

#### I Mina'Trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature

#### Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.

Chairperson, Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives

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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan

155 Hesler Place

Hagatha, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D.

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives hereby reports out the nomination of Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz to serve as the Ed.D. Member to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification for a term of three (3) years from the date of confirmation by the Legislature as defined by §27003, Chapter 27 of Title 17 Guam Code Annotated.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.

Chairwoman

### COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF

DR. LISA A. BAZA-CRUZ, Ed.D.

# TO SERVE AS THE Ed.D MEMBER TO THE GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION



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#### MEMORANDUM

To:

All Members

Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives

From: Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Appointment of Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D.

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This report includes the following:

- 1. Committee Voting Sheet
- 2. Committee Report Narrative
- 3. Copy of Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- 4. Copy of Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- 5. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 6. Copy of COR referral of the Appointment
- 7. Notices of Public Hearing
- 8. Copy of the 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 my office.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

Chairwoman

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#### **Committee Voting Sheet**

#### Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives

Appointee: Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D.
Position: Ed.D. Member
Guam Commission for Educator Certification

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Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.

Chair, Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiative

### COMMITTEE REPORT APPOINTMENT: DR. LISA A. BAZA-CRUZ, Ed.D. GUAM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

#### II. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiative convened a public hearing on March 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm in I Liheslatura's public hearing room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D to serve as the Ed.D. Member to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and whose appointment history is as follows:

- 1. Appointed by Governor Edward B. Calvo on January 15, 2015 to serve three (3) years from date of confirmation by the Legislature.
- 2. Appointment packet forwarded to I Liheslatura on January 15, 2015;
- 3. Appointment packet forwarded to this Committee for public hearing on January 15, 2015.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery and e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on February 27, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on March 6, 2015 and March 7, 2015 (48-Hour Notice).

#### (a) Committee Members and Senators Present

Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D., Chairwoman Vice Speaker BJ Cruz, Member Senator Frank Aguon, Member Senator Brant McCreadie, Member Senator Mary Torres Senator James Espaldon

#### (b) Appearing before the Committee

Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Appointee

Ms. Christina B. Quitugua

Ms. Lea Santos, Executive Director, Guam Commission for Educator Certification

Monsignor David Quitugua

Ms. Jayne Flores, Representing Dr. Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College

#### (c) Written Testimonies Submitted

Dr. Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College

Ms. Desiree Taimanglo Ventura, Instructor, Guam Community College

Ms. Lea Santos, Executive Director, Guam Commission for Educator Certification

Mr. J. Peter Roberto, M.S.W., A.C.S.W, Department Chair for the Criminal Justice & Social Sciences Department, Guam Community College

Mr. Timothy Fedenko, President, Guam Federation of Teachers

Ms. Simone Bollinger, English Instructor, Guam Community College

Mr. Juan P. Flores

#### I. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: The Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives is now called to order. Today is Monday, March 9, 2015. The time is 2:0pm. We have the confirmation hearing for the appointment of Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

Notices for this public hearing were disseminated via hand-deliver notices and email to all senators and all main broadcasting outlets on February 27, 2015 to meet the 5-day notice and again on March 6, 2015 for the 48-hour notice.

I would like to acknowledge my colleagues who have joined me today. To my right I have Senator Mary Camacho Torres. To my left I have Senator Brant McCreadie and Senator Frank Aguon. Thank you very much for joining me.

Let's start with the first item on our agenda; the confirmation hearing for Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz. We have a list of individuals; we have Christina Quitugua, Lea Santos, Monsignor David Quitugua and Ms. Jayne Flores. Monsignor Quitugua and Christina Quitugua are here to show support and not provide oral testimony today.

#### **Testimonies & Discussion**

Ms. Lea Santos: [Read written testimony verbatim. See attached]

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you very much, Ms. Santos. I would like to acknowledge the presence of Senator Jimmy Espaldon. Ms. Flores?

Ms. Jayne Flores: Thank you, Senator Underwood. I am here on behalf of GCC President, Dr. Mary Okada. She is currently at a Tri-Board meeting and could not be here today. So, she asked me to read her testimony to the Committee.

[Read Dr. Okada written testimony verbatim. See attached]

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you, Ms. Flores. I would also like to acknowledge Vice Speaker Cruz. Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz? Would you like t say a few wors?

**Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz:** Sure, I would like to say a couple of things. I have been on the Commission for three years and I believe that this experience has truly allowed me to participate with other colleagues in ensuring the integrity of teacher certification on island. I am not versed in many areas but with the other members on this Commission, we are able to provide each from our own area what our thoughts are regarding the teaching of students in the public school system and in other educational arenas. I truly enjoy this Commission.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you very much. I would like to ask if any of my colleagues would like to say something. Senator Torres.

