

*I Mina Trentai Kudtiro Na Lihesaturan Gudhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	CMTE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	CMTE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
Ignacio Peredo	Director	Customs and Quarantine Agency	1/17/19	To serve at the pleasure of the Governor	Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure, and Public Transit	1/23/19	3/20/19 9:00 a.m.	4/16/19 3:27 p.m.		



**Sinadót Jose "Pedo" Terlaje**

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,  
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit*

April 8, 2019

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

**VIA:** The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee PBL  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Ignacio Q. Peredo

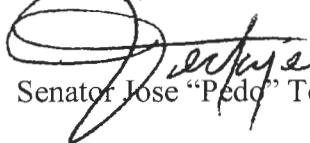
*Håfa Adai* Speaker Muña Barnes:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of Ignacio Q. Peredo to serve as Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency, and which was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.

Committee votes are as follows:

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

Sincerely,

  
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje



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## ***Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje***

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# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Nomination of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo  
as Director**

**Customs and Quarantine Agency**

**to serve at the pleasure of**

**I Maga'Hågan Guåhan**



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April 8, 2019

### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,  
Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

**From:** Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje   
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo to serve as Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency.

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 Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Related News Reports

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'*

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,  
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,  
Member

Vice Speaker Teleno 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*  
**35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE**

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose T. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator Therese M. Tertaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Maylan,  
Member

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

January 23, 2019

# 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 Háfa adai.*

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

**Appointee:** **Ignacio Peredo**

**Position:** **Director, Customs & Quarantine Agency**

**Term Length:** **To serve at the pleasure of the Governor**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at [http://guamlegislature.com/35th\\_mess\\_comms.htm](http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm). Please refer to the following document:

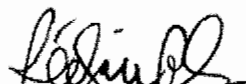
**"35GL-19-0028- Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Ignacio Peredo, Director, Customs & Quarantine Agency."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Jose T. Terlaje, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit.**

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

UFISINAN I MAGA'HAGA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'HAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LAHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 17, 2019

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

35GL-19-0028  
Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes  
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DATE: 1/17/19  
3:08 PM

RE: Appointment, Customs & Quarantine Agency

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:	Ignacio Peredo
POSITION:	Director, Customs & Quarantine Agency
TERM LENGTH:	To serve at the pleasure of the Governor

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

*Senseramente,*

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'Hagan Guahan*  
Governor of Guam

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January 7, 2019

Ignacio Peredo

**Re: Appointment as Director, Customs and Quarantine Agency**

Dear Mr. Peredo:

Pursuant to my authority under 5 GCA §3127, it is with pleasure that I appoint you

**DIRECTOR, CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE AGENCY**

This appointment shall be at

**THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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, as described throughout Title 5, Chapter 73 of Guam the Guam Code Annotated, 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 Guåhan*. Pending the consent of, and confirmation of this appointment by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, you are hereby appointed to serve as **DIRECTOR** in an acting capacity.

This appointment is effective January 7, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Governor.

*Senseramente,*

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
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> Peredo	<b>First Name</b> Ignacio	<b>Middle Initial</b> Q
<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> Director of Customs & Quarantine		
<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> George Washington High School		High School Diploma	1971
<b>College</b> University of Guam		B.S. Criminal Justice	1982
<b>Graduate School</b>			
<b>Other Degree</b> Secondary Education Certification		Certification	2011



## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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**TRAINING**

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**AWARDS**

<b>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</b>
1997 Manager of the Year Customs & Quarantine Agency

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<b>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</b>

**COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT***List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:*

2014 - 2015 Saint Francis Parish Council Member  
 2011 - 2016 Saint Francis Golf Tournament Association Committee  
 2001 - 2012 Yona Municipal Planning Council Member  
 2003 - 2004 Guam Central Little League, Senior Division Vice President  
 2002 - 2003 Guam Central Little League, Junior Division Vice President  
 2001 - 2002 Yona Little League, Major Division Manager  
 1986 - 1987 M.U.Lujan Elementary School PTO President  
 1984 - 1985 M.U. Luian Elementary School PTO Vice President

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS***List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:*

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

<i>BRANCH</i>	<i>DATES OF SERVICE</i>	<i>RANK AT DISCHARGE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</i>
United States Army	1971 -1975	E5	Honorable

**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:** Ignacio (Ike) Q. Peredo

- 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


  
Signature

1.16.19  
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.

  
IGNACIO Q. Peredo  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Signature

1-15-19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# 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. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

Name: **IGNACIO Q PEREDO**

SS#:

ID# GDL: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

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Dated: 01/02/2019

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

BY:   
**PERRY T. GUERRERO II**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **PTGII**



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



January 2, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Ignacio Q. PEREDO		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT #:</b>	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

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

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE seal invalidates this police clearance.  
 REVISED. 09/03/16

**By Direction: dcp**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**JOSEPH I. CRUZ  
 CHIEF OF POLICE**





## **Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje**

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,  
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### **QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST**

#### **Executive Appointment: Director Customs and Quarantine Agency**

§3127. Appointment of the Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency. The Director of Customs and Quarantine *is* appointed by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and shall meet the following qualifications:

- (1) have no less than ten (10) years of progressive experience in a law enforcement agency, including at least three (3) years in a senior law enforcement position, or equivalent executive management experience in the field of public administration, business administration; criminal justice or law, or a closely related field or discipline;
- (2) graduated with a Bachelor's degree or higher in criminal justice administration, public administration, law, or a closely related field or discipline from an accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successors;
- (3) have no felony, domestic or family violence convictions;
- (4) have no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude;
- (5) submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but not limited to, urinalysis testing, unless the appointee is a current employee of the government of Guam registered with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission as a peace officer occupying a Test-Designated Position (TDP) pursuant to the Department's Drug-Free Workplace Program;
- (6) be of good health and good moral character;
- (7) submit to psychological testing;
- (8) submit to a polygraph examination;
- (9) submit to a thorough investigation of his or her background and moral character;

# **ATTACHMENT**

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Executive Appointment: Director  
Customs and Quarantine Agency

# **ATTACHMENT**

## **(2)**

Graduated with a Bachelor's degree or higher in criminal justice administration, public administration, law, or a closely related field or discipline from an accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or its successors;

# UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACULTY OF THE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

HAS CONFERRED UPON

IGNACIO Q. PEREDO

THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

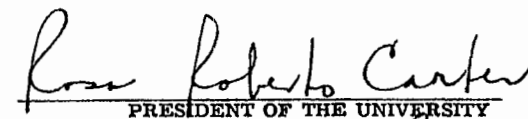
WITH ALL THE HONORS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES APPERTAINING THERETO.

GIVEN AT MANGILAO, IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

MAY 14, 1982



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS



PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY



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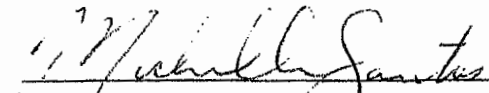
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University of Guam  
School of Education

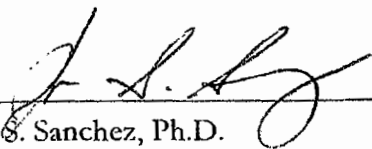
THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

*Ignacio Q. Peredo*

*Who has fulfilled all of the requirements of the Student Teaching Program  
Presented on this day, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009*

  
Cheryl Sanguenza, Ph.D.  
Program Chair

**NCATE**  
The Standard of Excellence  
in Teacher Preparation

  
John S. Sanchez, Ph.D.  
Dean

**QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST**

Executive Appointment; Director  
Customs and Quarantine Agency

# ATTACHMENT

## (3)

Have no felony, domestic or family violence convictions;





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



March 8, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

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

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**By Direction: ap**

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO  
 Acting Chief of Police**

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 REVISED. 01/06/19



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Dated: 01/02/2019

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
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BY: **PERRY T. GUERRERO II**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST**

Executive Appointment: Director  
Customs and Quarantine Agency

# ATTACHMENT

(4)

Have no misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude;



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



March 8, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Ignacio Q. PEREDO		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT #:</b>	[REDACTED]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

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

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**By Direction: ap**

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO  
 Acting Chief of Police**

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Name: **IGNACIO Q PEREDO**

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:

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- A.  No Case Found
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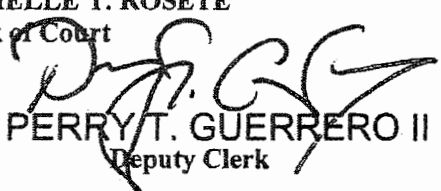
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# ATTACHMENT

## (5)

Submit to and pass a drug screening test, including, but not limited to, urinalysis testing, unless the appointee is a current employee of the government of Guam registered with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission as a peace officer occupying a Test-Designated Position (TDP) pursuant to the Department's Drug-Free Workplace Program;



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Lieutenant Governor

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**Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

**February 14, 2019**

Honorable Tina Muna Barnes  
Speaker of the Guam Legislature  
Committee on Public Accountability, Human Resources, and the Guam  
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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**Ref: Appointees mandatory Pre-Employment drug test requirement**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!* The Department of Administration's (DOA) drug-free workplace policy has been established for the Government of Guam employees under the direction of the Executive Branch, pursuant to Executive Order 95-29, promulgated on December 6, 1995 and amended by Executive Order 2005-18 on May 4, 2005. As a condition of employment, all employees must refrain from using illegal drugs on or off duty, to include the abuse of prescription medication.

All employees are tested under the Drug-Free Workplace Program and standards are consistent with the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Health and Human Services (HHS). All urine specimens undergo an initial screening to detect drugs and their metabolites. Should the initial screening detect drugs and their metabolites, a second screening shall be conducted utilizing Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) to confirm the presence of drugs and their metabolites for the following substances:

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- **Marijuana (THC)**
- **Cocaine (COC)**
- **Amphetamines (AMP)**
- **Phencyclidine (PCP)**
- **Opiates**

Therefore, I can attest that the appointees on the attached list have taken and passed a pre-employment drug test. *Dångkolo na Agradesimiento!*

EDWARD M. BIRN



DEPARTMENT NAME	NAME	TITLE
B.B.M.R.	CARLSON JR, LESTER L	DIRECTOR (BBMR)
BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS	TAITANO, TYRONE J	DIRECTOR (BOSP)
CHAMORRO AFFAIRS	ARCEO, ANNA MARIE B	PRESIDENT (DCA)
CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION	HATTIG III, JACK	ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR (CLTC)
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION	LEON GUERRERO, DANIEL D	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CSC)
CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE BOARD	ORSINI, CECIL L	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CLB)
CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE	PEREDO, IGNACIO Q	DIRECTOR (C&Q)
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	BIRN, EDWARD M	DIRECTOR (DOA)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	MUNA-BRECHT, CHELSA D	DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE)
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	BRENNAN, SAMANTHA J	DIRECTOR (DEPCOR)
DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	LEON GUERRERO, PHYLISS	DIRECTOR (DISID)
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	ARRIOLA, VINCENT P.	DIRECTOR (DPW)
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GUAM ENERGY OFFICE	RESPICIO, REBECCA J	DIRECTOR (GEO)
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K.G.T.F.	CARILLO, INA MARIE V.	GENERAL MANAGER (KGTV)
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PARKS AND RECREATION	YBANEZ, RICHARD Y.	DIRECTOR (PARKS & REC)
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**QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST**

Executive Appointment: Director  
Customs and Quarantine Agency

# **ATTACHMENT**

## **(6)**

Be of good health and good moral character;



## ***Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje***

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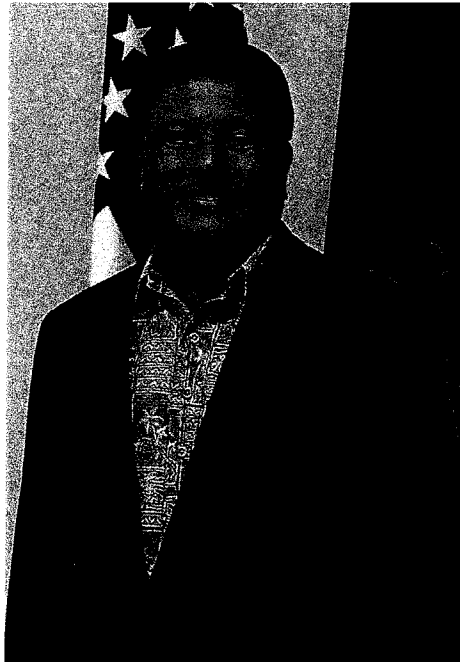
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*Director's Office Acting Director of Customs – Ignacio Q. Peredo*

*Chief of Customs – Vincent S.N. Perez*

## BIOGRAPHY FOR IGNACIO Q. PEREDO

Ignacio “Ike” Peredo is currently the Acting Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) and is once again responsible for protecting our island, people and resources.



