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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

APR 29 2015

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
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155 Hesler Place
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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 32-33(COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by Committee

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District - "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT."** sponsored by Senator R.J. Respicio, T.R. Muña Barnes, Judith. T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
BILL NO. 32-33 (COR)

As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
*Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources
Election Reform and Capitol District*

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by Committee

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District - "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT." sponsored by Senator R.J. Respicio, T.R. Muña Barnes, Judith. T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor
- Copy of Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor and amended by Committee
- Copy of Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by Committee
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Fiscal Note Requirement for Bill No. 32-33 (COR)
- Referral of Bill No. 32-33 (COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by the Committee - "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGATÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT.," by Senator Rory J. Respicio, T.R. Muña Barnes, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson		Yes 4/29/15				
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson				✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member						
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member			 4/29/15			
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		✓				
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member						
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member				✓ 4/29		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member				✓ 4/29		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member				✓ 4/29/15		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader		4/29				
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member				✓ 4/29/15		

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 32-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT," Sponsors-Senator Rory J. Respicio, Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes and Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. was introduced on January 22, 2015; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District on January 23, 2015.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources; and Election Reform convened a public hearing on Bill No. 32-33(COR) on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 2:00 P.M. and follow-up Round Table Meetings on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Monday, April 20, 2015, 5:30 P.M. in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on the measure.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with the Open Government Law, notices were disseminated to all senators and to all main media broadcasting outlets on February 23, 2015, March 9, 2015 and April 14, 2015 (First Notices) and February 26, 2015, March 12, 2015 and April 16, 2015 (Second Notices).

Senators Present

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (Public Hearing)

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairman
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Member
Senator Mary C. Torres, Member
Senator James V. Espaldon

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 (Round Table Meeting)

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairman
Senator Thomas C. Ada, Vice Chairman
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member
Senator Mary C. Torres, Member

Monday, April 20, 2015 (Round Table Meeting)

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairman
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 (Public Hearing)

1. Mrs. Doris F. Iriarte (*Did not indicate In Support or Opposition of the Bill*).
2. Ms. Canis Leon Guerrero
3. Ms. Bernice Flores Burrier
4. Mrs. Evelyn R. L.G. Bonner
5. Mr. Joaquin P. Perez
6. Mr. John A. Rios, Administrator, Guam Economic Development Authority, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Bill.
7. Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero, Director, Department of Public Works, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Bill.
8. Mrs. Yvette Cruz, Deputy Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Bill.
9. Mr. Robert Leon Guerrero
10. Mr. Joseph Cameron, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority (HRRRA) Director, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral and Written Testimony (*Please see attached for written testimony*).
11. Senator Hope A. Cristobal, Self, In Opposition of the Bill, Provided Oral and Written Testimony (*Please see attached for written testimony*).
12. Mr. Joe Quinata, Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation Trust, In Support of the Bill, Provided Written Testimony. (*Please see attached for written testimony*).

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 (Round Table Meeting)

1. Mr. Ray Blas, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Provided Oral Testimony.
2. Mr. Bill Reyes, Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. Ms. Linda Aguon, State Historical Preservation Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, Provided Oral Testimony.
4. Mr. Felix Benavente, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, Provided Oral Testimony.
5. Mr. Eric Palacios, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Bill.
6. Mr. Joseph Cameron, Director, Department of Chamorro Affairs, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.
7. Mr. Joseph C. Santos, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority.
8. Senator Hope A. Cristobal, Self, In Opposition of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.

9. Mr. Joe Quinata, Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation Trust, In Support of the Bill, Provided Written Testimony. *(Please see attached for written testimony).*

Monday, April 20, 2015 (Round Table Meeting)

1. Senator Chris Duenas, External Affairs Advisor, Office of the Governor of Guam, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral.
2. Mr. Joe Quinata, Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation Trust, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral and Written Testimony. *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
3. Mr. John T. Calvo, Chairman, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority Board, *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
4. Mr. Joseph Cameron, Director, Department of Chamorro Affairs, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony. *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
5. Mr. Eric Palacios, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.
6. Ms. Linda Aguon, State Historical Preservation Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.
7. Mr. Raymond F.Y. Blas, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.
8. Mr. Gregory D. Perez, Member, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority Board, In Support of the Bill.
9. Mr. Zenon E. Belanger, Vice-Chairman, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority Board, In Support of the Bill.
10. Mr. John Rios, Administrator, Guam Economic Development Authority, In Support of the Bill, Provided Oral Testimony.
11. Senator Hope A. Cristobal, Self, In Opposition of the Bill, Provided Oral and Written Testimony. *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
12. Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero, Director, Department of Public Works, Provided Oral and Written Testimony. *(Please see attached for written testimony).*

Chairman Senator Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing to order at 2:00 P.M. and provided opening remarks the main sponsor of **Bill No. 32-33(COR)**.

Chairman Respicio

Bill No. 32-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT," was sponsored by myself together with Senator Barnes and Speaker Won Pat. This bill was introduced at the request of the GEDA in conjunction with the HRRRA. This bill was introduced to force a discussion on what should be done with the Manuel F. L. Guerrero building and I said from the very beginning and I reached out to the members of Gov. Guerrero's family and told them that whatever fate of the building is, the name sake and the memory of that structure shall remain. I know that Gov. Calvo talks about using the area as the staging area for Fest Pack 2016. If it's going to be an open space, if this bill should go forward, then certainly GEDA will be mandated to provide some kind of monument and Mr. Cameron as the President of the HRRRA is in full support. Although this is a public hearing in the bill, I think it was more appropriate to convene in a round table style meeting so that we really express that we're going to have to figure out what were going to do with this building as a community. I understand that there is strong opposition to this legislation and we'll deal with that opposition and address those concerns. Gov. Calvo is strongly in support of this bill because he really wants to construct the Governor's *Palacio* through the efforts of the HRRRA. So having said that know just because a bill is introduced doesn't mean that it's going to pass. I mean, I've had a couple of my own legislation either stay in Committee because the Committee requires more discussion or maybe I couldn't get a boost and it happens to all of us in the Legislature. Originally when GEDA first drafted this bill, they put a provision in here that the Legislature shall forfeit or shall hand over its ownership of the property and then discussion with GEDA and the HRRRA and Gov. Calvo himself. They've all agreed that, it's not necessary to that disjuncture and I don't think that it'll ever be necessary but what will happen remains to be seen. This bill does not reflect what GEDA wanted, where the Legislature was going to have to release the property to the executive branch for purposes of construction, constructing the *Palacio*. So I guess as courtesy to Gov. Guerrero's legacy, I'd like to hear from Al and your family. It is really nice that the children on Gov. Guerrero were here when the bill was introduced. Sen. Frank Aguon asked me to make sure that the family is on board every step of the way and so we did that.

Mr. Alfredo D. Leon Guerrero

My name is Alfredo D. Leon Guerrero and I am the eldest child of the late Gov. Manuel F. L. Guerrero. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your Committee to testify on Bill No. 32-33 relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building. On behalf of the children of the late Gov. Manuel F. L. Guerrero, his sister Ms. Rosario Flores Untalan and his late brother Mr. Juan Flores Flores, we offer this testimony. The Gov. Manuel F. L. Guerrero administration building was so appropriately named many very historical events and decisions affecting the people of Guam occurred and we met there by him and the Guerrero Governor of Guam office where he got in that building, Bill 32-33, appalls to demolish the Gov. Manuel F. L. Guerrero administration building using the retraction fund. We are not here to pause the plan as set for, but rather to request this legislative body not to displace the importance of memorializing as a son and leader of Guam providing much needed titles the people of Guam during very difficult times. He was not afraid to appear before a federal office in Washington D.C to request any forms of assistance for Guam, be it financial or otherwise. Many of the programs that he began during his administration continue to be an administration today. Because of his foresight, Guam's economic growth began during his time and we could see that today. We appear here today to request upon the demolition of the administration building if nothing else is to be built in his place, that plaza be named the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Plaza, *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*.

Mrs. Evelyn R. L.G. Bonner

I was just going through some of the stuff that my dad did and I was there when President Kennedy appointed him up in Washington D.C. I've really gone through a lot with him. I've never lived out here on Guam during his Administration, but I know that he's helped a lot of people and his first love was always for the island and the people. To me, he was a very respected man of the people. As you know, currently that DOA building dedicated to him was also housed for all the other Governors before him, that's a trademark for historical points for the governors. I believe it should be taken down because it's an eyesore and we all know that and re-patching it is not going to do anything about it. It's got to be done away with or rebuilt or whatever needs to be done, so I just feel that in the serving of keeping his name as a tribute to all that he has done keep his legacy alive.

Chairman Respicio

Thank you and that's why we're here today to make sure that if we do anything it's to continue honoring your Dad's legacy, his memory, but also the historical perspective that the whole building had for all the other governors the appointed and the elected and here's the daughter of the another governor.

Mrs. Bonner

Yes, I know. There's a lot of other people that are involved in this, you know and I feel like it should be remained a house for all the past governors, present and future.

Chairman Respicio

Let's hear from the Administration now.

Mr. Rios

(Please see the attached for written testimony.)

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

I don't have a written testimony, so I'm just going to read off some of the notes that I have taken previously in, earlier there was a letter that was submitted by the Department to the Executive Director, Vince Arriola on April 17, 2012, by two predecessors of mine, Joanne Brown and it basically had an inspection, visual inspection report. I'm here to just add onto that and clarify a few things. A couple days ago, I met with Tom Camacho's structural engineer and Vince Arriola and a couple of his staff members toured the facility and this is the report that he's given to me. So I'm going to read off the email he sent me. He's attached Chapter 66, the Guam Building Law which identifies that if repairs and renovations exceed 50% of the value of the building, all repairs, improvements, additions, etc. will have to comply with the current building code and that's the international IBC Code 2009 requirements. This applies to accessibility, ADA, architectural mechanical plumbing, and fire code, electrical systems, and structural. Based on his brief visual inspection of the former DOA building wing, the following are his preliminary comments:

1. The buckled floor tiles at the ground level are not relative to any structural issues with the concrete slab, the buckled tiles resulted from poor instillation and adhesion of the floor tiles to the existing concrete slab.
2. No major structural deficiencies were noted on the on the exterior wall surfaces.
3. Structural sheer walls were part of the original structures and are limited to the perimeter of the building, however some interior CMU partition walls were erected within the interior spaces separating areas or creating rooms. No structural distresses observed on the interior CMU walls.
4. Second floor showed sign of pattern roof cracks between the building frames and the leaks throughout the entire length of the building.
5. Concrete cracks and sprawling was observed at the covered bridge walkway columns and roof slab located between two building wings. It should be noted that the exterior roof surfaces and the building wings were not inspected and his general comments based on all his observations are this. He estimates that the structure was built in 1960 which makes the building over 50 years old.

Based on the building code standards at the time of construction, the building will not meet current building code and may require extensive amount of structural retrofit. He anticipates that the retrofit will involve the addition in exterior and interior reinforcement concrete sheer walls, both on the ground floor and the second floors. Additionally, all concrete slabs sprawls will need repair with high strength concrete patching material and pressure epoxy injection. In addition, to the structural enhancements, the entire mechanical and electrical systems will have to be replaced and retrofitted to meet the current building code requirements. Architectural elements of the building including windows and doors will have to be replaced, elevators will have to be installed, and ADA accessibility requirements will have to be made. All the upgrades described above will in his opinion will exceed the 50% value of the building and trigger the full code compliance. Renovation and retrofit cost are expected to be high and nearly approach costs for new construction. Given of the age of the structure maintenance will be a large factor of the remaining life of the structure which could be very well only an additional 10-15 years before major upgrades and major repairs are again required. Therefore it's prudent for the government to consider full replacement of the existing structure, with a new structure that will function to today's modern and last an additional 50-60 years. I've asked what it would cost to retrofit and he said it between \$250-\$350 per sq. ft. and the total building is 70,000 sq. ft. So we're talking in excess, just for retrofit cost, somewhere between \$17.5-\$25.5 million, Thank you.

Mr. Cameron

(Please see the attached for written testimony.) And for the record, Mr. Chairman, my biological mother is Anna Flores, first cousins to Gov. Emanuel Guerrero. These folks across the table are my family and I will support and I will put every effort as the Director of the Restoration to make sure that we restore and comply your request today and I love your recommendations. We will definitely put that in the master plans and I will encourage that, *Si Yu'as Ma'ase!*

Chairman Respicio

Ms. Cruz are you submitting a position on behalf of the EPA or?

Mrs. Cruz

Yes, he's also my father, which is probably what you're alluding to. I'm his youngest and Al my brother is his oldest. *(Please see the attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Joaquin Perez

There are a lot of senators that have connections to that building. Senator Frank Blas' father began his work as Director of Commerce in that building. There are others, Senator Dennis Rodriguez's father started work there.

Mr. Perez read Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz's written testimony on his behalf. *(Please see the attached for written testimony.)*

Senator Hope Cristobal

(Please see the attached for written testimony.)

Chairman Respicio

Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your very provoking testimony. You know the Vice-Speaker was correct that the time the 20th Guam Legislature Bill 424 was introduced by the individuals he named. He named former governor, former senator, former speaker Carl T.C. Gutierrez. Former Speaker Joe T. San Agustin and we have the committee report here and it says, the Chairman called on the family of Governor Guerrero to submit testimony, Ms Dofina Leon Guerrero accompanied by her children, Manuel F. Guerrero Jr., Evelynna R. L.G. Bonner, and Alfredo D. Leon Guerrero testified in support of Bill 424. Ms. Guerrero thanked the sponsor of the bill for recognizing the accomplishments of her late husband. At this time, Manuel Guerrero Jr. expressed his concern that should the current building be demolished and the new one constructed would the name change carry on. He was assured by the Committee Chairman that regardless of what happens the current building, the name change will ultimately follow once the new building is constructed, so this has to be memorialized in the committee report and possibly amended into the bill after we decide what to do with the bill. I guess we're trying to find some common ground. The first common ground is that although the building if it were to be demolished, that the name sake will continue and the legacy will carry on. That's the first thing that I think we can try to move towards in agreement. The second thing that I want to point out is the testimony from the Vice-Speaker and Senator Cristobal who really provides some kind of insight and guidance in respect to how we should proceed. You raise a lot of very important issues. GEDA, the Administration and Mr. Cameron's group HRRRA certainly should have an opportunity at this time to respond to those concerns raised by both the Vice-Speaker and Senator Cristobal. I then will offer my thoughts after that. I want to first give you an opportunity, if you reflect on what the Vice-Speaker pointed out with the inconsistencies with how the bill represented how it's not financially feasible based on the structure, the current environmental conditions, and all the electrical work that needs to be done, and what really put a bump in the road was the letter the that then-Director Joanne Brown submitted to our Executive Director saying that they sent their other inspection, that the building is structurally sound that and any leaks are attributed from drillings in the walls, resulting from having installed air conditioners and window frames, but historically the Legislature has been the landlord to that property and for all the executive branch offices that occupy that property. The Legislature was never given any rental money. On the idea of the lead that we're one government so we maintain the grounds, do the best we can, but unfortunately the current condition of the building, I think if we're going to decide on what the second common ground is we can't let that building continue in its present state and dishonor the legacy of not only former Governor Guerrero, but all of the previous governors whose served our island and what that that building represents so if you noticed on the testimonies from Vice Speakers and Sen. Cristobal, they're not saying don't do anything, they're not saying leave the building as is. They're saying maybe we can find some kind of common ground where we could bring the building to its former glory, but also incorporate what Gov. Calvo wants to do with the *Palacio* and that's where I think we'd like to focus our discussion and I know that the governor has shown us plans that were already, there are drawings right? And renditions of what this Bellagio would look like and I was thinking about providing an opportunity for that presentation be made but understand that if I had that presentation made, it would seem like a foregone conclusion and I understand how the community moves so this a very sensitive, highly politically charged issue and if you're wondering why there is no presentation being made as to what is going to become of that space, because we're not there yet.

Mr. Rios

And in one of the concerns is that back in 2013 when DOA actually moved out, that was like two years.

Chairman Respicio

But that was a mass exodus, DOA moved out, DOE moved out.

Mr. Rios

I think that the headline in the news was "DOA Moves Out, Homeless Moves In" and from what the Governor has told me a lot of times that he passes by there in the evenings. He sees the homeless and people there and my concern is asbestos. A lot of the buildings prior to 1975 that were built in 1975, have asbestos and you know asbestos is in cement corrugated sheets, they're in flat cement splat sheets, they're in pipeline ramps, and they're in vinyl floor tiles. The tiles and all that stuff is cracking and the homeless is in there. I think we need to consider some of the liability because it's under the Government of Guam or Legislature. One of my main concerns is if that if we have children from Academy that go over there and visit and there's asbestos around there, is there liability in Government of Guam? I would think.

Chairman Respicio

DPW testified to the fact that it would cost a lot of money to retrofit that building and the cost that it would take, you were not here yet Sen. Hope, but it would put us over the 50% threshold and because that threshold exceeds the 50% of the cost for the rehabilitation then all the current codes would have to kick in, costing much more money. So I think that's where GEDA is coming from with respect to that, it's not financially sound to.

Mr. Rios

And I'm not a construction manager or anything but if we were to re due all the electrical and break the walls and change the pipes to allow for larger wires to go through, just to bring it up to code, I'm not sure what that would do to the structure itself.

Chairman Respicio

And how much money do we have in the hot bond, the balance?

Mr. Rios

Right now, I mean it's just the demolition, we're not looking at building the *Palacio* or whatever its planned for by HRRRA. What we want to do is just use whatever savings in some of the projects with the hot bonds, with the exceptions of course the museum. All the other projects allow for us to use savings and this bill will allow us to use the savings to at least first go in and take a look at the asbestos, the environmental issues and then we would, if we have additional funding, we can go ahead and proceed with the demolition.

Chairman Respicio

And that building was built in two phases, right? Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Vice-Speaker is saying that maybe we can have both, maybe we can have some semblance of the current building and the *Palacio*.

Mr. Rios

You know somebody mentioned to me the other day because they know we're coming to the hearing and they mentioned to me and just looking at the structure of the building that it was originally a barracks. I'm not sure how true that is I mean, yea I just heard somebody tell me, they even look back it was originally a barracks.

Chairman Respicio

No.

Mr. Rios

Yea, that's what somebody told me, so I'm not sure. So that was built for the governor's office then right?

Chairman Respicio read testimony from Guam Preservation Trust's Joe Quinata. *(Please see the attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Perez

Preservation Trust is in the Lujan House. The reason why that building exists is because when the Lujan family was going to sell that property, we and the Legislature found out about it. The late Sen. Frank Santos stepped in and talked to the Lujan family and negotiated a land exchange so that the government could keep the Lujan house. The significance of the Lujan house is not because of the structural or the architecture, the significance is of the people who attended school there. I mean everybody that was anybody in Guam history went to school in the Guam Normal School, which is what it was called. That was the reason for exchanging property in Dededo for that property to preserve that. What I think Vice Speaker Cruz is saying is that, let's take what Senator Cristobal is saying let's pull back a little bit and so we can study just exactly what we're proposing here and look at the significance of the building and I'm saying this as a private citizen not with any reference to BJ, because he would probably kill me. It seems that every time that we have money, we're in a rush to spend. So on this sense Let's study this thing and review it, instead of just. I'm not opposed to doing something to fix to the building or to even, if its really that structurally unsafe, then to taking it down. When the Latte of Freedom Foundation was going to build the Latte of Freedom at Adelup, Gov. Felix Camacho at the time was concerned the building may not be structurally sound because some engineers from DPW went down there and they had concerns. So we brought them in and asked that it be evaluated by the Army Core of Engineers. They came back with a full blown study and said that there's nothing wrong with the building, it's sitting on solid coral, it's not going to fall down and so we had the scientific expert opinions that we could use the buildings. I think that in this case because of some of the points that Tom Camacho brought out is very salient, but at the same time some of the points that was brought out by Joanne Brown's people is also very important to take into consideration. So maybe perhaps, If GEDA has the money and they're itching to spend it. Maybe what you can do is hire an A&E for them to come out with the final evaluation on the building and see if it's really structurally safe.

Chairman Respicio

Not only in A&E, but a feasibility study so we can weigh those, cost associated. Well I know it's for the structure, I believe what they're saying is that the building is structurally sound. Now they're saying that, probably the quirks have said that but what GEDA is representing through the bill. It's not just a matter of the structure but to retrofit it and to bring it up to code will put that, you mentioned how many million?

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

My understanding is that if its 70,000 sq. ft. then you're talking about, for the high end \$350 at \$25.5 million and the \$250, the low one would be \$17.5. To do a structural analysis, I've also asked Tom Camacho to give me what it'll cost for us to do that. He says that just for the structural analysis, it costs about \$25,000. What we need to do is a full report on architect, electrical, and mechanical and those investigations got to be, we're talking roughly about \$75,000.

Senator Mary C. Torres

Listening to everybody we've got very rational minds here. I mean people that are speaking from an emotional and historical point are also very rational. As rational as the structural aspect of it, but what I want to point out to everybody is that we look at this, I clearly have a vested interest in wanting to see this historical building preserved because of my father being Gov. Camacho, but I'm not making that my charge. I want to point out to everyone is that we sent precedent already, in this body, when we rallied behind that Guam Legislature building and we invested incredible money to restore what would have not as much of a usefulness as it does a historical usefulness, a practical usefulness versus a historical usefulness. And so when you talk about allocating resources and stuff, I just want to point out one thing. We've set a precedent so if we're so impassionate about historical things and restoring things to their historical significance, is that where we want to go? Do we want to stick with that norm? If what we're doing is we're really trying to accomplish a means to an end, we've already established that the end is the *Palacio* and this is just a means for achieving that. Are we as a community going to throw away something of a significance to achieve that means? I often think about the Liberty Bell and how a cracked bell is a worthless bell. We know that one of the most significant icons of America is a cracked bell. It should be in the dump, but it's not and it's no different from what we're talking about here and I just want to point that out.

Senator Aguon

Mr. Chairman I just want to make a general comment first of all to the Guerrero family. Thank you very much for your testimonies this afternoon and recognizing that if in fact the building is structurally unsound, the safety would take precedence over keeping the structure in place and I want to thank the Chairman for making sure that his pronouncements here in entertaining this bill in a public hearing reflects, continuing to memorialize Gov. Guerrero and all of his service and all of his contributions to our community, because we certainly, the intent, at least from my perspective, if in fact I were to support this, the intent would never, never be to destroy the building and leave it at that. It is so that we continue to memorialize Gov. Guerrero and all of his service, because that's part of history and I just want to say also that I think Vice-Speaker Cruz's statements today hit a homerun. When you talk about the seat of government, you talk about Guam's history, you talk about all of our leaders that have served in one way or another over the course of the last 50-60 years here in Guam and I think that leaves me with a very good and challenge in terms of a decision. Because it's a dilemma, it's an internal dilemma on my part. Someone who wants to preserve our culture as much as possible, someone who tries to advocate for preserving our language and then here we're discussing the destruction and the demolition of a historical structure of the seat of government and that's certainly going to be a challenge in terms of what we ultimately are going to do and I like the idea and suggestion that perhaps a structural assessment whether the building itself is structurally sound. The other issues with regards to asbestos, I think there are remedies. I'll be it, it may cost a pretty penny, but the question is: Do we exchange history for the cost of money? At what price are we willing to disregard a structure that has served as the seat of government for the last 50-60 years and if that report comes back and says, I'm sorry the structure is just extremely unsound, then I think we already know our answer, because even the family has stepped forward and presented their testimony that, please continue to memorialize Governor Guerrero, but the safety of the community is certainly an issue that has to be addressed. I just wanted make that statement and I really appreciate Vice-Speaker Cruz's statement in this regard.

Senator Cristobal

I'd like to address the Committee as well. You know this is about Governor Manuel Guerrero, but he embodies the representation of or early political development and many other things that happened in that building and if that building were not structurally sound. I would highly recommend we do restoration work which is covered in the Preservation Trust and can qualify for funding. It seems like whether it's from the right pocket, the left pocket, whatever pocket you're going to get the funding, that should be your aim. If it is not structurally sound, restore the building because it is very important historically. Its historical significance is already on the list of historic places and again, you know. You need to question why this building is not going through a normal process of review.

Chairman Respicio

Let me get some clarification, it's not listed on the list of historical places.

Senator Cristobal

It is not listed on the Guam or National register, but it's on the list of historical places to be considered for the Guam and National register, to be clear.

Mr. Perez

They just haven't moved up the process.

Chairman Respicio

Do you have any idea why?

Senator Cristobal

That's my question. When the legislature asked the Chairman during his confirmation hearing what he thought about this building. He outright already made a unilateral decision that it should be torn down and that's even before he got on the board. So you have a Board that has all these disciplines represented. You've got people with you know good knowledge in architecture and all the other disciplines that is needed to make these informed decisions about these historic structure and yet we're not going through that process and I will write to the higher ups, because they are getting funding. SHPO and the work that they do to get their funding from the higher ups and I just mentioned all the those.

Chairman Respicio

Mr. Cameron, do you have any idea, why this process to get that building to get on the Guam and national registry just kind of stopped?

Mr. Cameron

No, I have on personal knowledge of that Mr. Chairman, but I believe that the Guam Preservation Trust, the folks that are sitting on that board should be asked that question.

Mr. Perez

There's two different bodies. The trust is responsible for providing financial assistance.

Mr. Cameron

But I think that both bodies should.

Mr. Perez

We meet together once in awhile but I can't explain.

Mr. Cameron

I don't have an answer to that Mr. Chairman.

Senator Aguon

I think if there is any consolation that the family has the assurance of at least the members.

Mr. Cameron

Oh yes, that's one thing that we agreed to.

Senator Aguon

I think you can take away in terms of continuing to more or less, preserve your family. But let me just close with this one final comment that Vice-Speaker Cruz's testimony shared with us in preserving our Spanish heritage or preserving the beginnings of our government. That I think is an easy decision in my regard, with all due respect to Gov. Calvo because he's the one to step forward and proposed to restore the Bellagio and see what we can do to continue to make and enhance *Hagåtña's*, but I certainly hope that the Governor can keep an open mind in regards to this, because I think that the restoration process is certainly an option that could be considered and obviously restoration can be inclusive of demolition and restoration of the structure as originally constructed. That may have a price tag but then the question is, does history have a price tag in this case? If we want to continue to preserve a part of Guam's history and this is where the seat of government is.

Chairman Respicio

Thank you and just to add to that, Gov. Calvo credits Gov. Bordallo to have the *Palacio* and according to the Vice-Speaker's testimony here. It was never intent of, then First Lady Madeleine Bordallo and her group to have that building demolished. Do you have any references to? I want to know if, we obviously know that we need to somehow barricade that building to prevent members of the public from going in there for whatever reason they're going in there for. Vince and I have talked about this extensively. Is it possible to address the immediate concern, that being the safety of the, is it possible, I hope you answer so I would think so. Is it possible to use the hot bonds to at least provide for some kind of barricade and tell me how much it's going to cost to do the A&E? Well two things, what we can do to erect the barricade and what it would cost to do the A&E and we can amend this bill to reflect that. I think what's important here is, we just can't keep saying that this is the seat of government and then, yet that building doesn't reflect how we've evolved.

Mr. Arriola

Mr. Chairman, if I can, just following up on your comment, as a practical matter. We all know that if falls under the Legislature so we do have to maintain or keep the safety of the building? This bill is probably the best thing that ever happened to the Manuel F. L. Guerrero building cause it brought to light all these issues, that we all know have been before us for over the last 30 years. It's probably been, unfortunately and we apologize to the families, probably being one of the most dilapidated buildings in *Hagåtña's* and the Vice-Speaker said it, Senator Hope, I believe that you mentioned that as well and so we're at this point now. What do we do? Everyone wants to preserve history but you know there is sometimes as a practical matter, you can only do so much and there's safety factors, there's new building codes, there's architectural issues, there's structural issues, and if those practical matters, those practical facts come before us, my advice would be you follow the professionals. If the professionals say we can restore it, then you probably listen to them, but if they come and they say structurally it's just too cost prohibitive to restore. You know we can as Joe Quinata mentioned, you can always rebuilt and restructure something to honor what took place in that building. They do that in many places throughout the US, but to keep the building the place that it was. I was talking with the family earlier. I can tell you right now, our families go way back, our families were governors; speaker and I'll speak personally on this one. If my father's name or my mother's name was on that building, there would have been hell to pay many, many years ago and to just, I feel for the Guerrero family, we're like brothers and sisters, we grew up together. I believe what they're saying is that if we're not going restore it then let's take it down and start a new, but still honor our father and I think that's fine as well, but certainly even if we were to barricade it, you're going to have the tour companies saying and this is a barricaded former Governors Office and what good does that do us? Doesn't do us any good folks, you know, sure hard decisions need to be made but we can always capture our history in different ways as well, that's my thinking. We capture it museums, we capture in different office buildings, we capture it in books, we capture it in music, we capture it in recordings, but right now we're capturing it in an old moldy dilapidated building in the middle of *Hagåtña*. Where's the honor there? Where's the history there? And this has been going on for 30 years, I mean even Vice-Speaker mentioned it, he was at fault, we're all at fault, but we need to make a decision soon. What the rush? I'll tell you what the rush is, I don't want Gov. Guerrero's name on a building like that, that's the rush. The rush is that there could be asbestos there, the rush is there could be led there, and the rush is a homeless individual can go there fall off the rail and die, that's the rush. You know we got a resonance if you will, of tourism, of culture coming back to Guam and we've got new museum. we're renovating the Guam Legislature, we've just spent over a million dollars renovating the Plaza, *Hagåtña's* growing. Chamorro village is really expanding it's going crazy, everyone is coming back to the capital city and we've got to do something about the building folks and if that's what it's going to take, then you know, if we need to take it down and rebuild, fine. If we can rebuild it to today's standard, that's fine as well. We need to get on this and where I'm really coming from is as a practical matter. That building exists today; people are going through that thing. Almost every other day we're calling we're calling Guam Police to help us remove homeless, remove vagrancy. So it's a real big security issue. I agree with Uncle Kin Perez. If we got some funding, whether it is at the legislature or at GEDA, I think we need some real architectural assessments for the structure, for the feasibility.

