I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan APPOINTMENTS

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35GL-19-0213	Fe Valencia-Ovalles	Member	Guam Economic Development Authority Board of Directors	3/7/19		Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities and Emergency Response	3/11/19	5/15/19 2:00 p.m.	5/22/19 4:23 p.m.		



Clynton E. Ridgell

Senator - 35th Guam Legislature

Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response

May 20, 2019

Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes Speaker I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Via: Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Committee Report on the Appointment of Fe Valencia-Ovalles

Håfa adai Speaker Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Fe Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority and which was referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response.

Committee votes are as follows:

5 TO CONFIRM

D TO NOT CONFIRM

O TO ABSTAIN

O TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Clynton E. Ridgell





COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Fe Valencia-Ovalles

As a Member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority to serve four (4) years from date of confirmation May 20, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To:

All Members

Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation,

Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response

From:

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell

Committee Chairperson

Subject:

Committee Report on the Appointment of Fe Valencia-Ovalles

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Fe Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority.

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 Testimonies
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

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 contact my office.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'

Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Member

Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson, Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano). Ph.D., Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member



COMMITTEE ON RULES SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR

I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

March 11, 2019

Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Member

> Senator Jose T. Terlaje, Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Member

Senator James C. Moylan, Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres. Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

MEMO

To:

Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Julian Aguon Legislative Legal Counsel

From:

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re:

Referral of Appointment

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee:

Fe Valencia-Ovalles

Position:

Member, Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development

Authority

Term Length:

Four (4) Years from date of confirmation

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm. Please refer to the following document:

"35GL-19-0213 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Fe Valencia-Ovalles, Member, Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development Authority."

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to Senator Clynton E. Ridgell, Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response.

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
SIGUNDO MAGA'LÁHI - LIEÚTENANT GOVERNOR

March 7, 2019

Honorable Telena Cruz Nelson Acting Speaker I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam 96932 35GL19-0243 Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Time 10:37 (34M ()PM

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE:

Fe Valencia-Ovalles

POSITION:

Member, Board of Directors

Guam Economic Development Authority

TERM LENGTH:

Four (4) Years from date of confirmation

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

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guahån Governor of Guam

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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March 7, 2019

Fe Valencia-Ovalles



Dear Ms. Valencia-Ovalles:

Pursuant to my authority under 12 GCA § 50105, I am appointing you to serve as a

MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guahån*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Governor.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guahån Governor of Guam

Lt. Governor of Guam

cc:

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO Governor

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor



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

Last Name	First Name			Middle Initial
VALENCIA-OVALLES	FE			
Mailing Address				Apartment/Unit #
City	State		Zip Cod	le
				•
Phone	E-mail Address			
Position to which Appointment is Made				
Member, Board of Directors, Guam Econo	omic Development Au	ıthority		
Are you a citizen of the United States?	Yes√	No 🗌	<i></i>	
If no, are you authorized to work in the Unit	ted States? Yes	No 🔲		

EDUCATION

YEAR EARNED	TYPE OF DEGREE	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	SCHOOL (Name, City and State)
	HS		High School
: [Colegio del Buen Consejo
Undergra	Pre-Nursing		College
d	BS Foreign		University of Santo Tomas
1970	Service		Lyceum of the Philippines
			Graduate School
			N/A
			Other Degree
			Other Degree

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Ad Guam Marianas Management Services Inc.	ddress	President/CEO Dates Held			
DBA: Guam Marianas Collection Agency					
Guam Marianas Training Center		Since 1995			
Previous Employer and Mailing Address		Position Title			
Please see Resume					
		Dates Held			
Previous Employer and Mailing Address		Position Title			
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PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE					
Agency or Department Name		Position Title			
Office of the Governor, Adelup, Guam		Special Asst to the Lt. Governor			
Address	Phone	No.	Dates Held		
Agency or Department Name		Position Title			
Guam Passport Office		Director, Passport Office			
Address	Phone	No.	Dates Held		

Agency or Department Name	Position	ion Title
Department of Labor	Deput	ty Director
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held
Agency or Department Name	Positio	on Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held
RAINING		
INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON	I-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Please refer to	Resume	
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WARDS		
List all educational, professional, civic a	wards, and recognition for	r public service:
ROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT		
		nizations, activities participated in, and
	sociation (member since 1	1996)