Decades ago, Ike retired from the CQA as its highest ranking classified employee. Ike began his career with Customs in 1976, when it was a division within the Department of Commerce. While employed with the Agency in 1982, Ike pursued and received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Guam.

Ten years later, in 1986, Ike had reached the rank of Assistance Chief and was instrumental in moving CQA forward by updating its communications, instituting a Customs Automated System, and installing surveillance systems to monitor cargo movement. By 1994, when the CQA had grown too large to remain a division of the Department of Commerce and separated becoming a line agency of its own, Ike was its Deputy Director and highest classified employee.

After retiring from Customs, Ike became Senator John M. Quinata’s Chief of Staff during the 27<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature. And in 2011, until his appointment at Customs, Ike was a teacher of Geography and American History at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School.

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# ATTACHMENT

## (7)

Submit to a psychological testing;



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Psychological testing for Executive Appointee Ignacio Q. Peredo, Director, Customs and Quarantine Agency, was conducted by Dr. Andrea M.S. Leitheiser, MA, PhD, on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Dr. Leitheiser administered the evaluation to include pertinent psychological testing, a detailed report, and fitness for duty recommendation.

The psychological evaluation is confidential and protected by The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA.)

Further, pursuant to 5 GCA §10108(c) Limitation on Right of Inspection reads:

“Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. All information regarding salary, and the name, and worksite mailing address of each employee and public official shall be public record.”

The evaluation was provided to members of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature.



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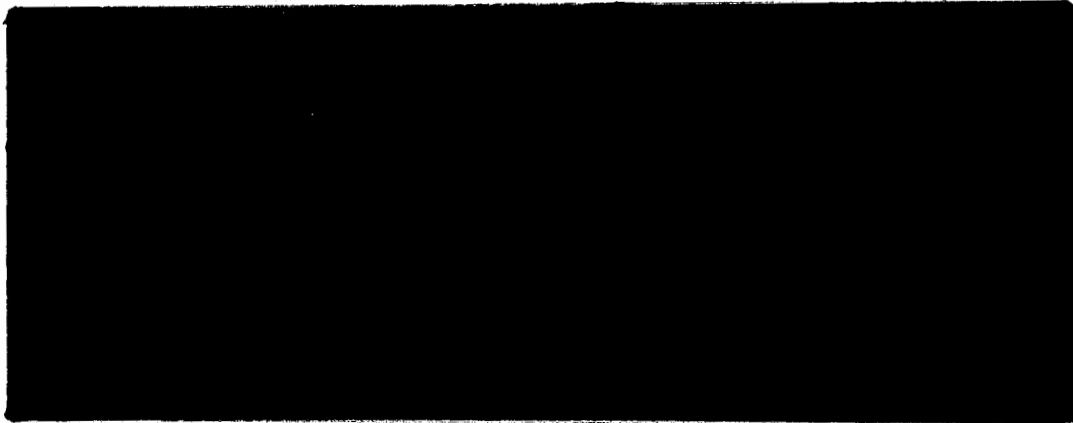
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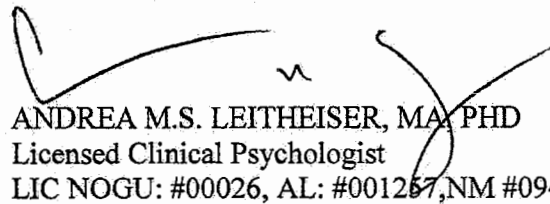
Honorable Senator Jose Terlaje  
C/O Ms. Therese Hart, Legislative Analyst  
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL DELIVERY

RE: Request to provide evaluation clarification for *Appointee*, Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Peredo

Dear Senator Terlaje:

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!* I am writing this in response to your request for clarification as well as a recommendation statement from a mental health perspective regarding the candidates fitness for duty status. **Based on his clinical interview and standardized testing results, Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Peredo is recommended and cleared from a mental health perspective for consideration in the position of Director, Department of Customs and Quarantine Agency.**



  
ANDREA M.S. LEITHEISER, MA, PHD  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
LIC NOGU: #00026, AL: #001257, NM #0942, CNMI#30

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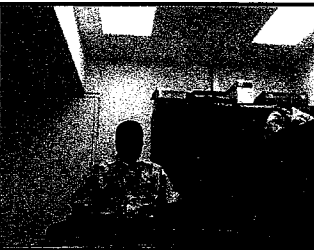
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## (8)

Submit to a polygraph examination;



**Confidential**  
**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Polygraph Examination Report**

Personal Information	Photo
Name: Ignacio "Ike" Quifunas Peredo Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED]	
Exam Information	Fingerprint
Exam Location: GPD Polygraph Office, 13-16A Mariner Ave., Tiyan, Barrigada, GU 96913 Exam Date: 3/18/2019 01:31 PM [REDACTED] Examiner: Mark A.B. Torre, Lieutenant Final Call: <b>NO DECEPTION INDICATED</b>	

**Section 1: Purpose of Examination**

This examination was completed pursuant to Guam Public Law 34-170; which states in part: "§3127. Customs and Quarantine Agency. There is hereby established within the government of Guam, the Customs and Quarantine Agency (the Agency). The Director of the Agency, who is head of the Agency, shall be appointed by *I Maga'låhi* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslatura*, and shall meet the following qualifications: (h) submit to a polygraph examination." The main issue under consideration for the polygraph examination was whether or not the examinee was telling the truth to the pertinent questions listed under Section 3 of this report.

**Section 2: Pre-Test Interview**

On 3/18/2019, Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Quifunas Peredo arrived at the Guam Police Department Polygraph Office as scheduled.

Mr. Peredo's background investigation report and questionnaire were reviewed. The documented material in the report and questionnaire presented no substantial reason for further inquiry or clarification.

The examinee was fully advised that the entire examination would be recorded using both audio and video. In the opinion of this examiner, Mr. Peredo was suitable for polygraph testing.

At the conclusion of the pre-test phase of the polygraph examination, the examiner discussed and thoroughly reviewed *all* the test questions with the examinee. The purpose of this detailed review is to provide the examinee an opportunity to ensure he or she completely understands the questions before the onset of the testing phase of the examination.

A Polygraph Waiver Form was read, completed, and voluntarily signed by the examinee prior to testing.

**Section 3: In-Test Phase**

A Lafayette computerized polygraph system, model LX4000 was used for the collection of polygraph tests (test data). This instrument makes a continuous recording of autonomic responses associated with respiration, electrodermal activity, and cardiovascular functioning. The instrument also includes sensors designed to record peripheral behavior activity and cooperation during the examination.

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**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Polygraph Examination Report**

The following pertinent questions (Exploratory Test – Mixed/Multi-Issue) were asked during the polygraph examination in which Mr. Peredo answered "No."

**EXPLORATORY 1:**

- R42a: Did you omit or falsify any information on your job application for this position?
- R43a: Did you ever falsify time sheets or overtime justification forms in your previous capacity as a law enforcement officer?
- R44a: Have you ever discriminated against anyone in your capacity as a law enforcement officer?
- R45a: Prior to appointment to your current position, did you ever lose control of your temper and act out violently?

**EXPLORATORY 2:**

- R42a: Have you ever committed an act that resulted in an unfair or undeserved benefit to yourself?
- R43a: Have you ever abused your authority as a law enforcement officer?
- R44a: Did you ever use illegal drugs in your previous capacity as a law enforcement officer?
- R45a: Did you ever participate in any undetected criminal activity in your previous capacity as a law enforcement officer?

The following pertinent questions (YOU-Phase) were asked during the confirmatory polygraph examination in which Mr. Peredo answered "No."

**YOU-PHASE:**

- R33: Did you participate in any undetected criminal activity in your previous capacity as a law enforcement officer?
- R35: In your previous capacity as a law enforcement officer, did you participate in any undetected criminal activity?

**Section 4: Result**

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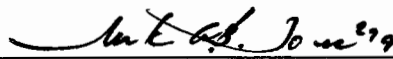
It is the opinion of this examiner Mr. Peredo **was** being truthful during testing. As such, no further testing was required.

**Section 5: Post-Test Interview**

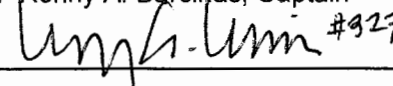
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During the post-test phase of the exam, Mr. Peredo was informed of the test results.

Polygraph Examiner: Mark A.B. Torre, Lieutenant

Signature: 

Reviewed by: Ronny A. Barcinas, Captain

Signature:  #927

**Attachments:**

- (1) Background Investigation Report
- (2) Background Investigation Questionnaire
- (3) Public Law 34-170

**QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST**

Executive Appointment: Director  
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# ATTACHMENT

## (9)

Submit to a thorough investigation of his or her background and moral character;



## *Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje*

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A background investigation was conducted by Guam Police Department Sgt. Norbert Sablan and Officer M.J. Winn on Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero's Executive Appointee, Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo on February 11, 2019. Mr. Peredo was appointed Acting Director, Customs and Quarantine Agency.

The investigators noted in their report that “Specific to his law enforcement career, Mr. Peredo has never accepted a gratuity, used his position for personal gain or abused his authority. He has never provided false testimony, accepted a bribe, nor has he interfered in any investigation that may have involved friends or family.”

The investigators noted in their report that “Local and Federal Criminal History queries of Mr. Peredo revealed negative results for any criminal record or pending charges.”

The report was submitted to members of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature for their review.



Senator Pedro Terlaje &lt;senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com&gt;

**First Notice of Confirmation Hearings on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 9 a.m.**

4 messages

Senator Pedro Terlaje &lt;senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com&gt;

Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 9:56 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, Tom Unsiog &lt;sgtarms@guamlegislature.org&gt;, Therese Hart &lt;therese.hart.writer@gmail.com&gt;

March 11, 2019

**MEMORANDUM****To:** All Senators, Stakeholders, Media**Fr:** Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje  
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We look forward to your attendance and participation. Si Yu 'os Ma 'ase



## *Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje*

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Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs,  
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March 11, 2019

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

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Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

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Therese Hart &lt;therese.hart.writer@gmail.com&gt;

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**Senator Pedro Terlaje** <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>

Mon, Mar 18, 2019 at 7:12 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

March 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM

All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

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March 18, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

**From:** Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje  
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

**Subject:** Second Notice of Confirmation Hearings, Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
Buenas yan Háfa adai!

Please be advised that the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans' Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit will convene Confirmation Hearings on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m., in I Liheslaturan Guahan's Public Hearing Room on the following executive appointments:

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**Senator Pedro Terlaje** <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>  
To: ignacio.peredo@cqa.guam.gov

Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 5:05 PM

March 11, 2019

VIA E-MAIL ignacio.peredo@cqa.guam.gov

Subject: Invitation to Confirmation Hearing- 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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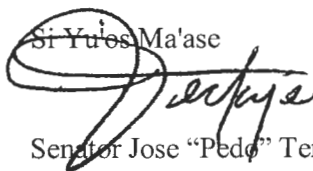
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**CONFIRMATION HEARING**

**AGENDA**

**9 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

***I Liheslaturan Guahan's Public Hearing Room  
Guam Congress Building, Hagåtña***

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Opening Remarks**

**III. Items(s) for Discussion**

- **Appointment of Ms. Samantha J. Brennan to serve as Director, Department of Corrections**
- **Appointment of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo to serve as Director, Customs and Quarantine Agency**

**IV. Closing Remarks/Announcements**

**V. Adjournment**



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## Confirmation Hearing Sign-In Sheet Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Appointee: Ignacio Peredo

Position: Director

Agency: Customs and Quarantine Agency

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Ignacio Q. Peredo  
Acting Director  
Customs & Quarantine Agency

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to appear before this body for your review and confirmation as the Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency.