Senator Mary Torres: Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz, I just want to thank you for your willingness to serve. I know that in your professional realm and in your personal life, you probably have so many obligations and commitments. So it is very heartwarming to know there are professionals like you who are so dedicated to the field and to your community to want to continue on this Board. And I just want to say I had the opportunity to also observe you in personal, social arenas and I think that you do possess the good judgment to always be professional and tactful in whatever circumstance or situation I have seen you in. You have my overwhelming support and I just want to thank you first and foremost for agreeing to serve.

Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz: Thank you very much, Senator.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Senator Aguon.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Ms. Baza-Cruz, thank you for extending yourself and wanting to continue to serve in this particular capacity. One of the questions I have is something that is lingering. I know that the good Chairperson has a public hearing on a piece of legislation – there were a large number of educators who stepped forward and expressed their concerns with regards to the impact of that proposal. I know the Certification Board endorsed that proposal. But, listening and looking at some of the specific provisions within that proposal are you open to revisiting that proposal and allowing the process to proceed in terms of receiving public comments?

**Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz:** Senator, I am unsure as to what proposal you are asking about?

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: This is the legislation that was enacted in December that impacted a number of educators allowing the Certification Board to be able to rescind teacher certification. I know Ms. Santos is very well versed in this and I supported the legislation, but a number of educators stepped forward and asked if the Legislature could

reconsider and perhaps the Certification Board would reconsider – just certain provisions; not the entire concept or the entire proposal.

**Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz:** If I am not mistaken, if this is the GFT-GCC concern - because it is in the legal arena right now, I would prefer not to comment on that.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: So, there has been a lawsuit filed? Because if that is the case Madam Chair, I understand that you are proceeding with some public discussion on that measure. But, I will leave it at that. I will follow the guidance of the Chair. Ms. Baza-Cruz I just wanted to understand if you were open to allowing a revisit based on some of the concerns that were raised. Because it is under possible litigation right now, I will rescind that question.

Ms. Lea Santos: GFT filed a civil suit filed in the District Court last week.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Thank you for that clarification. Thank you Ms. Baza-Cruz and best wishes in your continued service.

Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz: Thank you Senator.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Anyone else? Lisa, we have actually talked together. It's good to see you again. I, too thank you for your service and willing to sit on the Commission.

What were some of the challenges that you have encountered as a board member?

**Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz:** I think some of the challenges more recently is the change over. We have new appointees because others have completed their terms. A lot of history goes with them. A lot of the research goes with them. A lot of the discussions in terms of decision-making has gone with them. I think that will be a challenge, but I also think it's something that the Commission itself looks forward to having them still attend our meetings and provide assistance if needed. I have not seen anything else that I have found a major concern. I think we work very well together and I think we continue to ensure the integrity of our charge.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: As a member of the Commission what would be your three top priorities?

**Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz:** Right now, I think we're looking at ensuring that the Praxis test that are to be taken that we keep up with what the changes are, especially the specific content areas. I think another thing is that we keep abreast of current trends in education; both at the local level as well as the national level. So, that we can be prepared and provide assistance, as needed by educators on island. And to be open to educators coming in and providing input from their perspective as we deliberate and talk with them and make effective decisions.



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#### Office of the Gavernor of Gunn

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina' trentai Tres Na Lihesiaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Street Hagatña, Guam 96910

RE: Board Appointment

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

APPOINTEE:

Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D.

POSITION:

Ed.D. Member, Guam Commission for

**Educator Certification** 

TERM LENGTH:

Three (3) years

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

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam.

JAN 1 5 2015

Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D. 147 FEDERICO ST. MANGILAO GU 96913

Dear Dr. Baza-Cruz:

Thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Guam. The Calvo-Tenorio administration continues to face unprecedented challenges, both near and long-term. The task ahead of us will require the collective efforts of the best minds who will have the courage to make tough decisions for the good of all our people. I hereby re-appoint you to serve in the Calvo -Tenorio administration as:

#### Ed.D. Member, Guam Commission for Educator Certification Length of term: Three (3) years

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of Liheslaturan Guähan. Please contact the Office of the Governor at 472-8931 for further processing.

Senseramente,

ÉDDIE BÁZA CALVO







#### **Boards & Commissions Nomination Information**

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of 1 Liheslaturan Guahan in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103.5 and Section 13104.1:

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#### **Statement of Financial Interests**

(Required by 4 G.C.A. § 13104.1)

TO:

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo

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FROM:

Lisa Baza-Cruz

☐ I have no financial interest in any business

■ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

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#### AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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

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

Signature

Lusa a Baza-Cuz

Date Nov. 19, 2014



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November 19, 2014

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### Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guahan 33RD GUAM LEGISLATURE

## Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D. Chairperson, Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiative

### March 9, 2015 Confirmation Hearing Lisa Baza-Cruz, Member, Commission for Educator Certification

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Sen. Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D. Chairman Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives 33rd Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place, Ste. 201 Hagatna, GU 96910

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Senator Underwood and Committee Members,

It is my honor to recommend the re-confirmation of Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz as a member of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. Dr. Baza-Cruz has served on the GCEC since 2011. She was the Commission treasurer for two years, and currently serves as the vice chair and as a member of the Appeals Committee.

