

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON RULES; FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS;
HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES, ELECTION REFORM, AND CAPITOL DISTRICT



I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan
THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

AUG 11 2015

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

2015 AUG 11 11:00 AM
RORY J. RESPICIO

RE: Committee Report on the Appointment of Matthew L.G. Sablan

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on the appointment of **Matthew L.G. Sablan** to serve as **Director of the Department of Agriculture, Length of Term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor.**

Committee votes are as follows:

- 9 TO CONFIRM
- 0 TO NOT CONFIRM
- 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Very Truly Yours,
Rory J. Respicio
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**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON THE
APPOINTMENT OF
MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN**

**To serve as Director of the
Department of Agriculture**

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

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AUG 11 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report – Appointment of Matthew L.G. Sablan

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Matthew L.G. Sablan** to serve as **Director of the Department of Agriculture**, Length of Term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Written Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Referral of the Appointment
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Reports

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

APPOINTEE: MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN

POSITION: DIRECTOR

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LENGTH OF TERM: TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR

| | SIGNATURE | TO CONFIRM | TO NOT CONFIRM | TO REPORT OUT ONLY | TO ABSTAIN | TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE |
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| Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson | | 8-11-15 rw | | | | |
| Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson | | ✓ | | | | |
| Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member | | | | | | |
| Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member | | ✓ | | | | |
| Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member | | ✓ | | | | |
| Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member | | ✓ | | | | |
| Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member | | | | | | |
| Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member | | ✓ | | | | |
| Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member | | ✓ | | | | |
| Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader | | 8/11 ↓ | | | | |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member | | 8/11/15 ✓ | | | | |

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE ON RULES; FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS;
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District convened a public hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of **Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan to serve as the Director of the Department of Agriculture (Length of Term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor)** whose appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by Governor Eddie Baza Calvo on May 13, 2015;
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslatura* on May 13, 2015;
- Packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on May 14, 2015.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail and facsimile to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on July 8, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on July 10, 2015 (48-Hour Notice), thereby meeting the noticing requirements of the Open Government Law. Notices were also transmitted to various stakeholders.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Ex-Officio Member
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member
Senator James V. Espaldon
Senator Thomas A. Morrison

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

1. **Mr. F.L.G. Sablan, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.**
2. **Mr. Mel Hennegan, Guam National Guard, Provided Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.**
3. **Michael Reyes, Department of Agriculture, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
4. **Jessie Palican, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
5. **Mr. Ray Torres, Citizen, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
6. **Mr. Eric Palacios, Administrator, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Provided Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.**
7. **Mr. Mark Aguon, Department of Agriculture, Provided Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.**
8. **Mr. Nathan Rios, Department of Agriculture, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
9. **Mr. Felix Benavente, Department of Public Works, Provided Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.**
10. **Mrs. Samantha Sablan, Custom Fitness, In Support of the Appointment.**
11. **Mr. Paul Claros, Custom Fitness, In Support of the Appointment.**
12. **Ms. Georgette Sablan, Ambros, In Support of the Appointment.**
13. **Mr. Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.**
14. **Senator Ted Nelson, Citizen, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.**
15. **Mr. Mike Borja, Department of Land Management, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.**
16. **Mr. Kristopher Castro, Department of Agriculture, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.**
17. **Matthew L.G. Sablan, Nominee, Provided Written and Oral Testimony in Support of his Appointment.**

Chairman Senator Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing for the appointment of **Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan to serve as the Director of the Department of Agriculture to order at 10:05 A.M.** and invited the panel to testify.

Mr. F.L.G. Sablan

I am here in support of Mr. Sablan as Director of Agriculture. I've known him all my life, he is my younger brother. I can honestly tell you that you couldn't find a better person for this position. He is an honest, hardworking man. He has that attitude of "let's get things done." Thank you.