I would like to publicly thank the Honorable Governor, Lourdes Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio for the confidence they have placed in me to provide the leadership and direction for this very important Agency.

I am a military veteran and a retired Senior Customs Officer. I started my career with Customs in 1976 with the Department of Commerce, Customs and Quarantine Division. During my tenure with the Department of Commerce, I managed to rise through the ranks and become a supervisor which allowed me the opportunity to be exposed on all facets of the Customs and Quarantine functions and operations. During this particular time, there were only 30 Customs Officers who were manning our borders which comprised of the Airport, Maritime, Cargo Terminal, Agana Boat Basin, AAFB, Naval Air Station, Naval Station (Big Navy) to include the Main Postal Facility. The Airport was the only section that operated 24 hours a day - seven days a week, with only one duty officer assigned for the swing and midnight shift. The shift Duty Officer was responsible for staffing all flights arriving after 1700 hundred hours.

The most challenging times of my career was during the mid 70s when Heroin was rampant throughout the islands. Violent drug crimes was at its highest point prompting the Drug Enforcement Administration to increase their manpower level to Guam to combat the importation of illicit drugs in our territory. I valued the leadership and mentoring that were provided to me by my superiors during that particular time in my career. They have taught me the core values of what the Division of Customs is all about, honesty, integrity and accountability.

As in the past, the threat of contraband smuggling into Guam remains a major concern for the Agency. As long as contraband continues to be transported across our borders, the profits generated through the sale of illicit contraband will continue.

In 1986, I was promoted to Assistant Chief of Customs and was overall in-charge of the operations. Under the leadership of Chief Lloyd J. Osborn, I was tasked to write grants to acquire needed resources for the Division. This resulted in upgrades to our radio communications to the Smart-Net Radio System; instituting a Customs Automated System for tracking drug suspects at the ports of entry; and the installation of surveillance system at the airport and cargo to monitor the movement of passengers/cargoes upon arrival on Guam.

As a member of the Customs Heads of Administration Regional Meeting, formerly CHARM but became the Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) we know today, I collaborated and worked with the Australian Customs Service to provide Drug Detector Dog Training in which the ACS graduated and certified 6 Customs K-9 Officers.

In 1994, the Customs and Quarantine Agency was created via passage of Public Law 22-112. The creation of the new Agency severed the ties from the Department of Commerce (DOC) as a division and created a new line Agency. Being the senior classified employee with the Agency, I became the deputy director of the agency and spear headed the Customs Reorganization into four different division under the leadership of Director John M. Quinata.

In October of 1995, Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez proposed the idea of the Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Service Charges (CAQISC) which became Public Law 23-45. The CAQISC program authorizes charges for passenger and cargo inspection services rendered by the Agency at our borders, which created a funding source dedicated strictly towards contraband interdiction programs.

For the first time in Customs and Quarantine history, the Agency was able to send 55 recruits to the Guam Community College's certified Law Enforcement Training Academy and continued with two other cycles the following year.

Today, the mission of the Agency has expanded greatly since the late nineties when CQA had a healthy 235 officers. Following the events of September 11, 2001, there has been an increase in federal legislation signed into law aimed at the prevention of terrorism. Subsequently, the mandates and regulations requiring CQA enforcement has significantly increased. However, CQA's ability to fulfill our tasks has been negatively impacted because of reduced personnel, training, equipment, vehicles and lack of technology. Compared to the late nineties, Guam Customs had sufficient personnel to conduct inspections at the borders. Both the Primary and Secondary inspection counters were manned by customs officers to ensure that all of Guam's arriving passengers were properly screened and inspected. The agency was able to provide additional boarding teams assigned to meet all arriving aircraft, conduct inspections and monitoring of these aircraft, and to review the manifests as well as monitor, inventory, account, and track all cargoes destined for Guam.

Presently, the agency is staffed with just 101 officers to protect our borders. That is less than half of the officers that we had in the 90s. Compounding the staff shortage, we had thirty-four well trained Customs Officers transfer to the federal service because of better opportunity. This is a great challenge for this agency, but let me say that with my experience, education and commitment to the Customs and Quarantine Agency, I am confident that I can provide the managerial stability and leadership to move this agency in the right direction.

As the community's first line of defense, acquiring the necessary personnel and equipment are vital towards interdicting movements of contraband and other harmful items into our territory.

As the Director of Customs, I would like to accomplish the following goals:

1. To fully equip and upgrade all employees with the necessary tools to perform their duties in the most efficient and effective way.

2. To coordinate with DOA an equitable and justifiable promotion process for Customs officers I, II to allow for the upward mobility of these officers.
3. To develop and implement new strategies for improving narcotics interdiction at all ports of entry.
4. To provide every opportunity for training of all personnel in new ideas and technologies in the field of Customs.
5. To complete the construction of the new Satellite Container Inspection Facility at the Port Authority of Guam to close the gap in the security and accountability of all containers leaving the port.
6. To implement a Customs Management Information System which would meet the demands for service and help to mitigate inspection processes to include a computer based platform in which statistics and other data can be collected, classified and compiled to benefit CQA as well as all other stakeholders.
7. To properly staff every division so that officers can revert back to working 8-hour shifts.
8. To create a Customs Bio-Security Division to strengthen the enforcement of Guam Invasive species at our ports of entry; and
9. To increase the civilian support staff with necessary personnel in order to fill gaps in providing quality service to the public and stake holders and to relieve uniform officers from 'behind the desk activities' and place them back out to the line.

In closing, I would like to say that I am deeply inspired by the outpouring of support of all Customs Officers and civilian support staff of this agency. When I retired from the Agency 20 years ago, we had twice as many people and half as many responsibilities. Despite the many challenges we are facing, the officers and staff continue to dedicate themselves to the mission by sacrificing time with their families to ensure our island, people and resources remain protected. For this, I would like to thank each of you for your service. Thank you.

As I have in the past, I ask you, members of the committee, for the opportunity to once again lead the Customs and Quarantine Agency and make 'Guam's First Line

of Defense' able to perform its duties and responsibilities to fulfill its mission in service to the People of Guam.

Thank you for this opportunity, and I am ready to answer any questions you may have relating to my position as Director of Customs.

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Good morning to all honorable Senator's, for the record I am John M. Quinata, former Customs and Quarantine Agency Director from 1995 to 2002 and of course former Senator of the 27<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature where I was the Chairman, Committee on Public Safety and Tourism. I am here to testify today in support of Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Peredo to be the next confirmed Director for the Customs and Quarantine Agency. I have had the privilege and honor of working with "Ike" not only at Customs but he was my Chief of Staff when I was a Senator. His core values are impeccable and integrity is second to none. His tenacity to achieve optimal results even if it crossed organizational boundaries are one of the many assets that this nominee brings to the Agency. I remember taking charge of the newest GovGuam Agency on the first government workday in January 1995. Thinking positively and only having 43 Customs Officers, we rolled up our sleeves and began the task of how do we bring the Agency to meet the growing demand for border enforcement and to combat the importation of contraband that is flowing through our island. Ike was my mentor, he provided me with the tools, the knowledge and the vision to take Customs to the next level and we did. He was instrumental in providing strategies on where we would concentrate our efforts. We developed a task force with all stakeholders to try and get Customs away from relying on the General Fund to fund its Operations. By the end of my tenure, we were successful in growing the Agency from 43 customs officers to almost 250. We were successful in making big drug arrests such as Roy Cabacan and the Pablo Escobar cartel. Drugs rose to \$1,000 for a gram of ice which showed that it was difficult to import at that time. The going rate has dramatically dropped which is proof that there is a big supply available. This must change. Ike has the knowledge, the experience and the drive to succeed. Your support in confirming him will assist him in taking Customs to the next level. Thank you and I will be available for any questions that you may have.

March 20, 2019

Hafa Adai!

My name is Edward T. Flores, a retired Assistant Chief, Customs and Quarantine Agency Government of Guam.

What prompted me to appear before you in support of Ignacio "Ike" Peredo's appointment happened one night while I was watching KUAM TV news. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio appointed Ike Peredo to be the Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency.

I became extremely excited and immediately called him at his residence to congratulate him. In the midst of our conversation, I told Ike that I would personally support his appointment.

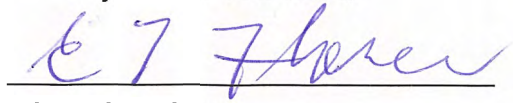
About 43 years ago, the University of Guam invited Customs and Quarantine Agency to join other Law Enforcement Agencies in celebrating Law Enforcement Week on campus. As a Customs and Quarantine Supervisor, I was tasked to be one of the speakers for the event. There were about 25 UOG students who came, took their seats and listened to all the speakers representing the various Government of Guam Law Enforcement Agencies.

I spoke about the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY and HOW Customs and Quarantine Enforcement is being carried out. In a very short period of time, after the event, Customs and Quarantine announced job openings for Customs and Quarantine Officer I positions. Ike applied for the job and was hired. I later learned from Ike that he was confident and determined to act on the information I provided such as Custom's overall operations and goals. I felt that blessings on Customs and Quarantine happened. Unknowingly, I provided the needed information to be heard and Ike wholeheartedly received and acted upon it.

With Ike's long time Customs and Quarantine Enforcement experience, and the information provided to you earlier by the speakers supporting Ike, I honestly and openly say, "Ike will faithfully do what is right and just, show constant love and live in humble fellowship with our Almighty God".

In closing, I ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill the hearts of the members of this committee and hearts of all appointees present before you and kindle in you the Holy Spirit's fire of love in Jesus's name.

Thank you and God bless,



Edward T. Flores



Confirmation Hearing Testimony Before the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature March 20, 2019-Proceedings for Confirmation of Guam Customs and Quarantine Appointed Director Ike Peredo

- I. Good Morning Senators
- II. I am Dr. Vanessa Oshiro, owner and operator of Marianas Vetcare in Barrigada GU.
- III. This morning I am here out of concern for the security of our island's borders in light of the recent recreational marijuana legislation currently being debated. We are entering uncharted territory on this issue but there is already grave evidence of the impact of drugs including marijuana on our community even while it is currently illegal. In the last year alone we have seen an alarming uptick in drug related arrests involving marijuana, methamphetamine, and other contraband such as MDMA ;and yet more alarming: guns used to protect dealers' investments. The assault on the community is hard to miss when the local headlines repeatedly tell tale of millions of dollars worth of drugs being seized and young people being caught up in that mix—both perpetrators and victims. Who can forget the story of 15 yr old Timicca Jaden Nauta, murdered by her neighbor, 24 yr old Brandon Acosta in a meth-fueled attempted robbery? (A vibrant teen's life cut short, Guam Daily Post, Dec 31, 2018). And the kids involved are getting younger, for example the toddlers, just 1 and 2 yrs old, present in a vehicle when marijuana, meth, a shotgun, ammo, knives, and an expandable baton, were discovered in it by authorities on a routine traffic stop.(Guns, ammo, drugs, seized in car while toddlers on board, Guam Daily Post, Oct 23 2018)
- IV. Given all of this, I am wondering if we are capable of effectively securing our borders to prevent the further influx of dangerous drugs and contraband. Can we not partner with federal authorities or request for federal assistance? Last year, did not the DEA meet with Guam's leadership and recommend first steps for our island to be declared a High Intensity Drug area? It is my understanding through news reports that funding via that avenue could save Guam taxpayers millions of dollars in the war on drugs--if local government is willing to declare it and follow through with the process. Can we look forward to progress in that endeavor anytime soon? At the rate that the drug culture is consuming our people right where they live- it is imperative.
- V. In conclusion, I would support any director of Guam Customs and Quarantine who would take seriously these legitimate concerns for our community, one who has a zero tolerance position on all types of controlled substances given the nature of the office. And one who would be willing to declare a war on drugs on every level, in a real and effective manner that allows our people to feel safe again.

