

GUAM LEGISLATIVE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NEWS RELEASE

FOIA Council Elects Vice Chair and Establishes Subcommittees

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April 30, 2014 - The inaugural FOIA Council meeting was held this morning and members elected former journalist Jayne Flores as Vice Chairperson of the Council.

“Jayne brings decades of experience in fighting for open government and freedom of information to this Council,” Council Chairperson Senator Rory J. Respicio said. “She joins an impressive panel of Council members who all have been staunch supporters of open government.”

Members of the Council include: Senator Rory J. Respicio, Senator Anthony Ada, Senator Tom Ada, Assistant Attorney General Pat Mason from the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Pacific Daily News Publisher Rindraty Limtiaco, former journalist Jayne Flores, Marianas Business Journal Publisher Maureen Maratita, Guam Judiciary attorney Sophia Santos Diaz, public resident Barry Mead, media personality Jeffery Thomas Marchesseault, former Senator Robert Klitzkie, Governor’s Director of Communications Troy Torres and Attorney Gary W.F. Gumataotao.

The Council also elected Marchesseault as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Freedom of Information and Open Government Complaints, Mason as Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Training Seminars and Educational Programs, Limtiaco as Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Publication of Printed Materials and Santos-Diaz as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Government Website Compliance.

Council members also began discussion on the first complaint filed with the council by Ron McNinch, however members agreed that the Council needs to first establish guidelines and procedures for accepting public complaints in order to ensure fairness and consistency in the handling of all complaints. The next Council meeting will be scheduled at a later date. For more information regarding the Council please visit the website at <http://www.guamlegislature.com/FOIA.htm>

The FOIA Council's web site is: <http://www.guamlegislature.com/FOIA.htm>. To assist us in providing Internet dissemination of materials, presenters are requested to submit written comments and handouts in electronic format by (i) e-mail to staff prior to meetings or (ii) CD or thumb drive furnished to staff at meetings. Presenters are also requested to bring 20 copies of their remarks or handouts to meetings. These copies will be provided to FOIA Council members and the public. E-mail: foia.council@guamlegislature.org