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List organizations, activities par	ticipated in, and offices hel	d:	
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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESEN	TATIONS		of the figure of the control of the
List any published articles, pape	rs delivered at professional	meetings, etc.:	
MILITARY SERVICE (Please at	tach Form DD-214)	RANK AT	
BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
N/A			
OTHER INFORMATION			
(1) Have you ever been found	guilty of a felony in any co	urt, 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 Commit	ted:		

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(2)	Have you United St	n declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the	
	Yes 🔲	No 🗸	If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:
(3)	Have you insanity?	ever been	found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of
	Yes 🗌	No 🗸	
(4)	Have you	ever been	confined to a mental institution for any reason?
	Yes not suffer	No ✓ ing from a	If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are mental illness or affliction:
		-	
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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Governor

JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Lieutenant Governor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO:	The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerr Governor of Guam Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Compl Adelup, Guam 96910	
FROM:	Fe Valencia-Ovalles	
	☐ I have no financial interest in any ☐ I do have interest(s) in the follow	
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GUAM M	ARIANAS MANAGEMENT SERVICES,	IN TRAINING/BILLING/CODING AND COLLECTION
		(97%)
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<u> </u>	ANALYSIS CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO	
-	Signature	
•	Signature	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 correct.	(4 d.c.A. Section 4306) that the foregoing is true and
J. J. J. M.	2/18/19
Print Name and Signature	Date

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GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION

P.O. Box 23909 Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



February 25, 2019

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Fe VALE	NCIA-OVALLES		
DATE OF	BIRTH:		FINGERPRINT#:	
		dual has no record of crimina Guam law and rules and regula		

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.

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The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 01/06/19

By Direction: BARBIE

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Acting Chief of Police

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SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449 Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETEClerk of Court

Name:	FE	٧.	OVA	LLES
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SS#:

ID#

Date of Birth:

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:				Civil Cases:		
A.	\bowtie	No Case Found	A.	[]	No Case Found	
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	3.	Criminal Case No.		3.	Civil Case No.	
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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, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: 03/06/2019

The absence of an original Court Seal invalidates this document

DANIELLE T. ROSETE
Clerk of Court

BY: JEANETTE B. ROBERTO

Prepared By: JBR

Fe Valencia-Ovalles, CBCS, PHIC

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS)
Associates Degree in Public Administration
(Lyceum of the Philippines - Intramuros, Manila, Philippines)

WORK EXPERIENCES

President/CEO:

(1995-Present)

d.b.a.: Guam Marianas Collection Agency (Medical Billing/Coding and Collections/Third Party Debt Collector)

d.b.a.: Guam Marianas Training Center (School of Business, Technology and Allied Health

Office Locations:

Guam: 414 West Soledad Ave. Suite 601-A GCIC Bldg. Hagatna, Guam (1995-present)

CNMI: Unit 105, Pangilinan Bldg. Chalan Laulau, Middle Road, Saipan

Manila, Philippines: Unit 2004, Medical Plaza Bldg. San Miguel Ave. Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines

Special Assistant:

(2006-2007)

Community Affairs/Medical Referral
Office of the Lt. Governor - Mike Cruz

Special Assistant to the Governor:

(1990-1994)

Labor, Protocol & Ethnic Affairs
Office of the Governor - Hon. Joseph F. Ada

Chief Passport Officer:

(1989-1990)

U.S. Passport - Government of Guam

Deputy Director:

(1984-1989)

Department of Labor - Government of Guam

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- Customer liaison and primary point of contact for all service related issues.
- Achieved 90% sales and revenue quota by utilizing solution selling techniques to grow key accounts.

Product Manager - IPTV GTA

October 2006 - December 2010

- Defined, developed, and launched GTA's first IPTV Service targeting Residential, Small Business, and Hospitality market segments.
- Developed and implemented superior linear TV products and brought leading-edge product features to market: High Definition, DVR, Premium Packages, Pay-per-View, Video on Demand, and Subscription Video on Demand.
- Managed all phases of Product Development including Strategy development, Value Proposition, Pricing Strategy, Competitive Analysis, Vendor management, Sales Channel Distribution, and Marketing Programs.
- Responsible for product P&L life cycle and setting and achieving sales targets. Implemented credit and deposit policy reducing average churn below 3.5%.
- In coordination with Marketing team, created marketing and promotional materials (presentations, demonstrations, literature), required for product launch.
- Implemented field personnel communication and training
- Contributed to process flow development and participated in IT development to support product requirements.
- Presented quarterly Product Reviews directly to GTA Executive Management.

