that are available for other uses too. We haven't looked at those just yet. There have been requests for property, just south of the raceway track, but then our commissioners are not up for making that available for extraction of minerals, and that's where that request came from. So

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** So my question is, yeah, because of that, right, like, so we have the land and you're supposed to either, you know, get a lease on it or something, or that's up to you whether you're going to do that or not. But if we're not going to do that, then are we done, and is this the maximum amount we're going to make for the beneficiaries? Are we able to now disperse to these beneficiaries and be done with it? Or are we trying because we don't have enough to get more, right? More money to be able to disperse to these beneficiaries? Or, as it was proposed years ago, land, right? And of course, we had a lawsuit because only certain beneficiaries were going to benefit. But you know, that's always the option is that you compensate them with land that is not their ancestral lands from your land bank

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inventory. But let's just talk about the cash. Do you have enough right now to compensate the current beneficiaries or are we trying to get more and to compensate? These current beneficiaries and potentially more beneficiaries.

**John Burch, Executive Director - Guam Ancestral Lands Commission:** Well, Madam Chair, we started, recently, the investment policy statement to invest our funds to make it grow. And it's been growing quite a bit lately. I'm hoping that we can get more leases. one of those will be the 102 acres. we can get that leased out. We can actually grow the, The Land Bank. There are other properties that are scheduled for return, not just under 106-504, but also under 103-339, and also under 100, I believe, that's 102-02 under the 100 federal law 100. That one would be returned to GPA under 103-339. Those properties are returned by Congressional Action. Under, 106-504 that, those properties are returned by administrative action, and it doesn't restrict any return of properties, congressionally. 106 pretty much allows the Secretary of the Navy to return federal properties administratively without approaching the United States Congress. So it just gives another avenue for return. So, are properties still available for return? Are there some that are under transfer authority of 103-339? The answer is yes. Of those under 106-504, it specifically states that if those properties are returned under that return, then they are not to be returned to the original landowners. Hopefully we find a way, and of course, Congressman Moylan, he stated that he's gonna look and see how he can get that amended. Hopefully he can, but it doesn't restrict properties returned from the federal government congressionally. That can't be done.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Right. So. That's why I was very concerned earlier in the year and Mr. Laguana and you're here for your confirmation and I want to be sure whether it's really the commitment of the commissioners as to, we are going to pursue additional lands. We're going to pursue their return to original landowners or we are not. Are we going to acquiesce? Because it's not, you know, it's never been something that was just handed over. It was, really on the backs of many, many people's work and, and fight and protest. I mean, that was not easy. All right. What

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about, so some of the land in your inventory and your, you've leased out and some of it is subject to collections. So now we've got leases in place, yet they're not paying. And sometimes the commissioners, I think, are being lenient, in my view, of these people. And maybe you can just explain that. Do you think that you are getting the most for your money on these leases? And you, you are giving the lessees a fair, you know, um, either collecting fairly from them or giving them fair, you know, don't, I guess we all answer it's a fiduciary role that you have and it's for the beneficiary. So do you feel like you're living up to that fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries in, in the collections on these leases?

**Mr. Laguana:** Madam Speaker

**Mr. Burch:** We're supposed to have on that one particular property, a work session this week, and we have a meeting next week where the commission will make or agree to, renegotiations or to assert the decision that was made back in April of last year to end the lease. I believe that, that's, that's on the agenda for the upcoming meeting, Wednesday of next week.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Okay. Yeah. So, by the way, so the other statistic that we had was 1,888 acres of crown lands, and you have leased 77 acres of those so far. All right. And, all right. This is I'm just, again, because it's your confirmation hearing, reminding you and all the commissioners that this is your duty. It's not your duty to me or anyone really. It's your duty to the beneficiaries to maximize the benefit to them and finally compensate them. And, so, I just wish you the best on that and thank you for your work so far. Senator Taitague, any questions?