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March 20, 2019

To: Honorable Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje; Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran's Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit and Honorable Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature:

Buenas & Hafa Adai,

My name is James T. McDonald. I am a retired and former Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine. I would like to recommend that Ignacio Peredo be confirmed as the Director of the Customs & Quarantine agency.

To the best of my knowledge, Ike Peredo is a highly qualified individual with great knowledge of Customs laws and procedures. He was my instructor when I was undergoing my Customs training. Ike Peredo was always a great role model to all and many other officers because he would always give great advice on how to handle complex situations. I highly recommend Mr. Ignacio Peredo to be confirmed as Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.T. McDonald", written in a cursive style.

JAMES T. MCDONALD



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**TESTIMONY**  
Confirmation Hearing  
for


**IGNACIO PEREDO**

for **DIRECTOR** of **GUAM CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE**

*Dear Honorable Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje; Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran's Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit and Honorable Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature:*

I, hereby submit my testimony in support of the Confirmation of **IGNACIO PEREDO**, for Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine. Having known Mr. Peredo and his family for many years, both professionally and personally, I can attest to his professionalism and dedication to serve our island. He is a model individual who is respected and admired by many in our community. His sincere and aggressive involvement and service with island activities and events definitely benefits all who call Guam home.

Mindful of his experience, dedication and desire to serve our island, I am sure that he will be the ideal individual to carry out the leadership as the Director of the Guam Customs & Quarantine, and without reservations, I take great pleasure in highly recommending his confirmation.

  
MAYOR PAUL M. MCDONALD  
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March 20, 2019

**Honorable Jose Terlaje**

35th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety  
Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council,  
Infrastructure and Public Transit

Hafa Adai Senator Jose Terlaje,

I am most pleased to provide a letter of support for Mr. Ike Peredo's confirmation as the Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA). I have known Ike for the past 30 years, and he would be a tremendous addition to the leadership succession of the agency.

During my tenure as a Director for the Department of Commerce, Ike was involved in almost every key facet of decision making involving customs management. The most notable consists of building high-performance teams within the units making up customs then and now, and creating the support structure to develop and mentor the next generation of customs leadership. I can see some of those early investments today and under Ike's leadership will continue to manage the necessary and important change ahead for this agency.

Ike's style of management and approach to tracking and measuring progress represents the traits of quality project management a vital leadership skill set given the diverse nature of the department. In terms of accomplishments, Ike has a high say/do ratio noting the many benchmark accomplishments in Customs. There were many pivotal moments where the agency and the customs operations required a shift in operational structures. Ike was instrumental in leading the effort to establish the cargo monitoring and surveillance system that represented early innovations in adopting inspection technology and policies. Ike continues to be at the forefront of leading these types of change and managing them in a way that only those that have the depth, understanding and experience and support of the organization can appreciate.

I commend Ike for coming out of retirement and returning to government service providing the right leadership for this department. I have the highest respect and offer my support for his confirmation as the next CQA Director.



PETER R. BARCINAS



# CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM

Guam's First Line of Defense | Protecting Our Island, Our People, and Our Resources

*Acting Director of Customs – Mr. Ike Q. Peredo  
Chief of Customs – Vincent SN Perez.*

Date: March 20, 2019

To: Honorable Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje  
Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and  
Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council Infrastructure and Public Transit  
Honorable Senators  
35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

From: Vincent SN Perez  
Chief of Customs  
Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency

Subject: Testimony on Mr. Ignacio “Ike” Q. Peredo

Hafa adai, Honorable Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council Infrastructure and Public Transit; and Honorable Senators. Thank you for allowing time to discuss the nomination of Mr. Ignacio “Ike” Peredo as Director for the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency. My Name is Vincent S.N. Perez. I am the Chief of Customs.

#### Background:

The Customs and Quarantine Agency is Guam's First Line of Defense at our borders- we're entrusted by our nation, and the People of Guam to protect our island from communicable diseases, dangerous food harmful plant pests and diseases, illegal consumer goods, and illegal drugs. We are Guam's First Line of Defense. Guam Customs has been increasingly relied on to perform many POST 911 mandates but with lack of technology and dwindling resources, it becomes much more challenging to ensure that our island and its people are well protected.

We need a director who will be able to bridge the gaps.

The Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency needs a leader who understands the challenges, roles and complexities of administering the Customs Enforcement Program- Someone who knows how to navigate through the myriad of bureaucracies and can network effectively.

We need a leader who knows our processes and understands how to navigate through the administrative, political, and bureaucratic systems and who can communicate effectively with all stakeholders- private business, local government stakeholders, federal stakeholders, and the public.

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We need someone who can see the forest for the trees. This agency needs a director who understands the mission and can work in collaboration with the classified leadership who can effectively integrate the needs of the agency into the strategic plan for the administration.


I hereby provide my testimony in full support in Mr. Ike Peredo's nomination as Director for the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency. I have full faith and confidence in Mr. Peredo's capabilities in building the agency's capacity and protecting our borders.

Ike is no stranger to Customs. He retired from Customs as acting Chief of Customs. During his tenure, and leadership, the agency separated from the Guam Department of Commerce and re organized to become a standalone law enforcement entity acquiring over 100 additional officers which expanded and built on existing capacities for border enforcement.

Since appointed to this position, Ike has hit the ground running- analyzing our strengths, weaknesses, and looking at ways to tackle the challenges faced by CQA. He wants to continue to enhance and leverage our resources to protect our island community ensuring everyone's safety.

In closing, I am confident that Mr. Ike Peredo is that man, who is capable of providing the strategic direction that the agency needs to build its capacity and delivering the service demanded to protect our people, our island and our resources.

Thank you.



Vincent SN Perez



Senator Pedro Terlaje &lt;senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com&gt;

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**Written Testimony re: Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Peredo**

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Hafa Adai. Attached is a copy of my written testimony in support and appointment of Mr. Peredo.

Thank you.

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Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council,  
Infrastructure and Public Transit, 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Terlaje:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai. My name is Captain Barbara Camacho Tayama. I have been employed with Guam Customs and Quarantine for close to twenty-two years. I am currently the Operations Officer assigned to Logistics and Support Division and I am here to testify in favor of Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Peredo's appointment as Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency (CQA).

CQA Major Peredo retired as an Assistant Chief in 1999 when I was a junior officer with only 2 years on the force. Major Peredo left a profound legacy which is fondly recalled long since his retirement of nearly twenty years. Major Peredo's name is often mentioned whenever I am talking with colleagues about the "good 'ole days," I always hear positive comments about his professional reputation and style of leadership, although I was not afforded the opportunity to work directly under his supervision early in my law enforcement career. These characteristics are very respectable, therefore, speaks volumes about him. Some may perceive Major Peredo to be "quiet," however, the quiet leader outshines the loud ones by serving his subordinates with respect and value for their opinions. Major Peredo is professional, hardworking and very approachable. Officers who served alongside him in the past respect him as a Leader.

Major Peredo is committed to the Customs and Quarantine Agency. I admire his willingness to return to our agency to bring us a brighter future. He is innovative in identifying funding to resolve the lack of manpower and resources by a recent resubmission of a Computer Management Information System grant proposal. This will allow CQA to efficiently and effectively protect Guam's borders by implementing an automation process that is simplified and upgraded to match the rest of the world. Major Peredo continues to be diligent with providing support and guidance for staffing. CQA will officially hire twenty- nine (29) trainees for the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Cycle for our current understaffed workforce; this has been a work in progress since March 2016. He also meets regularly on project deadlines on plans for a Central Customs Inspection and Holding facility to utilize property that was recently given to our agency. Major Peredo expects accountability as modeled by his work ethics. He has set clear goals with prioritizing projects that will move our agency forward in our mission.

As a part of Guam Customs leadership today, I will continue to keep him informed so that he is guided accordingly to compliment his institutional knowledge. I am honored to know him and work for him under his command today. I humbly ask for your favorable approval and appointment today. Thank you for this opportunity and your time.

Respectfully,



BARBARA C. TAYAMA





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March 19, 2019

Hafa adai Honorable Senator Jose Terlaje (Pedo) and Members of this Committee,

My name is Jose C. Mafnas, Director of the CNMI Customs Service. I am here to express my support of Mr. Ike Peredo's appointment for the director of the Department of Guam Customs. I've known Ike for many years. Ike's personality and character are ideal for the Director of Customs position. Ike is no stranger to Customs work. He retired from Customs after serving so many years prior to his retirement. I have experience working many years ago with Ike whenever I was sent to Guam for OJT with Guam Customs and I found him to be a person that I could easily work with. I am here as the CNMI Customs Director to vouch that Ike is worthy of this appointment and I am grateful to the Honorable Governor Lou Leon Guererro and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio for appointing the right person to the Department of Guam Customs. I am looking forward to working with Ike and his Customs officers to better secure our Marianas borders. One Guam, one CNMI, One Marianas. Biba Islan Marianas!!!

  
Jose C. Mafnas



# CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM

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Special Enforcement Division

Acting Director of Customs – Ignacio Q. Peredo  
Chief of Customs – Vincent S.N. Perez

March 18, 2019

Honorable Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje  
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Subject: Confirmation Hearing for Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency  
Re: Ignacio Q. Peredo

Hafa Adai Senator Terlaje,

I am writing you this letter to render my support for the confirmation of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo, as the Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency.

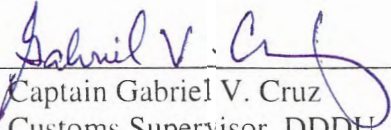
During my tenure in Customs, and in going up through the ranks to my present Customs Supervisory position, Mr. Peredo was instrumental in my successes through his advisement, dissemination of knowledge, and expertise on the field, which has led me to where I am at today. In addition, these same qualities have often been observed in other Customs Officers as well to which he has affected through his leadership and tutelage.

These are the same type of characteristics and qualities that we, officers of Customs, are in need of. Mr. Peredo has proven himself through his professional demeanor and leadership abilities throughout his years with Guam Customs. Further, Mr. Peredo's aptitude for sharing his invaluable experiences, commitment, and dedication to protect our island and its people still exist in him. His trustworthiness, fidelity, and dependability of being a leader of Guam, as he was appointed to in furtherance of protecting and defending the very fiber and essence of our lifestyle will truly benefit our agency.

It is only right that Mr. Peredo, a proven son of Guam, be confirmed as our Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency to continue his legacy of servitude and dedication to our people. It is our hope that the officers and administrative staff of this agency reap

the benefits of such a leader so that we are fortunate enough to emulate these same talents to pass on to others.

Sincerely,



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Captain Gabriel V. Cruz  
Customs Supervisor, DDDU

Good Morning Senators

I come before you this morning to give my support for Chief Ike Peredo as the Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine.

I had the honor to work and be trained by fmr Chief Persdo when he was a supervisor in Customs. When his was selected to be the next Chief of Customs it was greeted by positive appointment by majority of the officers.

Chief Peredo management style was to ensure all Customs officers are well verse on Guam Customs rules and regulations and duties. Chief Peredo was no nonsense supervisor and Chief among the officers.

During Chief Peredo tenure in Customs he was able to work with Federal agencies for funding, training and equipments when customs officers were enforcing federal laws.

This in turn made Guam Customs Agency and its officer one on the most respected law enforcement agencies in the region. Along with Federal and military law enforcement base in Guam.

The training Chief Peredo enhance for Guam Customs came useful when major international events came to Guam.