Education

BA in Political Science (May 2003) University of Arizona

Certifications

Green Belt Lean Six Sigma Certified

Community

Board of Equalization
Make A Wish Guam & CNMI
Marianas Islands Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

References

Available upon request

Assistant Branch Manager/VP Operations:

(1982-1984)

California Overseas Bank

Operations Manager (International Officer - Designation): (1975-1982)

Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation

Senior Underwriter (Casualty/Title):

(1973-1975)

National Underwriter Insurance Co.

Liaison Officer - Various Embassies/Govt. Agencies:

(1967-1972)

Office of the President of the Philippines
National Intelligence Coordination Agency (NICA)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

American Institute of Banking:

- Principles of Bank Operations
- Installment Credit
- International Banking
- Macro Economics
- Consumer lending Seminar
- Collection Seminar
- Negotiable Instrument and Payment Mechanics
- Money and Banking
- Supervision Management Course
- Effective Writing
- Accounting

Collection Business Academy (American Collectors Association):

- Fair Debt Practice Collections Seminar
- Bankruptcy and Collections
- Skiptracing for Results
- Top Managers Forum
- Marketing for Profit
- Supervisory Practice
- State Collection Laws
- Techniques for Effective Training
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)
- Certified Billing and Coding Specialist

Government of Guam:

- Executive Management Seminar

Off-island Training:

Supervisory Management
 Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hong Kong)

On-The-Job-Training:

- Records Management Courses
- Documents Security
- General Intelligence Course
- Casualty Insurance Seminar

Dale Carnegie Course:

Advance Secretarial Seminar

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Honorary Member: House of Representatives State of Tennessee (Lifetime)
- State Member: U.S. Congressional Advisory Council (1985-1990)
- Member: National Association For Education of Youth, Children (NAEYC) (1985-1990)
- Member/ Instructor: American Institute of Banking (AIB-GUAM CHAPTER)
- Member: Guam Bankers Association (1975-1986)
- Member: Medical Billers Association of America (2009-present)
- Associate Member: American Collectors Assn/International Collectors Association (ACA/ICA) (1995-present)

ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS

- President: Career Development Specialist Inc. (CDSI) (1994-1999)
- Director/Owner: Rainbow Child Care Center (1985-1994)
- Proprietor: SGA Janitorial Services (1985-1994)
- Consultant: Manpower Services (Immigration/Labor) (1985-1996)
- Proprietor: Fe's Catering 1992-1998)
- Proprietor: Ovalles/SGA Apartment Rentals (1985- present)
- Proprietor: Veggilicious Restaurant (2005-2006)

COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Charter President: Guam Sunshine Lions Club (Lifetime)
- Charter Vice President: Guamerica Lion's Club
- Cursillos in Christianity (Lifetime)
- Komitea Para I-Manauleg Guam

- Talk Show Host: Usapang Pinoy KUAM (2005-2006)
- Rotary Club of Northern Guam (2010-present)

BOARD AND COMMISSION SERVED

- Member (Board of Directors): Guam Mass Transit Authority (1989-1994)
- Member (Board of Directors): Guam Airport Authority (2006-2010)
- Member(Advisory Council): Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) (2013-2014)
- Secretary (Board of Directors): Guam Housing Corporation (2014-2016)
- Chairwoman (Board of Trustees): Guahan Academy Charter School (GACS) (2016-present)

REFERENCES

- Governor Joseph F. Ada (Former Governor, Guam, USA)
- Governor Carl TC Gutierrez (Former Governor, Guam, USA)
- Lt. Governor Mike Cruz (Former Lt Governor, Guam, USA)
- Governor Ralph DLG Torres (Governor, CNMI Incumbent)



Selina Onedera-Salas <sonedera-salas@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: May 15, 2019

Selina Onedera-Salas <sonedera-salas@guamlegislature.org> Bcc: PHrg Notice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Wed, May 8, 2019 at 9:35 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Clynton E. Ridgell

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Selina Onedera-Salas Chief of Staff - Office of Senator Clynton E. Ridgell 238 Archbishop Flores St Suite 906, DNA Building Hagåtña, Guam 96910 (671) 475-4983 (Office) (671) 475-4768 (Fax) sonedera-salas@guamlegislature.org

Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response

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SECOND NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: May 15, 2019

Selina Onedera-Salas <sonedera-salas@guamlegislature.org>

Mon, May 13, 2019 at 9:07 AM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 13, 2019

MEMORANDUM

All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Clynton E. Ridgell

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 13, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Clynton E. Ridgell

Re: SECOND NOTICE of Confirmation Hearing: Wednesday - May 15, 2019

The Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response will conduct a Confirmation Hearing on Wednesday – May 15, 2019, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm to hear and accept testimonies on the appointment of Ms. Fe Valencia-Ovalles as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority.