**Senator Telo T. Taitague, Member - Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture:** Si yu'us ma'ase Madam Chair. And, to all those who came to testify thank you so much for being here and taking time out of your busy schedule to Put your input on this nominee, who I've known for many years. And, I just wanted to get a little more insight and, you know, I have to apologize because my, you know, my Chamorro is not

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very good and I want to make sure I get everything precise on what you say, especially so if I can ask you just to say it in English and then you can spank me later for, you know, and make me go to class after this, I'm, I will do so if you want, Roland, because I know you always encouraged me to learn my Chamorro and that, you know, I'm an old lady right now and set in my ways. Anyways, with regards to Gaelic, what is the, your, your take on, you know, the development of properties, you know, with, the properties that you have now that, not just, the ground leasing, but the properties that you have now, what is your Your outlook or what do you plan on pursuing on, on these, um, development of properties?

**Mr. Laguana:** Si yu'us ma'ase Señora Telo. Yeah, we have the, we have the power to do it, to invest and become investors. And that's one of the plans of our chairman, was to, rather than to outright lease, we want to partner. And become part of the, as a business to get involved like, um, so that we can get the maximum benefit and earnings on those leases, on the lease.

**Senator Taitague:** And where does this money go, what, what account does it go into when, when you develop these properties?

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah, we prefer, we put it into the land bank.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay. And how much is in your land bank right now again?

**Mr. Laguana:** About 16 million.

**Senator Taitague:** 16 million, right? Okay. I know the speaker was asking about when are you going to have the opportunity to start paying some of those, properties that will never be returned back to our, our people, or the original owners. And, you know, I haven't heard any of that money being spent. What is your plan on wanting to get this money out to those who will never see their land?

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**Mr. Laguana:** First, we have to clarify who the beneficiaries are. Because the first beneficiaries that we see that deserve payment are the Tiyan landowners and the National Guard properties. Because those are in the hands of the government. All the other lands are still under federal control. And we are in conflict because there is a proposed bill from the governor that wants to include All dispossessed landowners, and once we use that definition, it'll be, it wouldn't be enough to satisfy the original landowners and the dispossessed landowners.

**Senator Taitague:** You said the governor, right? Includes all displaced landowners. And of course

**Mr. Laguana:** That's how I understand the bill.

**Senator Taitague:** Is that in law?

**Mr. Laguana:** Well, it's a proposed bill, I believe.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay, but it's not in law currently.

**Mr. Laguana:** Not in law.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay, let's say that that does not go through. What is your plan on getting those monies to those individuals at Tiyan and National Guard?

**Mr. Laguana:** That's going to be the first priority. According with our chairman. We've discussed that with our chairman. And we would like to address that with the rest of the other commission members.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay. Have you ever made any movement at all? I mean, on, on that?



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**Mr. Laguana:** Well, it's in the hands of...

**Senator Taitague:** Other than just reading about it?

**Mr. Laguana:** It needed, it needed legislation.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay, have you provided a proposal to the...

**Mr. Laguana:** I would like to ask the status of that Mr. Chair.

**Senator Taitague:** Okay. Please.

**Speaker Terlaje:** No, I can tell you. Are you talking about the governor's legislation?

**Senator Taitague:** No, I'm just talking about what, what the commission is doing to move forward with something. I mean, we hear a lot of talk, you know, over the years, it's always been a lot of talk, a lot of talk and no real action is being done and, and that's what's so frustrating. You know, and it's not just me, it's those who, you know, are waiting for this compensation.

**Mr. Laguana:** We are aware.

**Senator Taitague:** It's just talk, talk, talk, talk. But no action. So I want to hear the action, the timeline.

**Mr. Laguana:** We are aware of that and I will have our Director.

**Senator Taitague:** Director Burch, would you like to answer that?

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**Mr. Burch:** Yes. Back in 2017, a proposed rules and regulations were submitted to the Attorney General's office and it was rejected. Part of the issue back then was the confusion of beneficiaries. I'm glad the speaker's come up with her definition, that would work. Of course, the commission is still pretty much the same people sitting on it that feels that all people who lost their property, should be beneficiaries of the land bank. What I say we should do is we should have a round table, sit down, talk this thing out and make a decision once and for all how we're going to approach this issue. According to the AG, it needs legislative action. And so a bill was submitted here. And of course, the bill says one thing, but that bill can be changed. It's simply a proposal and how it comes out in law, at least to meet even the other issues that were brought up. I don't have my list of what they are, but I remember listening about 4 issues and one of them was the beneficiaries. There are three other issues offhand. I can't tell you exactly what they were. The AG's opinion was quite lengthy as to why they rejected, initial rules and regulations that were created in 2017.