Chairman Respicio

No, but then that again speaks to what you're saying, something needs to be done but yet we to have a feasibility study, if we're going to do a feasibility study, which we should, we have to have a barricade and you just said that you don't want to put a barricade.

Mr. Arriola

No, I didn't say I don't want to put a barricade.

Chairman Respicio

Which underscores how there's a lot of moving pieces here and we all just have to continue to be level headed and rational, so don't mistake what I'm saying when I'm asking how much will it cost to put a barricade and if we can tap the hot bonds to do that cause we need to do something immediate but we also need to do something where we given the best information so we can proceed if they come back and say \$25 million to retrofit, do you still want a building that going to cost \$25 million and, what's the goal here?

Mr. Arriola

No my point being we shouldn't have a barricade for the next three years.

Chairman Respicio

No and it won't take that long and so what I want to do is recess this issue until the week of the March 17th and maybe at 5:30 in the evening, we'll come back and hopefully you can have some information from us, GEDA, DPW and HRRRA.

Mr. Arriola

On the historic issue, I spoke with Joe Santos and he had some information on why it wasn't on the historic register so that info should come from you folks.

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

Yea, that's under HRRRA, we'll provide that input.

Chairman Respicio

In the mean time, could you also see if we authorize it, if we could use the hot bonds to appropriate money for the barricade?

We go into session on the 17th but if we recess this issue and come back in a round table as I promised that we would do, maybe that week we can have some kind of consensus and hopefully consensus to put a revised amended bill on the floor that will do whatever we need to do right now, because I think even putting a barricade would kind of be inspiring because it shows that something is going to be done.

Senator Cristobal

Mr. Chairman, I know that you're kind of floundering around here and...

Chairman Respicio

I'm not floundering.

Senator Cristobal

Find out where this money is going to come from but you have the process and if this building were to go through that process of review as to its significance to save it or not, then you have the GPD to fund your barricades to prevent any further destruction of the building. In anticipation of restoration but there are other alternatives and how about looking at how you were able to invest \$200 million up in Tiyan.

Chairman Respicio

You're talking about the government.

Senator Cristobal

I'm talking about Core Tech.

Chairman Respicio

Yes, but you're talking about how the government was able to do that.

Senator Cristobal

It's the same, those were barracks. The same age as this building and yet you invested that amount of money to restore that building, so you know balance these things out and I know it takes a lot. Let me just to be very clear. I do not come from a list of governors in my family. I came from very meager backgrounds, meager existence as a child on food stamps. Moving from one house to another, I do not claim to have any ancestry that you would ever edify or that you would ever put a monument for. Yet I sit here to demand that our history should be respected. I don't have a father that was a speaker; my father was a mere taxi person after WWII. My mother was a bartender. None of my parents were ever involved in government. My children today, not one of them are employed by the Government of Guam, but I am willing to teach our history so that our kids and our people can take pride in it and using these buildings, and these monuments, and these structures to lift our people up and you know somebody eluded to the homeless and the vagrancy, well that's another issue and you got big time problems with that and you need to help our people.

Chairman Respicio

Just for my own personal reference Senator, is there anything that I've done in this public hearing for this bill that warrants you to be upset?

Senator Cristobal

Well, you're only talking about the structure and none of the discussion.

Chairman Respicio

No, but don't you think the way this bill is evolving, this amended version really addresses the concerns that you brought up this afternoon? That's why we're going to come back the week of the 17th so we can quantify how much it will cost for the study, how much it will cost for the barrier.

Senator Cristobal

And how much it would cost to write to our history and how much it will cost us of not taking pride in our history, what it would cost our people to be so suppressed in our history. There's just so much of there that are intangible, that effect us as a people and it's not just how much it costs in terms of quantity, but qualitatively.

Chairman Respicio

Well you, realistically put a price tag on everything and we can continue to say that building is so significant and we have to honor our legacy and the how we evolved as a people, but you walk over there and you look at the building because there's a price tag and given what we have as a financial means to restore that building or do something better than what that building is there for. I think this is how this bill will evolve to at least, triage, put a barricade. You need to go there at night; I drive by there every night. People have occupied the place, that's what you want; you want a year, two years from now that's going to be an abandoned building with people taking up residence there?

Senator Cristobal

I don't think that's what anyone wants Mr. Chairman, I think though, that to lean only towards how much it would cost in terms of money value and just make that become the main factor in making the decision is wrong and I think that you need to look at its other values of restoring that place.

Chairman Respicio

And that's the expectations when we meet again, because you have to respond to those concerns.

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

Yes, Mr. Chairman, as it was proffered earlier the restoration comes in many forms and if that building has to go down and it will go down and I would concur with a specialist who say that it needs to be abolished but in restructuring and rebuilding, we have to contain the history behind that and it needs to be captured in some shape, way, or form and I concur that, that is a very historic area of *Hagåtña*. So if the building goes down when we rebuild, we need to be able to still put into place all those characters that creates this history that's very rich.

Mr. Perez

The group that's not here is the Historic Preservation Review Board and the State Historic Preservation Officer needs to be here.

Chairman Respicio

Well I certainly look forward to and thank all of you for this very lively and spirited discussion and I look forward to us coming back the week of the 17th.

Chairman Respicio thanked his colleagues present and the panel for testifying and considered **Bill No. 32-33(COR)** duly heard.

Chairman Senator Rory J. Respicio called the Round Table Meeting on **Bill No. 32-33(COR)** to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and I apologize that I wasn't here for the March 4th Hearing but when I heard the testimony that was given at that hearing, I immediately send out some FOIA requests and I want to thank the Director of DPW, Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero and Mr. Eric Palacios from GEPA for being as responsive as they were and as honest as they were. I'm sorry Mr. Leon Guerrero is not here today, but I see Mr. Benavente and I think its imperative, Mr. Chairman that I enter into the record the responses that I got. I sent out a FOIA request to Ms. Leon Guerrero, in it I asked, I wanted all documents, reports, assessments, and evaluations held by the DPW that were used in the formulation of Director Leon Guerrero's testimony on Bill 32-33 delivered on March 4th and I received a letter in response and I would like to read them to the record so that the public could hear it.

(Vice-Speaker reads letter attached).

I don't want this to seem like an oversight hearing and I was going to have Mr. Benavente read the memoire and if you rather I do that, but I will just, since I'm going to provide it to the record. Mr. Chairman I'll just read it.

(Vice-Speaker continues to read attached letter to DPW).

I read that into the record because I still haven't figured out where GEDA or whoever wrote the bill for the Committee got the impression that the building was in structural disrepair, because this is the second DPW sight visit that shows that it's not structurally deficient. I'm not sure how often we provide testimony for Committees using text messages as the basis for which we received to the 12:01pm before 2:00pm Hearing and that's the basis for coming out and testifying that the cost for the repair of the building was going to cost \$17-25 million. I want to also make clear that I wrote to the EPA and I asked for all

documents, report, and evaluations held by the EPA regarding the area presently referred to as the Manuel F. L. Guerrero building that indicates the presence of asbestos and other hazardous substances at that site. Number two, I asked for the steps taken or the documents issued to notify each of the employees who worked in the Guerrero building of possible exposure to asbestos and or other hazardous materials determined to be present by EPA. And three the specific steps taken by EPA, to mitigate employee exposure to such hazardous materials as described in number one. I received a response back from, I'm not sure if it was Mr. Palacios or was actually signed by him, but it has his signature line and I'm not sure about the signature, it is Mr. Palacios, he just confirmed it.

(Vice-Speaker reads letter attached from GEPA).

And he very graciously attached a copy of the report and I submit that to you Mr. Chairman as copies for your record to show, one that I don't know where the statement came in the bill that the building is structurally deficient and two the issue of the asbestos. We've had hundreds of employees, hundreds of employees in there for the last 60 years and the 16th of February, 2015 was the first time the EPA or at least in their FOIA response to me has gone in to inspect the building. My third question, I'm glad that Mr. Cameron is here, I didn't FOIA him, but I'd like to just get on the record because Mr. Chairman, I want it completely understood, I am not opposed to the building of the *Palacio*. With all due respect, I wrote the Articles of Association for the Palace Restoration Association of Guam in 1977. I'm not even going to ask how old you were then, cause you're going to make me feel really, really old cause I was legal counsel at the time and when I wrote that and so I just want it clear that I was on this before anybody else was on this and so it's not that that I'm opposed to the rebuilding of the *Palacio*, I think that they can co-exist and that's all I'm trying to get because in my testimony that I had Mr. Perez read for me on the 4th of March. I'm just appalled that we're thinking about destroying a building that has historical significance just so can build a building where the Japanese taitu, the American Admirals, and the Spanish Governors colonized us and ruled over us, where Manuel Guerrero himself was a messenger in the building, but we're going to destroy the building that he was the governor in. It just doesn't make any sense to me and when I've done some of this and discovered that the building is still structurally sound, at least from two different people by public works accounts. Trying to figure out how much research was done and maybe Mr. Cameron can respond to me, what are the dimensions of the *Palacio*? How long is it?

Mr. Cameron

From which the current *Azotea* is, because the *Azotea* primarily functioned as the second floor out door patio to the then existing palace. It nearly touches the DOA building as it stretches over towards the area.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

And I'm glad you said that cause I just wanted, Mr. Chairman, to show this. There is a book on the palace and the *Azotea*, as it currently sits, is the left hand corner of the palace in the back and it stretches across a 145 feet. Me measured it and remeasured and three of us went out on three different occasions to measure it. If you run a 145 feet on the corner closest to the chocolate house, which of the *Azotea*, 145 feet, you still have 20 feet from this point to the beginning of old DOA building. The DOA building does not need to go down and I really think that we have to stop and think about the economic benefit of that building. We're going right now and I saw the IFB the other day out for the reconstruction renovation of the old Guam Congress building. We'll have four, maybe five of the senators in that building, that still leaves ten people out, that means we still have to house ten senators somewhere. We're spending \$30,000 a month in rental for 10 people outside of the building. If we take the DOA wing we could put in 10 huge offices for 10 senators. If we take the gubernatorial floor on the executive wing, turn that into a full governor's museum of all the Chamorro governors, even the American Governors, a steer for Gov. Daniels on the second floor to show how it was brought up the stairs and how they had to crane it away from there. Even the animals can walk up the stairs but they're not stupid enough to walk back down it. I mean there's so much history in that building and then on the bottom floor if we put a visitors bureau to address, I know Mr. Cameron has had the *Hagåtña* historical walk from up a government house, all the way down. They could stop there for more things for the historical and GVB assistance. We can have an expanded bathroom downstairs so that we no longer have the people going to the cathedral bathrooms. If you build a palace and the governor moves back into it, we don't have to have the visitors going into the building to use the bathroom at the *Palacio* if that's going to be the Governor's Office. Or if it is turned into a Spanish Museum, we would still have the people from Angel Santos Park and the people from *Plaza De Espana* being able to go a public bathroom that we can keep clean for them on the bottom floor behind the *Azotea*. We can have a souvenir shop and a coffee shop. I ask us to please, please reconsider the intent of this bill to demolish this building. Use the economic value of this building to our benefit and for our children and their children; preserve the history of Chamorro men who finally after 400 years were finally able to reestablish themselves as the *maga lahi* of this island, Thank you.

Chairman Respicio

I want to give DPW an opportunity to address the comments made by the Vice-Speaker. I want to underscore that if we are going to appropriate money from the hot bonds to do this study, we want to make sure that it's in line with what's going to get us toward the goal of whether to demolish the building, or whether to renovate, mean that's what the study will tell. I don't want the people following on TV to say that we're going to be spending money on another study that's not going to go anywhere. Because I think if the genesis of this bill evolves into the preservation of the Manuel Guerrero building and taking into consideration what the Vice-Speaker talked about, I think for peace of mind that study will provide that kind of purpose, so I was just trying to generate some kind of consensus and common ground, because we need to do something, even the Vice-Speaker acknowledged that building cannot continue to be an eyesore in the heart of the seat of our government. I want to also recognize the EPA Administrator, Eric Palacios is here, but he has disclosed to us that he has the flu and he doesn't want to contaminate us, so unless there's anything you want from him to respond, he will, but otherwise I'm happy with him sitting where he's at.

Mr. Felix Benavente

My name is Felix Benavente, Deputy Director at DPW, Acting Director at present time, our Director is in Chicago attending a conference and will be back Monday. I apologize for not submitting any written testimony, this was my plan over the weekend, however we were visited by Tropical Storm Bavi and we had to spend all of our time paying attention to that responsibility in addition today and yesterday we were doing damage assessment so unfortunately I had to be attending to those things. I do have notes from my discussion with Director Leon Guerrero before he left and the notes that I have, it references the

stab cost stat received from engineer Camacho that the Director requested in terms of how much is this going to cost versus that. This is the basis of information that I'll be presenting. So we did not do a study, we did not put a scope of work for the study, but we did get some quick stabs as the Director referenced it. A retrofit of the Administration building estimated at 70,000 sq. ft. of which 50,000 is estimated to be the space for the office and the bathrooms and 20,000 is for the hallways and stairways, things like that, so roughly a 70,000 sq. ft. building. Retrofit costs go anywhere from \$350 a sq. ft. to \$250 a sq. ft. So at \$350 sq. ft., it would be about \$25.5 million to retrofit the building at that amount and \$250 sq. ft. would run at \$17.5 million. If we were to put up a new building and the engineers quick estimate was between \$100-150 a sq. ft.. At a \$100 a sq. ft. we're running at \$7 million for a new building and \$150 sq. ft. would be \$10.5 million and so there's a difference in the low end of retrofit \$17.5 versus new \$7 million of \$10 million and a difference of \$15 million if we were to retrofit \$250 a sq. ft., which is \$17 million versus \$10.5 million if it was to be a new building and of course the new building does not include the cost of demolition. So if you can make sense of what I just said that's the numbers I have.

Chairman Respicio

I could, but if the study shows that the building is structurally sound, then you won't have to spend all that money to retrofit it right? Because as the Vice-Speaker pointing it out that this representation was made by GEDA when they drafted the bill. I think it was important to introduce a bill to force us to come to the table and finally we have an opportunity to do that because as you know there's no more tenants at the Manuel Guerrero building. It was very hard to do something while DOE was still there, and DOA was still there, and other parts of governments operations were still there and now the building is absolutely vacant and so would doing a study in your opinion help or do you think it's just an unnecessary expenditure?

Mr. Benavente

Well studies are always better Mr. Chairman because these stab costs don't really reflect the extent of the cosmetics, which is a term used for just what is there in between the walls, and outside the walls, and the roofs, and the floors. Studies would always help, I don't see any reason why a study shouldn't be made, but this gives us a general figure.

Chairman Respicio

And how much would it cost to put up a barricade? and as Sen. Ada pointed out, before we start, putting up a barricade is something you would do anyway if you were going to do any kind of construction, so again it's not throwing away money or a waste of government resources provided from these bonds. Do you have an estimate?

Mr. Benavente

Yes I do, we have an assessment for a chain linked fence 8 ft high, 10 ft around the perimeter is \$73,125 and for a 8 ft high plywood, \$32,000 from 10 ft outside the walls with of course the gates.

Chairman Respicio

And it would just be the immediate perimeter; it wouldn't include of course the parking because that's being utilized.

Mr. Benavente

Just like I said, 10 ft outside the walls, it doesn't go anywhere further than 10 ft and of course during typhoons the plywood would have to be taken down. It says right here in the note.

Chairman Respicio

What would you prefer? This is your own project, if this money came out of your own pocket, what would you prefer? Because cheaper is not always the best way to go right?

Mr. Benavente

If the purpose of the fence was for security, I guess the chain linked fence would be fine, but it's also to soften an eyesore, so the plywood would do that better than the chain linked fence and you know you can always use graphics to soften the wall but yes. It's cheaper and it does, out of sight out of mind as opposed to a chain linked fence, your still going to see it.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

And I think it's important that you stressed the last part you put about the "graphics can soften it." Because I was in this Istanbul a year ago and in all of the construction sites that they had, they actually had on a huge canvas piece that was out in front of the building, what the building was going to be when it was done. And if we're concerned about Fest pack, we will have huge 8 by 16 pieces for which all kinds of different icons and paintings can be done by various artists to make it an absolutely beautiful spot as supposed to a chain linked eyesore.

Chairman Respicio

And how long would the study take?

Mr. Benavente

I don't know. I honestly don't want to give you an estimate on time; I'd have to get back to you.

Mr. Ray Blas

Senator, Vice-Speaker, I don't know whether one of the things that you want to find out is whether the DOA building is historic registry, so what we researched is that the Administration building is not on national or Guam register, the *Plaza De Espana* is both on the national and Guam historic register.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

SHPO is in your department right? Is it correct that SHPO currently has an application in for the old court building to be placed on the national register? I've seen the application so whether you've seen in it or not I know that it's there, I wouldn't ask the damn question if I didn't know the answer.

Mr. Blas

It maybe the court building.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

I understand but the point that I'm trying to get to is: Do you know the year the old court house was built?

Mr. Blas

I can not answer that right now, I really don't know.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

Well I will tell you because I worked in it in 1972, the year that it was built. That was 12 years after this building. I saw the application for registering the old Judiciary building the one that sits on the corner of route O'Brien and Route 4. It was because it was the District Court, the US District Court, SHPO and your department is more concerned about listing another US department building and ignoring the historical importance of a building Chamorros were governors.

Chairman Respicio

So we have those cost estimates, we're not even there yet. I think what we're trying to determine is how are we going to continue to move forward to get that building and restore it to its former glory and we have a cost estimate of and I'm not sure if my colleagues would even support spending money for a study. It's something that I would think about overnight and determine if we are going to. I think the bill as it is to demolish the DOE building is premature at this point, we all agree particularly in light of what was raised at the first Public Hearing that we had and I've always said that we're going to try to build credibility in what we're doing by way of study that we could commission but the most immediate need is to secure the area and that's important to have that barricade and GEDA did say that we could use the hot bond money to do that, provided that we authorize that by law.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

And I think Mr. Chairman, I'm glad you put it that way, we need to restore credibility to the effort that we are making and please don't ever use text messages as the basis for your STAB replacement cost or your STAB retrofitting cost. It's imperative that we do a study; I'm not demeaning the structural engineer that submitted this. It was the rush job that the DPW had them emailing him at seven in the morning of the hearing and asking for the answer at 12:00pm and one and email responses. Can you give me a STAB cost? I don't see how we can possibly live with that, where did that come from? I'd like to ask that person to put his license on the line for those statements and stand by it.

Vice Chairman Thomas C. Ada

Can I just ask, you've come to us with some estimates on the cost of barricades and I think that the concern here is that we need to secure that building. Well you know the chain linked fence we may be looking at around \$73,000, plywood which I think would be preferable but usually that's done when, immediately we're going to be doing construction. But what about maybe a third option of actually just boarding up windows and the entrances to the building itself, which might be less costly and at least the building, we can still see from the road the activity that's going on, immediately outside the buildings, so I think that third option would that cost us would be important.

Mr. Benavente

We discussed that a little bit and it really doesn't deter people for using the hallways for example, connector hallway and doesn't deter people from using the second floor if it was just the windows and it still is an eyesore.

Chairman Respicio

Have we also discussed how long it would take to do the RFP and procure for these services for the barricade?

Mr. Benavente

No Senator, we didn't discuss it, but I can get that information for you.

Chairman Respicio

Mr. Cameron, given what you've heard so far this evening, I know you're not in the position to speak for the Governor, but maybe give some direction with respect for the Administration. Could you find out if it would be, if the Administration would be, I mean both those two items, the study and the barricade. I know the Governor's taken the position that it's demolish the building and he has plans for that but certainly he recognizes the Legislature and the people of Guam as partners in this process and that whatever decision that needs to be made, would you be able to give us some kind of feed back?

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

Sure, I will look into that, but more importantly, I understand where Vice Speaker Cruz is talking about, the *Palacio* cause I remember one of the first public events that I went to when I first came back to Guam on November 16th of 1986, was to the Spanish Palace Restoration \$500 a pop ball, which we did. My mom and I and it was really elaborate and we also saw the actual, what do you call it, the displays and stuff like that and as a matter of fact, that particular display sits in the CAHA Gallery today. I believe it was the architect or the engineer who was looking at the potential restoration work and here we are how many years later, we're very excited to be here because the HERRA its quest as you sit as well representing the 15 senators, the 14 other senators and it's really important that the HERRA endorses the *Palacio* restoration, we surely do, also the HERRA also indicated a desire to have a the DOA in the properties we're talking about as well. So we're looking at other offices in those properties. So those are part of our tandem leaps in reference to planning and that's already being incorporated, it has been spoken often but it being incorporated on our master plan which will still have to muster the approval of the Guam Legislature of course, prior to it being approves as a master plan per say.

Chairman Respicio

Okay, so would you be able to get something to us in writing that reflects those amounts and also the scope of work that you would like to see in the bill, so that public works knows exactly the parameters to which your agency would operate under?

Mr. Benavente

Mr. Chairman, you're asking for the cost of the study and the scope of work?

Chairman Respicio

Yes, so that it's clear, we have an idea what we want to look for, the structure; I mean that's the biggest thing that we have to resolve. Whether or not that building is structurally sound and there's conflicting reports and also the cost of the barricade so we can make a decision.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

Just as a correction Mr. Chairman, there's no conflicting reports, there are two reports, but just don't say that it's conflicting reports. Two engineers, Mr. Camacho and DPW engineer in 2012 said there was no structural damage. Whoever the author was of Bill 32 alleges there are structural deficiencies, there are none according to the two engineers.

Chairman Respicio

I also want to take the time to recognize Sen. Cristobal and Mr. Santos from the HERRA and I asked call these two individuals up, you came a little late. We spend the last forty minutes determining that the Bill in its present form will not go forward calling for the demolition of the Manuel F. Guerrero building, but more so talk about the amending the bill to provide for a study as well as provide the money necessary to provide, construct a barricade around that building. I know you have some thoughts regarding the disposition of that building and so does the Vice Speaker and Mr. Perez is also here, but we're not at that point right now. After we determine what the most critical steps are, we're going to have a series of these meetings, so we can as a community decide how to best go forward in the decision that needs to be made in respect to that building.

Senator Cristobal

Thank you for allowing me again to testify but I'm just wondering whether the bill addresses the process that the Gov. Guam has basically out in place on how to deal with these buildings and so I'm concerned whether we're going to adhere or whether the legislature is now going to accept precedence and I understand the property is under the legislature and it's truly unfortunate that the legislature has never gone through that path of allowing this property to, because it is in the Guam inventory of historic places and the normal correct procedure would be to let it go to the process. That's how MPS funds these projects and I'm wondering.

Chairman Respicio

You continue to point fingers at the Legislature. We didn't prevent any process from going forward.

Senator Cristobal

Well it will, the bill will.

Chairman Respicio

No it wouldn't because we're not demolishing the building at this point and that's why I wanted to update you, what we talked about so we don't go back and rehash 40 mins. of a conversation and to tell you that we're in agreement and I think the bill could also require the DPR to report back to the Speaker of the Legislature what the status is respect to putting that building in the National Registry. Where it went wrong over the years and what we can do to make it right and I think that I could be open to doing a provision in that to really recognize the passion that you have, to make sure that this government finds a way to put these buildings on.

Senator Cristobal

The SHPO is here. I'm concerned because of the EPA report that normally, when you do a survey of these buildings, the survey would, especially on historic buildings, the survey would be to look at mitigating rather than demolishing, so it seems like we're going backwards.

Chairman Respicio

I think that we can get your question answered, Ms. Aguon. Is there still an opportunity to get that Manuel F. L. Guerrero on the national registry?

Ms. Linda Aguon

Well we have to talk about the significance of the building, does it have value with respect to the culture, with respect to the history of Guam, with respect to the architecture of Guam, archeology that has to be further investigated.

Chairman Respicio

You can start with using the Vice-Speakers eight page testimony regarding the bill.

Ms. Aguon

I've read it sir. Anything is possible.

Chairman Respicio

But if we demolish it then we've lost that opportunity because there's no more building.

Senator Cristobal

But it wasn't the government that demolished that.

Ms. Aguon

No, of course not, no.

Chairman Respicio

But who gets SHPO to look at all these building and who gets SHPO to initiate that process so we don't have to mandate it?

Ms. Aguon

Let's look at the resources. At the time, it is in the inventory, the Guam Historic Properties Inventory, 1979 it was listed in the inventory, doesn't mean it was in the register. In that data sheet the one who filled in the day indicated that it had low priority, it didn't have research value. Meaning is this something you really want to further research. Will it have the potential to give us more information with respect to history, architecture, archeology, culture of Guam, no it doesn't, because we already know it's the historic context is the home burial, the organic act, that's the historic context second American governance. So that's already the context and there's a lot of, with in that context there are a lot of buildings structures with respect to the, personally my opinion, I think that it should be demolished and we should have *the Plaza De Espana* restored, the landscape restored, and it bothered me that the design of the buildings is based on the military barracks and with no regard, when they came in and just, after they started to plan for *Hagåtña* Bay, keep the seat of government, and they had no regard for what was their prior to the structure being built.

Chairman Respicio

I appreciate your input at this time and this is your first time at the Committee for this issue. I did say that we weren't going to be talking about whether the building should be demolished tonight.

Ms. Aguon

Okay, I'm sorry.

Chairman Respicio

No it's okay because we're going to invite you back, all of you. I hope we can generate some consensus because I still have to amend this bill, do a committee report, and present it to other members of Legislature. I want some support from us tonight that we do two things. That we call for the study, DPW will develop the scope of work to determine the structural integrity and other issues that we have to resolve as well as provide for a barricade. So this bill will not talk about the demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero building and we have to obviously come back as much as possibly every other week, every month till we determine whether or not both concepts can, because I know that Mr. Cameron will go back to the HERRA and bring to that authority, the Vice-Speaker's suggestion that maybe both plans can co-exist and so that there be, you know we're going to approach this in many different directions with the ultimate goal of restoring that area to something that we can all be proud of as a community.

Vice Chairman Ada

I just can't see spending money to do a structural evaluation on a building that very possibly could not found not demolished the next day, so we would have lost the value of that structural evaluation, but if prior to embarking on that evaluation you really need to determine what we want to do with the building.

Chairman Respicio

Some have suggested that study is going to help them determine what we should do with the building. The cost to rehabilitate it.

Senator Cristobal

What's really striking here is that a dilemma has arisen because there is a lack of support for, by the very institution that should be supporting the preservation of historic structures. Many times I have testified during that process of nomination to the register and an attempt to preserve our heritage, history, culture for our kids to learn from and the reason why we don't have that support, I'm guessing and I don't think that I'm too farfetched. The reason why we're kind of hung up on how it appears and looking at all the structure and not looking at the bigger value to me, about that building is what happened, all the activities that occurred inside there. I'm looking at a mitigation approach by the very agency that should be concerned about preservation. I'm really taken aback by my constant drive and you know over the years why do we have to fight for preservation and why is there so few for preservation? You know why, because no one knows about it, no one knows their history, no one values these things. That's why we're here, otherwise if we're all schooled and we have good knowledge about who we are and we have our identity intact. We wouldn't be here, we wouldn't be dragging meetings after meetings, it would be very clear to us today, if we had learned and valued ourselves as Chamorros and our political development of what happened in that building, if we had value for that, we wouldn't be here discussing this, but here I am again trying to preserve it, for the memories that there are there. For what bounced on the walls of that building, the sacredness of things that happened there and what it means to us as Chamorro people in our own modern political development and it's all a part of this historic *Hagåtña*. Because historic *Hagåtña* is not just about the Spanish part, it's also about post WWII. That's why you're going to have numbers now; the Committee there are going to be how many of you? You know and it's now down to that, it's really sad.

Mr. Eric Palacios

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to indicate that, I guess whatever study that will be commissioned, that incorporates or includes a study separate and apart relative to mitigation of environmental hazards that we now know to exist at the facility.

Ms. Aguon

May I also add that not only is it going to be a architectural and junior architectural study, but it needs to also study the historical aspect below the building.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

And also, your Director wasn't aware of it, but am I correct that your office is currently moving for the nomination of the old Judiciary building?

Ms. Aguon

The consultant is. We're assisting the consultant. They prepared the nomination packet; we're assisting them along the way to get a public meeting going.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

And the year that, that was built?