The evacuation of military families and aircraft from the Philippine due to the eruption of the vocalno. 60% of Customs inspectors were sent to AAFB to assist in this operation for 3 weeks.

The Chinese boat people crashing in Guam waters to seek asulym. Guam Customs inspector were disperse to Guam beaches and boat marinas to search for illegals trying to enter Guam.

9/11, Guam Customs was soon trained to handle terrorist bombings and Amthrax threats. Soon all officers were trained and armed to enforce the Patriot Act.

Guam Customs is not a simple line agency as other will envision. Guam Customs is a border enforcement agency that handles most or all international and national threat to Guam and our nation.

Since the day I joined Customs to the day I left, no new Customs laws were ever created to enhance the Guam Customs Agency.

Budget for the Customs dwindle to bare bones for enforcement of our borders. Autonomous agencies have tap customs budget for rental and operation of there agency.

I pray that Chief Peredo and this committee review the " Guam" Customs laws and make changes in lawsto protect the people of Guam from international threats.

In closing I ask Acting Customs Director Peredo to look into hiring unarmed Custom Collectors for the enforcement and collection of taxes at all points of entry.

This will take away a lot of time from seasoned and armed inspectors that can focus more in field inspections were they are needed.

That Customs collectors can also be trained by Rev & Tax and Treasure of Guam for duties in the collection of taxes at the borders. Monies from this collection be kept with a Customs designated account and disperse to Rev & Tax other agencies in a monthly basis.

Guam Customs was given this authority on Section of the Organic Act and the Guam Use Tax Law.

That a Guam Customs Broker program be created when submitting import goods documentation at Guam Customs. That only trained and license brokers work directly with Guam Customs. Fees can be inserted when becoming a broker.

Thank you

Ray Benavente



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**Testimony In Support Of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo**

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Hafa Adai!

Please see attached written testimony in support of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo for Director of CQA.

V/r

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Testimony in support of **Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo** for the Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency

Submitted by: Colonel Francis U. Fejarang  
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Hafa adai Chairman Terlaje and committee members, I am Colonel Francis U. Fejarang and currently the Assistant Chief of the Inspection and Control Division, Guam Customs, having oversight of all the ports of entry. I have been with the agency going on 28 years.

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo for the Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. The mission statement of the Agency is "Guam's first line of defense to protect our borders, resources, revenue and trade with the highest standards of professionalism".

I have had the distinct privilege of working under the leadership of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo when I first joined the agency in September of 1991.

During that time, he was the second highest ranking officer when Guam Customs was under the Guam Department of Commerce. Mr. Peredo's 30 plus years of experience in the agency makes him more than qualified to lead the agency. In his first few weeks, he hit the ground running by establishing dialogue with our Local, Federal and Private partners:

- Guam Police Department
- Department of Administration
- Department of Revenue and Taxation
- Port Authority of GUAM
- Guam International Airport Authority
- Guam Postmaster (USPO)
- U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Department of Public Health and Social Services
- U.S. Postal Inspector
- Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- Department of Land Management
- CNMI Customs Director
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Guam Department of Agriculture

Mr. Peredo is also concerned for the well-being of the men and women of the agency by working on finalizing the Hazardous Duty Pay that is so deserving of the officers who are protecting the island and the people of Guam. He is also determined to build the workforce because the agency is critically understaffed and overworked.

With the recent transfer of property at the Port Authority of Guam to Guam Customs, Mr. Peredo has a team assigned to develop a comprehensive plan that will build a one stop container inspection facility for Guam within the next two years.

At the present, Guam is experiencing a **growing drug problem** that's plaguing our island community and **invasive species** wreaking havoc on the environment. Just these two issues have a direct impact on Guam's only industry, Tourism.

In conclusion, we need the experience, determination and unwavering dedication that are attributes of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo. Again, I am in full support of the confirmation of Mr. Ignacio Q. Peredo for the Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. Thank you for considering my testimony.





Senator Pedro Terlaje &lt;senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com&gt;

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**Letter of Support for Ignacio Peredo**

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Honorable Jose Terlaje:

I am unable to attend the confirmation hearing for Mr. Ignacio Peredo but would like to submit a letter of support.

Previously as the school principal and now as the school president, I had the opportunity to work with and supervise Mr. Peredo during his employment with Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School.

Please consider my letter of support as you contemplate the confirmation of Mr. Peredo as Director of Customs and Quarantine. I will be mailing the original letter to you.

Have a blessed evening,  
Rita Duenas

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March 19, 2019

Dear Honorable Jose Terlaje:

It is with great honor that I write this letter of support for the confirmation of Mr. Ignacio Peredo as Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine. Mr. Peredo joined the Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School (BBMCS) family in January 2011 up until December 2018 as a middle school social studies teacher.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Mr. Peredo. As the school principal and Mr. Peredo's immediate supervisor, I came to realize just how truly valuable an asset Mr. Peredo was to the entire school community. Mr. Peredo built a genuine rapport with his colleagues and always volunteered to assist with extra duties or supervision on and off the school campus as well as before and after the regular school day. He is honest, reliable, dedicated, and incredibly hard-working.

His knowledge of history and experience in law enforcement and criminal justice was a huge advantage to our entire school. Mr. Peredo was the primary instructor for the Play By the Rules program and served as a family group facilitator for the Safe Schools Ambassador program, both funded through the Judiciary and Private/Non-Profit Consolidated Grants. He also put his teaching skillset to work as evident by the number of BBMCS students who, during Mr. Peredo's time at BBMCS, either qualified for the regional geography bee testing or actually represented the region at the National Geography Bee.

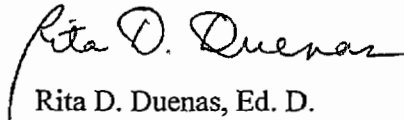
Along with his undeniable talent, Mr. Peredo has always been a team player who worked diligently to ensure his students achieved their best. He also strived to build relationships with the parents based on solid communication and unwavering compassion. Although a loss to the

BBMCS community, I am proud to say that Mr. Ignacio Peredo will be a tremendous gain for the people of Guam.

Without a doubt, I confidently support the nomination of Mr. Ignacio Peredo to the position of Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine as he will be a most beneficial addition to the organization.

Please feel free to contact me should you like to discuss Mr. Peredo's qualifications and experience further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita D. Duenas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rita D. Duenas, Ed. D.  
President



Senator Pedro Terlaje &lt;senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com&gt;

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**Appointment of Ignacio Peredo**

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**Yolanda Bordallo** <yolanda.bordallo@visitguam.org>  
To: senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com

Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 11:46 AM

Hafa Adai Honorable Jose Pedro Terlaje!

Please see attached letter to you and members of the 35th Guam Legislature from GVB President, Ms. Pilar Laguana, supporting Mr. Perdo's appointment as the Director of the Guam Customs and Quamatine Agency.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for allowing us to testify in support of Mr. Peredo's confirmation.

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**Yolanda Bordallo**  
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March 20, 2019

**The Honorable Jose "Pedo Terlaje**  
Senator  
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**RE: Appointment of Ignacio Peredo**

*Håfa Adai* Senator Terlaje and members of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the appointment of Ignacio Peredo to serve as Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA).

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) is a public, non-stock and non-profit membership corporation that represents the island's tourism industry. Our mission is to efficiently and effectively promote and develop Guam as a safe and satisfying destination for visitors and to derive maximum benefits for the people of Guam. With over 1.5 million visitors welcomed annually to our home, we take great pride in making the island a better place to live, work, and visit.

We support Mr. Peredo's appointment as the director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. GVB and CQA have worked very closely for many years. Through our partnership, we recently updated and released a modernized, travel friendly version of the customs declaration form in December 2017. The new forms help in reporting visitor arrival statistics to our membership, stakeholders, and the community. It also is a product of years of discussions and the positive working relationship between GVB and CQA.

We hope to continue this great relationship with Mr. Peredo in his new position, especially as our source markets grow and diversify. He is familiar with the Bureau and knows that we collaborate with his team to ensure that the tourism industry continues to thrive.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for allowing us to testify in support of Mr. Peredo's confirmation.

*Senseramente,*

**PILAR LAGUANA**  
PRESIDENT & CEO

CC: All Senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature





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**Director of Corrections Confirmation**

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**Joseph Taitague** <jttaitague@yahoo.com>  
To: senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com

Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 9:36 AM

Hafa Adai and Good Morning, Honorable Senator Jose Terlaje. Mr. Chairman for Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit. Honorable Senators, Director Brennan, Department of Corrections Management Leadership.

I'm Officer Joseph Topasna Taitague Jr.. I've been with the Department of Corrections since 1989-2003 break in service joined the Guam Army National Guard, gained a whole lot of knowledge and experience. In 2006, I returned to Guam Department of Corrections, to present. I'm currently assigned to the Mariana Regional Fusion Center (MRFC), obtained a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "SECRET " clearance.

I'm in support of Director Brennan, confirmation. Director Brennan, background speaks with great volume. The applicability of laws governing our Institution moving forward. I have confidence of Director Brennan, in making the best mitigation process.

Pot fabot, Mr. Chairman, Senator Terlaje and Honorable Senators members of this committee. Supote' si Director Brennan, Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Respectfully,

Joseph Taitague

Corrections Officer

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**Senator Pedo Terlaje** <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>  
To: joseph taitague <jttaitague@yahoo.com>

Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 3:01 PM

Hafa Adai,

Your testimony was received and will be included in Ms. Samantha Brennan's committee report.

V/r,  
Therese Hart

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Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje



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to me, Ignacio, Briana

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Dear Senator Terlaje:

Bueñas yan Háfa Adai. I am submitting my letter of recommendation and support for Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Qui Attached)

Sincerely,

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**DAVID C. FLORES**

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March 16, 2019

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje

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Chairperson, Committee on Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety,

Military and Veteran Affairs, Mayors Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit

35th Guam Legislature

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Dear Senator Terlaje,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai. I am David Flores. I have been a public servant for over thirty-five years both in the Government of Guam and the U.S. Army. Today I am employed with the federal government with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. I submit this letter of recommendation and support for Mr. Ignacio "Ike" Quifunas Peredo, to be the next Director for the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA). I know Mr. Peredo from both my professional and personal experiences. I am a retired CQA Officer and U.S. Army Soldier. I submit this letter as a concern resident of Guam and the Mariana Islands and at the same time on behalf of Mr. Peredo.

Methamphetamine (ICE) and other dangerous drugs, invasive species and other threats are making a negative impact to Guam and the Mariana Islands. These threats enter Guam from outside Guam's borders. I believe this impact is affecting the rest of Micronesia. The role of the CQA is to prevent such threats. However, in my opinion I have observed a decline in border enforcement and security for Guam going back ten to fifteen years.

There is much discussion to go around as to who caused these issues to prevail. But pointing who is the cause will not resolve these issues only action to deal with the implications of a compromised border security. One day by chance, I ran into Mr. Peredo. My greeting to him was short, "Are you going to be our next Director?" He acknowledged and asked my support. My simple reply was of course sir I will. I learned that his confirmation hearing is this Wednesday, March 20, 2019. However, I am off-island for my federal employment.



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Support for Ignacio "Ike" Q. Peredo  
March 16, 2016

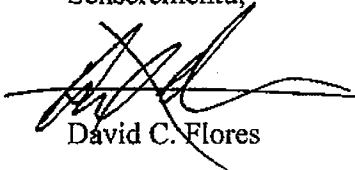
I believe Mr. Peredo should be Guam's next Director of the CQA. Mr. Peredo has the institutional knowledge, abilities as a former Assistant Chief of Customs and Deputy Director. I have been under his direct supervision in the CQA. I serve as an instructor for prospective CQA Officers. I received assignment from him to be a member of several task forces. When Mr. Peredo retired from the CQA, I felt the void in the border enforcement for Guam. In 2011 there was gross corruption.

Mr. Peredo continues to engage with federal partners. The CQA has entered into a dangerous condition and the times today are not ideal after Mr. Peredo left for other goals in life and retirement. When Mr. Peredo left the Agency, I noticed a serious decline in CQA enforcement actions. My federal employer has reached out to the CQA. My senior management have expressed a continued support for the CQA and Mr. Peredo has welcomed it.