**Senator Taitague:** What's the status on those rules and regulations?

**Speaker Terlaje:** If I could, Senator? Yeah, so the rules were rejected because they were not consistent with the law. And that's correct. And the primary reason they weren't is because the commission at that time made rules to make beneficiaries out of everyone who had land currently possessed by the federal government and that was not in the law yet. So that's how it became, Oh, we need to change the law or you need to comply with the law, right? That's really what's before the Commission and there are other minor things like if we change, or the beneficiaries, or even if you're going to compensate the beneficiaries, are you going to give them money and then, how much, right? And then, are their claims extinguished, or are you going to keep paying them while, this new class of beneficiaries, or are you going to keep paying them while they're land is being possessed, right? And it was that. It had opened up a whole new can of things, which... So now we have a new proposal. So that, that was like rules sent to the AG, rejected because they didn't conform with the law. There's a new proposal to change the law from

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the Governor. That's called, we're calling it the Land Bank Bill. And, that's going to have a hearing, maybe next month, early in February. But, that is really something, I don't think the Commission has voted on this term. But that's where we need clarification, and that's where I'm trying to get a hold of landowners. To see their input, because I think it's very important, right? If they are going to advocate that we expand this law or not. And if so, we're gonna, that's why we keep putting that hearing off. It's because when we try to contact these landowners, we're not getting a good catch of all the landowners. And I think it's very imperative that they are notified. We are, we have a good list of them because it affects them very much. It changes the pot of what's currently in your, in your bank. You've got money, 16 million, I think, 11 million, 16 million. Plus, you know, whatever you get in the lease, if, if that property's leased, 100 acres. So that's your pot. Are you able to distribute that right now to your current beneficiaries? Or do you need to grow that? And how big do you need to grow that in order to pay off that other list of potential beneficiaries. For me, that's a big question because that might, that, that's, we've been heard, we've heard, that's pennies on the dollar, or pennies, right? And so, if that's the case, yeah, very tough decisions, but the landowners need to know. Sorry, Senator, thank you.

**Senator Taitague:** No, no, thank you, that's very informative. Well, there's obviously a lot of questions that were, are stemming from what's anticipated and that is, you know, how much is going to be paid to them and certain other questions that I think the Commission can at least begin that dialogue. I know you Director you mentioned about having a roundtable, you know sit down in roundtable. I hope that you know that sooner than later, you know again, we're talking again. But if we can just get a timeline you the Commission to sit down with a timeline and to say, okay, we're going to start this, we're going to answer these questions, we're going to put this into play, the public hearing is anticipated for be, to be this time. Let's make sure we, give our opinions from the commission on that particular bill. I don't know if you guys had a sit down on the bill that's coming up, the land bank bill. I don't think so. So I just think we need to move a little faster here because a lot of us are getting older and, you know, it's unfortunate that

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I'm sure we're on like the third generation. Who's been waiting and anticipating, third generation, you know, for some kind of, you know, compensation or, you know, recognition that this land was taken and was told they would be compensated for and it's not. That's sad. I mean, land is precious. Money, you can go out and make money. But land, it's a different story altogether. So, I know you've been sitting on this, and I have to ask you, you know, because I, I don't really try and favor anybody when they're sitting in front of me for confirmation and I've been known to be a real hard, hard person. By certain people that are real tough on it, but you've been sitting on the board for 20 years, Roland? Is that right?

**Mr. Laguana:** Yes.

**Senator Taitague:** That's a long time. A very long time and I, the continuity is very important, especially with the land bank because you know what's happened in the past and the trials and tribulations so that you try not to make the same mistake. But I also look at trying to bring in a breath of fresh air, new perspective, new ideas, you know, and um, are you one to always come to these public, to these meetings?