Ms. Aguon

'62, '63, I believe.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

'72.

Ms. Aguon

'72. '62 was on my mind.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

'72 and I'm just saying the Guerrero building was on the inventory in 1979. The court building hadn't even lost its smell of a brand new building.

Ms. Aguon

The data says that when it turns 25 years old that we would consider.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

I understand, but the historical significance of what?

Ms. Aguon

It was architectural feature the significance of architecture.

Vice-Speaker Cruz

Yes, we're caught in the architecture. We're upset about the fact that it was like the barracks, but as Sen. Cristobal was talking about, we are looking at the historical significance of what happened in that building and at the Court house. You know say for your father, I don't know what else would be historical about that building.

Ms. Aguon

Sir, I understand you're saying that we're caught in a dilemma; we can start process and nominate it. How do you want to treat this? Is it nominated as an architectural structure, does it have to have the integrity? We can proceed; it's up to actually the body, the public. The documentation is not an easy thing to do, especially if you're talking about writing the significance part. You're going to have to interview a lot of people, you know like we did the Congress building. That was a fantastic job that Joe Garrido did.

Chairman Respicio

I think that it would be significant if the bill were amended to require that process be undertaken as part of this whole package of how we're going to proceed, right? It's not just one side over the other. I think we have to take in to account all the feedback has been very good. So we'll work with you to develop some kind of language that you're comfortable with to require that, that process begin to put the Manuel F. Guerrero on the national registry.

Senator Cristobal

I also said at the last time that you held a public hearing that I would research and find out whether National Parks Service, whether funding from MPS would be jeopardized for other programs. If we're going to proceed on a building that has a lot of historicity, that now we need to flush out and do all the research and you know I think we could. Would not following that process the Government of Guam has established to put these buildings into the register, not following the process would the funding be jeopardized and I think we need to find that out. I would like to find out from the federal government, because they are the ones who are funding the projects and I think that the Legislature, you know, taking this route now, again I really take acceptance to the fact, of course you know, pointing fingers, you're sensitive about that. But we, the Legislature has to take responsibility because you folks should have made the nomination, when you knew there was HERRA in place, when you knew things were happening in *Hagåtña* and you know there was a lot of discussion about a capital city and what needs to be preserved.

Chairman Respicio

There was a lot of discussion about what to do with the capital city and so the result was the Governor's *Palacio*.

Senator Cristobal

There are many other buildings here that we need to preserve and it seems to me that we should've taken note of that and proceeded with the nomination for that building.

Chairman Respicio

I think what we're going to do and at least buys us the time that we need so that nothing is done in haste, as Sen. Ada has pointed out, I'm very reluctant to spend money on study but I think if we can wrap our minds around on how important this study is in order to provide that credibility that this process needs and it's going to help us in whatever we need to do. If the study will come back and say that the building is structurally sound, then we can decide what to do from that point. The study may come back and tell us otherwise, then we can decide to do at that point, but the bill also includes a requirement for SHPO to undertake the nomination process. I think we can rest assured that all of the concerns brought forward since the introduction of this bill is being raised and being addressed.

Chairman Respicio thanked his colleagues present and the panel for testifying. The Round Table Meeting on Bill No. 32-33 (COR) ended at 6:31 p.m.

Chairman Senator Rory J. Respicio called the Round Table Meeting on **Bill No. 32-33(COR)** to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 20, 2015.

Senator Chris Duenas

I would like to first open by saying and thanking you for holding this third hearing and round table on Bill 32-33. I think it's important to understand the genesis of this bill before we move on to the panel of this presentation. This bill, Mr. Chairman and I thank you for your introduction of this bill, it was a result of a meeting between the Governor and the authors of the bill as a courtesy meeting in January, the Governor extended to the legislative leadership of this body, the 33rd Guam legislature. Other meetings were held as well with minority leader and all minority senators present. This particular bill was a product of a discussion that the governor had introduced. Plans that would be forth coming and those plans will be presented tonight in terms of other organizations that had been working with the governor's office on the revitalization of *Hagåtña*. They were not a part of the governor's efforts to rush to have a legacy for himself and his second term as has been testified in prior hearings. We have a representative tonight, in dual capacity from the EPA as well as, as stated in the first hearing and I understand that the families positions remains. The Guerrero family is in support of honoring the legacy of their great father and the governor for which the building, the DOA building has been named after in an appropriate way. At this point it looks to be the most appropriate way, would be to demolish the current structure and to move forward on properly representing the good governor, to whom the name sake is named after this time. You know we believe, Mr. Chairman that in prior hearings, that we made a good case for this bill to go forward and to pass. It's simply a funding mechanism to provide for the opportunity to demolish the current building and to move forward with plans that you will see tonight which will be presented. But in doing so, I think it's important, for the purposes prior to those plans being put forward, I think that we are going to just go

ahead and recap what has been presented by other governmental organizations. Tonight we're going to start with public works and EPA. Before I turn to Glenn Leon Guerrero, the director of Public Works, I want to make it clear that in the meetings he has indicated unequivocally their capacity at this time, they do not have a structural engineer. The good work that Mr. Tom Camacho did as a favor to the department of public works, to which testimony has been discussed in prior hearings was in good faith and at the behalf of Mr. Leon Guerrero asking for his assistance. Any desire for this body to move forward to indicate or try to derive as it is the property and the landlord responsibility of this legislature would be to move forward and if you want to continue to discuss the structural integrity of the building, to move forward, I would say pretty much on your own. Given the fact that public works doesn't have that capability in their inventory. They don't have an engineer that can give you that determination, so with that we will discuss tonight, from the Public Works perspective on what we've discussed in the past and that is the cost prohibitive nature of moving forward to refurbish the building, so I'll turn over to Glenn as this point.

Chairman Respicio

Could you please recap what you testified that it could cost upwards of 20 million to retrofit it to be up to code?

Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero

Please see attached for Written Testimony.

Mr. John Rios said they wanted to make sure that, when we drafted this bill that whether the building being structurally sound or unsound has not been determined. Part of the structure is not only the foundation or the walls, but also the roof. He said that cracks on the roof, with water seeping through could lift tiles and asbestos could be exposed. It's then that they could see that there are electrical and structural issues. He also brought up the revision in regards of the control of property from the Legislature.

Chairman Respicio then responded by saying that when John Rios testified about the ambiguity that the bill corrected immediately and that the Governor is in support of or interested in acquiring the property.

Senator Duenas said that if the building were to be demolished that it would be in concert with the Legislature or any Legislature moving forward. He also brought up that he did not want to debate about the language of the structure of the building in the original bill. In his meetings with GEDA and Public Works, they have come to the conclusion that they do not have a structural engineer so debating that it futile. What they are debating are their findings which make it even more costly to bring the building up to code and the life expectancy of the building being extended by maybe ten years. On the other hand, if they were to demolish the building and build a new one, the building would be up to code with the life expectancy of the building being fifty (50) years plus and still less costly. In addition there are environmental hazards, the building contains that will still need to be looked at by the EPA even after refurbishing the building up to code.

Mr. Eric Palacios said it would be much more cost effective to demolish and dispose of the building then to refurbish the building with the chance of the building still containing hazardous material in it.

Mr. Raymond F.Y. Blas noted that he supports the demolition of the Manuel F.L Guerrero building since it is not on the Guam or National Registrar.

Senator Duenas

Discussed a little about their presentation.

Mr. Joe Quinata

Please see attached for written testimony.

Mr. John T. Calvo and Mr. Joseph A. Cameron.

Please see attached for written testimony.

Senator Hope Cristobal discussed emails sent to National Parks Service and sections of plans provided in the years 1950-1970 and the importance of three buildings: Guam Congress building, Manuel F.L Guerrero building, and Government House. She also reiterated the importance of their Chamorro history and culture and the importance of preserving the Manuel F.L Guerrero building and is still opposed to the demolition of the building.

Chairman Respicio read the email sent to Vice-Speaker Cruz and Lynda Aguon and asked for Ms. Aguon's response.

Ms. Lynda Aguon said she did not open or read the email.

Senator Duenas said that there is an official response to the email, but unfortunately Mr. Mike Makio, the person with the response to this email did not make it.

Ms. Aguon did not have an official response because of other pressing matters that needed to be dealt with. She did say this that the Guam inventory consists of almost 2,000 sites in it and that the Manuel F.L. Guerrero building is not on the National Guam Registrar. She also said that this bill is the public process and that phase one is complete.

Senator Cristobal stated that she did not say that the building was on the registrar but rather in the inventory and that this building specifically, is one of the three buildings that were specifically mentioned as one of the historical properties and sites.

Ms. Aguon asked if what Sen. Cristobal read was the current plan and when the senator stated that what she read was from their website, Ms. Aguon responded by saying that she was not involved in that plan. She then went on to say that they can settle this and that they can ask the national registrar keeper to do a determination for eligibility for the registrar.

Chairman Respicio asked for the length of time for the building to get on the national registrar.

Ms. Aguon said that there is a process involved and that she doesn't really know how long the process will take.

Mr. Quinata talked about how long it would take for the building to get on the national registrar and said that it really depends on how much information and research that they have.

Senator Duenas stated that the Administration will not change their position and that there was an understanding in what would happen by moving forward.

Vice-Speaker Cruz acknowledged Senator Cristobal for her efforts and commented on how appalled he was by SHPO not having read what is on their website.

Ms. Aguon stated that she did not want to be barraged and excused herself from the round table.

Vice-Speaker Cruz expressed that that he has no more energy to go against this case and that he had clearly stated his position.

Senator Duenas said that constructing this new building will require funding but would still cost less than if they were to try and restore the old building.

Chairman Respicio said that the monument that should be erected if they were to demolish the building for the late governor and the cost of the barriers needed for the demolition of the building.

Senator Duenas stated that the plywood barrier would be \$25,000.

Vice-Speaker Cruz asked for the cost of the demolition.

Mr. Rios noted the cost would be about \$600,000 to demolish the building and that that does not include the environmental issues and that they are looking into the hot bonds for funding and that they have reserved about \$11.5 million for the flooding problems in Tumon.

Vice-Speaker Cruz asked whether that amount was sufficient enough because the money was taken from the tourist attraction fund. Vice-Speaker Cruz also asked about other projects such as the Museum's progress and their financial stability because taking the money from the tourist fund or the tourist industry will violate their trust with the hotels.

Senator Duenas shared that for legal issues, funding could not be discussed publicly and that the best thing that they could do at this point is leave a physical note to assure all is well and if additional funding is needed, they will let him know.

Chairman Respicio mentioned adding an amendment for commemorating the late governor and brought up public access at night and landscaping.

Senator Duenas said that public access will be available because they are showcasing Guam.

Senator Cristobal expressed that efforts aren't being made and reiterated how people are only trying to tear the building down and not trying to preserve their history.

Chairman Respicio asked Department of Parks and Recreation if they still stand by their decision in support of demolition.

Mr. Blas stated that he stands by his decision.

Senator Duenas mentioned his family lineage and his ties to the late Gov. Guerrero and his youth when that building used to be a beautiful place.

Ms. Aguon came back and apologized for her outburst and said she had read the plan and that it was a five (5) year plan and that it did go through a process and it just happened that they were focused in *Hagåtña*.

Chairman Respicio thanked Ms. Aguon for the clarification and thanked his colleagues present and the panel for testifying. The Round Table Meeting on Bill No. 32-33 (COR) ended at 6:30 p.m.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District hereby reports out Bill No. 32-33 (COR) As corrected by the prime sponsor, amended and further amended by the Committee - "AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT," with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

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AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÅTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 the Guam Capitol District consists of the grounds and structures comprising the old
4 Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building), *Plaza de España*, the Manuel
5 F.L. Guerrero Administration Building and, upon the termination or expiration of any
6 leases attached to the property, the Post Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included in the
7 Guam Capitol have been ~~are hereby placed~~ under the control and supervision of *I*

1 Liheslaturan Guåhan with the exception of. ~~Moreover,~~ Skinner Plaza which was
2 transferred to the Executive Branch, Government of Guam pursuant to P.L. 31-23.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* ~~further~~ finds that the Manuel F.L. Guerrero
4 Administration Building was constructed in the 1950s; and while the facility has
5 served its purpose, it is now over sixty (60) years old and has serious structural,
6 mechanical, electrical, and environmental issues that create significant safety hazards
7 and render the building unfit for further occupancy, such that all the government of
8 Guam agencies that were utilizing the building have relocated to other office facilities.
9 The cost of rehabilitation to bring the building to current Uniform Building Code
10 standards *does not* warrant the significant investment of public funds necessary to
11 extend the useful life of the facility.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that **Section 1 Legislative Findings** in
13 Public Law 24-110 “AN ACT TO CREATE THE HAGÂTÑA RESTORATION AND
14 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,” created for the express purpose of revitalizing
15 and restoring our Capital City Hagåtña passed by the 24th *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, state
16 “...The Guam Legislature also finds and declares: (c) ...the clearance area through
17 demolition of existing obsolete, inadequate, unsafe, and unsanitary buildings, and the
18 redevelopment of the areas suffering from such conditions under proper supervision,
19 with appropriate planning, and continuing land use and construction policies.”

20 **Section 2.** § 79601 of Article 6, Chapter 79, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated,
21 is *amended* to read:

1 “§ 79601. Creation of Guam Capitol District.

2 The Guam Capitol District is hereby established, consisting of the grounds and
3 structures comprising the old Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building),
4 ~~Skinner Plaza, Plaza de España,~~ the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building
5 and, upon the termination or expiration of any leases attached to the property, the Post
6 Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included in the Guam Capitol are hereby placed under
7 the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. ~~This Section shall not be~~
8 ~~interpreted as preventing the development and beautification of Skinner Plaza, as~~
9 ~~detailed in the Budget Act for Fiscal Year 1998.~~ Government agencies and
10 departments utilizing facilities in the Guam Capitol District shall continue to do so
11 unless subsequently and otherwise indicated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. The
12 Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Public Works and other
13 government agencies that may provide maintenance, security and other services on
14 property within the Guam Capitol District shall continue to do so unless subsequently
15 and otherwise indicated by the Guam Legislature. The provisions of other Sections of
16 this Act do not apply to the Guam Capitol District. Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* may be authorized by
18 Legislative Resolution passed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Members to negotiate,
19 approve, and execute lease agreements for the premises of the Agana Post Office to
20 the United States Postal Service in one (1) year increments, terminable by *I*

1 *Liheslatura* upon no more than one hundred twenty (120) days notice. Leases of
2 property within the Capitol District shall be procured pursuant to procurement laws
3 applicable to *I Liheslatura*, and shall be approved as to form by Legislative Counsel.”

4 **Section 3.** A new Item (v) is hereby *added* to §1515(i)(2)(B) of Article 5,
5 Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated (HOT Bond Law), to read:

6 “(B) for various projects related to Historic *Hagåtña* to include the
7 following:

- 8 (i) for the restoration of the walls of the *Plaza de España*;
9 (ii) for the restoration and rehabilitation of the *Plaza de España*
10 *Azotea*;
11 (iii) for the restoration of the *Plaza de España* Chocolate House;
12 ~~and~~
13 (iv) for the development of a paver-surface crosswalk and
14 landings on both sides of Marine Corps Drive to provide a
15 proper connection between Skinner Plaza and the *Chamorro*
16 Village; and
17 (v) for the demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero
18 Administration Building, and to include proper landscaping,
19 including lighting, walkways and the planting of grass,
20 shrubs, and trees.

21 **Section 4.** The Governor of Guam is hereby authorized to a) Utilize any and
22 all excess funds as needed, from previous HOT Bond projects identified in Public Law
23 30-228, and b) transfer funds from within the Governor’s transfer authority for the

1 demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building. The funds identified
2 in items “a” and “b” of this section shall also be utilized for landscaping, planting of
3 grass, shrubs, trees, ground lighting, above-ground lighting, walkways, sidewalks,
4 park benches, and other park amenities to ensure that this site remains open to the
5 public and for the development and construction of a commemorative monument
6 within the demolition site.

7 **Section 5.** The Guam Preservation Trust (“Trust”) and the *Hagåtña*
8 Restoration and Redevelopment Authority (“HRRA”) shall coordinate all resources
9 and efforts to plan, develop, and construct a monument that honors, dedicates, and
10 commemorates former Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero. The HRRA, consistent with
11 its statutory mandate and consistent with its plans to revitalize *Hagåtña*, shall approve
12 all landscaping, lighting, and improvements at the site, post demolition. The HRRA
13 shall also approve the layout and design of the monument, and shall determine the
14 specific location for the placement of the monument within the site. The Trust shall
15 develop the wording for the commemorative monument.

I MINA'TRENTAITRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

As corrected by the prime sponsor and amended by Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District

Introduced By:

R.J. Respicio
T.R. Muña Barnes
Judith.T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO *ADD* A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN *HAGÅTÑA* AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 the Guam Capitol District consists of the grounds and structures comprising the old
4 Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building), *Plaza de España*, the Manuel
5 F.L. Guerrero Administration Building and, upon the termination or expiration of any
6 leases attached to the property, the Post Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included in the
7 Guam Capitol are hereby placed under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan*

1 *Guåhan*. Moreover, Skinner Plaza was transferred to the Government of Guam
2 pursuant to P.L. 31-23.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Manuel F.L. Guerrero
4 Administration Building was constructed in the 1950s; and while the facility has
5 served its purpose, it is now over sixty (60) years old and has serious structural,
6 mechanical, electrical, and environmental issues that create significant safety hazards
7 and render the building unfit for further occupancy, such that all the government of
8 Guam agencies that were utilizing the building have relocated to other office facilities.
9 The cost of rehabilitation to bring the building to current Uniform Building Code
10 standards *does not* warrant the significant investment of public funds necessary to
11 extend the useful life of the facility.

12 **Section 2.** § 79601 of Article 6, Chapter 79, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated,
13 is *amended* to read:

14 **“§ 79601.** Creation of Guam Capitol District.

15 The Guam Capitol District is hereby established, consisting of the grounds and
16 structures comprising the old Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building),
17 ~~Skinner Plaza~~, *Plaza de España*, the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building
18 and, upon the termination or expiration of any leases attached to the property, the Post
19 Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included in the Guam Capitol are hereby placed under
20 the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. ~~This Section shall not be~~

1 ~~interpreted as preventing the development and beautification of Skinner Plaza, as~~
2 ~~detailed in the Budget Act for Fiscal Year 1998.~~ Government agencies and
3 departments utilizing facilities in the Guam Capitol District shall continue to do so
4 unless subsequently and otherwise indicated *by I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. The
5 Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Public Works and other
6 government agencies that may provide maintenance, security and other services on
7 property within the Guam Capitol District shall continue to do so unless subsequently
8 and otherwise indicated by the Guam Legislature. The provisions of other Sections of
9 this Act do not apply to the Guam Capitol District. Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* may be authorized by
11 Legislative Resolution passed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Members to negotiate,
12 approve, and execute lease agreements for the premises of the Agana Post Office to
13 the United States Postal Service in one (1) year increments, terminable by *I*
14 *Liheslatura* upon no more than one hundred twenty (120) days notice. Leases of
15 property within the Capitol District shall be procured pursuant to procurement laws
16 applicable to *I Liheslatura*, and shall be approved as to form by Legislative Counsel.”

17 **Section 3.** A new Item (v) is hereby *added* to §1515(i)(2)(B) of Article 5,
18 Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated (HOT Bond Law), to read:

19 “(B) for various projects related to Historic *Hagåtña* to include the
20 following:

21 (i) for the restoration of the walls of the *Plaza de España*;

- 1 (ii) for the restoration and rehabilitation of the *Plaza de España*
2 *Azotea*;
- 3 (iii) for the restoration of the *Plaza de España* Chocolate House;
4 and
- 5 (iv) for the development of a paver-surface crosswalk and
6 landings on both sides of Marine Corps Drive to provide a
7 proper connection between Skinner Plaza and the *Chamorro*
8 *Village*; and
- 9
- 10 (v) for the demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero
11 Administration Building.”

I MINA TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Introduced By:

R.J. Respicio
T.R. Muña Barnes
J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION
OF THE MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÅTÑA.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that §79601
3 of Article 6, Chapter 79, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, the "Guam Capitol District," states
4 the following:

5 "The Guam Capitol District is hereby established, consisting of the grounds and structures
6 comprising the old Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building), Skinner Plaza, *Plaza*
7 *de España*, the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building and, upon the termination or
8 expiration of any leases attached to the property, the Post Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included
9 in the Guam Capitol are hereby placed under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan*
10 *Guahan*."

11 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building
12 was constructed in the 1950s and while the facility has served its purpose, is now over sixty (60)
13 years old and has serious structural, mechanical, electrical, and environmental issues that create
14 significant safety hazards and render the building unfit for further occupancy such that all
15 government of Guam agencies that were utilizing the building have relocated to other office

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1 facilities. The cost of rehabilitation to bring the building to current Uniform Building Code
2 standards does not warrant the significant investment of public funds necessary to extend the
3 useful life of the facility.

4 **Section 2.** § 79601 of Article 6, Chapter 79, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated is amended
5 to read:

6 § 79601. The Guam Capitol District is hereby established, consisting of the grounds and
7 structures comprising the old Guam Congress Building (the old legislative building), Skinner
8 Plaza, *Plaza de España*, and, upon the termination or expiration of any leases attached to the
9 property, the Post Office in *Hagåtña*. Properties included in the Guam Capitol are hereby placed
10 under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*.

11 **Section 3.** A new §1515(i)(2)(B)(v) is hereby *added* to Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 5,
12 Guam Code Annotated (HOT Bond Law) to read:

13 (B) for various projects related to Historic *Hagåtña* to include the following:

14 (i) for the restoration of the walls of the *Plaza de España*;

15 (ii) for the restoration and rehabilitation of the *Plaza de España Azotea*;

16 (iii) for the restoration of the *Plaza de España* Chocolate House; ~~and~~

17 (iv) for the development of a paver-surface crosswalk and landings on both sides
18 of Marine Corps Drive to provide a proper connection between Skinner Plaza and the Chamorro
19 Village; and

20 (v) for demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building.

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

CHAIRPERSON
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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

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NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Joe Quinata	SPT		✓			

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Eric Palacios	GEPA	Support			300-4959	
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Sen. Hope Cristobal						

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1989 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 424 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §830 TO TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO NAME THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THE "GOVERNOR MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO BUILDING," was on the 28th day of September, 1989, duly and regularly passed.




JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN
Speaker

Attested:



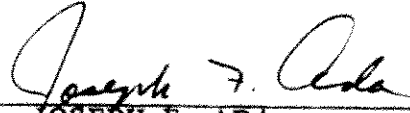
PILAR C. LUJAN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 4th day of OCT., 1989,
at 4:20 o'clock p.m.



Theresese Quenes
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:



JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

Date: October 16, 1989

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Bill No. 424 (COR)
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 Committee on Rules

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AN ACT TO ADD §830 TO TITLE 1, GUAM
 CODE ANNOTATED, TO NAME THE
 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THE
 "GOVERNOR MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO
 BUILDING".

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:
 2 Section 1. §830 is hereby added to Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to
 3 read:
 4 "§830. Manuel Guerrero Building. The Administration Building,
 5 located in the City of Agana, shall hereafter be known as the
 6 "Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Building." Any provisions in the
 7 laws of Guam referring to the Administration Building are hereby
 8 deemed to read the "Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Building". The
 9 Governor of Guam, the Director of Administration, the Mayor of Agana
 10 and members of the Agana Municipal Planning Council, shall cause to

1 be erected appropriated nameplates or signs designating the
2 Administration Building as the "Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero
3 Building". Further, at such ceremony as the Governor, the Director
4 of Administration and the Mayor of Agaña and members of the Agana
5 Municipal Planning Council deem appropriate, the "Governor Manuel F.
6 L. Guerrero Building," shall be officially named and a plaque bearing
7 the name, picture, and a bust and brief history of the contributions of
8 the Late Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero to the people of Guam shall
9 be affixed within a suitable spot in or on the building."

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

REPORT ON BILL NO. 424

AN ACT TO NAME THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THE
GOVERNOR MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING. [Attachment 1]

Introduced by Senator Ted S. Nelson

PREFACE:

The Committee on General Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 424, "An act to name the Administration Building the Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building," conducted a public hearing on Thursday, April 20, 1989 at 9:40 a.m. in the Legislative Session Hall. [Attachment 2]

Committee members present were Senator Ted S. Nelson, Chairman, and Senators Tommy V.C. Tanaka, and Elizabeth P. Arriola. Other members of the Committee were excused by the Chairman. [Attachment 3]

NOTIFICATION:

Letters [Attachment 4] of notification were sent to the Governor, the Family of Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero, the Director, Department of Administration, and the President, Commissioners Council.

TESTIMONY:

Although no one from the Administration was present to submit testimony, comments were received from the Bureau of Budget and Management Research [Attachment 5] stating that the financial impact of Bill No. 424 will be attributed to related expenditures such as nameplates and a plaque bearing the name, picture, and brief history and contributions of the late Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero.

Next the Chairman called on the Family of Governor Guerrero to submit testimony. Mrs. Delfina Leon Guerrero, accompanied by her children, Manuel F.L. Guerrero, Jr., Evelynna L.G. Bonner, and Alfredo D. Leon Guerrero, testified in support of Bill No. 424. Mrs. Guerrero thank the sponsor of the Bill for recognizing the accomplishments of her late husband.

At this time, Manuel Guerrero, Jr., expressed his concern that should the current building be demolished and a new one constructed, will the name change carry on.

He was assured by the Committee Chairman that regardless of what happens to the current building, the name change will ultimately follow once the new building is constructed.

Mr. Alfredo Guerrero, added, that if his father were alive he would support the efforts of the Bill's author and similar legislation aimed at recognizing Guam's statesmen and leaders.

Concluding her remarks, Mrs. Delfina Guerrero thanked the Chairman and members of the Committee for considering such legislation.

Next to testify was Mr. Frank D. Perez a businessman and former Senator. At the outset, Mr. Perez thanked the Committee and praised the intent of Bill No. 424. According to Mr. Perez, its about time that we start recognizing and honoring our great leaders.

As a businessman, and a member of the Eighth Guam Legislature, Mr. Perez, apprised the Committee that Governor Guerrero was a man of rare breed. His programs and policies were intended to be enjoyed and realized not during his administration, but years after. Mr. Perez cited the 10 Year Development Plan prepared and implemented by Governor Guerrero. This program, said Mr. Perez, was designed to open Guam to the Asian markets. It was also intended to make Guam the hub and center of commercial establishments. Governor Guerrero, said Mr. Perez, ventured into making housing programs available to the people of Guam. This he said is evidenced by the developments in Dededo, Sinajana, Yona, Barrigada and Asan.

In closing, Mr. Perez said that above all, not only was Governor Guerrero a friendly and likeable person, but more importantly, he was a true statesman for the people of Guam.

Next the Chairman called on Mr. Frank M. Portusach, Commissioner of Agana Heights. Mr. Portusach testified in support of Bill No. 424 and recounted his younger days with Governor Guerrero and how Governor Guerrero would also look out for the interest of Guam's future. Not only is Governor Guerrero, a friend of mine, but I strongly support the passage of Bill No. 424.

There being no further witnesses, the Chairman related his experience with Governor Guerrero. The positive outlook, and how the governor would always find ways to ensure that Guam residents sent off-island for higher education are brought back and placed in management positions.

At this time, Senator Tommy Tanaka stated that not only does Bill No. 424 change the name of a building, but, what Bill No. 424 does is memorialize one of Guam's distinguished leaders.

Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola echoed the same sentiments and also said that Governor Guerrero left a legacy for the people of Guam, and that young leaders can look to the legacy of the late Governor as a role model.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the Committee hearing on Bill No. 422.

SECTION ANALYSIS:

Please refer to "Profile on Bill No. 424."

FINDINGS:

The Committee on General Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 424, finds, that:

1. Governor Guerrero first joined government service in 1931 when he served as a messenger. By 1941, he rose to the position of comptroller and during the Japanese occupation, worked in the rice fields and at the airfield.
2. Shortly after the recapture of Guam, Governor Guerrero was assigned to Headquarters Command under the G-4 Section. He received security clearance for the handling of military pouches and classified materials, including top secret documents.
3. Governor Guerrero served in various capacities in the Executive Branch prior to his appointment as Secretary of Guam and later as Governor of Guam. Among the positions he held were: Troubleshooter for the Governor's Office; Administrator of Guam Memorial Hospital; Special Assistant at the Commercial Port; Auditor; and as an Investigator and Deputy Director of the Department of Land Management.
4. As advisor to the Governor and later Assistant Secretary of Guam, Governor Guerrero devoted much of his time working on proposed legislation, executive policies, budgeting, governmental reorganization, and the formation of personnel rules and regulations.
5. Governor Guerrero was a well-experienced man. He served as a member of the Eleventh Pre-Organic Act Guam Congress where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Committee on Rules during his tenure in the First Guam Legislature and as Staff Director in 1961, just prior to his appointment as Secretary of Guam.
6. Governor Guerrero was appointed as Chief Executive in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy, and was reappointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on 1967.
7. Governor Guerrero was the first Pacific Islander to represent the United States Government in the South Pacific Commission. He was also the first Pacific Islander to serve as Chairman of the South Pacific Conference.