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May 7, 2019

Transmitted via Electronic Mail



Fe Valencia-Ovalles Appointed Member, Board of Directors Guam Economic Development Authority 414 West Soledad Avenue Suite 601-A, GCIC Building Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Notice of Re-scheduled Confirmation Hearing

Håfa adai Ms. Valencia-Ovalles:

This is to notify you that the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response has rescheduled your Confirmation Hearing for your appointment as a Member to the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority for **Wednesday - May 15**, **2019** from **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. The Confirmation Hearing will take place at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña.

The Committee encourages you to invite members of the community, your family members, and friends to provide testimony in support of your confirmation. We suggest all written testimonies be submitted at least one day in advance. Written testimonies may be mailed or hand-delivered to our office at 238 Archbishop Flores Street, DNA Building, Suite 906, Hagåtña. Testimonies may also be submitted via email at sen.cridgell@teleguam.net or via fax at (671) 475-4768.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Selina Onedera-Salas at 475-4983 or via email at sonedera-salas@guamlegislature.org.

Saina ma'åse',

Clynton E. Ridgell

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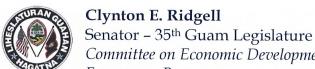
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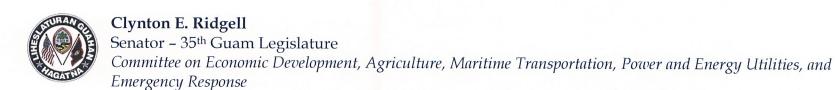


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Attenion

Intro. Address to Senator's....ladies and gentlemen good morning

Introducing myself

My name is Andres Padilla AKA Andy

My wife Norma is also here with me.

We are both Govt. Of Guam retirees.

I retired as Staff. Assistant to the former

Gov. Felix Camacho & Lt Gov. Mike cruz

My wife retired as Nurse at Guam Memorial Hospital for 45 years in service.

we are here this morning to support the confirmation of Ms.Fe V. Ovalles

We have known her for about 39 years.

Ms. Fe Valencia Ovalles was Educated at.....University of the Philippines Degree of

Foreign Sondie

I will relay, for myself, Started when we were a Tandem at K57 Ethnic Filipino Host in the year 1980 during the tenure of the late then

K57 Gen. Mrgr. Mr. Jon Anderson.

We are again tandem Ethnic Host at KUAM

in late year 2000 Usapang Pinoy.

Usapang Pinoy Meaning, it relates the life and news idea of Filipino on Guam, Philippines Radio listeners and via internet or web. Thru world that uses social media.

Being a tandem Radio Host We assisted and hosted several FCG-the Filipino Community of Guam during previuos Philippine Independence Progam.

She is active in assisting and helping in some sorts of fundraising for a non profit Organization such as Medical Mission, Typhoon Calamities, Donations & others.

The most recent was we formed a Non-Profit Organization named Brngy 671 which is rooted to our

Beautiful Island of Guam known as area code 671.

In this light we all agreed that she lead the organization as the charter President. Because of her hard work, volunteerism and ability to mend with, young and old people alike.

Purpose of this Organization is for common good to assist help any one in need, to the max of whatever this organization can, for the good cause.

Her participation in Politics, Business and work: to name a few....

Politics:

Been involve on both Democrat and Republican Party. Been a board member on several areas of Govt. Of Guam Dept. As well

Works:

1. She was Director of Dept. Of labor during the tenure of then Gov. Joe Ada & the late Lt. Gov. Frank Blaz Sr.

- 2. She was a Bank officer of California Overseas Bank-COB
- 3. We have been Underwitting agent of

AL Williams, and Primerica.

Business:

4. She holds several businesses, but one of the most promising and ongoing is the GMTC Guam Marianas Training Center, a certification for a para Medical career for students. Which has branch in Guam, CNMI & the Philippines,

which help the medical practitioner, Hospitals and Clinics.

- 5. At Present Ms. Fe is the Chairman of one of the charter school on Guam.
 - 6. The resume of Ms. Ovalles, I mentioned are just a few that I know of.