**Mr. Laguana:** Senator, I am one of seven, and at times it's just, you know how it is, there's these, the battles on the, on the grounds become overwhelming, but I always stand up for the return of lands to the original landowners, and at times those challenges just face upon us and we try our very best to do the right thing, and we will continue to fight that battle. Despite the challenges low, you know, my heart is to the original landowners because I am myself and my family. We are Tiyan landowners. We have 14.5 acres. I've been sitting in the board for 20 years and yet my family has not gotten anything due to these conflicts that we encounter and the challenges from administration to administration. We try our very best, and you know my heart is on that. We are trying to generate as much money so that we can give to the original landowners something or perhaps even land exchange. We're even thinking about purchasing lands. If it comes to the sales of lands that we have no control that has already been taken, we want to use

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such monies to buy more lands. That's another idea. So that we can utilize those lands and give it out somehow, but we're trying our best. That's what I'm trying our best. Cause you know, like you said, the lands are sacred and important, but it's just hard that I'm one and

**Senator Taitague:** One of seven.

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah, perhaps maybe, you know, if you can give me the throne on that nai.

**Senator Taitague:** And definitely you're the loudest of the seven.

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah, but I try, I try my very best, but at times there's conflict and you know that too. You know, you have that here too, in this forum, but we try our very best to become civil and work around it and then do our very best because I, yeah, like I said, I myself am an heir to the Tiyan land and we've yet gotten any relief on that.

**Senator Taitague:** Well, there's no doubt about it, Ron, and I know your passion, you know, for the people and the land. And I know that when conflict of interest comes about in your, in your capacity that you would, you would step aside for that conflict. I'm hoping you still have those morals intact and I think you do. But I'm asking you right now that as you get older, you know, that you need to bring in someone who may take your place one day. And I'm asking that you, you find somebody, the next generation, to keep that passion, that fire burning that's been in your heart for 20 years and trying to help the people of Guam. I'm trying to give, you know, restore what was taken from them. That I ask that you meet with these younger generations and teach them. Let them sit on the board, let them bring new perspective and ideas on how to make this work. So I, that's all I ask for you on your, on this next term of four years to do. If you can please do that, you know, find somebody who has that same fire, you know, moving forward. Other than that, I appreciate all you do and, and Director Burch as well. I know you guys

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are under a lot of hot, hot plates here and fire under your feet being burned, especially with this hospital scenario that you're still dealing with. I'm not even going to go there right now. You know, that's a long story itself. Yeah, that's for another time. But again, I thank you and you know, Roland, I don't say it, very quickly when on confirmations, but, you do have my support. Thank you.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Senator Brown.

**Senator Joanne Brown, Vice Chairperson - Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Good afternoon to you, Mr. Laguana. I think all of us have known you a long time, some longer than others, and I thank your family and your friends and your supporters for being here. You could run for anything because you have so many people here that, that, believe in you. You know, when you were reciting the Inifresi, um, you know, we say it, a lot of people say it because it sounds good and in Chamorro it sounds even better, but do they believe it and do they have true conviction? I don't meet a lot of people, of my own people here, that have that much conviction. And it's disturbing to me, because I see so much that's for sale. Principles for sale, convictions for sale, lands for sale. And you see the change in a generation so quickly, that our children, grandchildren that are coming after us will not anywhere have the influence of what it means to be Chamorro, what it means to value the land and the environment that we have inherited. A lot of people talk about it, it's very easy to speak, it requires such little effort. Actually following through is very rare. That includes those of us that are even up here on this side of the aisle, I don't see it very often and I've been at it a long time. And so I appreciate the fact that you do have such conviction and you speak out, I hope we have more people. And as Senator Telo mentioned, the need to influence the next generation because they don't have the same opportunities. They didn't have the same opportunities we had growing up. And as each generation goes along, it's like that influence has become diluted. And so how we value land now is, you know, I have conflicts as I look at this because the desire is to receive compensation or hopefully return the lands back to the original landowners. But you