8. During his administration, much of the island's infrastructure was upgraded and many projects were established that provided the foundation of Guam's economy today. These projects include: the creation of the Guam Telephone Authority; the creation of the Guam Power Authority, enabling the government of Guam for the first time to own its own power plants; the Guam Economic Development Authority; the Guam International Air Terminal; the islandwide sewer and water system; and the reorganization of the Government of Guam. Through Governor Guerrero's efforts, Guam was able to obtain a \$45 Million loan from the Federal Government for the island's economic rehabilitation shortly after Typhoon Karen in 1962.
9. Knowing the need for more permanent homes and better community standards, Governor Guerrero established the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority and under it urbanized the villages of Sinajana and Yona. He initiated the Kaiser housing development in Dededo.
10. Recognizing the potential for tourism in Guam, Governor Guerrero established the first Guam Tourist Council, and was instrumental in establishing the first international tourist hotel in Guam known as the Guam-Tokyo in Tumon Bay, while pushing for Pan Am to open up a Guam-Tokyo route.
11. Governor Guerrero was instrumental in upgrading the College of Guam to its present status - that of a University and a land grant college.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on General Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 424, "An act to name the Administration Building the "Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building," has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation to do pass.



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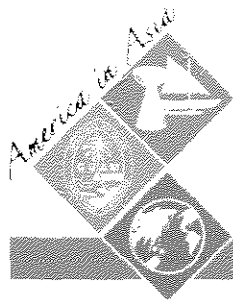
Hafa Adai Chairman Respicio,

My name is Joe Quinata and I am the Chief Program Officer of the Guam Preservation Trust (GPT). I submit to you today a written testimony to offer some solutions to address historic preservation issues regarding Bill No. 32-33 (COR), "An Act relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagåtña". The spirit of preservation can be captured in various forms, formats, and capacity to preserve and protect the essence of our cultural heritage. An interpretive exhibit and a memorial portraying the significant historical events in and around the building are two of many formats to present and educate our people and visitors of our cultural heritage. Communities preserve historic structures for the structure itself is "architecturally" significant.

In conclusion, the Guam Preservation Trust recognize the intention of this bill concerning the building's significant safety hazard and would like to work with this body and the community to preserve the significant historical events and the great leaders that once worked in this building.

SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE,

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March 3, 2015
TESTIMONY OF JOHN A. RIOS
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BILL 32-33 (COR)

Hafa Adai Chairman Respicio and members of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Bill 32-33, an act relative to the demolition of the Department Of Administration (DOA) Building in *Hagåtña*.


In addition to our support of the intent of Bill 32-33, there are a couple of items we would like to mention for the Legislature's consideration:

Section 2 of Bill 32 amends Section 79601 by removing the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building from the definition of Guam Capitol District. Although we support this provision so that Governor Calvo and HRRA can spearhead efforts of the revitalization and redevelopment of *Hagåtña*, we are not certain that the Legislature's intent is to remove it under their control. Therefore, clarity in policy may be needed concerning jurisdiction over the land on which the Administration Building now sits.

The demolition of the Administration Building will remove the only facility honoring Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero and his accomplishments. We encourage the Legislature to honor the distinguished former Governor in another way appropriate to his stature and contributions to the growth and development of Guam.

I wish to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony today on Bill No. 32-33. *Si Yu'os Ma'âse'*.

Sins eru,


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Re: Testimony in Opposition to Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Dear Chairman Respicio:

I begin this testimony with a question for the Committee, my fellow colleagues, and my dear people of Guam: what if the Independence Hall—that hallowed place in Philadelphia where a declaration of the universal principles of freedom and democracy was adopted by a group of farmers, businessmen, preachers and jurists in defiance to foreign rule, and ultimately changed the course of American history—what if this architectural centerpiece considered the birthplace of the United States of America were to be condemned and razed to the ground in six months?

And what if after the demolition of the building that served as the cradle of the American Revolution, a monument to King George were to stand in its place? How many would publically support this act? How many of my colleagues would cast a “yes” vote in its favor?

While I cannot be with you today, I take comfort in knowing that none of you would advocate the destruction of such an important piece of American history. From our earliest days of schooling, we each became children of the American Revolution. From our history lessons we know that Washington is the Father of America, that Jefferson’s pen was the founding instrument of the American Dream, and that James Madison conceived a form of constitutional democracy that would become a beacon for the free world.

As is the case for millions of Americans from each generation to the next, the thought of the willful destruction of this nation’s sacred places should disturb us regardless of our respective color or creed, political status or place of birth.

Perhaps what is somehow eclipsed by our grand American legacy is an even older, yet equally important history—a history that if not taught and remembered will be torn down and reduced to rubble. It is in this spirit that I respectfully oppose Bill No. 32-33

(COR), an act relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building (Guerrero Building) in Hagåtña.

It was the historic presidential appointment of Governor Joseph F. Flores in 1960 that returned at least in some small measure, self-governance after 400 years of colonial rule. It took another ten years for us to earn the right to free and fair election of our island leader; in 1970, that man was Governor Carlos G. Camacho.

By now, some of you must be asking what this history lesson has to do with the proposed demolition of the Guerrero Building.

Here is my answer:

This was the place from which Governor Manuel Guerrero planted the seeds of Guam's prosperity and signed into law the creation of the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA)—the same entity that now advocates the destruction of the building which bears Governor Guerrero's name.

This was the place from which Governor Carlos Camacho, Guam's first elected governor, stemmed the "brain drain" of the early 1970s and shepherded us through the beginnings of our tourism industry, and the place to which he returned after visiting our sons one Christmas day in Vietnam.

This was the place from which a young man in his early twenties became legal counsel to Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, the place from which that governor secured \$367 million to rebuild Guam after the unprecedented devastation in the wake of Super Typhoon Pamela, and the place from which Governor Paul M. Calvo welcomed the unparalleled growth of Guam in the 1980s.

This was the place in which a young Judi Won Pat was photographed standing at the side her father as he, A. B. Won Pat, took his oath of office as Guam's first elected representative to Congress.

This was the place in which a first generation immigrant through passion, grit and hard work defined a future for herself starting as a school teacher, working her way to become superintendent, and now is the freshman senator who chairs the Committee on Education.

And, perhaps, it was the place where a young girl saw her father's work in the service of others and found that same passion within herself—answering the call to be our people's voice in the halls of this Legislature, and maybe one day become another of Guam's firsts.

This brings us to a central question, why, with so many pressing issues facing us, is it still important to preserve the past? Or, as a taxpayer put it to me once, "Why should I

give my money to you for preservation, and not human services, like a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter?"

I believe the answer to that question lies in how preservation addresses one of our most fundamental needs.

Of course, inarguably food and shelter are among the most essential requirements for human survival. But once physiological and safety needs are met (as framed in Maslow's hierarchy), community or the sense of belongingness becomes priority.

Directly serving the human need for community, the preservation of physical history binds people to one another and to the past. These artifacts remind us of the trials of our past, and we take solace in knowing that we are not the first generation to face economic hardship or environmental decline or an educational system that doesn't always seem worthy of our children. We are not the first to wonder about the character of our political discourse, or to concern ourselves about Guam's place in the world.

Our ancestors also struggled with these things. They faced great challenges and great opportunities. And they survived, and even thrived. We can, too.

Therefore, I ask each of you, why would we destroy the place where we achieved our first real measure of self-governance after 400 years, only to replace it with a towering monument to our colonizers?

Why would we honor a place in which we, the Chamorro people, were servants to a Spanish crown at the cost of dismantling the place in which we became Statesmen? Why shouldn't the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Building continue to stand witness not only to the history of the Guamanian people but also to the boundless promise of our future?

I submit to you that an alternative exists, that those of you willing to do so can help Governor Calvo rebuild the Governor's Palace as he desires while preserving the place from which the first elected governors of Guam led our people. This is not an unattainable feat.

The proposed reconstruction of the Governor's Palace, or *Palasyu*, and its conversion to a public museum, was a project conceived by the late Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo, and was espoused by the non-profit organization Palace Restoration Association of Guam (PRAG), formed and led by then-First Lady Madeleine Z. Bordallo. As a former PRAG member, I am intimately familiar with its objectives, none of which, and I repeat, **none of which** include or entail the demolition of the Guerrero Building.

Instead, PRAG, recognizing that the restoration of the original footprint of the *Palasyu* did not require the destruction of the Guerrero Building, proposed to integrate the building into the assembly of existing historic structures within the Plaza de España. So why is there such an overwhelming desire to move so quickly now?

Having spent my entire adult life in service to the people of Guam, I have learned certain immutable realities, among which is the difficulty in deterring a popular term-limited governor from achieving a goal he believes is central to his legacy. Government employees will fall in line, boards and commissions become malleable, bipartisan cooperation abounds, regulations loosen, and maybe, just maybe, we all move faster than we should.

In a letter from then-director of the Department of Public Works Joanne Brown to the executive director of the Guam Legislature dated April 17, 2012, we find that CIP engineer Arce Fonbuena, joined by Guam Department of Education safety administrator Bruce Williams, inspected the Guerrero Building and found that it did **not** exhibit any structural damage or significant joint cracks, that the “special reinforced masonry shear wall for the ground and second floor showed no shear cracking defect”, and that the horizontal and vertical connections showed no separation and no cracks at the openings. It was this administration’s own assessment that affirmed the building’s structural integrity and recommended a “general upgrading and renovation of the building”, not its wholesale demolition.

Less than three years later, Bill 32-33 asserts the contrary: the Guerrero Building “has serious structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental issues that create significant safety hazards and render the building unfit for further occupancy.”

As was mentioned by the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, this bill was drafted by GEDA and introduced on its behalf. Therefore two questions come to mind: what justification has GEDA provided to make such statements, and why would GEDA take interest in the destruction of the Guerrero Building?

While I can appreciate the desire of any governor to achieve a lasting legacy, and the eagerness with which his agencies will perform to achieve this goal, why should the legacy of one governor cause the destruction of a building that has been witness to so many other legacies, including that of his very own father?

Despite running the risk of being misquoted or misunderstood, I make that statement cognizant of its gravity and consequence; I offer it out of respect and in the hope that we are not forced to choose between a Spanish governor’s palace and the place in which we first governed ourselves.

I think it is also important that we understand the history behind the name has adorned this historical building for over 25 years. Introduced by then-Senators Carl T. C. Gutierrez, Ted S. Nelson, and Joe T. San Agustin of the 20th Guam Legislature and enacted on October 16, 1989, Public Law 20-102 renamed the Administration Building the “Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Building” after a man who began his life in public service as a messenger to later ascend to become the *maga’lahi* of Guam.

Born on October 25, 1914, Manuel F. L. Guerrero first joined the government in 1930 as a messenger, more than likely in the *Palasyu* itself. He held numerous positions in government—including Administrator of the Guam Memorial Hospital, Special Assistant at the Commercial Port of Guam, Deputy Director of the Department of Land Management, Assistant Secretary of Guam, Member of the 11th Guam Congress, Senator of the First Guam Legislature, and Secretary of Guam—before serving as the second Chamorro governor of Guam from 1962 to 1969, but the first to serve for a term of more than four years.

Under Governor Guerrero's leadership, our island saw the creation of the Guam Telephone Authority, the Guam Power Authority, the Port Authority of Guam, the first Guam International Air Terminal, and the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, and he was instrumental in upgrading the College of Guam to that of a university and a land grant college

Perhaps foreshadowing today's events, the Committee Record for Public Law 20-102 indicates that a promise was made. Testifying in support of the measure, Governor Guerrero's family asked what would happen if the building bearing his name would be demolished? At the time Chairman Nelson promised that Governor Guerrero's name would succeed to any building in its place.

Think of the irony for a moment. Now, in the midst of *Mes Chamorro*, just two days after Guam History & Chamorro Heritage Day, GEDA asks us to either ignore that promise all together, or keep that promise by destroying the building in which Manuel Guerrero was governor, only to then rebuild the Palace in which he was a messenger.

And there are other ironies to appreciate as well.

I worked in the Guerrero Building; I saw men of vision and purpose wrestle with the most challenging questions of that time—questions we are still trying to answer today. Who are we? How can we leave behind something solid and tangible so that our children can build something better? I worked there, and for the many years to follow I drove by watching that place fall into neglect and disrepair. I did nothing, and in so doing allowed this day to come. For that, I am responsible, but I have the chance to fix that now.

I know that some have said the cost to repair this historic building is prohibitive. Bill 32-33 claims that the "cost of rehabilitation to bring the building to current Uniform Building Code standards does not warrant the significant investment of public funds necessary to extend the useful life of the facility."

Yet, in the last four years alone, the government of Guam has committed to investing over \$200 million into converting a 50-year-old military barracks facility into what was supposed to be a temporary school. Now, we are saddled by the cost of leasing a

permanent high school that has Guam's taxpayers paying upwards of \$8 million per year.

A renovation and rehabilitation – the same action called for by the administration's own experts – would include 53,000 square feet of office space and could potentially save millions of dollars in rental costs to the people of Guam. Destroying this building makes absolutely no financial or historical sense, especially while other alternatives exist.

The argument that the Guerrero Building must be razed to accommodate the Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPac), is akin to saying our crime rate would decrease if only we threw every man, woman and child on Guam in prison. Ypao Beach, Hospital Point, the Leo Palace, and the fields between George Washington High School and the University of Guam could be alternatives to this "either-or" plan before us now – a plan that would rob Guam of a valuable economic and cultural resource and in so doing defile the very spirit of FestPac itself.

Instead, I believe Governor Eddie Calvo, like Governor Bordallo before him, could support a plan that rebuilds a replica of the *Palasyu* to its exact specifications as it once stood while preserving and restoring the Guerrero Building, and not one that destroys a historic site only to replace it with an enlarged and over-achieved version of the *Palasyu*.

In fact archaeological excavations conducted in the 1980s found the well-preserved foundations of the *Palasyu* and the ancient Chamorro latte postholes underneath such foundations. These findings inform us that the Spanish structures were built on top of the remains of our Latte Period Hagåtña Village dating back to the pre-Latte Period (2,000 B.C. - 900 A.D.) of our Chamorro history. These findings illustrate the rich history of our capital of Hagåtña and how, throughout the years, decades, and even centuries, our people have persevered against all odds.

But why shouldn't our complex history acknowledge the role of our Spanish governors, our federally appointed governors, and our first elected governors? In as much as our history has been steeped in tragedy and triumph, every bit of it, no matter how painful, is the story of us.

Just as certain individuals carve out the historic significance and importance for replicating the *Palasyu*, even while knowing that the foundations of the *Palasyu* rest atop our Chamorro ancestors' vestiges, so too is it imperative that the same level of thinking and respect be afforded the Guerrero Building in its role in Guam and Chamorro history.

One hundred years from now, a son or daughter of Guam will look back on the history of our people. She will know that we persevered through the heavy yoke of colonial rule, survived the crushing heel of tyranny, overcame natural disasters, and survived a world at war. He will know that we widened the circle of economic opportunity, found

our place in the world, and preserved our unique way of life. She will know these things, and—like Washington or Jefferson, Adams or Madison—she will know the forefathers of our government, she will see the places in which they worked, and she will know that no matter the challenges that face her generation, she can rise to meet them because her people always have.

I urge you to slowdown, to strike a balance and accept that this is not an “either-or” situation. Table this bill for the round table hearing originally promised by this Committee, and give each of us a chance to preserve the history of our forbearers as well as our colonizers

Pã'go na ta silebra i Pìlan Chamoru, debi di ta hasso i tema ya ta fanmakmãta, ta fanhasso, ya ta abãnsa mo'na i taotao-ta. Nihì ya ta tutuhon ginen i tinituhon... ta na'fitme i che'cho' todù i mañaina-ta, puet i Mañamoru siha ni' manestablisa i gobietnamento-ta iya Guãhan.

Sensaramente,


Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman, Members of your committee and Honorable Senators.

My name is Alfredo D. Leon Guerrero ... I am the eldest child of the late Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee to testify on Bill No 32-33 relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

On behalf of the children of the late Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero, his sister Mrs. Rosario Flores Untalan and his late brother, Mr. Juan Flores Flores, we offer this testimony.

The Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building was so appropriately named. Many very historical events and decisions affecting the people of Guam occurred and were made there by him and the various Governors of Guam whose offices were located in that building.

Bill No. 32-33 proposes to demolish the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building using Tourist Attraction Funds.

We are here **not** to oppose the plans as set forth ... but rather ... to request this legislative body not to displace the importance of remembering and memorializing a son and leader of Guam that provided much needed guidance to the people of Guam during very difficult times. He was not afraid to appear before federal officials in Washington D.C. to request for any form of assistance for Guam, be it financial or otherwise. Many of the programs that he began during his administration continue to be administered today. Because of his foresight, Guam's economic growth began during his time and we continue to see that today.

We appear here today to request that upon demolition of the administration building and if nothing else is to built in its place – that the plaza be named the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Plaza.

Again, Si Yu'os Ma'ase for the opportunity to appear before you.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairman
Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human &
Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District
Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan
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Reference: Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Hafa adai, Senot Presidente Rory Respicio, Senator Tina Muna-Barnes yan
Speaker Judith WonPat:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on Bill 32-22(COR)—the demolition of the Gov. Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building in Hagatna also known as the Dept. of Administration Bldg. to those of us who frequented the building for one reason or another in the days of the Guam Department of Education and the Department of Administration. For the record, my name is Hope Alvarez Cristobal. I am from Tamuning Village and I am here in opposition to Bill 32-33 (COR) that will destroy a Guam historic property.

Over the years, I have been concerned at the rate and the destruction of evidences of our existence and history as a people—one that is non-self-governing today; a people who once enjoyed sovereignty in our homeland; and critically important, we are a people who have yet to write our history and about what makes us distinct as a people in this homeland. To do this is to continue to regard with respect, the tangible evidence of our Chamorro identity and history. Bill 32-33(COR) proposes the destruction of the historically significant Manuel F.L. Guererro Administration Building—what I feel, is a discriminate and reckless act that is anti-Chamorro history and cultural heritage.

For many years, I worked to protect the burial sites of our people; many of whom lived in the second largest Chamorro settlement in the 17th century, in Tumon, not far from where I live today. My experiences regarding the preservation of those burial sites have been the result of the government's failure to inform the public through the DPW permitting process—where the

Guam Historic Preservation Review Board is mandated to make public announcement inviting public comment on the impacts to (a burial site or) an important historic property on their meeting agenda. It was through this process that people like myself participated in articulating the purposes and procedures for preservation.

My other experiences relate to the historic properties that were slated for destruction as collateral damage in the building of hotels at Mata'pang Beach, at Gokna where the Nikko Hotel now stands, at the former Fujita Hotel and at Tumhom proper where the Hyatt Hotel now stands. I learned about the desecrations and destruction through the publicly announced meeting Agenda of the Board. This was how it was. This review process existed for public comment and input on impacts to these important historic properties. And if our concern seems to be ignored, it was essential to get the word out by informing and exposing to the media any anomalies that prevent the preservation and respect of our sacred burial grounds. If it appears that there may be collusion, we went to the Court and got an injunction to prevent the project from destroying the burial grounds of our ancestors. It is this kind of commitment to the preservation of our heritage that I and other preservationists espouse to, even today – to insure that the evidence of our identity is respected and not destroyed.

Another experience was the historic Rosario House built in the 1800s, right here in the Hagatna Historic District. After discovering through our network of historic preservationists that the building is slated for demolition, I filed a complaint with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the complaint procedurally placed the Rosario House in their Meeting Agenda for board discussion and public comment. I was able to study and visit the structure and presented to the board my opposition to its destruction and recommend its preservation because of its historic significance. In this way, I and others who were able to provide definite information about the structure, participated and were able to help in preserving it. The process worked and today the building finally will be restored by Government of Guam funds.

Yet another historic property issue was the proposal to MAIL out the over 300 human remains of our ancestors excavated at Gokna, in mailboxes—to be sent off-island for study. The Historic Review Board placed this issue in its Meeting Agenda and that was what alerted me that the Board with members who have technical knowledge in the field of architecture, history, planning, archaeology and education was able to discuss and vote to deny the request to mail our ancestors remains after comments were allowed to be heard.

As an activist, a former University of Guam history professor, I am deeply concerned with the erasing of our Chamorro historic properties, the erasing of place names and the erasing of evidences of our history as a people of Guam. This is a colonial practice that needs to be abated. Our historic properties hold meaning to our people and it is through these meanings and connections that we construct the legitimacy to create and build community. We must cherish and preserve them for the memories and history that lift us up and for the edification of our people – with this caring attitude embodied already in our historic preservation laws – our yet to be written historic narrative will not be empty of substance associated with our heritage – in this case – the Governor Manuel F. L. Guererro Administration building.

Here we are, 15 years into the 21st century, and rather than studying its historicity, our people are faced with a Bill to demolish a property that has been named by law to honor Governor Manuel F.L. Guererro. This property has been listed in Guam's inventory of historic properties but had not gone through the well-established process formally listing it (after detailed studies of its eligibility) in the Guam and National Register of Historic Places.

Why was this historic property never placed on the Guam Historic Preservation Review (GHPRB) Agenda for proper historic preservation review due to the impending proposal to destroy it? Did the members of the Board not want to discuss this obviously important historic property? Is it a foregone conclusion of theirs that public comment is not needed? Is the Board influenced by its Chairman who had previously publicly stated his unilateral, personal preference for demolition of this historic property over

the restoration of the Spanish Palasyo? Why is this historic property treated differently?

I believe that the Board Chairman may have prematurely made a decision undermining the historic review process, rather than allowing the Board members and SHPO staff to provide their expert opinions—the reason for their being selected to be on that Board in the first place and rather than, allowing public comment. This is alarming. This action (the proposed destruction without review) compels the public to request review by the Department of Interior's National Park Service Western Regional Office, to verify whether the action violates federal guidelines in the treatment of historic properties. Something that may endanger the yearly Historic Preservation Fund grant due to possible non-compliance.

I find it also peculiar that the historic preservation process of nominating sites to the Guam and National Register of Historic Places is mysteriously being bypassed by your proposed legislation. This proposed legislation may be eliminating the normal historic preservation review of Guam's historic property (and other historic properties), the Governor Manuel F.L. Guererro Building.

My dear colleagues, if I do not convince you to kill this bill. Do the right thing and honor our heritage by preserving this building otherwise you may have usurped the existing process for historic properties in Guam (critical technical review) and eliminates public review and scrutiny.

I want to reiterate again my concern about the manner by which this historic property is being handled by the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board. The Legislature in its infinite wisdom must not allow the selective application of only some attributes of the landscape as important and erase the structural representation of an important historical period—of our early political development because, this Legislature must take responsibility for the deafening silences of what is not made significant or important in our development as a people; something yet to be written about the emergent experiences of a non-self-governing people that would otherwise be

showcased and pronounced by preserving the Manuel F.L. Guerrero building.

Why would anyone want to diminish or erase this significant period in our history and its tangible reminder? Why? This scenario reveals a kind of dishonesty in dealing with our history. If demolition is approved, GEDA and the Governor's office will now take over the project. Who will manage the building proper and the grounds of the Plaza de Espana? It is not in the bill. What are you trying to hide with this Bill? That you are turning over the Palasyo to the Governor's Office? Because that is what appears behind the words here.

This bill makes it look like there is collusion in the destruction of this historic structure at all costs. The historic preservation process is usurped. You have quick office spaces available, maybe even an exhibit facility. The building is historical and can be rehabilitated. Where is our people of Guam's real estate planner? Have a Legislative Repository, a required place for a certified archival depository for the Legislative Branch, similar to congressional records of the U.S. Congress, been considered? Hafa? Think of the options and opportunities for alternative uses.

My dear senators, look around, open your eyes. You can see what little have remained over time from the ravages of colonial occupation of a once sovereign people, a war not of our doing, clearing and grading for urbanization that have changed our physical landscape as well as our cultural landscape, the near total destruction of Hagatna, the desecrations and destruction of our ancestors' sacred burial grounds. The question that we should be asking ourselves is, What do we have left that can significantly contribute to our identity as an emerging people? Or, that could contribute to our national pride as a people? Or, that could enhance and enlighten the history of our people? Is the historicity of the Gov. Manuel F. L. Guerrero building and all the activities that make it significant historically, is it worth preserving? I say, YES! The building is not EMPTY nor is it dead space! Know your history! And preserve our historical sites and allow the keeping of our historical integrity. Do not be a part of erasing that history within and through the final plans that will only take up the significance of the Palasyo.

Make a stand for a decolonized history, for a better future for our people through the depiction of our struggles as an emergent people—a people yearning to restore our sovereignty.

Imagine a tour guide discussing our people's history. That narrative will go something like, "And here is the building in which:

- a) The first appointed Chamorro Governor's Office was housed.
- b) The first elected Chamorro Governor's Office was located.
- c) The first Political Status Commission was signed into law.
- d) The post-war local civilian government was implemented.
- e) The ideas of emerging from a colonial past were formulated...where the first Chamorro Land Trust Commission was signed into law.
- f) In fact, the Guam Historic Preservation Act was signed in to law that building in PL 12-126.
- g) This is the place that Chamorros, after WWII, took positions as Governors, Lt. Governors, Directors, Surveyors, Accountants, Treasurers, Civil Service Managers, Budget Directors, Education Directors, Chief of Staffs, Secretaries, Public Servants – refuge and training ground to serve our people and learn the business of administering and governing ourselves. And, this is just a listing of some significant historic events.

I recall, at the time I became Ms. Guam Universe in 1967, 2 years before Governor Carlos Camacho's term ended. Chilang Bamba, Tita Souder, Tina Perez, Margaret Jones (bless her soul, she is still here with us today), how these strong women of their time, made it a rule that, before anyone leaves off-island to represent our "country", that, we pay our respects to Guam's highest official so that he can impart his wisdom and blessings for the sake of our dignity as a people. I recall also at the time, how Governor Camacho requested that our group pay respects to the Air Force general, General Crumm—and, off we went to do just that. You know, after our visit with General Crumm, he took his last flight over Vietnam and never came back alive.

I was 21 years old then, and I thought I was in my prime; but, my dear senators, my prime, our prime, your prime comes when we, you, can respond in a way as to enhance and promote our people, our national pride and

identity as a people whose history is worth saving, worth preserving for our progeny.


So, how can you adapt this old building to the needs of our modern lives?

a) Well, we can begin by thinking of how the government can save money in rentals. We have about 50,000 sq ft of office space that can be rental space that'll probably give us millions of dollars in savings in the three years.(About \$1.50 per square feet rental in Hagatna).

b) Why can't this space be used for your Legislative Offices rather than rent? It's a win-win savings for the people of Guam; and the Legislature where millions of dollars have been spent for rental using the people's tax dollars. That didn't require any scientific computation to figure out. Maybe we should also ask ourselves who could possibly benefit monetarily from the demolition of a 50,000 sq. ft. of office space—something that we now have, that we could use? Anyone that you know of?

Si Yu'os ma'ase'. Please preserve the Gov. Manuel F.L. Guerrero building.

Sincerely,


HOPE A. CRISTOBAL
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March 6, 2015

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Re: FOIA Request: Hazardous Materials in Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building

Dear Mr. Palacios:

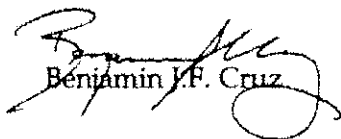
Håfa Adai! Pursuant to the authority granted by the *Freedom of Information Act* (5 GUAM CODE ANN. § 10103), I hereby request a copy of the following public record(s):

1. All documents, reports, assessments, and evaluations held by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the area presently referred to as the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building, that indicate the presence of asbestos and/or other hazardous substances at that site;
2. The steps taken or documents issued to notify each of the employees who worked in the Guerrero Building of possible exposure to asbestos and/or other hazardous materials determined to be present by EPA; and
3. The specific steps taken by EPA to mitigate employee exposure to such hazardous materials as described in item 1.

Please send documents in electronic format via email to senator@senatorbjcruz.com or in paper format via hand delivery to my office at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam. Should you have any questions or comments, please call Carlo Branch at 477-2520.

As always, I thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,


Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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The Honorable
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The Honorable
RAY TENORIO
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GLENN LEON GUERRERO
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FELIX C. BENAVENTE
 Deputy Director

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March 10, 2015

**Honorable Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
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Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Date: 3/10/15 Time: 11:19am

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Re: FOIA Request: Supporting Documents for Testimony on Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Dear Vice Speaker Cruz,

Hafa Adai! As per your request, the following documents and reports and assessments are provided for your review.

On Feb 26th, I was instructed to attend a round table meeting on behalf of the Governor's office. Email attachment #1 enclosed.

On Feb 27th I contacted via email Mr. Tom Camacho, Partner and Structural Engineer for Duenas, Camacho & Associates (DCA) to assist me assessing the structural integrity of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building (Building). Email attachment #2 enclosed.

On March 4th, 7:17am, I requested via email information from Mr. Camacho on the Building.

On March 4th, 12:01pm, Mr. Camacho's email regarding the condition of the Building

On March 4th, 12:06pm, Mr. Camacho's text exchange with myself regarding the cost to rebuild and to retro fit. Text message attached.