To close, when the new administration became apparent in November of 2018, I reflected upon who would serve in the best capacity as Director for the CQA, Guam and the Region. Mr. Peredo was the first person that came to my mind. Please accept this letter of recommendation and support for Mr. Peredo as the next CQA Director.

Si Yu'os Mâ'ase put todû nâ âyuda guinen hâgu pâra Guâhan.

Senserementu,



David C. Flores



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### **COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

#### **I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit, convened a confirmation hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10 a.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **Ignacio Q. Peredo** to serve as **Director** of the **Customs and Quarantine Agency**, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by **I Maga'Hågan Guåhan Lou Leon Guerrero** on **January 7, 2019**, to serve at the pleasure of **I Maga'Håga**;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on **January 17, 2019**;
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on **January 23, 2019**.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, March 11, 2019 (5-Day Notice), and again on Monday, March 18, 2019 (48-Hour Notice).

#### **Senators Present**

Committee Chair Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje  
Senator James Moylan  
Senator Amanda Shelton , Committee Member  
Senator Mary Camacho Torres, Committee Member  
Senator Sabina Perez  
Senator Wil Castro, Committee Member  
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee, Committee Member



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### **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

The confirmation hearing was Called-to-Order at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOSE TERLAJE:** Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. Before we commence with our confirmation hearing, I just want to mention a couple of administrative things that we need to do. Those that are testifying please sign the sign in sheets. I got one here, but sometimes there's people that are coming in late. So go ahead and make that available for those people that wants to testify and have them sign. Just give me another sheet of sign in sheet.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** So at this point in time Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to say thank you for your presence here this morning this confirmation hearing by the Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military Veterans Affairs and Mayor's Council of Guam infrastructure mass transit is hereby call to order for the record and with the section 81 0 7 chapter 85 GCA. The first confirmation hearing notice was sent out on Monday March 11, 2019 a hearing to the 5 working days requirement sent out on March 18, 2019. In addition, this confirmation hearing was notice to the Guam Legislature's website. The time now is 13 'til 11 and the date is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much, joining us today. I just want to recognize some of my colleagues up here to my... to my immediate left, Senator James Moylan, Senator Sabina Perez and Senator Mary Torres and to my immediate right, my favorite.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* All day this guy is always next to me. Senator Will Castro, thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** For those that are going to testify just coming up is also the principle for the confirmation Ike come up. Okay, first off if you can allow me let me, because there's some people that are testifying this morning and they asked to go first, because they have some pushing schedule. So at this point in time I want to call up Mr. John Quinata to testify.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Your name is marked.



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** If you're gonna yield to them Robert Lizama for your testimony go ahead and do your testimony and I hope that you can recap the things that we did in the past for the good offer for a community about their principal year. Thank you Bob.

**ROBERT LIZAMA:** *(Spoken in, Chamorro translated to English)* Thank you, Senator Chairman Jose “Pedo” Terlaje of Yona and to all that's here on this day to listen to the one that Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Josh Tenorio appointed. My name is Robert Lizama mayor of Yigo and I'm here on a personal note.

I will be speaking in Chamorro on celebrating mes chamorro. Thank you! And if I speak English it comes with the territory. I'm here on this day to speak about the nominated Ike Peredo. I never worked with Ike until I became a police officer that's when I knew him a while back when I accepted Custom and Quarantine Agency around that time. The first time I ever met Ike was when I started to flirt in Yona.

Ike was neighbors with my Wife of 22 years her family is Sudo the daughter of Frances Quidachay Sudo then she dropped the Quidachay and carried Lizama; that's when I first knew Ike Peredo. I knew his Brother Peredo the fire chief much more his brother and I worked together. Dave and I both helped the Red Cross under the Guam Community College. The reason I am here is because I had the experience with him as we chaired a committee to elect, he ran for Senator one term, and he won.

I was the chairman, he was the co-chairman in 2002 to elect, and that's what John Quinata, win. It's a really nice morning that all three of us are here in 2019 in front of all of you and that he accepted the nomination serve the Department of Customs and Quarantine. One thing we can truly say is that this man Ike Peredo. I have much respect for him he's a good man look his family is here Marie, Vanessa, Vera, Veronica and Michael there all here and his wife's family as well Carmen Babauta and John Crisostomo. Ike as we continued the campaign for John Quinata. I saw it in him that he's a good guy and very helpful and smart that's why John Quinata won. I just followed, but that's the reason why John won.



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**ROBERT LIZAMA:** All set aside I want to say thank you, Ike for accepting the nomination of our governor there is a lot of challenges of course with the Custom and Quarantine as I was a staff for the former Senator Tom Adam. I was able to work closely with the chief in trying to realize the property to reserve or to at least identify for Custom and Quarantine.

So that they be able to have their inspection station there at the Port Authority of Guam and speaking very briefly with the chief. I asked him are we moving forward with that law that particular item to build this storage space or inspection station before all these containers are you know taking out of the Port and I'm certain that with the leadership of Ike he's gonna see that through so that we be able to really give the resources to the hard-working men and women of the Custom and Quarantines with the direction of leadership of Ike Peredo.

He's been appointed from the day that he was announced and to this day I've not heard you know any issues concerning Ike's ability and capability and in a forging forward and with that good Senator Chairman. I appeal and I ask for your continued support in seeing that Ike Peredo gets nominated as the next director of Department of Custom and Quarantine Agency. I'll leave you with that I apologize I like to stay, but we do have a staff of course from the Mayor's office of Barrigada that is being viewed right now and that's why I asked if I can be able to go ahead and come in and just give my full support to Ike Peredo's nomination.

**ROBERT LIZAMA:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* So just wanna say thank you for your time.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you, Bob. You know you're my favorite. Thank you, Chelu. I just want to say Ed Flores... Who is Ed Flores? We're gonna put you last Pari. Right? You requested to be last? So okay, we're gonna start from this side to the left to your right. My left to your right.

**JOSE MAFNAS:** (Provided written testimony see attached)

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Thank you, Sir!



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**VINCENT PEREZ:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you very much, Chief! And this time I want to call on John Quinata, and then we'll go down the line and you know the reason why I call you John, because you know you're one of those that has to be excused.

**JOHN QUINATA:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you Mr. Quinata. go ahead Mr. San Nicolas.

**BENNY SAN NICOLAS:** *(Spoken in Chamorro. Translated to English)* Good afternoon, I liked Bob Lizama's spirit about speaking in Chamorro because Chamorro week or Chamorro month also, I'll be speaking in Chamorro. Thank you for allowing me to speak this time. I am here to support Ike Peredo he was appointed by our Governor Lou and Lt. Governor Josh and I am happy. My experience with Ike was when I met him 3 years ago. Ike is a good person and his background. Ike and I are similar in a way teaching Custom area and Public Safety.

Ike was a PTA president at M.U. Lujan School, those extracurricular activities and he was in civil community his background is good. He was Acting Director and deputy; he has a degree in criminal justice. So all this makes me happy and Ike is a good person and I'm glad he was appointed by our Governor in leadership or mentorship. I'm here to support Ike Peredo and I ask that you guys confirm his appointment. So before I leave you guys. Thank you. Senator Terlaje you know you're my favorite Senator up there. Thank you again. I'm leaving cause my plants are waiting to be watered and my carabaos' need to be fed. Thank you for all your hard work and continue to do good work for the people.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro. Translated to English)* Thank you, Benny! You and I both knew each other during school days once in awhile you disappoint me, because every time we run your legs are longer than mine and you beat me. Thank you for your testimony Benny! I want to call on the next person to testify.

**Dr. Vanessa Oshiro:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Bill, go ahead.

**WILLIAM PAYNE:** Good morning Senators Terlaje and other Senators in the committee I'm here as a private citizen. I am part of the elderly group, I'm a retired federal civil service employee and I'm here to testify in the support of Mr. Ike as the customs director. I've known this man for approximately 25 years. His honor, his integrity, his honesty is beyond reproach. He is very good within the community he supports all the community programs from Yona and I am not from Yona.

I'm from Barrigada, but I know this man personally he is the right man he has a right temperament he's been with the system back with Senator Quinata. I have seen them work together I was at the port for eight years and they have done a tremendous job back then what's happening now has to go back and be corrected and proceed with their programs and the policies that they have established and it must be followed through. He's the right man to do the job please confirm him for that position. Thank you very much!

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you Bill, Mr. Payne. Before I call up Ed Flores please allow me Ed, maybe I'd go ahead and testify and then I'll kind of recognize all my colleague up here.

**EDWARD T. FLORES:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you, Ed. So before I get Ike to speak to us, I just want to recognize my colleagues up here to my immediate left is Jim Moylan and my good Senator Bisco Lee and my favorite senator, Senator Perez and my other favorite Senator Mary Torres. You all are my favorite Senators, and to my immediate right is Will Castro who is also my favorite, and my favorite niece is Amanda Shelton. So again I want to thank each and every one of you before we even start with Ike. I just want to mention something about you know there's some you have ten days to submit your written testimony and you can send it to my email at [senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com](mailto:senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com) or you can send it to my address my office at Bridgepoint Building Suite 202, 140 Aspinall Ave. Hagatna. Thank you, Mr. Peredo go ahead.

**IKE PEREDO:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you very much, Ike! I'm sorry but we do have other people that are here to testify and I am trying to take maybe before we start asking questions to the principal is there anybody I know Jim is here is there anybody else that are here to testify, because I was counting the names and we got about 12 that signed up to testify. So the only one that I can see here so maybe you can just take your place in the front and then, I would just go down the line on questionnaires and comments that are gonna be asked by my colleague here so go ahead Jim we start from your side and then will go down to your left.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Good morning, and how are you? I myself would like to respect mes chamorro month and good morning to you all that's up there. I agree with Ike Peredo he called me last week and ask if I can support him on this confirmation hearing for Director of Customs. I told Ike you don't need to ask me I planned on supporting you, because you were my teacher when I worked for customs you taught me how to do this and do that in customs.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD** *(Reverts back to English):* So let me revert back. I just wanted to go and you know in our native tongue. Okay, Honorable Senator Pedo Terlaje Chairman of the you know Public Safety. I am here my name is James T. McDonald. I am retired and a former Director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine. I would like to recommend that Ignacio Peredo will be the Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency to the best of my knowledge Ike Peredo is a highly qualified individual with great knowledge of customs laws and procedures. He was my mentor when I transferred from the Guam Police Department in the early 1980s and now never forget, because when I came into the customs agencies there was like six of us that did a lateral transfer from the Guam Police Department and we didn't get a good welcome you know when we were coming in they were saying.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Who are these policemen coming in from customs.





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**JAMES T. MCDONALD:** They thought that we were there just for the overtime, because at that time overtime was rampant you know we only had 40 some officers at that time no it was Ike Peredo who was my instructor at the time and you know handled the training area that time that came to me and said Jimmy.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Don't listen to these guys.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD** *(Reverts back to English):* Just do your job you know and make a difference here in the border and I never forgot that Ike. I always kept that you know within you know myself and it was, because of you the former Chief Lloyd Osbourne former Chief Frank Torres former Chief Rick Blas, Ed Flores you know and many more other you know supervisors that you know gave me all this knowledge that I had when I joined customs. So you know I wanted to thank all these guys because you know that's how I learned to make decisions on complex situations, because customs I'm telling you it's very different than police it's a different animal Guam is a soft target we're no different than the New Zealand thought that nothing can ever happen and in their place, because everybody is lay back guess what guys we're in a new world now.

I'm glad I have you know homeland security experience and I'm glad I have this opportunity to be here so maybe I can shed some light so that everyone can realize that where there's drugs guess what guys there's weapons and you've seen it in the news in the past few weeks a few of our youngsters getting just routine pullovers out in the streets what do they find a little marijuana some meth and guess what some weapons do you really think those weapons are or just they're not to be used that's to protect their investments my friends and if we can't realize that now especially with the shortage of manpower I don't care if you hire a hundred police officers all those police officers are gonna do is react after the fact customs and quarantine officers are the first line of defense against any types of treads especially terrorism active shooters.