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know, the titles aren't even dry before the land is sold to outside interests. That's a standard. I mean, for what land I will receive from my grandfather through my mother, I will never sell. And I tell my son I will not allow him to inherit it if he doesn't value it. Because I just, I don't see it the same way. Money comes through your hands like water, no matter how much it is. And you can always earn it, and you can always make enough to live. Maybe not live like a millionaire or billionaire, but you can make enough to live. But that's the challenge that we have. And so while I see the need, definitely, and I totally support, especially for those that have had their lands taken, because I can't imagine someone coming in and taking my property. And I'm disinherited from it, my children are, and there's no compensation or return of that land. And it's happened to many of our people, as we know, because of our history, our unfortunate history that we've had. So, I appreciate your continued conviction to that. But you know, the other reality is, as I see it, it's become currency. Land is currency. And our people, sad to say, some of our people don't value it. You know, the lands that our, our grandparents that lived through the war, or some parents, maybe your parents, me in my case, it's my grandparents, you know, it's dollars and cents to many of our generation. We have no connection to it. We've never had to work it. We've never had to live off the land. So, you know, somebody comes and offers you a few hundred thousand dollars, and we're standing, yes, please, I'm going to go to America. Because I'm a better Chamorro in America, right? So I appreciate your, your testimony, your conviction in relaying that, but yes, I agree with my colleagues, I think we need to see progress with it, because time is, time is precious and it goes by quickly and we are feeling the age, all of us are, in not seeing these issues resolved. But I appreciate the fact that you do what you do, and it's not just sitting on the commission, but you know, even getting on the radio and you know, teaching us how to speak the language and providing clarification of proper enunciation and everything is appreciated because, I'm not a fluent Chamorro speaker, but I have a fairly good understanding of it, only because my grandfather would always speak to me in Chamorro. Even when I tell him, Grandpa, I don't understand, and he would not stop. And I, I'm very grateful to that, because if it wasn't for him, I would have very little understanding of the language, and I wouldn't have as much appreciation. So, I don't have any questions for you, Mr. Laguana.

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I think you're If you have something you want to say you're welcome to, I think you're, the support you've received today is very telling. I'm hope you, I'm sure you're appreciative of it because not everyone has an opportunity to hear what everyone thinks about them or wants to say about them and supporting them with the initiatives that they want to do. So, I'm sure it's appreciated by you and certainly by us for those of you that have come to provide testimony. Thank you.

**Mr. Laguana:** Si yu'us ma'ase Senator. Like I said, you know, its in my philosophy that in growing up that, what the lands have been in our possession for over 4,000 years. What makes it one generation of person to gain back that land and sell it? Not you, right? Hai mu nai hoa nathurodot na para un bindi i tano You're just borrowing those lands from your children and your grandchildren. These are borrowed lands. We were born with nothing and we will die with nothing. We're just borrowing these lands. That's how sacred this, I put myself in those positions. I have family members that want to sell the land. I told them I said what makes you in your time, your generation within your 80 years of your life or whatever.(para un bindi i tano nai)It's not to be sold. It's supposed to be held in trust for generations to come. And that's how I care about land. So after 4,000 years of ancestral lands, and then once we give it out, you're correct. We see it either sold or being stored for automobiles, and it becomes a total mess, but we have no control of that. But we try to instill that in our children. To value the land and protect the land. 'cause we're just borrowing it from our ancestor. And those are for the children, your children, your grandchildren, and further on. And, magahet enao nai hai mu nai munai hoa enao nai para un bindi and I talk to my family. We're borrowing these land. These lands do not belong to us. These will be here for thousands of years more. And once you sell it. And you see it already. The Chinese are buying out all the land left to right. I just watch it down the line. And they're smart, because they buy them by parcels. Then they build it slowly, so they can bypass the regulations of revenue and tax. Not to pay additional taxes when it comes to bigger lots. And I see that. It's sad. We have a problem with our society. We have a problem with the world. Life is short, and I feel for the way we're trying to deal with these matters, you know? When we pray to God, there's so much, so much



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problems in the world. Why can't we just use, build, get the land, like, you know, fino' Ed, Defunto Ed? Get a hundred by hundred, and build a chapel and a church, and let's all pray for peace and harmony. But, magahet hao nai I'm so glad that you are with me now, Senators. Hu chachagi manu ni na sinahoa I try to do my best and I tell them, so just outright at many times I just tell 'em right, right there. And I take notes. Because when it comes to those points, they cannot tell me that they didn't say that. And I say it that you did, you said this and said that. So let's stop that. I'm, I'm there to stop the sale of these lands, you know?