On March 4th 1:49pm, text message from Mr. Camacho regarding cost for structural assessment and for full assessment (Structural, Architectural, Electrical and Mechanical). Text message attached.

As indicated in my testimony, I did not have a chance to prepare a written testimony, so I verbally shared the above information. I am available to answer any additional questions or request.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Leon Guerrero

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Mr. Glenn A. Leon Guerrero
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Re: FOIA Request: Supporting Documents for Testimony on Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Dear Director Leon Guerrero:

Hafa Adai! Pursuant to the authority granted by the *Freedom of Information Act* (5 GUAM CODE ANN. § 10103), I hereby request a copy of the following public record(s):

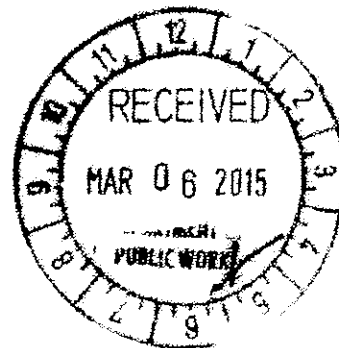
All documents, reports, assessments, and evaluations held by the Department of Public Works that were used in the formulation of Director Glenn A. Leon Guerrero's testimony on Bill No. 32-33 (COR), delivered to the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District on March 4, 2015.

Please send documents in electronic format via email to senator@senatorbjcruz.com or in paper format via hand delivery to my office at 155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam. Should you have any questions or comments, please call Carlo Branch at 477-2520.

As always, I thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Benjamin J.F. Cruz.
Benjamin J.F. Cruz





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Hearing on DOA Building Demolition

Chris Duenas <chris.duenas@guam.gov>

Thu, Feb 26, 2015 at 3:50 PM

To: eric.palacios@epa.guam.gov, "glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov" <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov>

Hafa Adai Gentlemen,

On behalf of the governors office I need for you both to attend the round table meeting next week Wednesday at 2pm in the legislative public hearing room regarding the demolition of the DOA building. We ask that you support the bill and have findings that the building must be torn down.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Chris



Glenn LeonGuerrero <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov>

Fwd: Memo regarding the inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

GovGuam email <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov>

Fri, Feb 27, 2015 at 8:10 AM

To: Tom Camacho <tpcamacho@dcaguam.com>

Hafa Adai Tom,

Attached is the letter former DPW Director JoAnn Brown sent regarding the DOA building.

I'm concerned that the assessment was made only visually and not from a structural engineer. Would like to talk about this issue too.


Can we meet at DOA building?

Thanks Glenn

Begin forwarded message:

From: Therese Santos <tsantos@investguam.com>**Date:** February 20, 2015 at 3:53:52 PM GMT+10**To:** glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov**Cc:** Vincent Ariola <vparriola1@gmail.com>, Larry Toves <ltoves@investguam.com>**Subject:** Fwd: Memo regarding the inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

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Fwd: Memo regarding the Inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

Glenn LeonGuerrero <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov>
To: Tom Camacho <tpcamacho@dcaguam.com>

Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 7:17 AM

Hafa Adai Tom,

Thank you for meeting with Legislative Director Vince Arriola and myself last Friday. Grateful if you could give me some information to report regarding the condition of the Dept of Admin's old building. There is a Public Hearing today.

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Fwd: Memo regarding the Inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

Thomas P. Camacho <tpcamacho@dcaguam.com>
To: Glenn LeonGuerrero <glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov>

Wed, Mar 4, 2015 at 12:01 PM

Glenn:

I have attached Chapter 66 of the Guam Building law which identifies that if repairs and renovations exceed 50% of the value of the building, all repairs, improvements, additions, etc. will have to comply with Current Building Code (International Building Code (IBC) 2009) requirements. This applies to Accessibility (ADA), Architectural, Mechanical (Plumbing & Fire Code), Electrical Systems, and Structural.

Based on my brief visual inspection of the former DOA building wing, the following are my preliminary comments:

- 1) The buckled floor tiles at the ground floor level are not related to any structural issues with the concrete slab on grade. The buckled tiles resulted from poor installation and adhesion of the floor tiles to the existing concrete slab.
- 2) No major structural deficiencies were noted on the exterior wall surfaces.
- 3) Structural shear walls were part of the original structure and are limited to the perimeter of the building. However, some interior CMU partition walls were erected within the interior spaces separating areas or creating rooms. No structural distress was observed on the interior CMU walls.
- 4) The second floor level showed signs of patterned roof cracks between the building frames and leaks throughout the entire length of the building.
- 5) Concrete cracks and spalling was observed at the covered bridge walkway columns and roof slab located between the two building wings.

(It should be noted that the exterior roof surfaces of the building wings were not inspected.)

General Comments:

I estimate that the structure was built in the 1960's which makes the building over 50 years old. Based on building code standards at the time of construction, the building will not meet current building code and may require an extensive amount of structural retrofit. I anticipate that the retrofit will involve the addition of exterior and interior reinforced concrete shear walls both on the ground floor and second floor levels. Additionally, all concrete cracks and spalls will be repaired with high strength concrete patch material and pressure epoxy injection, respectively.

In addition to the structural enhancements, the entire mechanical and electrical systems would have to be replaced and retrofitted to meet current building code requirements. Architectural elements of the buildings including windows and doors would have to be replaced. Elevators would have to be installed and ADA accessibility requirements met.

All the upgrades described above will, in my opinion, exceed the 50% value of the building and trigger full code compliance. Renovation and retrofit costs are expected to be high and nearly approach cost for new construction. Given the age of the structure, maintenance will be a large cost factor for the remaining life of the structure which could very well be only an additional 10-15 years before major upgrades and repairs are again required.

Therefore, it might be prudent for the Government to consider full replacement of the existing structure with a new structure that will function to today's modern need and last an additional 50 – 60 years.

Regards,

Tom

3/9/2015

The Guam Department of Public Works Mail - Fwd: Memo regarding the Inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

From: Glenn LeonGuerrero [mailto:glenn.leonguerrero@dpw.guam.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 7:18 AM
To: Tom Camacho
Subject: Re: Fwd: Memo regarding the Inspection of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Historic Building

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Thank you

Wednesday 1:49 PM

Glenn, in addition to the structural analysis costs with as-builts of \$25K, Architectural, Electrical and Mechanical investigation report costs will have

to be included if the option of a Repair and Retrofit will be considered. Over all estimate may be around \$75K for ALL the reports.

Please check your email. Chapter 66 of Guam building code has provisions of Code upgrades based on renovation costs.

Got it. Any stabs at replacement cost

Or retrofit

May be between \$100 - \$150 per SF.

For retrofit. \$250 - \$350 per SD NEW

Thank you

March 11, 2015

Transmitted via Electronic Mail


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Re: FOIA request: Hazardous Materials in Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building

Hafa Adai, Vice Speaker Cruz:

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 6, 2015. Please consider this to be the Agency's response to the same.

- 1. Attached herewith.
- 2. Further actions have not yet been undertaken by the Agency as it continues to conduct its diligent review of the information obtained following its site visit on February 16, 2015.
- 3. The Agency has not yet undertaken steps to "mitigate employee exposure to such hazardous materials" at the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building as it is not currently, actively and continuously occupied by Government of Guam employees.

Senseramente,

Eric M. Palacios
Administrator

Cc: A.File



GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

AHENSIAŃ PRUTEKSION LINA'LA GUAHAN

Purpose: Multimedia Inspection

Date of Investigation: February 16, 2015

Facility Name: Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building
(Former DOA & DOE Administrative Offices)

Facility Site Address: 212 Aspinall Avenue, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Facility Representative: Thomas Unsiog, Guam Legislature

Phone: 486-5040

GEPA Representatives: Eric Palacios
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Report Date: February 16, 2015

**MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
212 ASPINALL AVENUE, HAGÁTÑA
AERIAL VIEW**



Inspection

On February 16, 2015, duly authorized representatives of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) conducted a Multimedia Site Inspection at the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building (former DOA & DOE Administrative Offices) located at 212 Aspinall Avenue, Municipality of Hagåtña.

Findings

The walkthrough of the facility revealed the following:

Hazardous Waste:

- 5 - gallon containers containing flammable and latex paints
- Rear projector films possibly ignitable, reactive and toxic
- Fluorescent lamps
- 4 Safes possibly containing asbestos
- Very likely mold (fig. 13 & 14)
- Asbestos tiles (fig 15 & 16) issues.
- 4 QA/QC samples on the Olympus XRF for lead based paint samples. Machine performance passed. This included a confirmation of a "positive" lead based paint sample.
- At the Department of Administration/Department of Education (DOA/DOE) Building I conducted 41 random samples for Lead Based Paint (LBP). (Result in a total of 45 samples taken that day.) All samples were taken on the inside of the building walls.
- Sample 26 of 41 identified a positive hit for LBP. This sample location is along a light switch on a pillar adjacent to the exit door. Exit door leads to West O'Brien Drive.
- I took confirmation sample of this location with sample 28 of 41. This also came up positive.

Building Plumbing and Sewer/Drainage System:

- The Plumbing System is damaged, corroded and clogged due to lack of use and maintenance for a long period. Plumbing system needs to be replaced.
- Rest Rooms doors mostly broken, lavatories, urinals, water closets, etc. were damaged, clogged and corroded. Rest rooms need to be replaced.
- Some floor drains near Janitors Sinks were damaged and clogged. Floor drains need to be replaced.
- Sewer system is not in operation and no discrepancies noted.
- No running water due to massive leak according to Mr. Tommy Unsiog. Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) shut down the main water valve. No water samples were taken for Bacteriological and Lead analyses due to there being no water at prospective sampling points.
- Faucet fixture, angle valve, and faucets hoses are missing in bathrooms.

Air Conditioning (AC) Units and Vent Ducting System:

- All AC units are down, corroded and not operable, except the AC unit serving DOA room used to preserve the old documents/files is still in operation. AC units must be overhauled or replaced due to not being used/maintained for a long period.
- Most rooms vent ducting were damaged, broken, not supported and disconnected. Building vent ducting needs to be redesigned, reinstalled and replaced based on the new replacement AC units.

**MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
212 ASPINALL AVENUE, HAGÁTÑA**



Figure No. 1 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Rear projector films located in former DOA (HR) offices 1st floor



Figure No. 2 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
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**MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
212 ASPINALL AVENUE, HAGÁTÑA**



Figure No. 3 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Flammable paints located in room #163, west stairwell, 1st floor

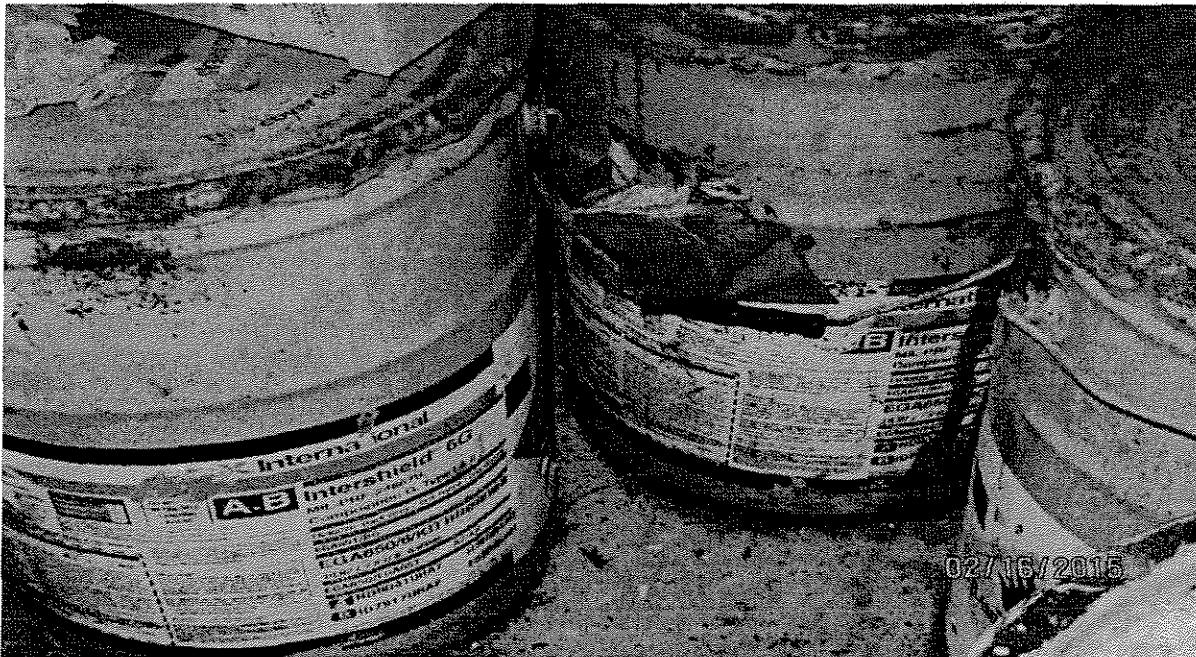


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212 ASPINALL AVENUE, HAGÁTÑA**



Figure No. 5 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Latex paints located in the former Treasurer of Guam office



Figure No. 6 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Fluorescent lamps & possible asbestos containing safes located in the former Treasurer of Guam office

**MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
212 ASPINALL AVENUE, HAGÁTÑA**

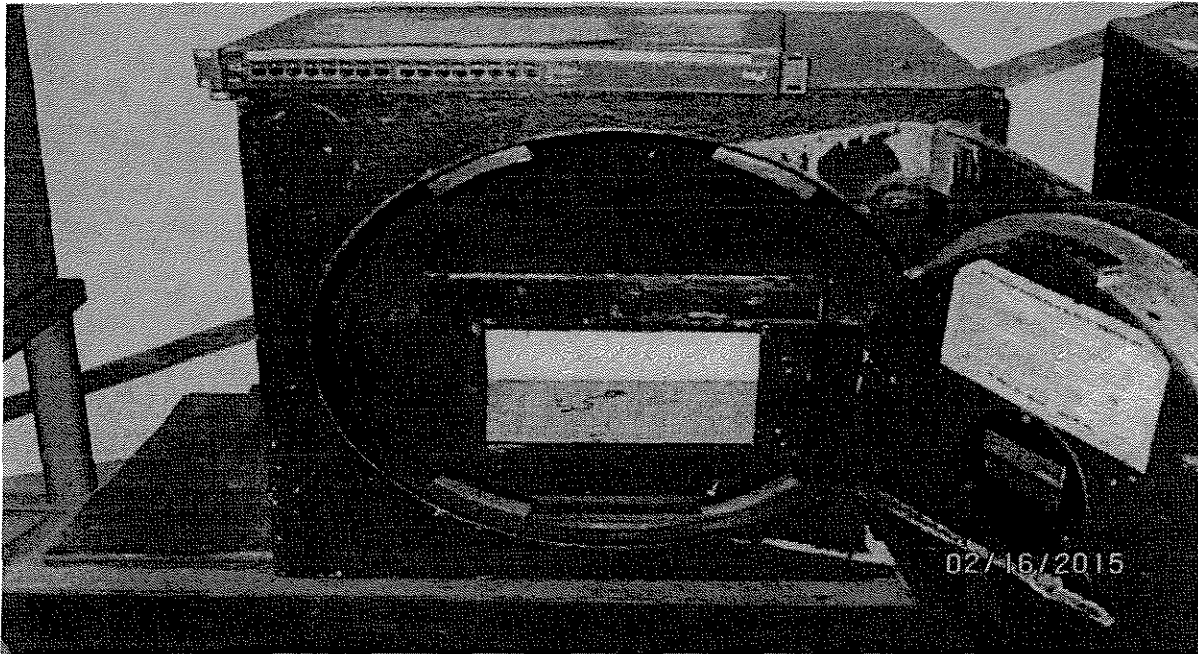


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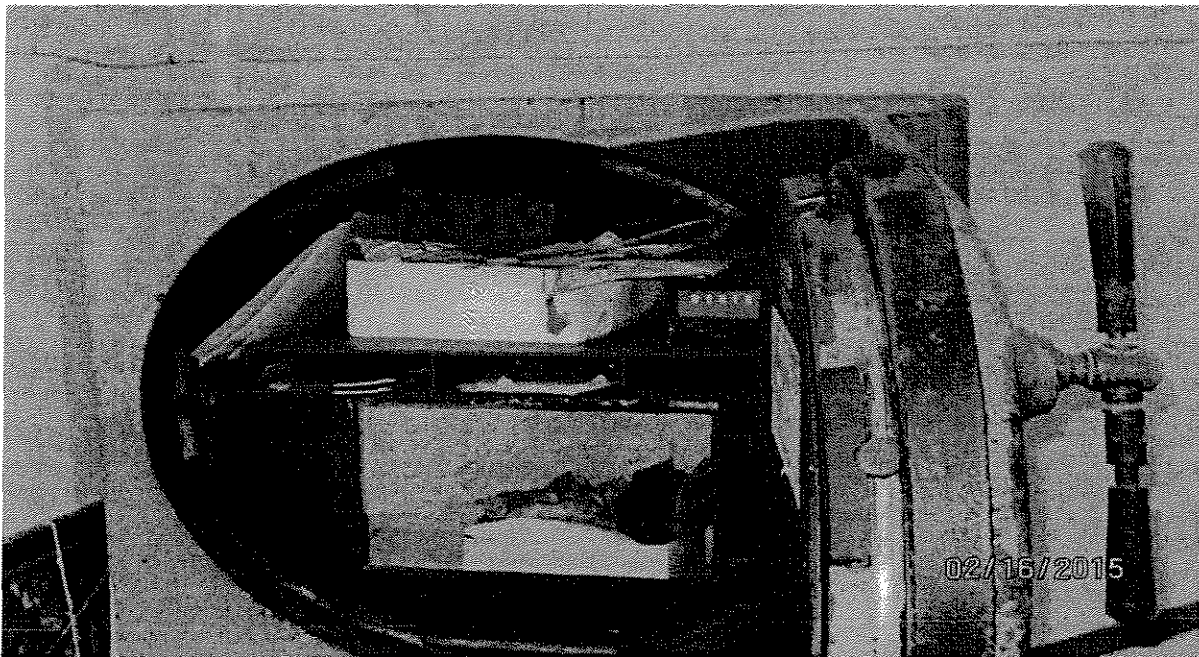


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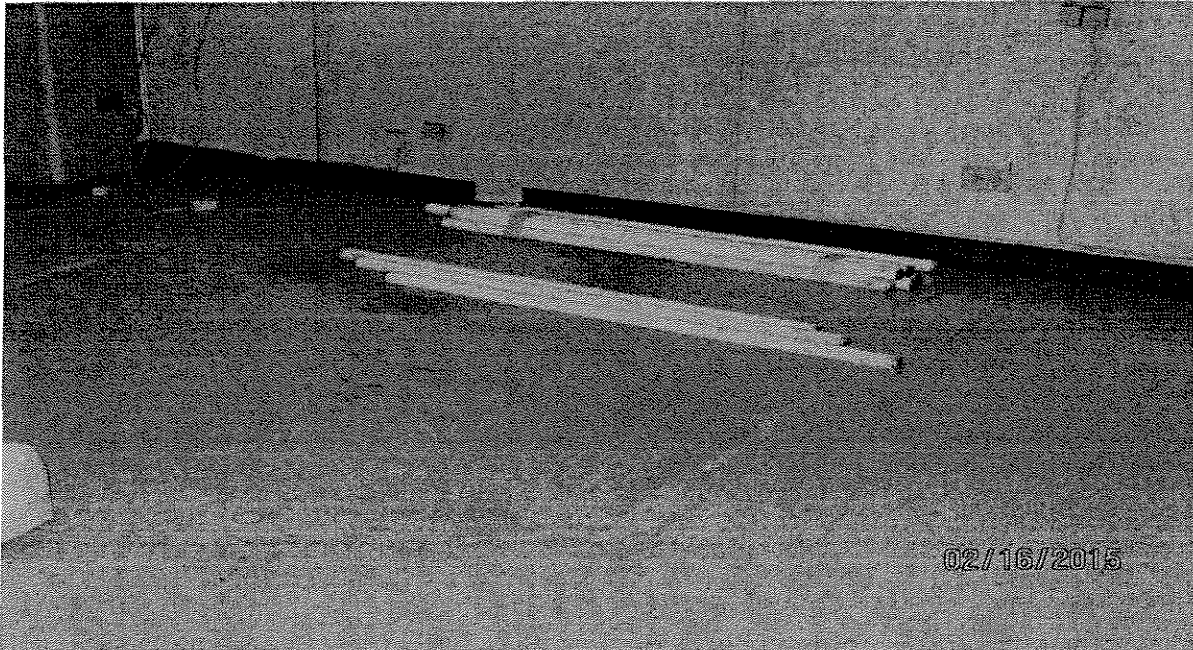


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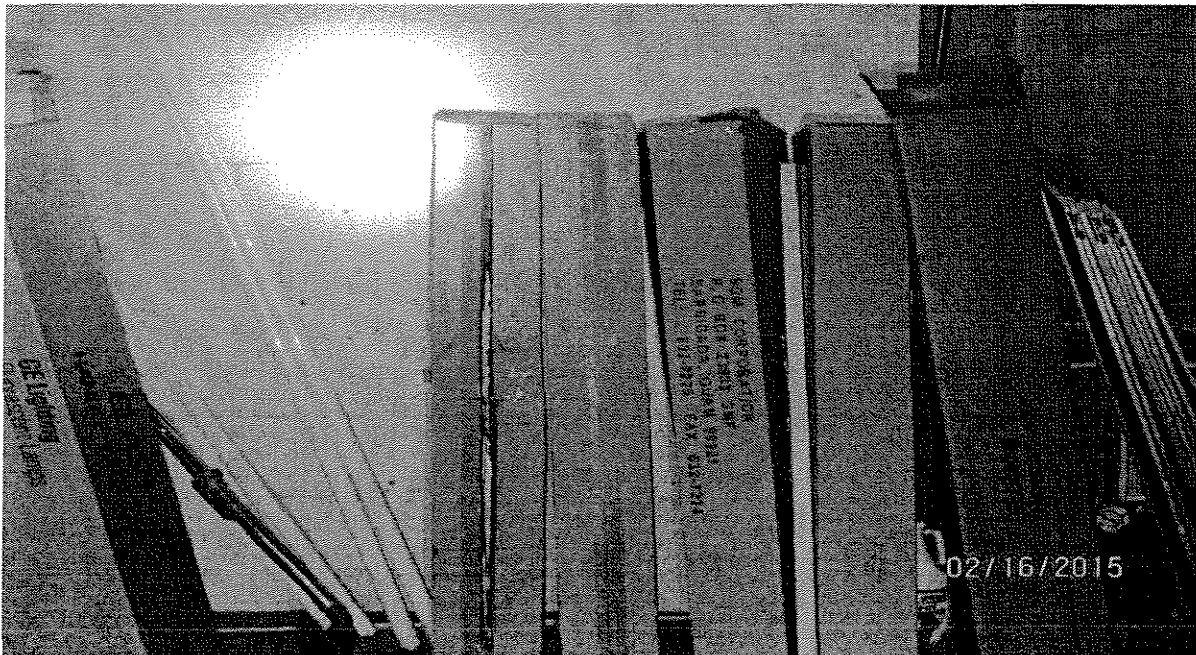


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Description: Fluorescent lamps located in former DOA offices 2nd floor

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Figure No. 11 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Fluorescent lamps located in room #260 former DOE offices 2nd floor



Figure No. 12 **Date Taken:** 2-16-15 **Facility:** Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.
Description: Fluorescent lamps located in room #260 former DOE offices 2nd floor

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Figure No. 13 **Date Taken: 2-16-15** **Facility: Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.**
Description: Potential mold in former DOA offices 2nd floor



Figure No. 14 **Date Taken: 2-16-15** **Facility: Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Bldg.**
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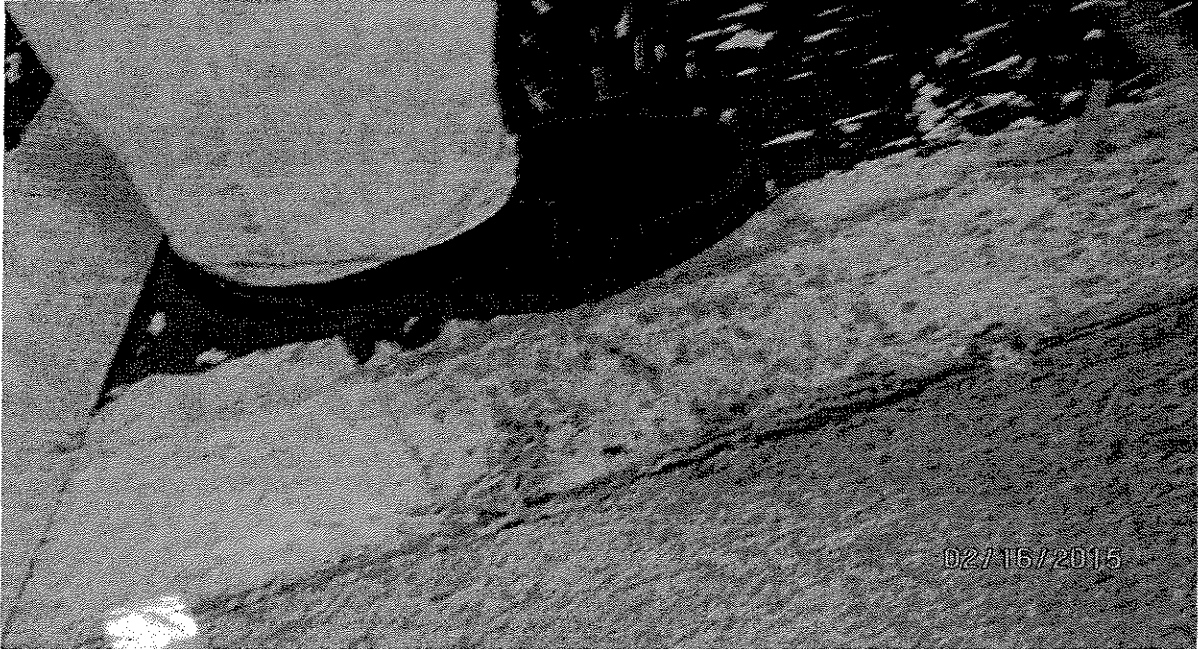
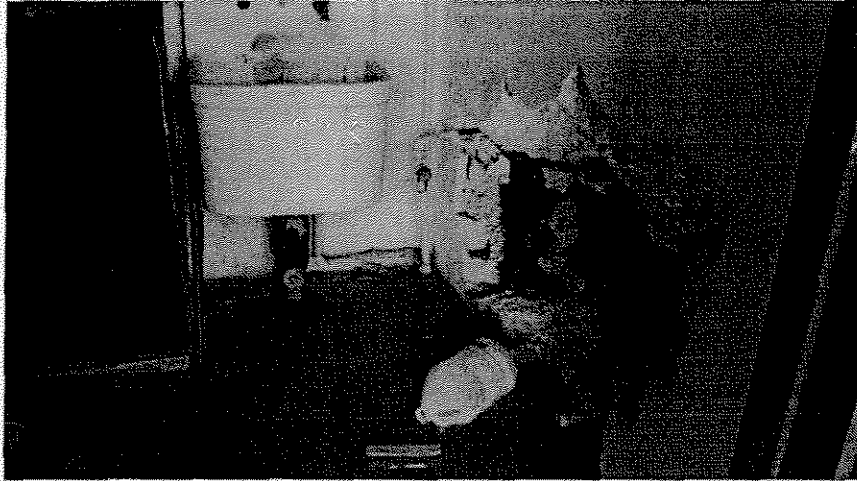
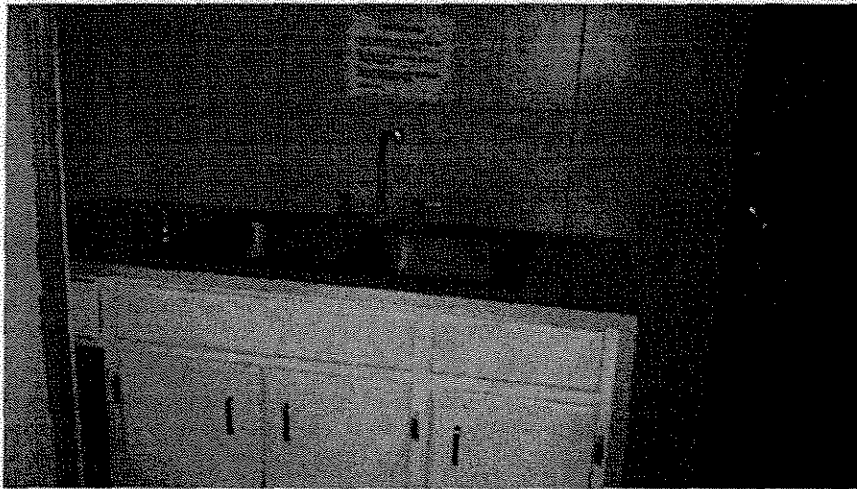