I've seen it all, man. You know I was there for almost two years and I've listened to all the briefings and everything and sometimes I can't sleep well at night because sometimes our leaders don't listen you know oh customs there nothing they're part of GBV they used to be under Department of Commerce guess what guys I was one of those warriors.



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I remember it back then and Ike Peredo will attest to that and Chief Flores. Osborne will come up and say, hey, check McDonald, check Louie (sp?) Duenas, I think they're going down there again to the legislature looking for Senator Ben Pangelinan and Carl Guterrez and Senator San Agustin.

We were doing that all the time, but you know what we never hide that I was always open that's why we were considered rebels they would send internal officers to go and look for me hey check is McDonald down there the legislature because he's visiting again the Senator Ben Pangelinan, but guess what guys that's how we got out of commerce that's why we only had how many forty six officers before when were under commerce it came to the point where they made us use safari shirts they should have just put on leis on us hula leis and make us dance when the tourists were coming in they forgot about enforcement.

So now that you know customs is still very young we need to support them and what recommendations I have before you know you guys now is let's stop that lease up there the airport let's get that funding almost five million dollars hire more custom officers so that we can mitigate these threats against our own people right now I'm the board chairman for Guam Crime Stoppers and I've been going down there in Tumon talking to these business establishments and it's scary guys what I have to hear from these guys because they're saying that tourists are getting there's a lot of purse snatching going down there a lot of cars are being broken into and guess what a lot of this is not being reported, because the tourists are tired of waiting for a police officer to come and guess what they'd rather go out and go shopping and you're gonna leave the following day you really think these tourist are gonna come back.

So we need to all you know put our minds together and let's support Ike Peredo, because this guy has the qualifications when JQ Quinata was our director liked what he said Ike Peredo was his chief of staff manpower was beefed up and everything he can do it again, but he needs the help of you guys and rather than taking it out of the tax by taxpayers pocket let's bring Hide to Guam the high intensity drug area let's utilize that federal resource it's there forty-eight states are hide a certified customs used to have eighteen working dogs almost three hundred officers today they only have how many two dogs.



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So that's what I you know I'm here for you know is to give them guidance and I thank you know director Ike Peredo you know for always inviting me to his office even my wife is saying hey are you still working at custom. Hey, I got an invitation to sit down with the new director and the chief I say you should be proud that your husband is still important, but you know be more proud because I'm here at home and this is real Homeland Security. So you know this is what you know I just wanted to come here for you know and I wanted to show my full support you know let's confirm Ike Peredo to be the next director of customs.

**JAMES T. MCDONALD:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Thank you!

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro. Translated to english)* Thank you, Jim!

**JOHN RICK MENDIOLA:** Good morning, Senators! I've been asked to read testimonies from two other individuals and then I'm providing mine after so the first testimony is from Mr. Gabriel Cruz he is unable to be here today, because of a personal appointment that he has to attend to.

**JOHN RICK MENDIOLA:** (Provided written testimony and read out on behave of Captain Gabriel V. Cruz)

**JOHN RICK MENDIOLA:** The next one is from another individual who was unable to attend because of a personal matter

**JOHN RICK MENDIOLA:** (Provided written testimony and read out on behave of Raffale M.J.P. Sgambelluri)

**JOHN RICK MENDIOLA:** Now this will be my testimony - Good morning Mr. Chairman and Committee Members on Public Safety, Border Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayor's Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit. My name is John Rick Mendiola a resident of Guam and an officer of the Customs and Quarantine Agency for more than 20 years I present myself before this distinguished body to convey my full support for the confirmation of Mr. Ignacio Q Peredo as Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency.



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I first met Mr. Peredo in the mid-'90s entering the agency as a member of the first formal Customs Training Academy which coincidentally remains the largest recruitment and hiring of officers for the newly created customs agency as such the successful graduation of my fellow cycle mates.

I was a force multiplier which saw a hundred a one hundred percent increase of custom personnel manning our borders this unprecedented increase in personnel required extensive planning determination and leadership as this included for the first time the requirement of customs trainees to undergo the criminal justice certification program provided by the Guam Community College as well as the in-depth customs Technical Officer course.

This new endeavor will not have been possible without the leadership of Mr. Peredo then the acting chief of customs under Mr. Peredo's tenure as chief the strengthening of customs borders they're not in there as the subsequent hiring of 50 more officers was undertaken just two years later through his leadership management and general concern of the island the investment of additional officers resulted in record methamphetamine seizures and the subsequent prosecution of narcotic addict traffickers.

At that time since his return as acting Director Mr. Peredo has met with all agency personnel to implore their concerns struggles and ideas armed with this information and his experience from both the customs perspective and his time in private service he has already conveyed goals and plans that will revolutionize the customs process improving upon many of our mandated enforcement and regulatory responsibilities ultimately leading the agency to efficient and effective customs agency which is demanded by the people in order to see to fruition these goals and plans the agency is indire need of leadership stability at the top.

As a proven leader an individual with innovation expertise in border management a professional and a respected individual all these qualities best described Mr. Peredo therefore, I humbly request the committee to vote in favor for the confirmation with Mr. Peredo as Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency. Thank You!



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Thank you!*

**BARBARA C. TAYAMA:** (Provided written testimony. See attached)

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro. Translated to English) Thank you!*

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** We're gonna continue with the comments and questions from my colleagues, and let me start with Senator Sabina Perez. Go ahead.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** Senator, thank you Mr. Chairman. So I want to thank everybody who came out today to testify. I just have a couple questions regarding you know your plans as far as what challenges have you identified and how you plan to overcome those challenges.

**IKE PEREDO:** Okay, some of the challenges that I've identified within the last three months is number one is recruitment yes recruitment process right now is so tedious that it takes too long for this government to recruit officers, because of the different types of mandates that are imposed within the agency and that's one of my concerns that it's taking too long for us to recruit officers.

So that we can place them in the appropriate training academy, so that we can utilize them within a certain time period, so that's the first challenge. The second challenge that I have right now is the shortage of manpower that I'm confronted with respect to operations at the airport and that challenge is that the source of funding that I need to identify in order for me to accommodate the needs of the airport and if you understand we have a funding source that comes not only from the general fund we have a funding source that comes from the passenger service charge and in order for me to identify the appropriate charge for this particular operation I need to establish a well-defined budget and from that budget that's when I can decide the amount of charge that I need to allocate so that I can hire the officers that I need to man the ports of entries at the airport.

The third challenge that I have is to instill AMI system for the agency very important this is the year 2019 and customs is still doing manual operations at our borders.



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We need to step up and get with our government so that we can create a platform so we can start using technology to not only identify risk assessment with our operations, but also so that we can also collaborate with our stakeholders in trying to meet the needs of the agency as it relates to import requirements.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** Thank you another question that I have so there was a mention about identifying Guam as a high intensity drug trafficking area is that correct what is your position in regards to that and are you yeah what is your position first of all.

**IKE PEREDO:** Well if you talk about the high intensity area in order for Guam to be a part of this particular program we need to collaborate before neighboring islands which is the Northern Marianas and I think I have the director of customs right here and that's one of the first steps that we need to do, because the high intensity area organization can just operate mainly from our island we need to you know in order for them to come in and establish that particular program.

We need to be in a regional tag position and that is the best way for us to get with our counterparts in the Marianas and work with them and that way we can get a support from the federal in so far as identifying our to be a part of this program and that's the first step and let me just go on with that the Director of Customs in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas have already submitted recommendation and establishing an MOU with our agency. So that we can show that yes we are working closely with them as part of that requirement thank you.

**SENATOR SABRINA PEREZ:** If we've become identified as such do we get a lot more resources as far as manpower and equipment.

**IKE PEREDO:** Yes there's a certain type of funding that is provided if you fall under that particular category I'm not too sure how much funding but there is funding that will be made available for the end.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** I've also heard some comments from our neighboring islands that there is an increase in human trafficking have you guys I'm sorry have you noticed that or what measures are you taking to address that.



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**IKE PEREDO:** From the time that I started working with the agency at this point in time I haven't heard anything in so far as they increase, but I've heard in the past that yes they were human trafficking coming from not only from northern marianas trying to come in to our island and that's about the only information that I have with human trafficking.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** Yeah, I think it's important to pursue that because I feel that right I've heard reports that they're increasing in our area and they're not necessarily may not be necessarily be coming through the traditional ports and then also the reports that there are drugs that are being imported through Guam that are not coming through the port system is there are there any measures to address that.

**IKE PEREDO:** Yes we do have a program that is now being reviewed and yet it's ongoing at this point in time we have a Marine Patrol Enforcement Division that works with the federal government that allows us to use assets to patrol our shores on a certain time and that's the program that I would like to expand, because they can provide us the resources and we can continue that type of enforcement.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** Regarding technology what are the plans to institute greater technology when it comes to like retinal identification fingerprinting at the airport is that something that is under your purview and that you are or what is your position on that.

**IKE PEREDO:** The MIS system that I am recommending is that we have requested for a tap grant with the Department of Interior and the way we're going to work this grant is that it's going to be in phases we're gonna start with the design of the particular grant and get consultation so that we can get the appropriate company to come in and design the system for us and then from there we'll go to the next phase which is designing the mainframe system and to ensure that we have the information and the knowledge and capabilities of identifying all this type of risk assessment that we have to go through all the customs so that's in place right now but we're working in phases.

**SENATOR SABINA PEREZ:** Thank you so much, Sir.



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you. Go ahead Senator Moylan.

**SENATOR JIM MOYLAN:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. Peredo. You definitely have all the support here congratulations thank you looking forward to working closely with you and one of the main things. I can probably start off with you mentioned it's just so difficult to hire people for customs right so there's some antiquated things going on with our statue I'll be more than happy to help you make some amendments along with our chairman here by the committee so we can get things moving for you so it's our duty to make this legislation right. So you can hire people I'll be happy to work with you on that.

**IKE PEREDO:** And that's true senator a lot of the things that needs to be ironed out is a lot of the requirements that are coming out of post right now and we're working with that especially the chairman is also aware of some of the concerns that we have with respect to hiring, because of the requirements that are imposed on the agency but that's on its way and we're working with him on that.

**SENATOR JIM MOYLAN:** Okay, I'm happy to continue with that on as well but a couple of questions Mr. Chair technology and hiring of course all it takes money and it's a must and it has to be done, but maybe one of the concerns that was brought up in the transition report supported by the governor here says the most glaring concern for this agency and the customs is the financial status of three point almost two million to pay for office rental space. Jim McDonald kind of alluded to some of that information as well on the report. I can see that there's well to the airport itself customs pays almost two hundred thousand dollars a month and to rental building next door at PAC care around sixty thousand dollars a month. So if there's any way you can reduce that any way possible, I'm sure we can forward this money to the right a better place better resource for them.

**IKE PEREDO:** Yes, I have been reviewing the rent for this particular agency because yes you're right 17% of my budget goes towards rent. One of the things that I have across is that the areas that I'm occupying especially attack here is extremely high with respect to the monthly payment and talking with the general manager at the airport he has identified that there's space at the airport that I'm already paying that I can move and review the particular location to ensure that it fits the needs of the agency.





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So that is something that I can look into and hopefully that by moving out of there I can save two hundred and thirty four thousand dollars and I've heard that particular funding towards the operations of the airport.