**Senator Brown:** And the irony is you end up having family members fight over something that they have put no effort to receive.

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah.

**Senator Brown:** Yeah, they end up quarreling, huh? And families end up breaking up as a result of it.

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah, it breaks families.

**Senator Brown:** Unfortunately, the greed, to me, is more disrespectful than anything else. Greed motivates like nothing I've ever seen, unfortunately. You know, I've lived on Guam most of my life, and I have to tell you, it's disheartening. So I hope your message resonates out there. I hope that's something we can pass on to the younger people. Because once we lose the land, we have no, you know, it's not going to be You know, it's not, we can't say, Oh, i tano Chamorro because it's not ours anymore. We're lucky if we get to lease it or rent it, right? So I, again, Mr. Laguana, I appreciate your passion and your conviction and, and please keep doing what you're doing because there's a lot of our people out there that don't get that message in their own families sometimes because families are so divided. I mean, we grew up knowing who, who is who young people now they don't have that. They don't have the same connection and, and like you were talking

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earlier, you don't have the same connection to land. Money is very fleeting, but if we don't, if we don't make that effort and, and, and ourselves have our own sense of conviction, who, who, how do we pass it on when we don't have it ourselves to pass on? So, you certainly have my support. I wish you continued success. You have a tough job. I know Mr. Burch has a tougher job dealing with this and right now the land, the, the Chamorro Land Trust Commission. But, you know, we have to keep doing and setting that example because maybe we can change the tide because, It's disturbing to me. It really is. I'm, I'm bothered by it. I, I just, as I see it, and you're right, the Chamorro's, I mean, I look at my family land that hasn't even been subdivided, and there are offers being made left and right to buy it, and for years, and I go, it's not a question for me, I don't care what the value is, I would never personally sell it, because to me, that is my inheritance, and my family, and something I value, not so much the land, but the fact that it's come to me from my, my ancestors, and I appreciate that, because it's our inherited property, but, But like I said, you know, before the title name is even there, it's, it's for sale. I mean, we look at what, what, what few large land holdings are remaining on Guam as soon as they're divided. It's not something being passed on to their children, unfortunately. But with that, Madam Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Certainly, Mr. Laguana, you certainly have my vote of support. Thank you.

**Mr. Laguana:** Just one last comment, Senator. That's why they testify in Chamorro. Because with the language, that speaking of the language are the words of our ancestors and you pass that on to our children. And that's how they connect with their island and their culture and their people to the language. And with that, that's why you see there's a revitalization now of many of the young generation that are moving forward with the language and the culture and the fight for the protection of our island and our people. Sa esti i tano gaigi i tano esti i salapi hokok ha is salapi. Money will disappear, but the land will still be there. Then you look back and I see people sold their lands and they came back, went to relocate to the states and they came back and they bought back their lands. Triple the price because they found out that the connection is with that land. That particular land in Tamuning, they sold it. You had to rebuy it back 3,4 times the cost