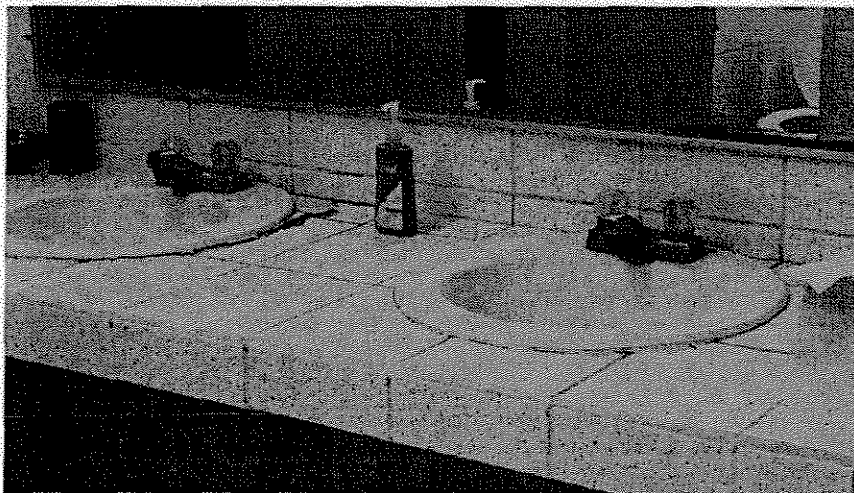
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Description: Asbestos tiles in former DOA offices 2nd floor



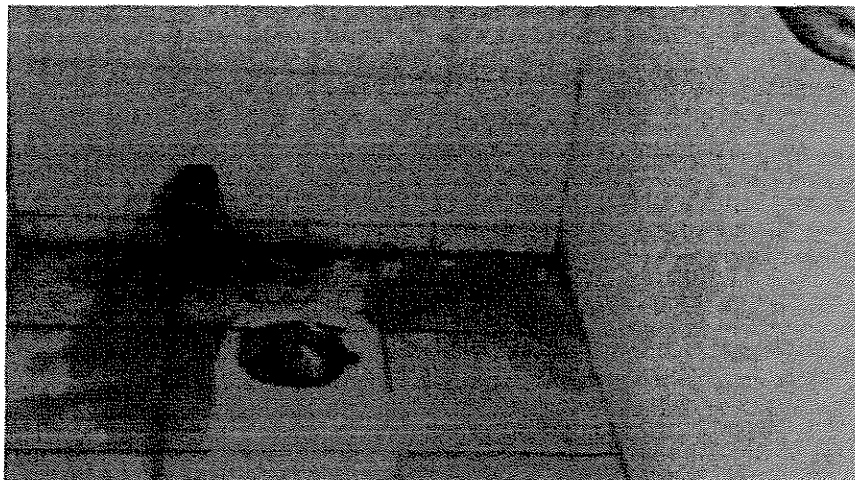
DOA First Floor Utility Room



DOA Admin Office Kitchen Lavatory First Floor



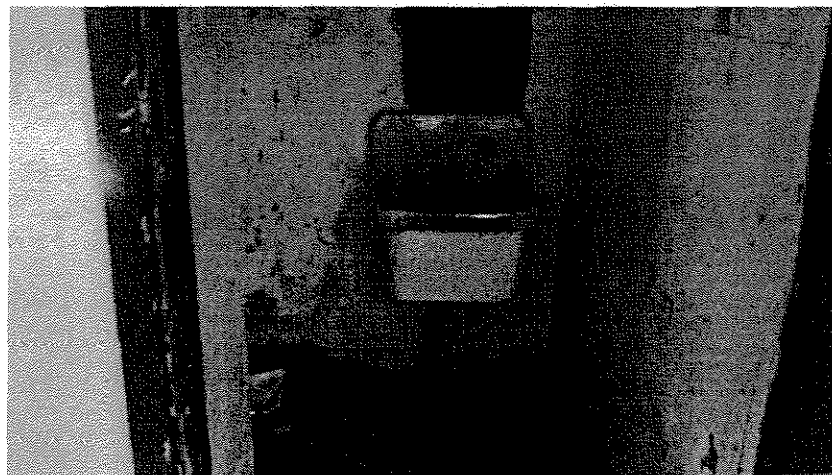
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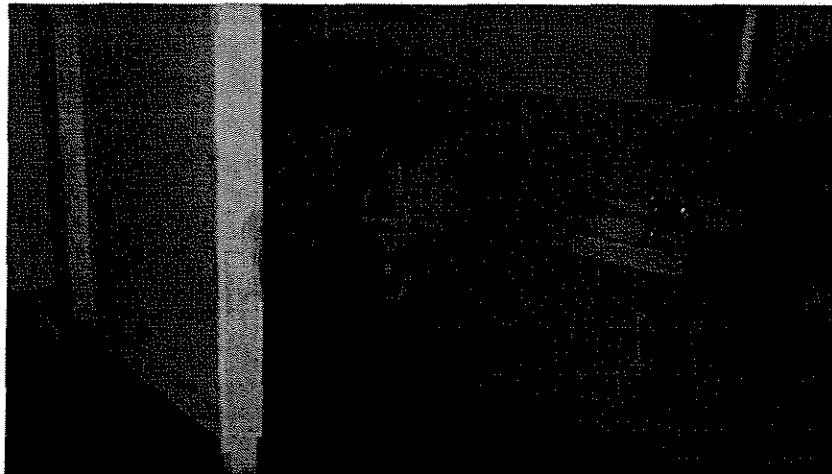
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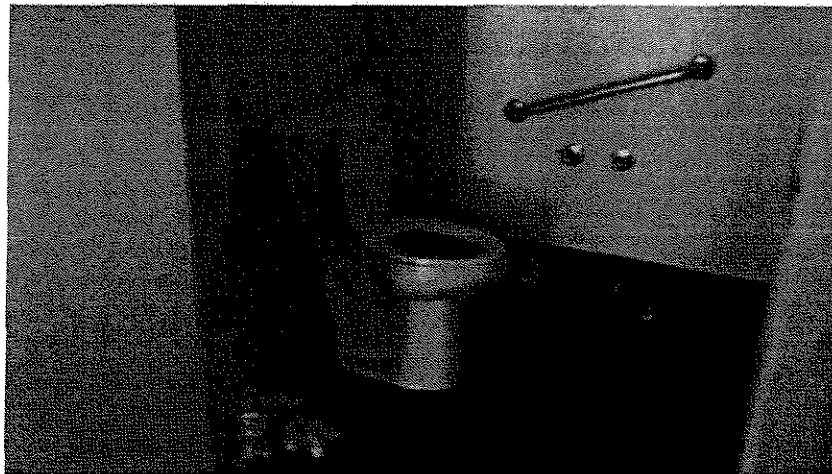
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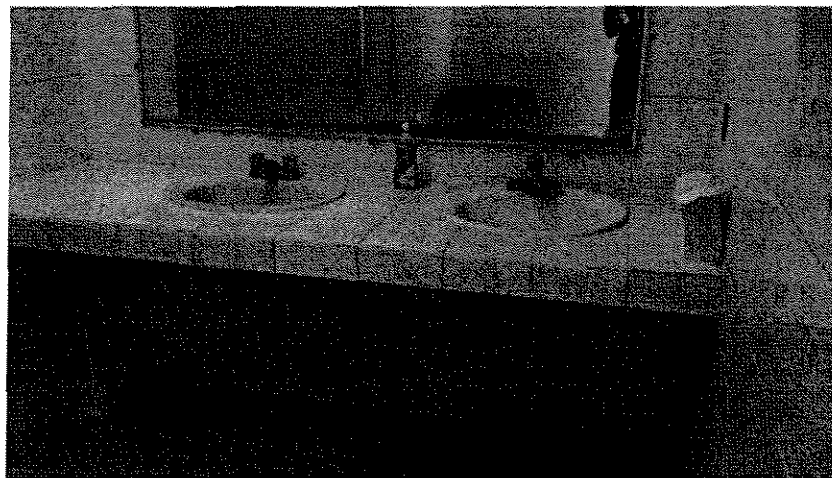
DOE Second Floor Janitor Sink



DOA Second Floor Mens Rest Room



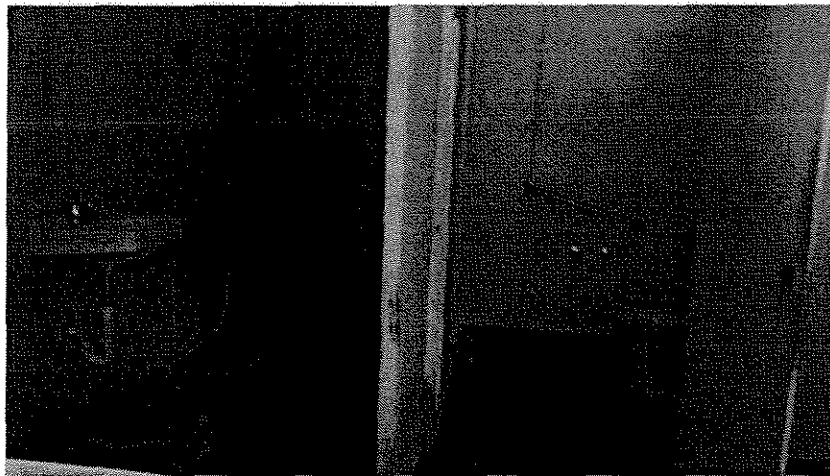
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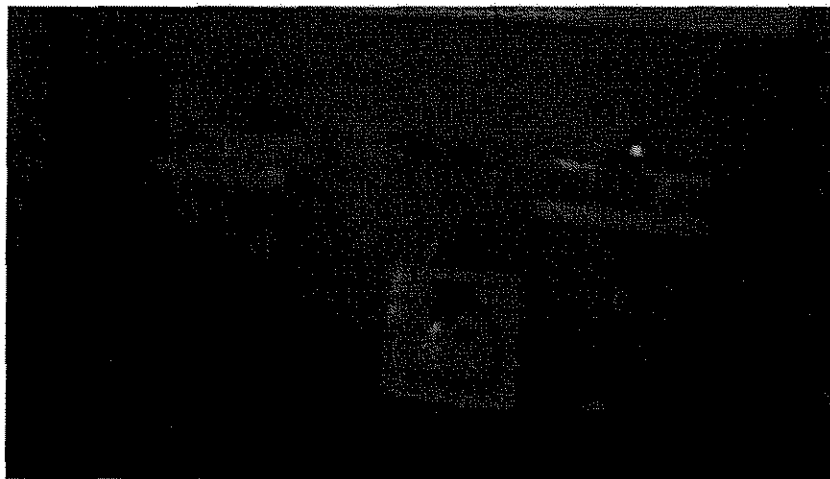
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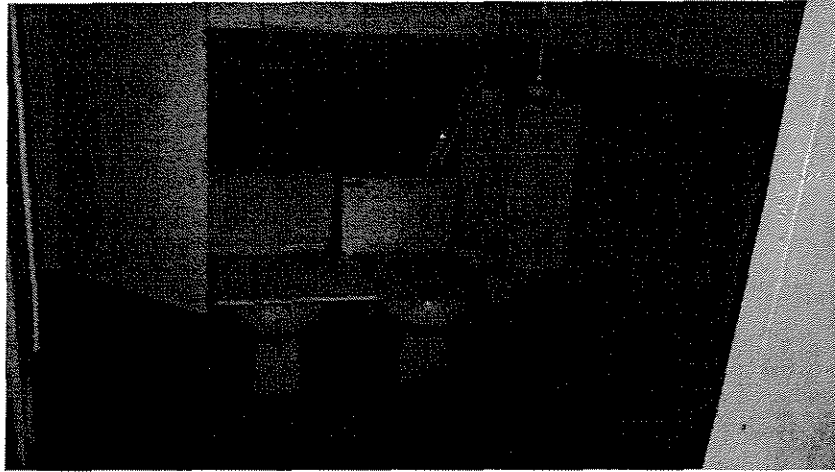
DOA Office Second Floor Kitchen Lavatory



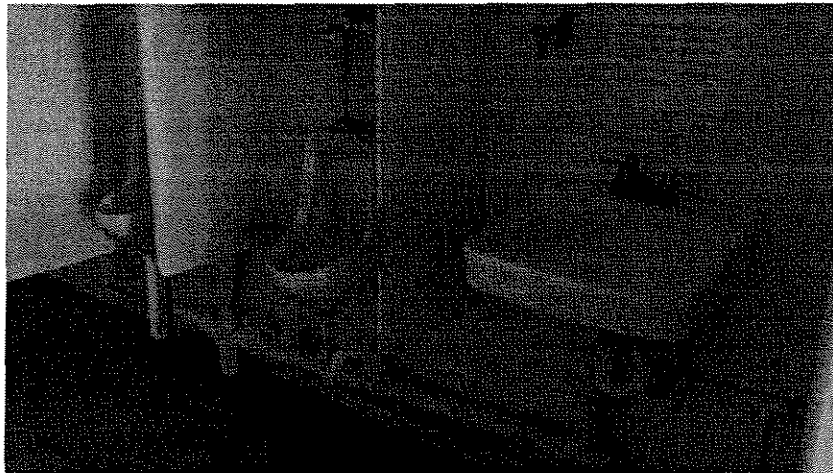
DOE First Floor Womens Rest Room



DOE First Floor Mens Rest Room (Disconnected Lavatory)



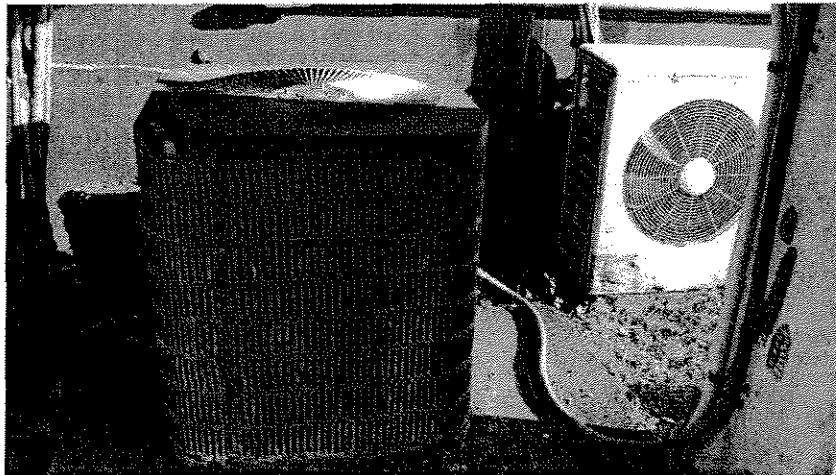
DOE First Floor Mens Rest Room



DOA Second Floor Mens Rest Room



DOA Director Office Rest Room Lavatory



Corroded Condensing Unit at the Backside of DOA Bldg.



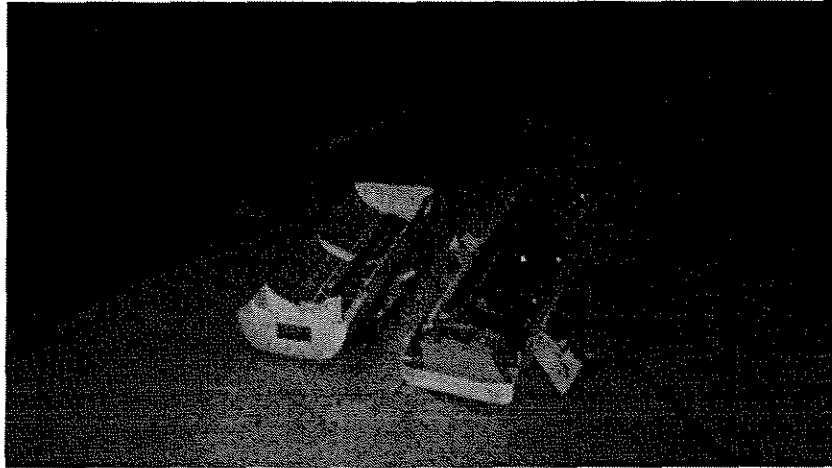
DOA Frist Floor Old AC Ventilation seems not being used before



DOA First Floor AC Ventilation (no power for testing)



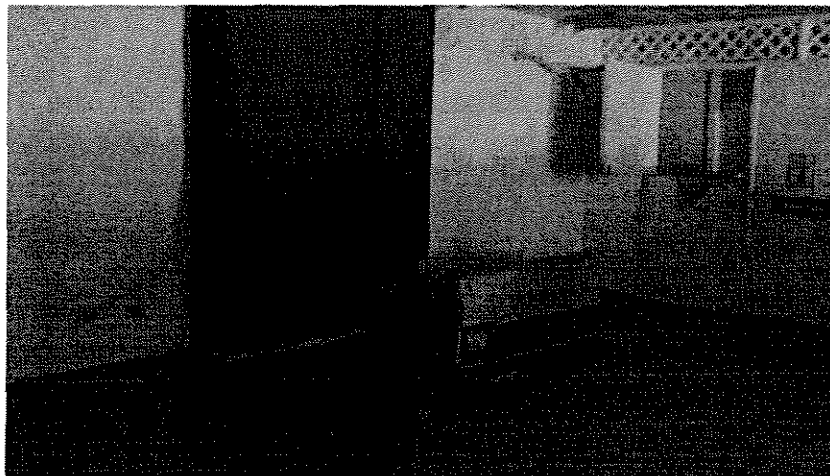
DOA First Floor Corroded and not functioning AC Ventilation



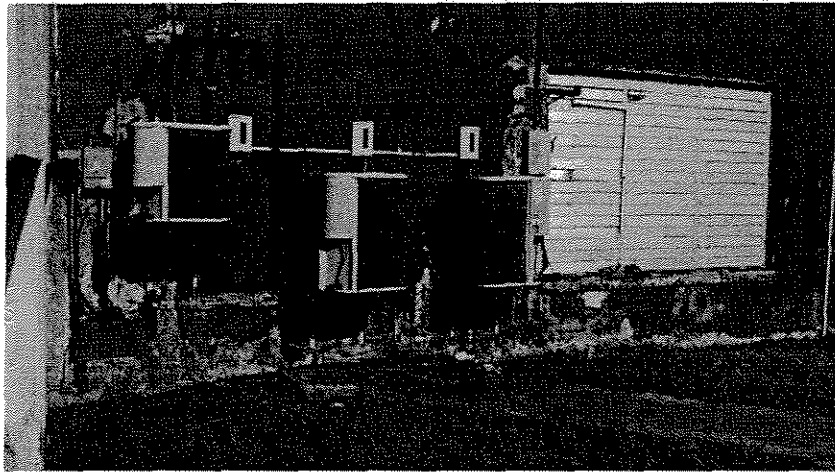
DOA Office Second Floor Broken/Disconnected Evaporating Unit



DOA Office Second Floor Damaged & Disconnected Ventilation Ducting



DOA First Floor Room Disconnected Evaporating Unit



A/C Condensing Unit needs Replacement or overhaul (DOA Bldg. Right Outside)



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March 13, 2015

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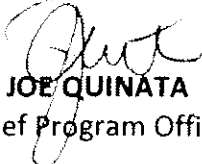
Hafa Adai Senator Respicio,

On behalf of the Guam Preservation Trust, we are pleased to submit the following written testimony regarding Bill No. 32-33.

The Guam Preservation Trust (GPT) is near completion of conducting a feasibility study to reconstruct the Palacio within the Plaza de España grounds and return the seat of the executive branch to the historic heart of Hagåtña. Currently the feasibility study is leading to suggest that in order for the Palacio to be reconstructed, portions of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero administration building will need to be demolished. Other parts of the study include a discussion of providing alternative schematics of constructing areas surrounding the Palacio and Plaza de España to accommodate a return of several Government of Guam agencies and departments. Although the study is still progressing and near completion (April 17, 2015), GPT understands the government's need to resolve the public safety and health concerns surrounding the current footprint of the Guerrero building.

As an advocate of historic preservation, it is GPT's opinion that the Legislature, the Governor, and the Guam State Historic Preservation Office review various preservation treatments, review protocol and processes, and select the most appropriate course for the Manuel F.L. Guerrero building and especially the historic significance of his memory. GPT pledges our support to the result of those discussions and together with our programs, the legacies of our island leaders can be preserved as a vital part of our island's cultural heritage. We look forward to the outcome of the legislation and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 472-9439 or by e-mail at jpgpreservation@guam.net.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

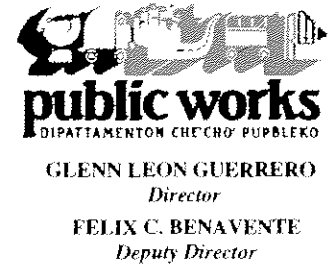

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Chief Program Officer

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Office of Senator Rory J. Respicio	
Name	<i>Glenn</i>
Date/Time:	<i>APR 21 2015 9:30 AM</i>

Re: Bill 32-33

Dear Honorable Senator Respicio,

Hafa adai, my name is Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. I am the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and would like to thank you for the opportunity to again testify in the third round table meeting on Bill 32-33 (COR).

AN ACT TO AMEND § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT

As the Director of DPW, I recommend that the existing Manual FL Guerrero Administration Building (DOA Building) be torn down and offer the following reasons for its demolition.

1. Please be advised that though the DOA Building is not structurally unsound, there are some structural issues. DPW in its April 17, 2015 letter to Executive Director Vince Arriola and Mr. Tom Camacho's, Structural Engineer for DCA, March 12, 2015 letter to DPW both point to no major structural deficiencies observed in their visual assessment. The structural issues observed were the patterned roof cracks between the building frames and the second floor leaks through out the entire length of the building.
2. It should be noted that the renovation costs would exceed the 50% value of the building threshold. Thus as per Building Code 66, all renovations will have to comply with our Current Building Code (IBC 2009, ADA etc) or bring the unit cost to approximately \$250 to \$350/ sf. The total area of the DOA Building is 70,000 sf. So the cost of renovating will run approximately \$17 to \$25 million.

Additionally, once the renovation is complete. The building is good for another 10-15 years. Whereas a new building would cost between \$7 to \$10.5 Million and will last 30 or more years.

Again, I recommend that the DOA Building be torn down as it is uneconomical to renovate the existing structure.

As requested, I have been asked to supply cost estimates for a full engineering assessment and the cost to erect a barricade around the DOA Building. The estimated cost for a full engineering assessment to include Structural, Mechanical, Architectural and Electrical assessment reports is estimated at \$75k. The cost to erect a cyclone fence with a mesh covering will also cost approximately \$75k.

Again thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee, I'm free to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Leon Guerrero', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Leon Guerrero
Director
Department of Public Works



Benjamin J.F. Cruz <senator@senatorbjcruz.com>

Fwd: Return Email from Ms. Creech of NPS: Concern about Guam Historic Preservation Program--Treatment of Historic Properties

EAC/HAC <ecris64@teleguam.net>

Sun, Apr 12, 2015 at 6:54 AM

To: "Sen. Benjamin J.F. Cruz" <senator@senatorbjcruz.com>, "Sen. Justice BJ Cruz" <senadotbjcruz@aol.com>

Dear Senator BJ Cruz: I taking the liberty of forwarding this information to you regarding our mutual concerns for the planned demolition of the Gov. Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagatna. I will let you know further if and when the local SHPO takes any action in response to this email.

Sincerely,

Hope A. Cristobal

483-0097 Cellular Phone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Creech, Pauline" <paula_creech@nps.gov>

Date: April 11, 2015 at 8:56:19 AM GMT+10

Subject: Re: Concern Re. Guam Historic Preservation Program--Treatment of Historic Properties

To: EAC/HAC <ecris64@teleguam.net>

Cc: "Raymond F.Y. Blas" <raymond.blas@dpr.guam.gov>, "Lynda B. Aguon" <lynda.aguon@dpr.guam.gov>, Jose Quinata <josequinata@gmail.com>, "Henry Florence" <hank_florence@nps.gov>, <MMakio@traguam.com>, James Tucker <hampton_tucker@nps.gov>

Dear Ms. Hope Cristobal,

Thank you for your request for the National Park Service to intercede on the magnitude and impact of Guam's proposed historic preservation legislation, Bill No. 03233 (COR). We understand your concerns that if the current Bill No. 03233 (COR) is passed, there will be detrimental consequences on historic properties. The NPS recommended to Guam Historic Preservation Office to conduct an assessment of the Guam historic preservation legislation at our 1st annual meeting at the University of Guam, in August 2014. The Guam Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Lynda Aguon is the principal official that conducted an internal Government of Guam Historic Preservation Legislation Assessment project.

The Guam State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) program annually holds public meetings to consider crucial concerns and ideas from the general public. I am courtesy copying the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Lynda Aguon, and the Director, Parks and Recreation, Mr. Raymond Blas, and the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board Chairperson, Mr. Michael Makio. We are concerned that you were not provided an opportunity to adequately comment on proposed Guam historic preservation legislation and are courtesy copying our colleagues so they may respond to your apprehension about the passage of Bill No. 03233 (COR) and its affects on Guam's historic properties. It is the responsibility of the Guam Historic Preservation Office to provide an opportunity to adequately comment on proposed legislation and that the comments are taken into consideration.

The Guam SHPO is responsible for utilizing an annual public participation process to ensure there is adequate opportunity for input in the formulation of the program. We recommend that the Guam

SHPO address the important concerns in your letter and documents. The Guam Review Board serve as advocates for historic preservation and are established to provide expert judgments about the historical, architectural, and archaeological significance of resources. Adequate public input for review and comment on proposed changes to the historic preservation legislation should be an integral part of the public participation process.

The Guam SHPO is currently in the process of updating the Island of Guam Historic Preservation Plan that achieves broad-based public and professional involvement. The concerns outlined in your enclosures may be addressed in this forum that integrates public historic preservation concerns as well.

The National Park Service role serves as an important mechanism to protect historic resources through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program. Pursuant to the U. S. National Historic Preservation Act, the Historic Preservation Fund grant is appropriated by the U.S. Congress to State Historic Preservation Offices that are in good national standing for preservation programs that will identify, evaluate, register, preserve, and protect historic properties. The Guam SHPO is responsible to manage and administer programs for the protection of Guam's historic properties and serves to assist the public, including all citizens of Guam, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, planners and other officials, property owners, and preservation groups to find solutions to protect, preserve, and revitalize Guam's unique cultural heritage.

We trust that Guam State Historic Preservation Office staff will contact you regarding the proposed Guam historic preservation legislation Bill No. 03233 (COR). Please consider keeping us informed of your progress. Your active involvement is essential for the success of the historic preservation program on Guam. If you have any questions about this email, please contact me at Paula Falk Creech at paula_creech@nps.gov or (415) 623-2352.

Sincerely,

Paula Falk Creech

Grant Management Specialist

Cultural Resources

On Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 4:02 AM, EAC/HAC <ecris64@teleguam.net> wrote:

Ms. Paula Creech, Grants Management Specialist

Pacific West Region, National Park Service 1201 Eye Street, NW (2256)

Washington, DC 20005

March 19, 2015: Email

Dear Ms. Creech:

By way of introduction, I am Hope A. Cristobal who, over the years, has been a concerned advocate for historic preservation on Guam. I was an adjunct professor of Guam history at the University of Guam and a former Senator at the Guam Legislature.

I write this letter out of concern for the Historic Preservation Program on Guam relative to "Treatment of Historic Properties." I am respectfully requesting your kind assistance in clarifying the impacts of the Guam Legislature Bill No. 32-33 (COR) introduced on January 22, 2015 which aims to demolish a historic property listed in the Guam Historic Properties Inventory as "GOV GUAM ADMIN BLDG. # 66-01-1014."

A 5-Year Plan submitted to and approved by the National Park Service (NPS) includes new historic context to identify those associated historic properties with the new contexts which is the period of Guam history between 1950 and 1970. The Guam Legislature Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District held a public hearing on March 4, 2015 which was continued as a roundtable public hearing on March 17, 2015 on Bill No. 32-33 (COR), which proposes to demolish the historic Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building. I have attached herewith certain documents pertaining to the public hearing:

1. Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz's testimony in opposition to Bill No. 32-33 (COR) dated March 4, 2015.
2. My personal testimony in opposition to Bill No. 32-33 (COR) dated March 4, 2015.
3. Vice Speaker Cruz's Press Release relative to his opposition to Bill No. 32-33 (COR) dated March 4, 2015.
4. Guam State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Ms. Lynda Aguon audio recording in favor of demolishing the historic building dated March 17, 2015.

I am deeply concerned about the manner in which Bill No. 32-33 (COR) impacts Guam's historic properties and circumvents the established government of Guam process for the preservation of historic properties. Specifically:

1) This proposed legislative undertaking in the form of Bill No. 32-33 (COR) bypasses the established guidelines for the treatment of historic properties. The Guam SHPO and the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board did not provide a public review process.

Instead, the Guam SHPO, Lynda Aguon, prematurely provided oral public testimony supporting the demolition of this historic property absent historic preservation review.

2) Without the requisite historic studies, the SHPO's testimony in favor of demolition of this historic property was based on one aspect of the value of historic properties (architecture). She claimed that the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building has no architectural value despite the fact that a similar architecture – the Guam Congress Building was listed in the Guam and National Register of Historic Places. She ignored criterion A & B of the eligibility of historic properties—historic association with historic individuals and historic events that occurred in the building.