**SENATOR JIM MOYLAN:** I'm glad you're working on that and yes I support you a hundred percent on that and then I also, like to acknowledge. I thank CNMI for coming on over there your counterpart there and understand that you have an MOU going together we've had an opportunity to talk before about the post office there in CNMI right where you had the customs officers there at the post office we're all these contrabands drugs are coming in we need your cooperation as well we need to do this on Guam. I understand that we don't we don't have that agreement going and I wrote to the governor and she's expressed that she wants to see that happen, but I believe now with your leadership we can have a customs permanently at the post office somehow following the examples that Saipan has done for us to include also, bringing the high density drug area to Guam I think this is a great opportunity now with your relationship going that we can make things happen so if we can get that customs officer if we need to hire we got to hire right into the post office and stop the drugs from coming in from the mail which we know it's coming in rampant lead now. Yeah and with that Saipan understanding and how did they do that let's make it work, but I'm looking forward to seeing you work that out with them. I appreciate that please.

**IKE PEREDO:** Yes, I have already initiated the process on that and trying to get more information as to whether it's feasible for us here on our end to actually similar what CNM is doing and of course we have to also understand that the problem that I foresee in this particular program is that we do have a lot of home deliveries in Guam if the post office is not only the area where everybody can go and pick up their mail. We have home deliveries that will create a challenge to us in trying to identify whatever partials that are moving out of the post office coming from the domestic or domestic origin.

**SENATOR JIM MOYLAN:** Thank you very much, Congratulations!

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Thank you, Senator! We go to my favorite Senator Castro not Fidel Castro, Senator Castro from Guam, thank you.



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**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** Thank you Mr. Chairman! We have a lot to say about this hearing, but it's that time to eat so I'll keep it short and set it aside. Biba Mes Chamorro! Director, as you are aware you have strong support when they're coming from the Northern Marianas. You know you have a solid candidacy for confirmation when your peers not just from the north, but who represent a larger regional organization take the time away from family and work and the money to come here and speak in affirmation of your confirmation. So you know the record will reflect that the Oceania customs association's representative and your peer Director Mafnas is here to testify on your behalf and that's a wonderful thing. So thank you Director Mafnas.

**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* And to you, Senator Quinata, for recognizing my father in Customs and Quarantine. It's true I did grow up with my father's colleagues at Customs and Quarantine.

**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** It is true for the most part that for the great part of my teen life all the way into undergrad. I guess you could say I was raised in the department and it's important because not my experiences with the department but my observations of the men and women in Guam's first line of defense, and starting with you, director, my father reluctantly retired in 1993 when his house was destroyed by fire for those who don't know that is a fact and it was a traumatic moment of my family's history in 1993.

He retired, and many of you many of you in the room were there for my father to console him emotionally sighs psychologically, financially, physically, and you did too and your wonderful family did, and so thank you. And the reason why I say that for the record, Director, is because your professionalism your dossier all that you've done throughout your professional career and serving the people that's not in question, but it's important that they know that they have a leader who's compassionate who's considerate and is willing to go the extra mile to take care of his people and I thank you again for that.

**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* And what this other Senator said.



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**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** She asked a little question about redness scanning, but I think we should start with you.

**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)*

**SENATOR WILLIAM M. CASTRO:** I don't know how you do it. I've known you for 30 years Director, I'm losing hair, it's getting white; yours is full and it's darker and you don't even use glasses anymore. So that speaks a lot and your vision for the department most importantly is ever clearer you read into the record a six or seven point plan.

I'm not sure if that was your own vision or is that the strategic plan for the agency. I really would like a copy that, because like many of my colleagues I will be an art and strong supporter of Guam's first line of defense. You know there's a lot of baggage that comes with people who come out of retirement, but you know many have already said that it's your institutional knowledge and your ability to humble yourself and take expert advice from a lot of smart women and men in the room whom I've come to know either at the bowling alley or in my Association as a Director a former director in the cabinet and so that also speaks to your leadership style and thank you for that.

The other colleague who already left, alluded to the changing challenges of this world in terms of innovative ways to bring in narcotics or the proliferation of human trafficking in the region and I know, I am confident that you will adapt because you are surrounded by professionals and a lot of these ideas are not new director and so thank you again for acknowledging what they bring to the table in terms of haida in terms of the information systems in terms of the use tax and the program that's going on at customs in the CNMI and and it's you know, it's not that you're gonna start the use tax program here it's you're gonna build upon the successes of Directors McDonald and Acting Director Palacios. I have the greatest amount of confidence that you will find a way to close that loop and deliver upon the collection of use taxes especially as we see low to moderate growth in the economy and as the economy may hopefully not make constrict so that's a source of revenue that remains untapped how close with this Mr. Chairman. I want to encourage you director and the leadership to look towards the Marianas regional fusion center look at the use tax opportunities as Senator Moylan pointed out.



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Thank you, Senator Moylan for that. I like you to network with starting with the Northern Marianas and regional partners in the sharing of intelligence data so you can make informed decisions that will thwart the importation of contraband and human trafficking any other type of thing that comes to the border and you can do that and not react to it, but you can do that with shared intelligence.

I'm sure Director McDonald and others who work with our federal counterparts one of whom's in the room could provide that kind of guidance necessary something as simple and I was educated by the men and women at Customs something is simple as a uniform you know if I don't know the form is called right now. I forgot it slips me there's this uniform document that comes in for let's say when I was the Director for Fisheries particularly tuna and you know it's use tuna as an example and they're different forms that come in from different jurisdictions, but if you would simply adopt a uniform form and set of protocols it may speed up the opportunity for our working professionals to enter that into a database so we can make meaningful use of that information and so thank you again for picking up the ball and the information system and customs, but now that BSP has through the Governor's office worked with the Department of the Interior on an information system or at least a technology assessment hopefully you can collaborate and build upon that. I want to close this reading my last sentence Mr. Chairman.

I'm happy, I'm proud and I'm deeply moved that you have not stopped fighting to take our Islands first line of defense to even greater heights. Thank you, Director I appreciate you coming back and accepting the appointment you have my unqualified support and vote of confidence. God bless you, God bless your family and God bless Customs and Quarantine. Thank you!

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Thank you, Will! Will, just asked me, how do you say lunch in Chamorro? Yes, my friend is stumbling on his Chamorro, but he understands it. I like to practice it and honor what I was taught when I was young and continue to support our language and culture. If we ignore it, will be lost. Where are you from Ike?

**IKE PEREDO:** I'm from Yona.



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) That's what I like to hear and I am proud. I am proud because there are lots of people from Yona and remember we're poor. And when we were going to school it was expensive and we couldn't afford to go to college. I went to school for 6 years on the 6th year I got retained at the University, but it's an honor. Education is the key to success right? and I left school. I was just joking, they don't retain you. I would like to thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for their right selection to lead the Department.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** And let me just say, because we met several times at the office and I wanted to find out all the issues confronting the problems at the and one of the biggest issues I find out is that you're renting so much space at the airport that is ideally not being used.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) So I ask, let's check what's going on?

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** And then we talk about service fees and remember you I think you mentioned something like two dollars or something for the service fees liquor maximize that twenty times over.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** (Spoken in Chamorro translated to English) And we spoke about the travelers fee and service fees. You mention a hundred and one officers is what you have now. How many officers do you need to complete the Department of Customs and Quarantine?

**IKE PEREDO:** Senator, I was going to give you a precise amount of officers that i would like to see within the next two years. It's at least two hundred and thirty-five.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** So that's over a hundred?

**MR. IKE PEREDO:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) So this is my problem Ike.



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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Does your officers required to be certified under the BLEA program?

**MR. IKE PEREDO:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** And I would think so, because that's an Act and it requires all law enforcement officers to really be certified under the BLEA, and this is my problem and I brought this out with even the Chief of Police, Department of Correction, old Law Enforcement, Commercial Port and Port Authority.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* This is the problem going to University of Guam, right? EN100 is required, and if you don't pass the interview, you're out of there.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Now what I really want to do, and I'm working on it, and I'm gonna push for it, because it's easier said than done.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* When we say we're going to hire police officers.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** I'm thinking, maybe if we're gonna avoid, or take out the EN100. We probably need to go through the Triple A (AAA) process, and I don't know who are the members of the Triple A process. I thought that it's over at GCC aware University. Well, I don't even know those guys, because I want to talk to them. So my plan Ike, is that you mention over 120 people that you need.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* That's a problem to complete that much people, if we don't change the EN100. If they don't pass the EN100 requirements and they go to the Department of Administration, it's over for them.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** See what I'm saying. So what I want to do is get that get extend or increase because the BLEA program is only like what two and a half months or three months right and the thing is if you graduate from the BLEA program and you take the test for the initial law enforcement entry and you don't pass that you're out of



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there, but what I really want to do and I want to take this and make it a reality during my watch its expand the BLEA training for six months and combine that marry that up within the police training and during the cycle of those six months teach those trainees or you know those that's going to the BLEA and the police training teach them how to meet that composition of the EN100 and if they if you give them the test the first time and they flunk it teach them how to pass it.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* Teach them how to pass it, because if you don't teach them for the first time they won't pass the EN100. I didn't pass a few times when I took the EN100, but you know what, I turned around and asked my teacher. How do I pass this or what do I need to study? The booklet they gave me to study was so thick. My thinking was to pick coconut, husk it, and feed the chickens and pigs, because I had no money at home. And If I don't feed the animals I got no food. I can say this we had no money, but I was rich in food.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Anyways, Ike, I just want to say that you know when I was in the Police Department. I was in charge of Narcotics coming out from the Drug Enforcement Academy and you know the techniques of consuming and all that and working with the Narcotics Division as being in charge of Narcotics. I can trustly say this, that you're most effective asset within your agency; it's the expansion or the concentration of supporting your intelligence. Do you have an intelligence unit at the department?

**IKE PEREDO:** The way we use the intelligence unit, Senator, is that we have individual officers that are each assigned to the respective task force within the Government that is collaborating with the Federal Government so we have officers assigned to each of the Federal task and they're the ones.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Just like the DEA and FBI.

**MR. IKE PEREDO:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** And you also coordinate with law enforcement over at Los Angeles Airport and the reason why I brought that up, Ike.



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So when I was in charge, right, I coordinated before law enforcement agencies in the States and the reason why I say that having that Intelligence Unit with the capabilities of the importation of illicit drugs the most important asset in your unit would be is a good strong intelligence unit. When I was in narcotics Ike, I had over a hundred CRTs. You know what are CRTs?

**IKE PEREDO:** Right, yes.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Director Quinata, you know what are CRTs? I don't wanna...Well CRT is very effective, because if the drug arrived on the island on this island and you have your CRTs, good numbers of CRTs outside there, you will know whose imposition of that drugs you would know how the importation got through the Port, The Airport, The Mail or Commercial Port.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* So that's what I'm asking you!

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** I would like to see that in your unit-- the drug importation on the island-- they use different kinds of consuming techniques, and I've talked to you about this and I asked Jim, we've worked for the longest time.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** *(Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English)* And till this day what they call Ice, not Iced ke'ke, and it still comes in till this day. Ike, I know they support you all, and you mention you're from Yona. And all my friends here know I'm the oldest Senator here, and I ain't going to ask them to vote, I'm going to tell them to vote. We worked together, cause I know we can. I would like to let you know a little of what I know about division of Guam Police.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** Let me just read something here before we adjourn, because I think it's time. Anyway, thank you for joining me on this confirmation hearing and also I'd like to thank all of those who testified on behalf of my brother in law look it's always good to hear positive testimony about a trusted member of our community it gives me confidence that he will do a good job in his leadership position. I want to thank you and I want to thank everybody here that testified on his behalf so when I listen to them I'll tell you this.





## ***Sinadót Jose “Pedo” Terlaje***

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**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** At this point in time I want to say we adjourn.

**CHAIRMAN TERLAJE:** (Spoken in Chamorro, translated to English) Let's eat this afternoon!

The confirmation hearing was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

### **III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attached written testimonies submitted via email.

The Committee on Public Safety, Border Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mayors' Council, Infrastructure and Public Transit hereby reports on the appointment of **Ignacio Q. Peredo** to serve as **Director** of the **Customs and Quarantine Agency**, with the recommendation to do confirm.



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**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

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of the Customs and Quarantine Agency  
to serve at the pleasure of  
**I Maga' Hågan Guåhan**

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