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because the land they realized was sacred ancestral lands. And that's sad that that thing had to happen like that. So si yu'us ma'ase Senadora. Si yu'us ma'ase.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Si yu'us ma'ase senators and Mr. Laguana. Before we close, I'd just like to, so I want to commend you for your work, especially for this many years. And I know, many of the testimony included the word trust. They trust your judgment. They trust your advocacy. They trust that you're, you know, going to represent them. And so I respect that. And I, I want you to continue to serve in that capacity. But the Ancestral Lands Commission, like I said, I feel we're in a very important time, and it's a generational thing. What was given to us by those who worked before us, what are we going to do with it now, right? Changing our minds about how important that is or something. And so there are things, there are, there are bad debts. We're not collecting what we're supposed to be collecting. And the audits have shown that. And that you commissioners need to drive this. All right. I know you hire an executive director. That's up to the commissioners who you're going to put in that spot. And, so you, you know, I know that throughout the government, it kind of works like whoever's the director date. They, they manage the agendas, they manage how things are going to flow and, um, what the priorities are going to be. But I would think that particularly you and those who have served for as long as you have, this is something that cannot wait any longer. We're getting old. Many reasons I'm not, I don't have to explain, you know, you know how urgent it is and you know whether we are going to change or we're going to continue to remind people the importance of these lands. And so. So, bad debt, I think, um, have we seen a resolution in support of, Bill 180, well, to lease or sell that land, 164 or 100 acres over there at Eda Aga'ga' to the government of Guam for, But the governor wants to build a hospital. So there was a resolution in that regard. I have not seen a resolution in regards to the land bank, but that I think we're going to have a hearing so you can testify on that. But I think the commissioners need to pay close attention to the list of returned lands or returned lands, lands that have been returned and what's happening with those. If they're not coming to you, lands that are supposed to be returned because, like I said, we have lists. Lands that have been deemed excess, but maybe, and you should monitor that

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because in the next list, the next year, is that continued to be deemed excess or has somebody changed their mind? Right? I'd like to keep an eye on that myself, but I'm saying you are the commissioners kind of assigned to carry this. Leased proceeds that are used for operations. I know this is kind of one of the debates that you guys have. The leases that you have, if you use that money for operations, less money to the beneficiaries. That's your dilemma. When are we going to pay the beneficiaries? I know we'd all like to find a way where when you do return land, we can help these landowners, like a way to invest it, a way to get leases on it, so that they can hold it and not have to sell it. This is decades. It's a generation of being dispossessed of land has created poverty. It has created desperateness. It's created, you know, the lack of attachment, the different values. So these are symptoms, you know, of what happened to us when the lands were taken. As to your board, maybe, Mr. Director, can you just answer, are there any other vacancies on the board?

**Mr. Burch:** There'll be two more coming up, Commissioner Wessling and Commissioner Camacho. Their 90 days have expired, and when you go into session this month, that'll be the third legislative day. So I, with the confirmation, of, Mr. Laguana, we will still have a quorum where we can operate. I'm hoping that two commissioners will agree to be reappointed. I believe Commissioner Wessling, she's informed me that she has problem with health issues within her family, and she may not be interested. I will try to reaffirm that, if that's her decision.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Okay, but with them, with them, you had no other vacancy?

**Mr. Burch:** No, not at this time. But we will be having two.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Okay. And then, so, Mr. Laguana, I also want to tell you that you have many letters that have been sent in on your behalf. Lisa Mulsher, Vaughn Laguana, Ted Nelson. Mary Perez Williams, Jacinta Perez, Jerry Flores, Bob Pelkey, Mary Aguon, Denise Cruz, Elizabeth Aguigui, Maggie Tenorio, Peter Terlaje from Santa Rita, Dorothy

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Laguana, Lou Aguon Shelty, and Rosemarie Ponzalan Herrera. And again, thank you to all of you who testified today. Thank you.

**Mr. Laguana:** Madam Speaker, perhaps John, Mr. Burch, with regards to the deeding nai. If we can, once we start deeding these properties, we can probably include, I don't know how far we can get on that now, reversionary clauses. That's how the military has done it.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Good point.

**Mr. Laguana:** Yeah, that they said that, it's either you use it this way. We take it back, but these are ancestral lands, I guess, and to encourage them not to sell. I don't know how we're going to work with that, that once it's private property that belongs to them, what control can we have on that? But we try to encourage them not to sell all the time. We don't, we tell them that, you know.