In my conclusion, Senators of confirming body, Ladies and Gentlemen, if Ms. Fe Valencia Ovalles will be confirmed, I personally beleive, she will do her best to perform her task & duty as a GEDA BOARD the

most of her knowkedge & ability.

I, thank you

Un dangkulo na se yu'os maase

Maraming Salamat po.

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May 15, 2019

The Honorable Clynton E. Ridgell
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Utilities, and Emergency Response
238 Archbishop Flores St.
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Hagatna, GU 96910

RE: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Ms. Fe Valencia-Ovalles as a Member of the Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development Authority

Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Fe Valencia-Ovalles as a Member of the Board of Directors, for the Guam Economic Development Authority as I believe Ms. Ovalles will be a valuable addition to the membership currently on-board. As a founding member of Guam Marianas Management Services, Ms. Ovalles has been involved in the accounting and collection service industry for over 25 years. Her previous experience with the Department of Labor along with experience in banking offers an opportunity for GEDA to further consider economic impacts and better strategize with regard to programs under its charge. As well, Ms. Ovalles has years of broad experience in finance and economics along with foreign relations and policy which would be a boon for Governor Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Tenorio's efforts to strengthen GovGuam's financial and international affairs, which is an essential ingredient in GEDA's overall mission.

As part of her small business experience, Ms. Ovalles has been the proprietor of a number of business entities, granting her firsthand knowledge and an intimate understanding of the challenges small and micro businesses face on Guam. In addition to her professional work, Ms. Ovalles has also served on numerous GovGuam boards throughout her career, characterizing her as no stranger to the duties and responsibilities of board members overseeing various agency pursuits that are vital to our community. Thus, GEDA stands to gain tremendously with her type of guidance, experience and expertise as we continue to pursue our mission towards economic improvement.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, it is our most fervent hope that *I Liheslaturan Guahan* will confirm Ms. Ovalles at the soonest possible time for the benefit of our agency and our community. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sinseru,

MELANIE MENDIOLA CEO/Administrator





TESTIMONY OF MARILYN MANIBUSAN

IN SUPPORT OF FE VALENCIA-OVALLES TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CONFIRMATION HEARING

Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Mary Camacho Torres

Good afternoon Honorable Senator and Chairman Clynt Ridgell and members of this esteemed committee. It is a privilege and a pleasure to come before you today to offer support for the confirmation of Mrs. Fe Valencia-Ovalles as a member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority.

I have known Ms. Ovalles for as long as I can remember. I know that she has worked long and hard to attain those professional milestones in her life and that she has a strong sense of community and a true passion for public service.

I have always seen Ms. Ovalles as a person who respects people for who they are and she never has discounted nor diminished their right to be heard in a manner that places the highest emphasis on fairness. She is a very engaging and open person and she can discuss a wide variety of topics in an educated, thoughtful and humble manner and she also has a sharp wit and patient demeanor.



An old man walking along the beach came upon a child sifting through debris left by the night's tide. Every so often, he would pick up a starfish and toss it back to the sea.

The old man asked him the purpose of his efforts.

"The tide has washed the starfish onto the beach. They will die unless I throw them back."

The old man looked around at the miles of beach.

"There are more starfish than you can ever save.

You cannot make a difference."

The child bent to pick up another starfish and sent it back to the ocean. Then he looked up at the old man, smiled and replied, "I can make a difference to this one."

SHE MADE A DIFFERENCE AT GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, because first and foremost, Ms. Ovalles is a woman of faith.

A woman of faith trusts

God.... and faces adversity with hope. She is grateful for the blessings. She trusts that in His still and quiet way, He will lead her by the hand and give her answer to her prayers.

A woman of faith is confident. . . because she understands the divine plan of her Heavenly Father and her role to bless lives. She is confident that any sacrifice she makes is worth something in an eternal sense. She knows that her sacrifices may be small by comparison, but she knows that the Divine Heavenly Father understands and values what she

does to strengthen her home and her family, her community and the world in which she lives.

A woman of faith is fearless. She fears no evil, for God is with her She seeks what is uplifting and happy and decent in children's lives, for they are our future. She leads with respect for even in the middle of adversities. She teaches not to engage in verbal or physical conflicts but to resolve conflicts with a conversation and understanding. Although knowing she is imperfect she still tries to be better. And knows that when she does her very best, it is enough.