The Commission is tasked with ensuring the integrity of educator certification for teachers, administrators, counselors – anyone who comes in contact with the thousands of students in Guam's public education and DODEA arenas. I cannot think of anyone more suited to continuing this work than Dr. Baza-Cruz, as she possesses outstanding professional and personal standards. At GCC, in addition to serving as the chair of our English Department, Dr. Baza-Cruz currently sits on the General Education Committee at the College. This committee is tasked with reviewing, exploring, and assessing the effectiveness of General Education policies and procedures at GCC, and making recommendations to administrators, the Faculty Senate and department and committee chairpersons. A team player possessing incredible depth of knowledge of educational processes and procedures, Dr. Baza-Cruz has contributed greatly to the superior educational standards of Guam Community College.

Dr. Baza-Cruz has brought these same professional and personal strengths to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. If re-confirmed, which I strongly recommend, she will do her utmost to continue to ensure that all of the educators that teach in our island's school system are highly qualified and adhere to professional standards. The GCEC works because of strong, effective, professional members like Dr. Baza-Cruz.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on her behalf today.

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I am writing to support the appointment of Dr. Lisa Baza Cruz to the Commission for Educator Certification. Dr. Baza Cruz offers a wealth of classroom experience, a sincere understanding of challenges faced by teachers in today's classroom environment, and exceptional leadership skills. As a member of this Commission, she will be a strong advocate for local educators while remaining dedicated to the best interests of Guam's students.

I have the privilege of working under Dr. Baza Cruz within the Guam Community College's English Department. As my Department Chairperson, Dr. Baza Cruz has served as both my instructional and professional mentor since arrival at the College in August of 2010. During my five years with GCC, her constructive feedback and guidance has helped me to become a more confident and effective force within the classroom. Under her mentorship, I have felt supported, protected, and encouraged. She is never too busy to go over new ideas and classroom strategies, review plans for career advancement, perform observations, or offer a helpful perspective on particularly rough days. After working at three other institutions of higher learning, I have come to learn that this kind of sincere and attentive mentorship from senior faculty is rare.

I am also deeply appreciative of the high standard Dr. Baza Cruz holds me to as a member of her Department. Best practices are stressed and lapses in judgment are few and far between when she is on the clock. She holds those around her accountable for their decisions without hurting morale, and she is quick to develop solutions when those under her purview are frustrated. I have been impressed by Dr. Baza Cruz's ability to make tough (and sometimes unpopular) decisions in order to protect the integrity of the classroom and her fellow faculty. It is a trait I admire and think is necessary for the Commission to continue insuring quality instruction and professionalism within our Island's community of educators.

With Dr. Baza Cruz as a member, I am confident that the Commission will engage in meaningful dialogue, make ethical decisions, and never fail in its commitment to fairness to both Guam teachers and students.

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#### TESTIMONY FOR DR. LISA BAZA-CRUZ

Honorable Sen. Underwood and members of the Committee.

Hafa adai! I am Lea Santos, the Executive Director of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. I support the reappointment of Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz to the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. Her appointment meets the requirement of Public Law 29-73 for one of two members with a terminal degree in education from an accredited university.

GCEC Vice-chair Baza-Cruz has been a dedicated member of the Commission. She previously served as the Treasurer from 2011-2014

As a former GDOE special education teacher and current GCC English department chairperson/professor, she provides a wide perspective of the many challenges that the education system faces. As a developmental education reading teacher, she firmly believes in the importance of preparing our students to become successful and effective readers and is a strong advocate for the Praxis tests. She believes that the integrity of the certification process must be protected at all times.

The nominee has a proven record of commitment to education. She was a special education teacher for eight years prior to moving to GCC. She has been with the English department since 1990; thus has 33 years of teaching experience. She has been recognized by her peers and is listed in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers and in Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals.

I humbly ask the I Liheslaturan Guahan for your favorable consideration of Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz's reappointment. Si Yu'os Ma'ase and thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Lea Santos

Executive Director

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March 9, 2015

Honorable Dr. Nerissa B. Underwood Senator, 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature Chairwoman Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives

Nomination Letter of Support: BAZA-CRUZ, Dr. Lisa Guam Commission for Educator Certification

Hafa Adai Chairwoman Underwood:

My name is J. Peter Roberto. I am currently the Department Chair for the Criminal Justice & Social Sciences department at the Guam Community College. (GCC) I am providing written testimony IN SUPPORT of Dr. Lisa Baza-Cruz's nomination to serve as a member on the Guam Commission for Educator Certification.