**Speaker Terlaje:** I know we can find other ways that would be probably, you know, different effort by the government, different statutes. However, yeah, currently we have our hands full with properties that are being returned. And we need to get those to those landowners. The list that you have, we have properties that we have for investment that need to be, you know, produce income, and maybe that's how you're going to help them when you have income and you're able to. You know, hire the lawyer you want, hire the, anyways, so, yes, but I just think it's very important that this all stems from the process of either, it's either Congress is going to say this land gets returned or they're, or, you know, they've laid it out that we work with the secretary of the Navy back and forth, you've got the list, they've deemed land excess, such as Eagles field when they deemed it excess. I think it's incumbent on us, then, if they've deemed it excess, that we pursue that. And if the government is not going to pursue it, I don't know, it's not necessarily your job, but I'm just suggesting that we are looking, people think that that's your job. Anyways, I

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commend you for your work, and I and there's no other testimony for this appointment, so I'm going to conclude this hearing. Sorry, the chairperson of the commission.

**Mr. Eclavea:** Thank you for this opportunity to, again, make a brief, analogy of what's going on, real quick. This is how we see it. Notwithstanding the many years that we've struggled with the rules and regs, then realizing that it's actually not possible to actually come up legally with the rules and regs. The way the situation looks now is we have Chamorro Land Trusts and Ancestral Lands. The conditions are now that we have beneficiaries of Ancestral Lands, that all, practically all the beneficiaries of Ancestral Lands are the beneficiaries of Chamorro Land Trusts. Not all of the beneficiaries of Chamorro Land Trusts are beneficiaries of the Ancestral Lands. Now we have a situation where the government of Guam took the lands, I mean, took the released lands, some of the released lands, and we have, of course, the federal government that condemned these lands back in the 50s. So we have Government of Guam lands that were condemned, or not condemned, but kept. Like Tiyan, and the National Guard. So Government of Guam has kept these lands. But yet, the situation with GALC and CLTC, it's the same, practically the same beneficiaries. But not all of CLTC qualifies. But everybody's going to get compensated the same way? Everybody? See, right now, given what we were dealt with, with the rules and regs, we made everybody. Everybody were the beneficiaries from the military that, the condemned lands from the military and the ones that the government of Guam kept. But, of course, it was illegal. Okay? So however, the front office and you, the legislature, come up with who the beneficiaries actually are for ancestral lands. The fact is, the government of Guam kept some lands, and as Mr. Laguana said, they haven't received anything yet. A lot of us have gotten our lands back. A lot of us, a lot of them sold their lands.

**Speaker Terlaje:** Thank you, Mr. Eclavea, Chairman.

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**Mr. Eclavea:** Okay, I don't want to take up too much, but you understand where we're coming at. If there's some way to, to have it done so that these guys, that you, you kept the lands from, get compensated. Because in the end, ancestral lands, after it completes its mission, it's probably, it's going to probably go back to the CLTC.

**Speaker Terlaje:** I don't know about all of that overlap with the CLTC. I don't think that's necessarily a problem that we're having. The problem we're having is yes, you have beneficiaries that have, that are waiting for you as a commission to act and we need to make sure that you are going to do that. So, and I don't think, you know, of course, you know, we want to do many different things and those are the hard decisions that have to be made. And now we know, 20 years later. Yeah, that we struggle, that we couldn't, we couldn't. So we need to, to get it done. So, but I appreciate. So it's gonna take you guys, and your work, and the fellow commissioners. And I want to say, so some of these commissioners have approached me and I'm going to encourage you to have meetings, both in person and on Zoom. I know Zoom is very convenient, that's good. But I also think, you know, maybe you need to look each other in the eye, once in a while at least. And, See how motivated we are to move this. That's all.

**Mr. Eclavea:** Thank you for making me make my comment.

**SPEAKER THERESE M. TERLAJE, CHAIRPERSON:** Alright, and so this a reappointment hearing for Mr. Ronald T. Laguana to serve as a member of the Guam ancestral lands commission for four years is duly heard. *Si yu'us ma'ase, todus.*

Public Hearing adjourned: 2:34 P.M.

### **III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

- Ronald T. Laguana has served on Guam Ancestral Lands Commission for 20 years and all testimonies received prior and during the hearing were in favor of his reappointment.

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The Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture hereby reports on the Appointment of Ronald T. Laguana, to serve as a Member of the Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC) for four (4) Years from September 18, 2023 to September 17, 2027 with the recommendation TO DO CONFIRM.