Ms. Fe Valencia-Ovalles has made a difference in many people's lives, especially the lives of the diverse student population at the charter school, faculty and staff. **Because** of her compassion, generosity, resiliency in adversities and just showing up, especially when no one would have shown up, she can be counted on. She will bring her business and banking experience that will be most useful to the work of the Guam Economic Development Authority.

I thank the Governor Lou Leon Guerrero for appointing Ms. Ovalles to serve on the GEDA Board, and I especially want to thank Ms. Ovalles for her willingness to give more of herself to public service in our community. I seek your support for her confirmation to this Board. Thank you.

Fe Valencia-Ovalles (Testimony) GEDA Board 15 May 2019

Good afternoon Senator Clynt Ridgell, committee chair on economic development, agriculture, maritime, transportation, power and energy utilities, and emergency response.

Members of the 35th Guam Legislature, (acknowledge audience - GEDA board/staff/management)

My name is Fe Valencia-Ovalles, a residence of Guam for 45 years.

I am here to provide testimony in behalf of myself as a newly appointed member of the Guam economic development authority by Maga'haga Lou Leon Guerrero and Segundo Maga'lahi Joshua Tenorio. I am truly grateful for the opportunity and trust.

I also would like to thank Senator Ridgell and staff in allowing me to postponed earlier appointment hearing. I truly appreciate your understanding.

A debate during my college days was the question does economics defines the politics or is it politics that defines the economics.

I left the Philippines at the height of the martial law and in my mind the politics of the Marcos regime defined all of what the Philippines economy will be. It was a reminder on how the abuse in politics became a major deterrent in the economic progress of the Philippines then.

I am very convinced from thereon that economics rule to have an excellent politics or government. Constituents are happy, well provided for in terms of security, healthcare, education, and other basic needs of any person.

Economics is a practice of efficiently allocating scare resources by which we aim to avoid market failure, a core understanding why government exists. When majority of society lacks even the basics such as food, clothing and shelter, it becomes a crisis by which government has failed to efficiently distribute goods and services in the economy.

Economic development is about meeting the most basic of individual human needs. When economic growth plummets, everyone suffers. Economic growth at a macro level should translate to improvements in access to and quality of such basic needs as food, shelter, security and healthcare.

A sustainable economy is what GEDA can offer. Given the right support and resources Guam can have a sustainable economy for the many years to come. It takes the audacious leadership of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio and group of people with good minds and intention to make this happen. Along with the appointment of Former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez as economic advisor and a group of business people in our community that formed the group called EDNIA, an acronym that stands for Economic Development National And International Affairs. Its mission is aligned and in sync with GEDA's which is to develop a sound and sustainable economy through innovative programs that preserve and promote local culture, economic opportunities and quality of life.

In just a few months this administration is in office, there have been many developments in meeting and coordinating with major players in the Asian economy. I am confident, in time this will all benefit our island.

I offer my business experiences and my belief in what the power of the legislature and the administration of Magahaga Lou Lenon Guerrero and Segundo Maglahi Joshua Tenorio can do to transform our island economy to maybe even **beyond what Singapore have**.

Upon review of the GEDA website, I saw the portal for the many economic activities here on Guam where GEDA can assist.

I am truly excited in GEDA's many program and sincerely hope GEDA's assistance in helping small business owners through the \$13.1 million through this ssbci program where some good amount of revenue for GEDA can be derived consumer landing a true catalyst in any economy. My lunch meeting with GEDA CEO Mel and her Deputy Ricky shows so much excitement in moving these funds to help small business owners. Consumer lending then, during my banking days was where majority of the banks revenue were made, with almost less than 2%in delinquency rates, those were good years. With GEDA's desire to assist small business owners, you can rest assure I will be there to support this endeavor.

I have seen GEDA's centric report as of 2017 and hope that i can assist in ensuring GEDA's revenues are sufficient to support their operation and in their adopted programs. The centric report shows a slight variance on both revenues and expenses. I will encourage similar transparency in all of GEDA's operations. With GEDA's quest for Guam's economic sustainability, I have added a few ideas as follows:

1) CONTINUE THE NETWORKING AND DEVELOPING BUSINESS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, either thru Private Public Partnership (PPP) or Sister City

relationships, where cultural, economic and educational exchanges can be establish.

Since Guam is unable to establish diplomatic relationship, the sister city relationship will be an appropriate venue to accomplish the aforementioned exchanges.

Many of Guam's sister city relationships are just kept without an official repository and provisions of which were hardly exercise or implemented for benefit of each jurisdiction. To date, the government of Guam does not have any particular agency appointed as repository of Guam's sister city relationships.