I have known Dr. Lisa for about 5 years both as a friend and colleague. Presently, we serve together on the GCC Council of Department Chairs. My support of Dr. Lisa's nomination is largely due to the fact that she possesses the professionalism, standards and integrity required to meet the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. When it comes to the decision making process she listens, gathers pertinent information, is deliberate in weighing the facts presented to her and does not waiver when she makes her decisions or recommendations. Her professional demeanor in discussions comes across as being fair and attentive to the issues at hand. For me, Dr. Lisa has a simple, yet very effective professional philosophy, which is, "what is in the best interest of students, first?"

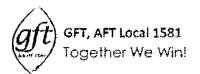
Additionally, I believe that Dr. Lisa brings to the Commission the credentials as a long time educator in the classroom, extensive knowledge and experience within the educational system, and the dedication and commitment to ensure that educators in the classroom are held accountable to the rules, regulations and professional conduct as required for educator certification.

I humbly ask that you and your esteemed colleagues on the Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives give your highest consideration and approval for Dr. Lisa's nomination to serve on the Commission.

Thank you.

Yery Sincerely,

J. Peter Roberto, M.S.W., A.C.S.W.



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March 9, 2015

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Dear Senator Underwood:

Buenas yan Hâfa Adai! GFT appreciates the opportunity to provide its comments and position on the nomination of Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D. to be a member of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification, and Proposed Bill No. 43-33.

It is with pleasure that the Guam Federation of Teachers endorses Dr. Baza-Cruz's nomination.

In regard to proposed Bill No. 43-33, the Guam Federation of Teachers confirms its support for the passage of this proposed legislation.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 735-4390.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Sincerely,

Timothy Fedenko

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#### Testimony in support of Dr. Baza-Cruz

**Simone Bollinger** <simone.bollinger@guamcc.edu> To: cipo@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 1:48 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to take a minute to show my support of Dr. Lisa-Baza-Cruz as a candidate for the Commission for Educator Certification.

Since I became English faculty at Guam Community College in 2011, Dr. Baza-Cruz has been a mentor and role model for me. She has always shown expertise in literacy education and set a standard for those of us who have the privilege of working alongside her. She knows what strong teaching looks like in its many forms, and she knows how to support those who approach teaching from a different standpoint than her.

She has always been ethical and fair, and has student learning at heart. She has a strong vision for education on a systematic level concerning teacher education and teaching, and truly believes in the potential for teachers to shape the future of Guam and the world.

It is an honor to support her in this capacity before the Legislature of Guam and the Public.

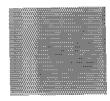
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March 7, 2015

Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature

Dear Senator Underwood.

I am writing to support the confirmation of Ms. Lisa Baza Cruz to the Guam Conunission for Educator Certification. This letter serves as written testimony for the March 9, 2015 Confirmation Hearing for Ms. Baza Cruz.

I support Ms. Baza Cruz's confirmation because, as a veteran educator, she understands and appreciates the demands of school educators and the expectations placed on them to assure that students in Guam's public schools are receiving effective instruction leading to high academic achievement. Ms. Baza Cruz also has the perspectives of a postsecondary instructor who works with prospective teachers and is fully aware of the knowledge and skills needed to complete a postsecondary preparation in education. Finally, Ms. Baza Cruz is a parent of a former public school-educated son. As a parent, Ms. Baza-Cruz was actively involved in communicating with teachers, staff, and administrators in advocating for the best education for her son and in supporting the efforts of the school staff members. These perspectives provide Ms. Baza-Cruz with the wisdom and passion to continue to uphold the highest standards for educators on Guam.

I hope the consideration of Ms. Baza Cruz's confirmation will lead to a positive response that will allow her to continue to serve on the Commission. Thank you for your attention and consideration of my input.

Warm regards,

Juan P. Flores



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Subject:

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Appointee:

Dr. Lisa A. Baza-Cruz, Ed.D.

Position:

Ed.D. Member, Guam Commission for Educator

Certificate

For a copy of Dr. Baza-Cruz' appointment packet, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at <a href="www.guamlegislature.com">www.guamlegislature.com</a>. Under the "Reports" menu select the "Messages & Communications" option and refer to:

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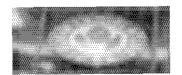
Please ensure that the subject appointment is referred, in my name, to Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Chairperson of the Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan.

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

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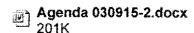
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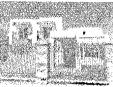
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