3) I would like to know if public testimony by the SHPO supporting the demolition of a historic property associated with the under-represented historic context 1950-1970 is a breach of the approved 5-Year Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan (CHPP)

for Guam 2007-2011, Appendix A. The structure is over 50 years old and, it is perhaps the building that most represents the new historic context 1950 - 1970! To the best of my knowledge, the demolition of the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building will create a deficit in sustaining the new historic context 1950-1970 due to its substantial and significant contribution to Guam's modern history associated with Guam's political development (attached reference to testimonies from myself and Vice Speaker Cruz regarding historic significance) and violates Goals and Objectives: Goals 1 through 5 in the CHPP.

4) I am seeking your expert opinion and knowledge as to whether Bill No. 32-33 (COR) and the SHPO's testimony supporting the demolition of an un-reviewed historic property eligible to the Guam and National Register of Historic Places, may jeopardize future Historic Preservation Funding (HPF) Grants from the NPS, its eligibility for funding, or its Mission and Goals because it is in conflict with established federal and local historic preservation guidelines and the promises made in the NPS HPF funded CHPP goals and objectives.

As a person knowledgeable of Guam's history, it is incumbent and necessary to preserve the Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero building for its historical value and contribution to our history and our preservation program.

I look forward to your response by return email as Bill No. 032-33(COR) appears to be moving quickly through the Legislative process. Any information regarding the level of negative impact on HPF Grants because of this bill and the concerns raised - such as possible non-compliance to the HPF guidelines will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

HOPE A. CRISTOBAL

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 Lieutenant Governor of Guam



April 20, 2015



The Honorable Senator Rory J. Respicio
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District
 33RD I Liheslaturan Guahan
 155 Hessler Street
 Hagåtña, Guam



Subject: Testimony on Bill 32-33 (COR) "An Action Relative to the Demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagåtña"

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Chairman Respicio and Committee members.



In 1997, the 24th Liheslaturan Guahan passed Bill 157(LS) to enact Public Law 24-110 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE HAGATNA RESTORATION AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY". The Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority (HRRA) was created for the express purpose of revitalizing and restoring our Capital City of Hagåtña. Under Public Law 24-110, the HRRA receives such guidance in moving forward with its task. The following are some excerpts from that Public Law.



- **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** ... The Guam Legislature also finds and declares: (c) ...the clearance of the area through demolition of existing obsolete, inadequate, unsafe, and unsanitary buildings, and the redevelopment of the areas suffering from such conditions under proper supervision, with appropriate planning, and continuing land use and construction policies.



- **CHAPTER 79 ARTICLE 1. HAGATNA RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**



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- **Section 79102. Definitions.** For the purpose of this Chapter:

- (c) **'Restoration and Redevelopment'** Restoration and Redevelopment means the planning, development, replanning, redesign, clearance, reconstruction, or rehabilitation, or such combination of these, of all Hagatna, and provision of such residential, commercial, industrial, public, or other structures or spaces as may be appropriate or necessary in the interest of the general welfare...

Office of
 Senator Rory J. Respicio

Name: RB

Date/Time: 4/20/15, 5:30 pm

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Testimony to the Honorable Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District

Subject: Testimony on Bill 32-33 (COR) "An Action Relative to the Demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagåtña"

- **Section 79103. Projects Included in Restoration and Redevelopment.** Restoration and Redevelopment included: (a) The alteration, improvement, modernization, reconstruction, or rehabilitation or any combination of these, of existing structures in Hagåtña.
- **Section 79104. Continuance of Existing Buildings.** Restoration and Redevelopment do not exclude the continuance of existing buildings or uses whose demolition and rebuilding or change of use are not deemed essential to the redevelopment and rehabilitation of Hagåtña.

To accomplish this, the HRRRA directed the development of a sustainable and smart growth management the "*Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Plan*". In its initial planning, the HRRRA focused on what our people and history considered the heart of Hagåtña in its restoration efforts. The restoration of the Plasa de España and the adjacent properties that reflects the vibrant significance of Guam illustrious city's history would provide cultural integrity, reestablish our true seat of government, and stimulate economic vigor.

In addition, part of the future of Hagåtña involves bringing the three (3) branches of Guam government back to this vital center and heart of Hagåtña. Therefore, in order to create a government civic complex that would house certain government departments, the restoration of the DOA building would not be consistent with this Hagåtña Plan. The future of Hagåtña has directed the HRRRA to look at the area's historical and cultural significance, the architectural design and character of the place along with its limited space and environmental constraints. Along with the above and best utilization of the limited government property available, the HRRRA supports the demolition of DOA Building.

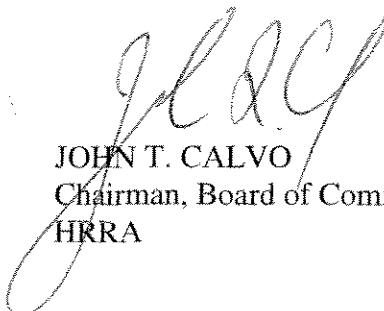
On March 2015, the HRRRA held a planning workshop (charrette) to further garner stakeholders' contribution. A pictorial perspective handout is provided for your review based on the March 2015 Hagåtña Planning Charrette stakeholder participation. In planning our capital city, the two (2) workshop perspectives provided does not include the old DOA building in our efforts to develop the future of our Capital City.

Pertinent to our discussion, the handouts represents a preview of our Masterplan Status Update scheduled for April 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m. oversight hearing at the Liheslaturan Guahan. Once again, the HRRRA supports Bill 32-33 (COR) legislative intent. Please contact either one of us at 475-4281.

Senseramente,

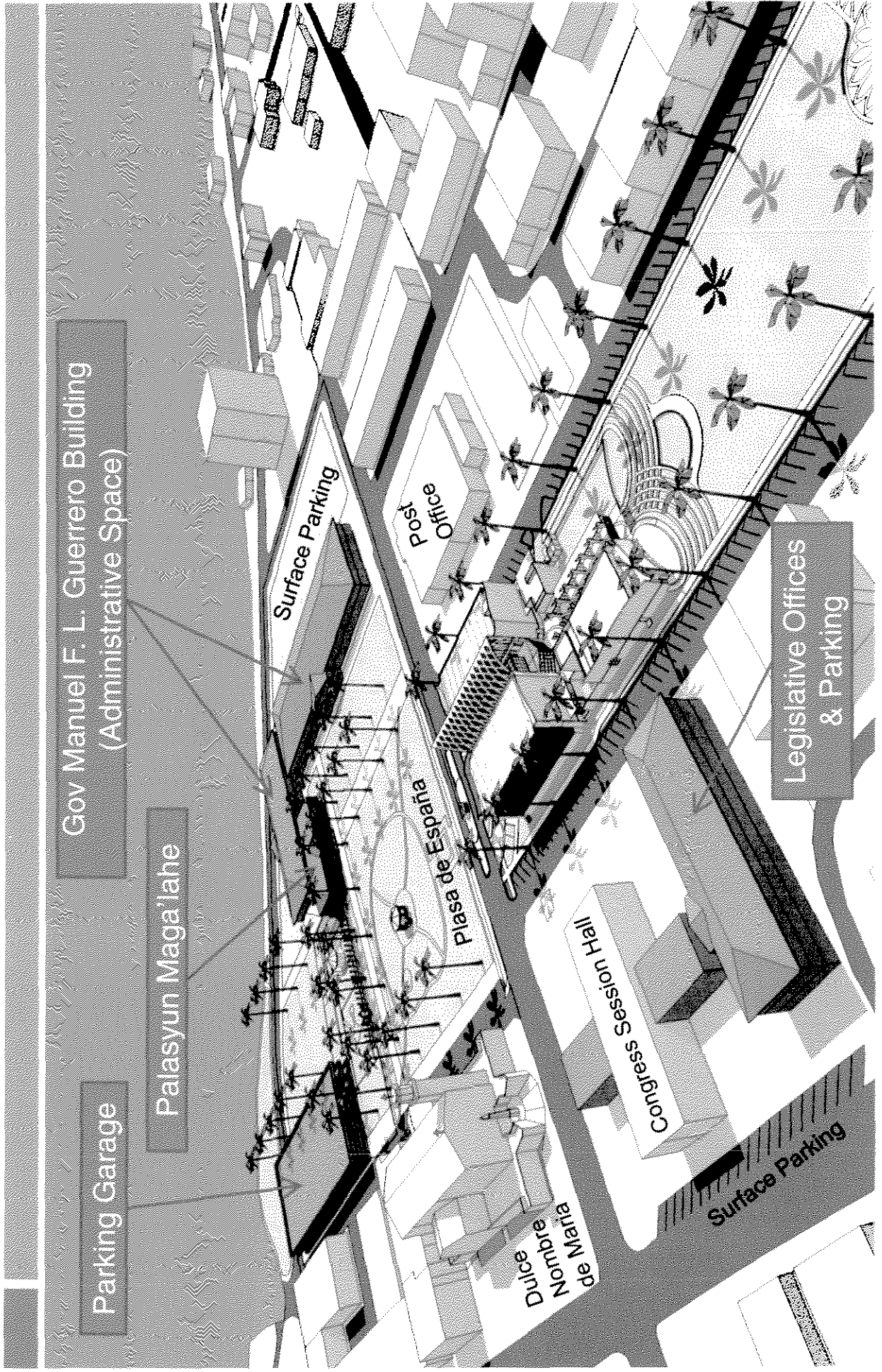


JOSEPH ARTERO-CAMERON
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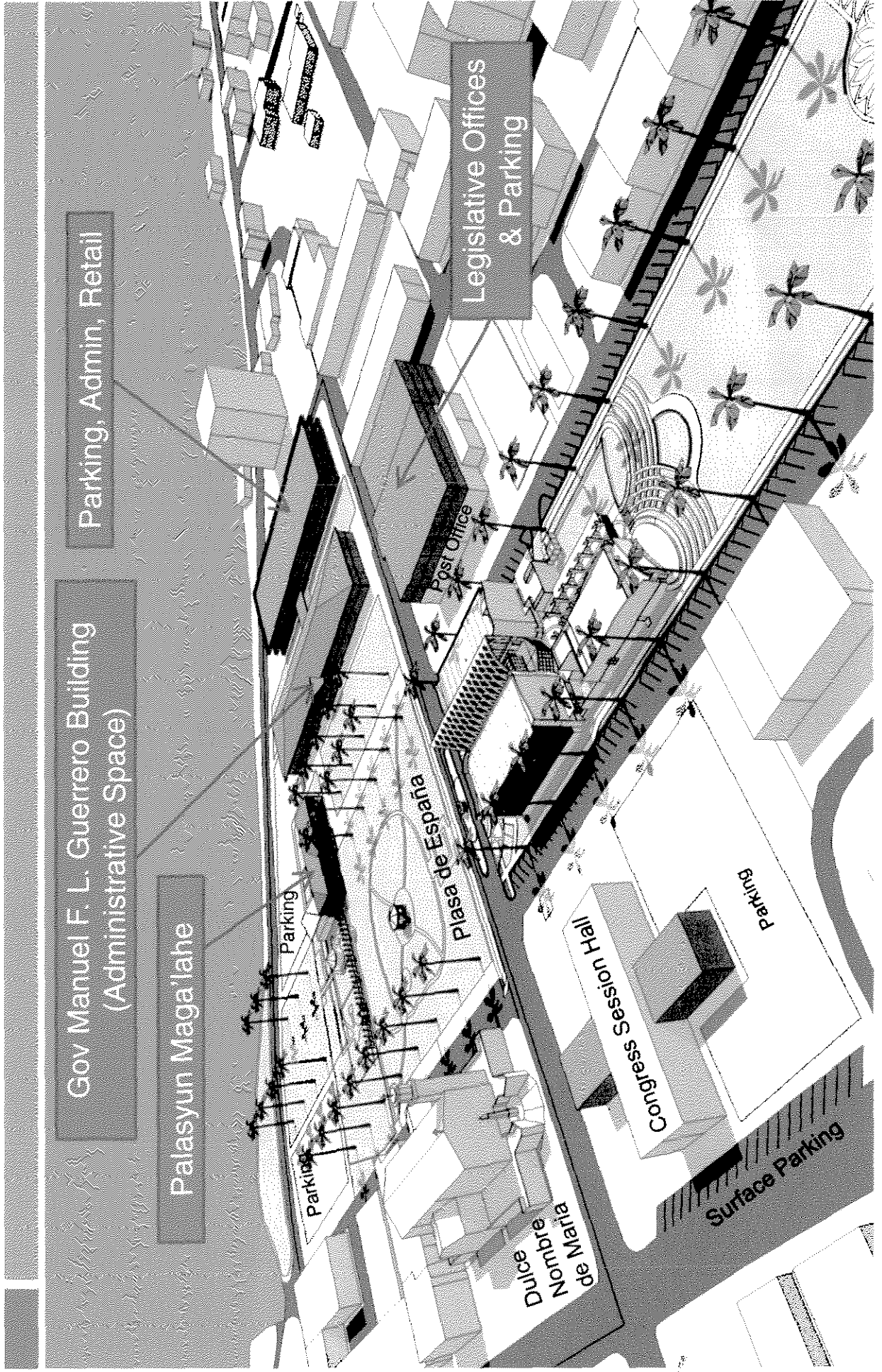


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TESTIMONY FOR BILL 32-33

Relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building

The Guam Preservation Trust hereby submits the following testimony as our contribution to Bill 32-33 Relative to the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

History of the Governor Manuel Guerrero Administration Building

The Guam Preservation Trust, with the assistance of the Richard Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam conducted research on the history of the Department of Administration Building. The research found annual reports by the appointed civilian governors to the Secretary of Interior that document around 57 years ago, in 1957, the Department of the Interior approved \$1,000,000 to construct an administration building in two phases for the department's appointed governor and his administration. In 1959 under Governor Barrett Lowe the first phase of the administration building was completed and housed the executive branch of government and eight departments. Finally under Governor Bill Daniel, the second phase of the administration building was completed in May 1961 and was occupied by the Department of Finance and the Department of Commerce.

Governor Manuel Guerrero was appointed governor from 1963-1967 and was the second local Chamorro governor to hold office in the building. During Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo's 2nd term (1983-1986) and after twenty six years of being housed in the administration building, the executive offices moved to Adelup.

On April 20, 1989, the 20th Guam Legislature held a public hearing on Bill 424 which was to rename the administration building after Governor Guerrero. Senator Ted Nelson, as chairman of the Committee on Government Operations had oversight over the legislation. During the hearing, the son of Governor Guerrero expressed concern that should the building be demolished, and a new one constructed, will the name change carry on. Chairman Nelson assured the Guerrero family that regardless of what happens to the current building, the name change will ultimately follow once a new building is constructed. Bill 424 became public law 20-102 with Governor Joseph Ada approving the legislation on October 16, 1989.

In review of the historical facts, the building was initially built for executive and administrative offices which have since moved to Adelup. As it was built before the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, at the time of construction, it did not require proper Section 106 measures. As the area surrounding the Plaza de España is a historically significant area, it remains unknown as to what historic information can be found when applying today's preservation laws. Should it be demolished, this provides an opportunity for additional archaeological monitoring for further insight to our history.

The Palacio Feasibility Study

The Guam Preservation Trust is near completion with the feasibility study to construct the Palacio at the Plaza de España. The study suggests the demolition of the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building. Furthermore, the study suggest the use of the Palacio as the Governor's office, essentially, returning the seat of the executive to the Chamorros in an area that was once the seat of power over all of Guam from the Spanish, Japanese, and American colonial governments. The study will be completed by the end of this month (April, 2015).

Historic Preservation Program Alternatives

Preserving Guam's historic and significant leaderships and legacies, triumphs and tragedies, conflicts and compromises, and our people and places can be in various formats, concepts, and approaches. For the last twenty-five years the Guam Preservation Trust has worked with the many formats and concepts and with over one hundred individuals, public, and private organizations to preserve Guam's historic sites and cultural heritage. We offer some ideas to preserve the very essence of historic moments during the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building's period:

PUBLIC LAW 20-102

The new executive offices will be named after Governor Manuel Guerrero.

INTERPRETIVE PARK

Develop an interpretive park (similar to the Senator Angel Santos Park) and honor all Chamorro Governors and Chiefs.

COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENT

A monument built at the site, commemorating the people and events that took place at the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

PUBLICATION

Commission a publication of historic and significant events and people that worked at the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

DOCUMENTARY

Commission a video documentary of historic and significant events and people that worked at the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

TALKS AND TOURS


Develop guided tours of the interpretation of historic and significant events and people that worked at the Manuel F. L. Guerrero Administration Building.

In conclusion and in light of the historical facts, we ask that the community of Guam carefully consider the following questions:

- 1) If we decide to demolish the building, then how best do we want to utilize the property?
- 2) If we decide to rebuild any structure in the area, how then can we continue to ensure that the historical events that occurred there, from ancient to contemporary, are properly preserved and documented?
- 3) If we decide to not to demolish the building, what does the building's initial intended purpose and architecture mean to our island and how does it continue to meet the intended purpose of PL 20-102?

The work of the Guam Preservation Trust and the Department of Chamorro Affairs, along with Chairman Nelson's assurances in the committee reports of Bill 424 can help answer the first and second question. To help answer the last question, we look forward to working with the various stakeholders and our island community to help shape what we should preserve and transmit as vital to our culture and heritage.

Si Yu'os Ma'ãse,



JOE QUINATA
Chief Program Officer

Political and Economic Development (1950–Present)

Guam's orientation and familiarization with political issues and self-determination did not change significantly under the American Naval Administration from that of Spanish governance since the ceding of Guam to the United States under the terms of the 1898 Treaty of Peace (Paris). Naval governors had become naval authoritarians with complete control over civil rights matters and economic development, especially in the control of land issues and the implementation of land tax. It was not until the 1949 Guam Congress walk-out and the passage of the United States Congressional 1950 Organic Act of Guam that the local people finally enjoyed some measure of self-determination in deciding the course of political growth in local affairs. The Organic Act also granted United States citizenship to the majority of the local people as determined by the Act. On September 1, 1968, Congress passed the Guam Elective Governor Act, P.L. 90-497, which amended the 1950 Organic Act to allow the people of Guam to elect their own governor and lieutenant governor, beginning in 1970. The Act also made changes to the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution regarding its application to Guam by Congress. On August 21, 1962, President John F. Kennedy issued Executive Order 11045, removing the Navy security clearance for all visitors to Guam. The order removed the "military blanket" and its stringent restrictions, obstacles preventing Guam from enhancing its economic development and establishing a thriving free enterprise system. In 1965 Guam passed P. L. 8-80, establishing the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), which provided business loans and issuance of "QC" (qualifying certificates) resulting in foreign investments on Guam. Other contributing factors to the economic surge were the reconstruction efforts by both Guam and the U.S. military as a result of typhoon Karen in 1962 and Vietnam War-related military projects. In 1969 Japanese tourists were beginning to fill the hotels to capacity in Tomhom (Tumon). Historic properties and sites associated with this historic context include the Guam Congress Building, the Manuel F. Guerrero Building, and the Government House.

April 19, 2015

Testimony for Bill 32-33

Relative to the Demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building

To The Honorable Senator Rory Respicio, Chairman-Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign, and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources; Election Reform; and Capitol District

Dear Senator Respicio,

The following testimony is submitted in favor of the demolition of the Department of Administration Building.

The following is simply an opinion and perspective on the demolition of the DOA building based on training and background as an architect and planner and upon a personal perspective and training as a life-long preservationist.

Addressing the question of if the building is on the Guam or National Register or does the building meet the criteria for inclusion in the Guam or National Register we provide the following:

Background

The Department of Administration Building has been studied and discussed and for many years. From the planning perspective, the overall sense of the building is that it was laid out and built in a manner that turns its back and blocks views of the Plaza de Espana (which, many feel, is one of our most important historical properties) on two sides.

The layout of the building also includes an access road along the rear which has become an unfortunate alley which is highly visible from the Plaza de Espana. The building does not relate well to the street as the screens conceal most of the activities and the fenestration itself. The building has a connecting bridge-like walk that provides a small and obstructed glimpse of the Plaza.

Unlike the National Register listed Guam Congress Building, which was built and intended to seat two branches of government (legislative and judicial), the DOA building was built as an administrative office building by the federal government – before it was turned over to the Government of Guam. The Guam Congress Building was also the site of the legislative walk-out – an act of Civil Disobedience by many of Guam’s most significant post war leaders, which was instrumental in empowering the Government of Guam and elected officials of the island. Anecdotally, the Department of Administration may have built from borrowed plans from a military barracks according to references for the period of construction.

Paula Creech of NPS did make contact regarding the ongoing discussions and has been advised that the building is not on the Guam or National registers. It has been communicated to Ms Creech that although the building is older and was discussed at least twice for possible nomination, it was ultimately deemed lacking in the criteria for registering a property. Therefore, the protocols and protections established for Register-listed properties and resources may not apply. There are protocols and processes outlined for protection of historic properties on the register that are endangered in some manner.

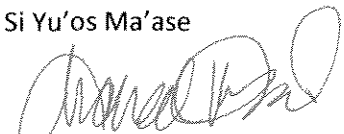
It does not appear that there was a breach of preservation protocols as opined by advocates for the DOA building.

There was also discussion about the references in the preservation plan of the DOA building in the landscape of postwar government evolution. This was a descriptive tool used in the preservation plan not a formal historic designation.

The Department of Administration building lacks a hierarchy of spaces which one would expect as compared to the obvious hierarchy seen at the Guam Congress Building. The DOA building lacks a monumental entry and related poorly to the adjacent two streets and most public visitors to the building meander across the lawn to the offices they are visiting. The hierarchy of space and the monumental entrance are features you would expect. The concrete screen which was intended to block late sun is poorly executed and again blocks the visual access to and from the building. There are many better examples of recent history architecture that are being pursued for registration. From the architectural perspective- the building lacks a sense of place.

Lastly, it appears that the family of the late Governor Manuel Guerrero have not objected to the demolition of the building- so long as a proper monument is established in his memory, the removal of the building seems viable.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase



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February 12, 2015

Memorandum

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

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Fiscal Notes**

Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal notes for the bill numbers listed below. Please note that the fiscal notes are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill No. 32-33(COR)

Bill No. 33-33(COR)

Bill No. 35-33(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'ase'!

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 32-33 (COR)**

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGATNA.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Economic Development Authority	Dept./Agency Head: John A. Rios, Administrator
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$0

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2014 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2015 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2015 Appro. (P.L. 32-181 thru 32-233)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2015 (if applicable)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? Yes No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? N/A Yes No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? Yes No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? N/A Yes No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? Yes No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? Yes No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: Yes No
 Requested agency comments not received by due date Other:

Analyst: <u>Jason Baza</u> Jason W. Baza, BMA I	Date: <u>2/6/15</u>	Director: <u>Jose S. Calvo</u> Jose S. Calvo, Acting Director	Date: FEB 12 2015
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Footnotes:
1/ See attached comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 32-33 (COR)
(for revenue generating provisions)

Projected Multi-Year Revenues					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Comments:

1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 32-33 (COR)

The intent of the proposed legislation is to add a new §1515(i)(2)(B)(v) to Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated relative to the inclusion of the project to demolish the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building to the list of projects funded by HOT Bonds (HOT Bond Law – P.L. 30-228). The projects funded by the HOT Bond Law are known as the Historic Hagatna projects.

Per the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), the current projects listed in Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 5, GCA are anticipated to lapse in funds. It is GEDA's intent to request that the Legislature amend the cited law to include the demolition of the former Department of Administration Building. The cost of the demolition project will be funded by the lapsed funding from the projects currently listed in the cited law.

The Bureau has determined that there will be no adverse financial impact to fund the demolition project with lapsed funding from other Historic Hagatna projects. However, if lapsed funding is insufficient to cover the full cost of the demolition project, an alternate fund source would have to be identified. Currently, there is no mention of an alternative fund source in the proposed legislation.



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January 23, 2015

MEMORANDUM

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

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 32-33(COR)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 32-33(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
32-33 (COR)	R. J. Respicio T. R. Muña Barnes Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA.	01/22/15 4:42 p.m.	01/23/15	Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District			

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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February 3, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
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From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing– Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

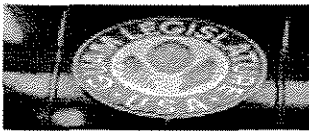
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February 6, 2015

MEMORANDUM

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From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio *[Signature]*

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing– Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

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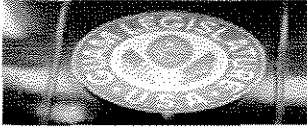
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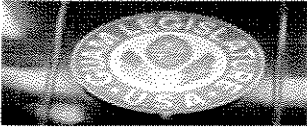
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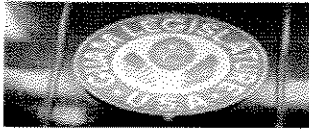
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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

February 23, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
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From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio *[Signature]*

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing- Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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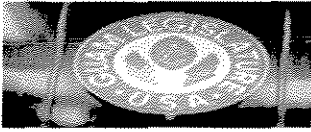
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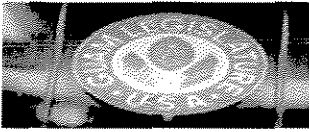
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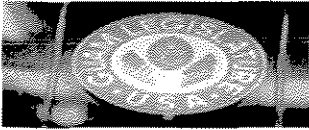
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February 26, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members

All Media

From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing– Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

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9:00 A.M. Public Hearing

- Appointment of **Maria Connelley**, Director, Department of Labor

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

- Appointment of **Gregory D. Perez**, Member, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners

Length of Term: Five (5) Years

- Appointment of **Ann Roth**, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors

Length of Term: Three (3) Years

- **Bill No. 23-33 (COR)**- "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION § 3102(a) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO DELETE SUBSECTION § 3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION § 3102.1 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING AND STREAMLINING GUAM'S VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES." **Sponsor- Senator Mary C. Torres**
- **Bill No. 24-33 (COR)**- "AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION § 3102(c) TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO AMEND § 3122 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO VOTER PRE-REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AT LEAST SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE." **Sponsor- Senator Mary C. Torres**
- **Bill No. 25-33 (COR)**- "AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION § 3101.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ENABLING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS INCIDENT TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION." **Sponsor- Senator Mary C. Torres**

2:00 P.M. Public Hearing

- **Bill No. 32-33 (COR)**- "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 79601 OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 79, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO *ADD* A NEW ITEM (v) TO §1515(i)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F.L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN *HAGÁTÑA* AS A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) BOND PROJECT." **Sponsors- Senator Rory J. Respicio, Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes and Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**

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March 9, 2015

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To: All Members
All Media

From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: First Notice of Round Table Meeting-- Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

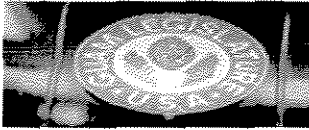
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To: All Members
All Media

From: Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio

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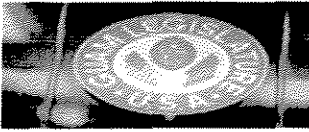
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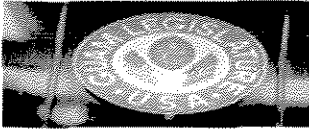
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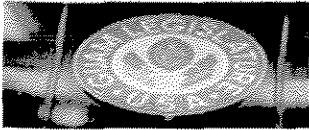
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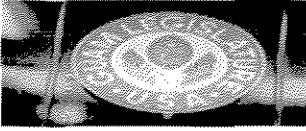
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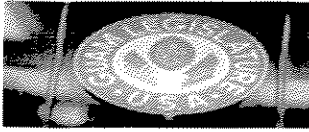
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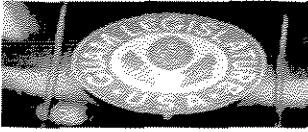
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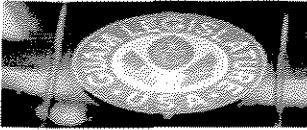
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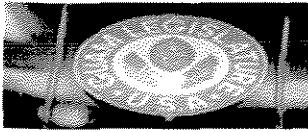
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April 10, 2015

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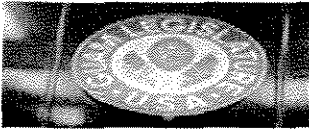
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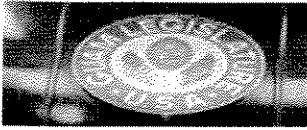
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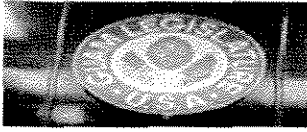
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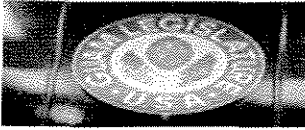
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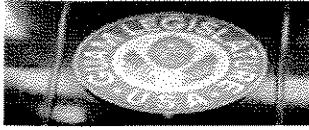
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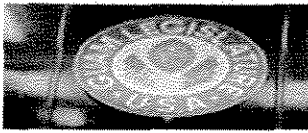
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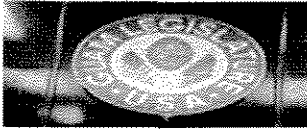
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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

April 17, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

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Ms. Lynda B. Aguon
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Subject: Notice of Round Table Meeting-- Monday, April 20, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

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Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 2:53 PM

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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 • 9:00 AM
Legislature's Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Announcements**
- III. Items for Public Consideration**

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 • 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Legislature's Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

AGENDA

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9:00 A.M. Public Hearing

- Appointment of Maria Connelley, Director, Department of Labor
Length of Term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor
- Appointment of Gregory D. Perez, Member, Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority
Board of Commissioners
Length of Term: Five (5) Years
- Appointment of Ann Roth, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors
Length of Term: Three (3) Years
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Legislation authored to demolish old DOA building

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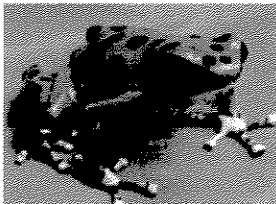
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Guam - Legislation is in the works to demolish the vacated Manuel Guerrero Administration Building in Hagatna. The building is owned by the Guam Legislature and formerly housed the Department of Administration and the Department of Education.