May I recommend that GEDA be the main repository of the sister city documents since these compliments most of GEDA's function. Renewals / and affirmation of the sister city relationships can also be done as leaders or players change, but all for the betterment each government relationships.

Through sister city partnerships, leaders can find new growth opportunities. It is a series of joint initiatives in trade, innovation, and education that will increase employment, expand advanced industries, and strengthen their overall global competitiveness

By leveraging their unique assets and identifying opportunities to collaborate with global cities around specialized expertise, highly skilled labor, location and connectivity, leaders can find their competitive niche to thrive in the global economy.

More can be explored in a sister city relationship, i will leave your committee to one day craft a sister city relationship bill that will truly be a reflection of changing times with a global approach and trend in all aspect of economy.

2) CONTINUE THE HOSTING OF THE YEARLY ECONOMIC FORUM THAT FEATURES AND SELL DOING BUSINESS ON GUAM

In the words of the Ms. Siska Hutapea, another board nominee for GEDA, why can Guam be like Singapore...Guam can be! I totally agree!

Guam is America in Asia Pacific, doing business here can pave the way to the rest of America and the world.

I truly believed there is always a right time for everything. As we see the many economic activities in Asia, Guam serves as a gateway to America, now is the time for Guam to grow economically.

I thank you for your time and hope for your favorable confirmation of this appointment.

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response convened a public hearing on May 15, 2019 at 2:00 pm in *i Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Fe Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *i Maga'hågan Guåhan* on March 7, 2019 for four (4) years from the date of confirmation;
- Appointment packet forwarded to i Liheslatura on March 7, 2019;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on <u>March 11, 2019</u>.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 8, 2019</u> (5-Day Notice) and again on Monday, May 13, 2019 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Clynton E. Ridgell, Chairperson

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called to Order at 2:01 pm.

Chairman Senator Clynton E. Ridgell: All right, good afternoon. This public hearing conducted by the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response is now called to order.

Notice of the hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets via electronic mail on May 8th of 2019, with the second notice provided on May 13th of 2019. Notice of the hearing was made known on the Guam Legislature's website, and today's agenda is the confirmation hearing for Miss Fe Valencia-Ovalles who has been appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority.

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Before I call on Miss Valencia-Ovalles to testify, I'd like to call up the names of those in attendance who were here to testify on her appointment in the order of the sign-in sheet. If you haven't signed in to testify and you'd like to testify today, please do so with my staff over there at the table.

I'd like to start with—I'll call some names here. The first name on the list is Mr. Andy Padilla. Are you here to testify orally? Please come up to the front. Also, Norma Padilla. Mel Mendiola. Merle Gutierrez. Leah Duenas. Dr. Judith Won Pat, former Speaker Judith Won Pat. Jesse Cruz and a Larry Dahilig. We'll go ahead and start with Mr. Andy Padilla.

Mr. Andres "Andy" Padilla: [Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you, Mr. Padilla. Miss Mendiola.

Melanie Mendiola, CEO/Administrator - Guam Economic Development Authority: [Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you. Speaker Won Pat, if you could please just introduce yourself for the record before you begin your testimony. Thank you.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer – Guåhan Academy Charter School: Thank you very much, Senator and for having this opportunity to speak on behalf of the appointee by the governor. I'm Dr. Judith Won Pat, the current Chief Academic Officer of Guåhan Academy Charter School. Miss Ovalles is the Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the school. I work with her often at the school, but from the past and where I've known her, yes to be a businesswoman and most definitely in the finance and business world. She, herself, was an entrepreneur when she started out a smaller business at the Chamorro Village, and she's also the founder (as stated earlier) of the Guam Marianas Management Services, and I truly believe that she brings a wealth of information and she has the skill sets in the finance world—in the business world—that she would bring together. The one great thing as an entrepreneur and a businesswoman is that GEDA actually provides for grants and loans for a small businesses, and she definitely brings that to the table. I hope that with your committee and the

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testimony provided that you would support the governor's appointment of Miss Ovalles to serve on the GEDA Board. Thank you very much, Senator.

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you, Speaker. At this time, I'd also like to call up Penny Cruz. I see you signed up, but I'm not sure if you're here for oral testimony or just as support. I think it's Bernadette—I can't make out the last name, I apologize. Anyone else here who would like to testify as well as Marilyn Manibusan, please join us at the front. Miss Manibusan, good afternoon. Please go ahead and introduce yourself for the record before you begin your testimony.