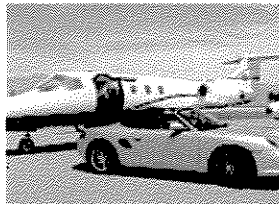
Guam Economic Development Authority administrator John Rios told KUAM News, "We've been working with the Rules Chair Senator Rory Respicio and we provided a draft bill to him to allow for the demolition of the Department of Administration building it would also transfer from the Legislature to the Government of Guam the property so further development, part of the Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment master plan will be used and that property will be considered," he said.

Rios estimates the cost for demolition to be about half a million dollars. The governor in his most recent address made a resolution to move forward with the Hagatna Revitalization Plan and tear down the building in order to begin the process of reconstructing the Spanish governor's palasio.

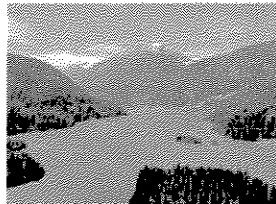
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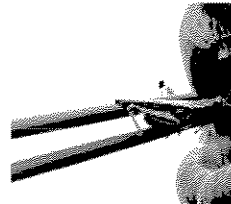


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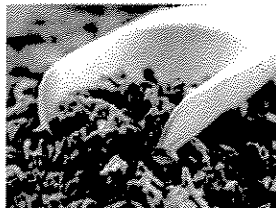
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News Release
For Immediate Release

Senator Respicio introduces bill authorizing demolition of *Hagåtña's* old administration building

January 26, 2015 – During its more than 60 years of service, the old building known as the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in *Hagåtña* once housed the Office of the Governor, the Department of Administration, the Department of Education, and many other executive branch offices. Drivers licenses were also issued, payments made to the Government of Guam, policy was set for the Department of Education, as well as for the Departments of Labor, and Land Management.

Unfortunately, according to Sen. Respicio, "the past 60 years have not been kind to the old administration building, and structurally it is far better to level the entire structure and pursue other options."

Last week, Senators Rory J. Respicio, Tina Muña Barnes and Speaker Judi Won Pat introduced a one line amendment to Guam law which will authorize demolition of the old building which is named for Guam's Governor from 1963 to 1969.

Bill 32-33 (COR) says the building, "has serious structural, mechanical, electrical, and environmental issues that create significant safety hazards and render the building unfit for further occupancy such that all government of Guam agencies that were utilizing the building have relocated to other offices."

The amendment adds the demolition of the Administration Building to a list of other projects funded under the Guam "Hot Bond" law, which are intended to revitalize the historic capital of *Hagåtña*.

Respicio credits Governor Calvo's support to use remaining proceeds from the HOT Bonds for this demolition project, and pledges continued partnership with the administration on determining the most appropriate use of the property, taking into consideration the historical perspective and any available financial means for financing this significant undertaking.

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo in a weekly address said, "I was glad to hear that GEDA, in partnership with Sen. Rory Respicio, is moving forward with efforts to demolish the old administration Building in *Hagåtña*. As you know, my goal is to build the governor's *palacio* as part of an overall plan to make *Hagåtña* the center of culture and history on Guam."

For more information, please contact Senator Respicio's office at 472-7679.

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UNSWORN DECLARATION: I hereby declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury of the laws of Guam, this declaration being sworn and made in lieu of an affidavit pursuant to Title 6 Guam Code Annotated §4308, at the place and date identified herein.

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio.

Attachments: Bill No. 32-33 (COR).
Photos provided by the Office of Senator Rory J. Respicio.



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News Release
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Bill 32-33 to Demolish the Gov. Manuel F.L. Guerrero building Taken off Agenda

February 11, 2015 –At a public hearing this morning at the Guam Legislature, a bill that would have authorized the demolition of the dilapidated and presently unoccupied Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in *Hagåtña*, was taken off the Committee's agenda. This was done to allow further discussion on the environmental, mechanical, safety, and structural issues affecting the building, and also to determine what other use could be made of the building and its site.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District made the announcement at this morning's public hearing that the bill will be taken off the agenda.

Senator Respicio said the bill authorizing demolition of the building was drafted by the Guam Economic Development Authority which described it as having, "serious structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental issues that create serious safety hazards and render the building unfit for further occupancy..."

"The representation of that bill was that the better way to go was to level the building because it was not structurally sound," Senator Respicio said. "We have a letter, dated April 17, 2012, from then Director of Public Works at the time, Joanne Brown stating otherwise."

Senator Respicio said that in light of the need to confirm the structural integrity of the Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero building that "the most prudent thing to do" is to take the bill off the agenda and to hold a series of roundtable hearings with not only GEDA, but the Governor together with his administration, the *Hagåtña* Redevelopment Authority, members of the legislature and the public.

"We have the utmost respect for the history that has unfolded in this well utilized building and for the legacy of Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero and other Governors who have served there, and we want the final decision on the disposition of the building to reflect this historical significance," said Senator Respicio.

For more information, please contact Senator Respicio's office at 472-7679.

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Rory J. Respicio

Bill on demolition of administration building in Hagåtña to be heard today

Written by BY LOUELLA LOSINIO | VARIETY NEWS STAFF
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THE committee on rules has scheduled a public hearing today at 9 a.m. for Bill 32-33, a measure which authorizes the demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagåtña.

Sens. Rory Respicio, Tina Muña-Barnes and Speaker Judith Won Pat introduced the measure which amends Guam law to authorize the demolition of the aging building which, as noted in the bill, "has serious structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental issues that create significant safety hazards and render the building unfit for further occupancy such that all government of Guam agencies that were utilizing the building have relocated to other offices."

According to the proponents of the bill, the cost of rehabilitation to bring the building to current uniform code standards does not warrant the significant investment of public funds necessary to extend the useful life of the facility.

The building, which was named for Guam's governor from 1963 to 1969, once housed the Office of the Governor, the Department of Administration, the Department of Education, and many other executive branch offices. In that building, driver's licenses were also issued, payments made to the government of Guam, and policies were set for the Department of Education, as well as for the Departments of Labor, and Land Management.

Last year, GDOE relocated their operations from the Hagåtña building to Tiyan. Meanwhile, DOA relocated its offices in 2013 to the ITC building in Tamuning.

According to Respicio, "The past 60 years have not been kind to the old administration building, and structurally it is far better to level the entire structure and pursue other options."

The amendment adds the demolition of the Administration Building to a list of other projects funded under the Guam HOT Bond law, which are intended to revitalize the historic capital of Hagåtña.

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Bill stalled: Sen. Rory Respicio, D-Agana Heights, stalled his bill to demolish the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagåtña from moving forward. Bill 32-33 states that structural issues have created "serious safety hazards," making it unnecessary to renovate the building. During a public hearing yesterday, Respicio said he wanted to work with government agencies and the public to discuss other alternatives for the building. Shawn Raymundo/Pacific Daily News/sraymundo@guampdn.com

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Cruz Opposes Destruction of Historic Building

March 4, 2015

SAYS DEMOLITION OF GUERRERO BUILDING NEEDLESS IN GOVERNOR'S HAGÁTÑA REVITALIZATION PROJECT

(March 4, 2015 – Hagåtña) Citing cultural preservation priorities and cost issues in his testimony presented during a public hearing today, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz has opposed legislation proposing the demolition of the historic Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building in Hagåtña and is urging his colleagues in the 33rd Guam Legislature to discuss alternatives.

The measure, Bill No. 32-33 (COR), removes the Guerrero Building from the Guam Capitol District listing and adds its demolition as an authorized Hagåtña restoration project funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax Bonds funds. The revitalization of the capital was one of the infrastructure endeavors highlighted in the State of the Island address delivered by Governor Eddie B. Calvo last month.

"I ask each of you, why would we destroy the place where we achieved our first real measure of self-governance after 400 years, only to replace it with a towering monument to our colonizers?" stated Cruz in a letter submitted to the Committee on Rules, which heard Bill No. 32-33 (COR) this afternoon. "Why would we honor a place in which we, the Chamorro people, were servants to a Spanish crown at the cost of dismantling the place in which we became Statesmen?"

In his exposition, Cruz detailed the celebrated history of this Hagåtña building, which was called the Administration Building until Public Law 20-102 signed in 1989 renamed it after Manuel F.L. Guerrero, the second Chamorro governor of Guam from 1962 to 1969 and the first to serve for a term of more than four years.

Among the many achievements during Governor Guerrero's term was the creation of the Guam Telephone Authority, Guam Power Authority, Port Authority of Guam, Guam International Air Terminal, and Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; Guerrero was also instrumental in the congressional designation of the University of Guam as a land grant institution.

Noting a Department of Public Works assessment of the Guerrero Building in 2012 that recommended renovation after failing to find significant structural damage during inspection, Cruz stated that rehabilitation would provide 53,000 sq. ft. of office space that could save millions in rental costs. Currently, the building's former occupants (Guam Department of Education, \$355,573; Department of Administration, \$474,924; Guam Regional Transit Authority, \$75,000) spend close to \$1 million annually on office space.

Alternatively, Cruz stated, instead of using the Guerrero Building site to accommodate the Festival of the Pacific Arts activities in 2016 as proposed by Governor Calvo, other suitable areas such as Ypao Beach, Hospital Point, Leo Palace Resort, and the fields between George Washington High School and the University of Guam should be considered for this purpose. The Vice Speaker recommended tabling the bill and holding public hearings to further discuss means that would allow for both the restoration of the Hagåtña district and conservation of the Guerrero Building.

The referenced documents [click here](#). For more information, call the Office of the Vice Speaker at 477-2520 or 687-7567.



Cruz: Demo Decided Weeks Before Safety Inspections

(March 17, 2015 - Hagåtña) Armed with recently obtained public records of site inspections, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz continues to staunchly oppose legislation proposing the demolition of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building in Hagåtña, adamant that based on archaeological surveys of Plaza de España the replication of a Spanish-era governor's palace—part of Adelup's various infrastructure projects for the year—does not warrant the destruction of the historic building.

During the demolition bill's round table hearing at 5:30 p.m. today, Cruz provided Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) responses from Department of Public Works (DPW) director Glenn A. Leon Guerrero that corroborate the assessment the agency made in 2012, thus confirming the structural integrity of the Guerrero Building. Moreover, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency in its response admitted that it has yet to determine the presence of asbestos or other hazardous substances based on its Feb. 16 inspection of the building.

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Eric De Plata A shame to tear down the memories, that's been with me since I was 6 years old. But things have to change.

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Tammy De Plata it has historical value, but the building itself no longer serves a purpose. as with all other depreciable things, the DOA's days are numbered and the govt could always erect a monument with history included and a picture of what it looked like when first built

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Governor Criticizes Cruz For Opposing Demolition of Manuel FL Guerrero Building

Written by Clynt Ridgell

Cruz Says Both DOA Building and Governor's Palace Can Coexist

Guam - Governor Eddie Calvo criticized Vice-Speaker BJ Cruz and other senators for questioning the plan to demolish the Manuel FL Guerrero DOA building for the construction of the Old Spanish Palasyo or Governor's Palace. The governor accused Vice-Speaker Cruz of playing politics. The Vice-Speaker on the other hand tells PNC the Manuel FL Guerrero building and the Governor's Palace can coexist.

"What I think is a great idea, what the family of the great governor whose name was placed on that building thinks is a great idea, is being attacked by Vice-Speaker BJ Cruz and a few others in the legislature. These same senators could have helped to ensure the building was maintained and didn't fall into disrepair. Instead, they did nothing. They provided no solutions, took no action, and in the meantime, the building's condition worsened," said Governor Calvo. The building was named after one of the forefathers of GovGuam and the island's second Chamorro governor.

"Do you think that Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero would be proud that his name is on that building? Vice-Speaker Cruz also called the palasyo a "monument to our colonizers," said Governor Calvo. The Governor says it was Cruz who introduced a bill that funded the construction of other Spanish monuments including the Spanish bridge in Agat and the Malessso bell tower.

However, Vice-Speaker Cruz says he has no problem with the reconstruction of the Spanish Palasyo or Governor's palace rather he has a problem with it's construction at the expense of a building "where we became statesmen". He says both buildings can fit and both will be good for Guam's historical preservation and tourism. The palace is 145 feet long it starts at the corner of the azotea closest to the chocolate house. You run from that point 145 feet towards where the old Department of Administration building was there's still 20 ft left," said Vice-Speaker Cruz.

The Vice-Speaker says the DOA building can be repaired and remodeled and used to house the ten senators who won't fit in the old legislature building that is being rebuilt. "We could turn the executive floor where the governor's office used to be that whole floor into a beautiful permanent exhibit on the governors of Guam," said Vice-Speaker Cruz.

Vice-Speaker Cruz suggested building public bathrooms, a GVB satellite office and even a souvenir shop on the bottom floor. He says this would be good for tourists and those who visit the Angel Santos latte stone park, the

Plaza De Espana, the
Governors Palace or the Manuel FL Guerrero building.

After some freedom of information act requests the Vice-Speaker says he found that both Guam
EPA and DPW inspected the
building after Senator Respicio introduced a bill to demolish it.

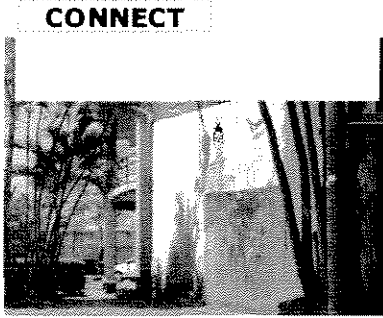
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To demolish or not to demolish?

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It appears officials are at odds over legislation to demolish the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building in Hagatna. About two years ago, both the Department of Education and the Department of Administration moved out of the downtown facility.

"Problems ranged from busted water pipes that sometimes left bathrooms inoperable, an old power box, slick steps that actually caused a death, and an elevator that didn't always work," said Governor Eddie Calvo. He noted in his weekly address that this "dilapidated building" has since sat unoccupied and unattended except for a few homeless people. "My goal is to move our island forward," he stated. "That's why my team and I came up with a solution to the dilapidated building that has become a public health and safety concern."

That solution is demolishing the building and building a palasyo that would house various government offices and get rid of the need to pay for rent. The building is owned by the Guam Legislature. "That's why we reached out to work together with the Legislature, at least to those who don't want to place politics, to put this plan into action," Calvo said. The governor is referring to Vice Speaker BJ Cruz who has come out opposing Bill 32 introduced by Senators Rory Respicio and Tina Muna Barnes and Speaker Judi Won Pat. Cruz says while he's against demolishing the building, he is in favor of building the palace - an idea he says first came about while he was the legal counsel in

former governor Ricky Bordallo's first term.

Cruz said, "They keep thinking the palace needs to take down the education wing at the Manuel Guerrero building; if anybody does their research they'll realize the footprint of the palace is only 145 feet and it starts at the left end of the Azatea. If you run 145 feet from the left end of the Azatea toward the education building, you will find there is still 20 feet leftover after the end of the 145 feet, so the two can coexist."

Cruz says he actually wrote the articles of association for the Palace Restoration Association of Guam in 1977. He says while the bill was introduced in late-January, it wasn't until after that an engineer was brought up to look into the building. "They weren't doing their research," the vice speaker said. "That's the problem with this whole thing." Cruz adds \$30,000 a month in rental could be saved for the 10 senators who are outside of the Guam Legislature Building.

In his address, Governor Calvo criticizes the senators who oppose the idea as they could have helped ensure the building was maintained and didn't fall into disrepair, saying, "I ask him, why didn't you ensure that the building was maintained to the level it should be if you felt so strongly about it. Do you think that Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero would be proud that his name is on that building?"

As for why it's taken so long? Cruz says it's about money - even today, he's not sure the funding for the project is even known. "Who is going to go out there and say we're going to build a palace and not build a school - Simon Sanchez (High School), or the palace?" he said.

Cruz says Department of Public Works director Glenn Leon Guerrero estimated the cost to be around \$17 million. His office adds while the building is owned by the Guam Legislature, it is under the purview of the Committee on Rules chairman. In the meantime, while Bill 32 goes up for its second roundtable tonight, it has already been placed on the current session agenda.

Demolition of DOA building discussed anew in roundtable

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ALTHOUGH the committee on rules has included Bill 32-33 in yesterday's session agenda, it also conducted a roundtable hearing on the measure to further gather input or come to a consensus on the fate of the historical Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building.

Bill 32 amends Guam law and provides for the leveling of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building, also known as the Department of Administration building, as part of a hotel occupancy tax (HOT) bond project.

Sen. Rory Respicio, the author of Bill 32, said the measure is on the session agenda but will not move forward without a committee report. He added that the report will not be compiled unless there is a consensus on how to proceed.

During the roundtable, Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz reiterated his staunch opposition to the legislation, notifying the body of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) responses received from both the Department of Public Works and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency which he said confirmed the structural integrity of the Guerrero Building.

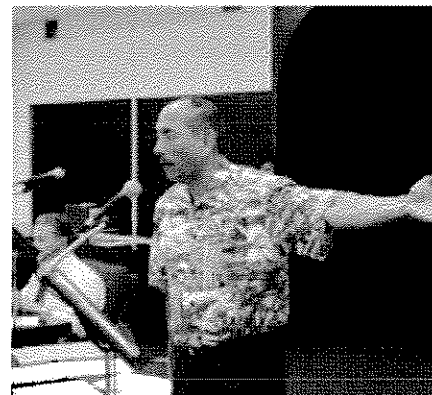
Cruz requested DPW to provide all documents, reports, assessments and evaluations which were used in the formulation of the department's testimony during the bill's public hearing on March 4.

"I couldn't figure out where GEDA or whoever wrote the bill for the committee got that impression that the building was in structural disrepair. This is the second DPW site visit that shows that it is not structurally deficient," Cruz said.

GEPA

Cruz said he also requested GEPA to provide any documents that would indicate the presence of asbestos or any hazardous substances at the site; the steps taken or documents issued to notify employees of possible exposure to hazardous materials determined to be present by GEPA; and the specific steps taken to mitigate employee exposure.

Cruz said GEPA responded that "further actions have not been undertaken by the agency. Moreover, it continues to conduct its diligent review of the information following a site visit on Feb. 16, 2015."



During the roundtable, Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz reiterated his staunch opposition to the leveling of the Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration Building, also known as the Department of Administration building. Photo by Matt Weiss / Variety

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Study

During the roundtable, Respicio said he is pushing for a study that would determine the fate of the building, stressing that he wants to generate consensus or common ground among stakeholders.

"I just want to underscore that if we are going to appropriate moneys from the HOT bonds to do a study, we must ensure that it will be in line with what will get us towards whether to demolish the building or renovate," Respicio said. "I don't want the people to think that we are going to fund another study that will be going nowhere."

Vice-Speaker Cruz Testifies in Opposition to Demolition of Manuel Guerrero

Building

DPW Director Glenn Leon Guerrero says his inspectors found major problems with the Manuel Guerrero DOA building in Hagatna. "He estimates the structure was built in 1960 which makes the building over 50 years old based on the building code standards at the time of construction the building will not meet the current building codes and may require an extensive amount of structural retrofit," said Leon Guerrero.

Leon Guerrero says this will include exterior and interior reinforcement of concrete walls, repair of concrete spawling damage and the replacement of the entire mechanical and electrical systems. This could come at an estimated cost of \$17.5 - \$25.5 million dollars.

Guam EPA also testified saying that their inspectors recently found numerous health and safety issues with the building. "Such as lead based paint asbestos in tiles and metal safe boxes mold rear projector films and canisters uncontained and possibly ignitable reactive and toxic. fluorescent bulbs possibly containing mercury and fluorescent bulb fixtures," said Acting EPA Administrator Yvette Cruz.

Vice-Speaker B.J. Cruz is off-island but he submitted written testimony in opposition to the demolition of the Manuel Guerrero building and asked Kin Perez to read it for him. "This was the place from which Governor Manuel Guerrero planted the seeds of Guam prosperity and signed into law the creation of the Guam Economic Development Authority. The same entity that now advocates the destruction of the building which bears Guerrero's name," said Perez. Perez also told lawmakers on behalf of Cruz that replacing the Manuel Guerrero building entirely with the Governor's palace would mean wiping out an important part of Guam's history. "Why would we honor a place in which we the Chamorro people were servants to a Spanish crown at the cost of dismantling the place in which we became statesmen? Why shouldn't the Manuel FL Guerrero building continue to stand witness not only to the Guamanian people but also to the boundless promise of our future," said Perez.

The Vice-Speaker says there is an alternative that can allow the recreation of the Governor's palace while saving the Manuel Guerrero building. Cruz says in his testimony there were already plans that would've allowed for this to happen.

<http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/government/legislature/item/2439-vice-speaker-cruz-testifies-in-opposition-to-demolition-of-manuel-guerrero-building>

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Re: Bill No. 32-33 (COR)

Dear Vice-Speaker Cruz:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated today, April 28, 2015, which seeks my support to return Bill 32-33 (COR) back to my legislative committee. Unfortunately, I don't agree with your assessment, and your poetic defense of the dilapidated Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration building in *Hagåtña*. Moreover, any suggestion that there is a political conspiracy to destroy this building serves only to further politicize a revitalization of Guam's capital city that will benefit all island residents.

Mr. Vice Speaker, your claim that Bill 32-33 (COR) is being rushed remains unsubstantiated. As you are aware, we held three public hearings/roundtables on this matter. In fact, at the first public hearing, members of the late Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero's children and other family members testified in favor of its demolition, provided that their late father's historic and valued services are appropriately recognized post-demolition. I am pleased to report that Bill 32-33 has been revised to further reflect this commitment.

We are requiring the involvement of the Guam Preservation Trust and the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority to determine the appropriate landscaping as well as placing proper ground lighting and a monument honoring Governor Guerrero on the same site. The amended bill will require that these provisions be done immediately following the demolition of this building. This means that this area will be immediately converted to a useable open space and remain open to the public.

It is easy to exploit some initial confusion about the structural state of this deteriorating, unsafe and sadly outmoded building. These claims have all been thoroughly discussed in our public meetings, and justifiably refuted by members of Governor Eddie Calvo's administration. We also received guidance from the Guam Preservation Officer, and the State Historic Preservation Officer on the reasons why this building has not been nominated to be placed in the historic registry. I recognize your passion and the "firepower" you have mobilized to keep this building from being demolished, but to denigrate public employees involved in this process as politically driven is disrespectful and unfair to them.

Public input on this bill makes it clear that there are more appropriate and practical ways to recognize the late Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero without saddling the people of Guam with the millions of dollars it would cost to gut and completely bring this structure to code. It has been credibly asserted that even such a costly project would provide only a decade of use of this refurbished government building, as opposed to a new, better designed structure which will be consistent with the plans to revitalize *Hagåtña*.

Again, I respect your expressed view and thank you for registering your thoughts opposing the demolition of the Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Administration building. I respectfully, however, do not support your request to send Bill 32-33 back to my legislative committee. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase!*

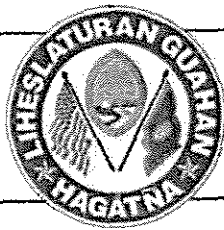
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Dear Colleague:

There has always been an abiding struggle between nature and preservation: what history has built nature can destroy. By wind or tsunami, typhoon or earthquake, nature when bent on destruction will not be denied. And yet, some disasters are in the nature of men, born of our own making, built on haste and our partiality to the path of least resistance.

I write to you seeking refuge from the impending tsunami that is Bill No. 32-33 (COR) (Bill 32), which aims to destroy the Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero Building, a historically significant structure that housed numerous Governors of Guam and countless government agencies and their directors during the infancy of Guam's first years at self-governance. Our political forefathers worked there, they dreamed of the Guam that would be, and they established for us the underpinnings of the ground on which we stand today. Now we confront a political force so intent on demolishing that part of our history that basic due diligence is denied.

Since the introduction of Bill 32, I have posed numerous questions that to this day remain unanswered. Firstly, why is demolition justified? While the answer was simple at first—that the Guerrero Building has become structurally unsound—that answer has been proven to be unsubstantiated. Two separate Department of Public Works (DPW) reports, one in 2012 and another last month, attested that although the building did need work, its structural soundness was not in question.

Once that argument fell, Bill 32's advocates raised the dire need to replicate the Spanish *Palásyo*, declaring that the demolition of the Guerrero Building could not be avoided if the Palace was to rise again. This, too, is false. A published archaeological study entitled "The Archaeology of the Governor's Palace: Plaza de España, Agaña, Guam" (M.K. Schuetz, 2008) includes maps and scaled drawings that show approximately 15 feet of clearance from the original foundations of the *Palásyo* to the back wall of the Guerrero Building, thereby disabusing anyone willing to assert the notion that the Guerrero Building could not co-exist contemporaneously with a reconstructed *Palásyo*. It later became apparent that the announcement of the plans for the *Palásyo* was a mere placeholder for the true intent of destroying the Guerrero Building.

Not to be deterred by the truth, those committed to the Governor's bidding then argued that it would be too expensive to renovate or rehabilitate the building. However, more questions remain: What was the factual basis of this argument, and what detailed cost estimate was undertaken?

Documents provided through a Freedom of Information Act request, demonstrate that no such estimate was provided. Instead, DPW's cost analysis was based on a text message from an engineer who, according to the documents, "took a stab" at the potential cost on the fly. Should a guess suffice when the front office and not the facts determines the manner in which the Legislature makes law?

Invariably, more justifications for destruction were "found", this time by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) whose claim that the Guerrero Building exhibited potential environmental hazards was based on a study conducted with the Executive Director of the Guam Legislature weeks after the introduction of Bill 32. However, when GEPA was FOIA-requested information to verify that such hazards exist, it responded that the findings were still under review, thereby precluding confirmation of contamination.

Moreover, should GEPA now confirm the presence of environmental hazards in the Guerrero Building, we should be reminded that the same hazards were also found in the Tiyan campus whose costs for renovation and rehabilitation into a school facility have run into the hundred of millions of dollars. Curiously, the price paid to rehabilitate that property was necessary but the Guerrero Building is somehow worthy of less. The government has easily spent large amounts of taxpayer dollars on Tiyan High—formerly riddled with asbestos and lead-based paint—but now screams about the cost of historic preservation.

And still the administration and its allies pressed on. During the most recent round table hearing held by the Committee on Rules last week, a well-orchestrated dog-and-pony show was performed by the Governor's appointees and other individuals from GEPA, DPW, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DRT), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), the Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority (HRRA), and the Guam Preservation Trust (GPT)—all scrambling to provide any reason to destroy the Guerrero Building regardless of its veracity.

To my utter dismay, even the SHPO and the GPT representatives were in favor of destroying such a historically significant landmark, in spite of their primary mandate, based on their mission and responsibilities in accordance with Guam law, to preserve Guam's rich history.

It was at this hearing when the truth was finally revealed. Here I discovered why the destruction of the Guerrero Building was so necessary, why so many government agencies and entities fell in line and took up the rallying cry against the preservation of one our most important symbols of early autonomy: the demolition was vital to a plan, one yet to be unveiled and approved by the Guam Legislature, to completely reconstruct the face of Hagåtña at significant potential cost to the taxpayer.

This extensive undertaking appears to require the closure of the Department of Corrections Hagåtña Detention Facility, the Guam Police Department Hagåtña precinct, the Department of Administration Office of Technology building that houses the government's financial management systems, and a large portion of Aspinall Avenue; a plan that has yet to be exposed to the public, yet is being indirectly approved with the destruction of the Guerrero Building. While advocates of this plan have purported an annual funding source of nearly \$6 million, we do not know if these "lease savings" will be used to secure new debt, obligate our government through a future leaseback, or dictate the price of government leases long after we are forgotten.

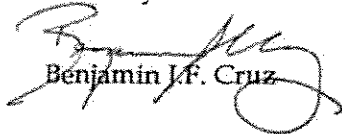
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Let us not be swayed by those who find their arguments first and their evidence second. Let us not spend our inheritance before we have read the will. Let us be wary in approving the destruction of the Guerrero Building, only to later find out that its demolition is only the first of many such acts. Let us not decide in haste but with careful regard and recognition of our current financial challenges and the history of our political development.

This is the main reason I have introduced Bill No. 86-33 (LS), "An act to place the Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero Building in the Guam Register of Historic Places." This measure will ensure that the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board performs its due diligence in accordance with its statutory mandate relative to the construction, renovation or alteration of historic sites on Guam.

We each have a choice: we can stand on the right side of history or we can stand to destroy it. I respectfully ask that you support my effort to return Bill 32 to Committee.

Sincerely,



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