Marilyn Manibusan: [Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you. Sir, if you could introduce yourself for the record before you begin.

Larry San Miguel Dahilig: Good evening, Senator and visitors. Actually, this is my first time in here in this Legislature Hall so just bear with me; I'm kind of nervous. Before I start, my name is Larry San Miguel Dahilig. I'm a private citizen and U.S. Navy retired, and during the time when I first met Miss Fe Ovalles was in July during the campaign trail. I've come to know Miss Fe. She's like a mother to me. She's got an open heart for everyone that she approach and I'm not prepared with what everybody have, but I'm saying this from the heart, and she has really has helped a lot of people through different walks of life. Miss Fe... I asked you — I fully ask you guys to give the support for the confirmation for GEDA, and I know she will be one of the best one that you guys have ever approached. I thank you again, and I'm really nervous up here. Good evening, Everyone.

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you, Sir. No problem—you did fine. Thank you. Mrs. Rosie Tainatongo, if you could begin with introducing yourself for the record before you begin your testimony.

Rosie Tainatongo: Good afternoon, Senator Ridgell. My name is Rosie Tainatongo, and I'm here in support of the nomination of Miss Fe Ovalles. It is a pleasure to recommend Miss Fe Ovalles as a member of Guam Economic Development Authority as a Board Member. I believe her skills and experience makes her an excellent candidate for the GEDA Board. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her as trustees to the Guåhan Academy Charter School and the

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Board of Trustees. Fe is a valuable asset to absolutely any team. She is honest, dependable, and incredibly hard-working. She is a successful businesswoman, graduating hundreds of students in the Allied Health Professionals, and most have jobs now, and a lot have pursued higher education in this profession. She has served in many capacities in the financial field such as President of Guam Marianas Management Services, Assistant Branch Manager for California Overseas Bank just to name a few. I can confidently say that Fe will make a positive and beneficial addition to the GEDA Board, and she has my highest recommendation. Thank you, Senator.

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you, Mrs. Tainatongo. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen for your testimony this afternoon. I'd like to call up now Miss Valencia-Ovalles.

Fe Valencia-Ovalles, Appointee - Board of Directors, Guam Economic Development Authority: [Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you, Miss Fe Valencia-Ovalles, and first of all I'd like to congratulate you on your nomination to the GEDA Board, and I appreciate the comments you've made particularly talking about the potential for Guam to reach greater economic heights such as those that have been achieved in places like Singapore. Singapore is almost the same size of the island of Guam so, I like that you're thinking along those lines, and I think that's a good way to think that if an island of that size can achieve that kind of economic potential so can Guam. I appreciate that line of thinking. I only have one question for you today, and that is just if with the business you own if you foresee any potential conflict of interests in the future and if so, how would you resolve that?

Ms. Valencia-Ovalle: If there is any conflict in the future, I'm quite sure that there is such a way for you to be able to do away with the voting on anything that has something to do with my business or just totally take myself out of the business entity that I am. I don't see any future conflicts, your honor, and certainly that would be the only way. It's just where the vote comes to any proposition that has anything to do with my business operation, I certainly would take the opportunity to be able to be not there and not be able to vote in any of those discussions or proposals. Thank you.

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Chairman Ridgell: Thank you. I don't foresee any either, that's just a question I typically ask.

Ms. Valencia-Ovalles: Thank you so much.

Chairman Ridgell: With that, I'd like to congratulate you on your nomination again and let you know that you have my support for your nomination to this Board. Thank you.

Ms. Valencia-Ovalles: Please draft a Sister City to finally put that to rest and make that an official documentation for any affairs that the government of Guam will have to deal with. I'm willing to help you with that.

Chairman Ridgell: Thank you.

The Committee will continue to accept any written testimony on the items discussed today. Please provide written testimony to my office at 238 Archbishop Flores Street, Suite 906 at the DNA Building in Hagåtña, or you may send it via email to sen.cridgell@teleguam.net, or you may send it by fax to (671) 475-4768. This hearing is now adjourned. Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response hereby reports on the appointment of <u>Fe Valencia-Ovalles</u> to serve as <u>a Member of the Board of Directors</u> of <u>the Guam Economic Development Authority</u> with the recommendation TO DO CONFIRM.



COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Fe Valencia-Ovalles to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic Development Authority for four (4) years from the date of confirmation.

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