Mr. Mel Hennegan

I am Command Sargent Major Mel Hennegan, the Senior Enlisted Officer for the Guam National Guard. I was nominated by Major General Paulino and now I work for General Leon Guerrero. I want to give a verbal testimony on Matthew Sablan, who came into the National Guard in 1985. He was an instrumental part of growth, especially when we were still in the Fort Juan Muna. He was always in the training and operations arena. He grew up in the Regional Training Institute, an area where the basic training soldiers would come in prior to the training in the US. He was apart of that. He led a lot

of our soldiers who are the leaders today. The Guam Guard is a very robust and high paced organization. We've done deployments from Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta and was part of a very long deployment of 16 months. He did a great job in the training and operations making sure the unit was in place. We've gone to Afghanistan and Iraq as a platoon. Matt Sablan's biggest highlight was when he took on a mission to go to Mindanao. He was matched up with a young platoon leader. He was the soundboard of that platoon. I can say that by the grace of God, we picked the right leader to match up with a young leader. When they came back, the moral was incredibly high. Matt was part of their lives and was part of all that. He served a total of 27 years. I felt like it was important for me to highlight his military career. I firmly believe he will do a great job.

Senator Respicio thanked his for his testimony and his service.

Michael Reyes *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Jessie Palican *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Ray Torres *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Eric Palacios

Good morning, I am the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and I am here today to offer testimony in support of Mr. Matt Sablan as the Director of Agriculture. I've known him for a short amount of time since we've been colleagues in the Cabinet, but I can really say that his commitment to move the island forward with the issues at his Department and natural resources. With all the Agriculture professionals here today, it volumes of his capabilities and qualifications to move forward. I fully support his appointment.

Mr. Mark Aguon

Hafa Adai. Since Mr. Sablan has come to the department, Mr. Sablan knows what it means to be a public servant. We had major issues hit the department when he first arrived. Working with him, I knew we were working in the right direction. I fully support him. The moral at the Department has gone up. The Divisions have seen the light at the end of the tunnel. We've seen a rough history. Senator Respicio, he wants to work with your Office. Please confirm him today.

Mr. Nathan Rios *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Felix Benavente

I am here to provide testimony. I have known him for 30 years at the Department of Public Works. Matthew was a quiet, eager to learn young man. He had a curious way of looking at things. He worked himself to be a Planner 1-4. He is a good team player and knew how to make teams. He had a way to get work done. I also worked with him in last two storms. I am proud to know Matthew and his professional development.

Speaker Judith Won Pat commented on the protection of the island environment and natural resources. She encouraged the Guam Environmental Protection Agency to work closely with the Department of Agriculture. She highlighted the issue of flood mitigation in Tumon and noted that it was rare to see conservation officers testifying. She congratulated the new recruits of conservation officers.

Protection of island environment and natural resources

Mr. Torres stated that he hopes the rhino beetle issue is addressed more.

Chairman Respicio invited the next panel to testify.

Mr. Pedro A. Leon Guerrero

I am the Director of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency. I am here to strong recommend the confirmation of Mr. Matthew Sablan. I first met Matt 15 years ago at the Father Duenas Memorial School when our sons played football together. I had several opportunities to work with Mr. Sablan when he was the Deputy and now the Acting Director of the Department of Agriculture. We worked together on the first shipment of cattle coming in. We were each other's backup. He is very people-friendly and communicates well with his subordinates.

Senator Ted Nelson

Today is one of the most enjoyable public hearings that I've attended. The entire Department is here to support him. You can see how effective this young man is. He can get his troops together. There is high morale. I congratulate him. He is looking for the best line of people who can stand up and encourage and support the people of Guam. That is an outstanding characteristic. There are various legislation that are in the books that can be implemented in order to make the Department more effective. We need to help the Chamorro people and the local farmers. There is legislation which I introduced which it mandating that the Government of Guam shall procure. We have missed the boat on tourism and economy of the island. I feel in order to help our people, ask the nominee to follow up on the intent of the legislation. We need to buy from our local people. We need to find out how much is being produced. We need to focus on the fishing rights. If you have any problems, get together and talk in making this island a better place. With a new Director and Deputy, this island will be a better place. Thank you.

Mr. Mike Borja

Matt Sablan will be a fruitful asset on many ways to protect our workers and people of Guam, especially in issues of biohazard such as the fire ants. These small creatures have changed the calculations on lands and properties being used.

Mr. Kristopher Castro, Department of Agriculture, Provided Oral Testimony in Support of the Appointment.

I am in full support of the Acting Director. As the saying goes, "Rome was not built in seven days." With the leadership with which he provides, you see the big changes on how the moral is. I just want to thank him. I've been in for a little of nine years. Seeing him as a leader, he has the potential to bring this Department to a new era. Thank you.

Chairman Respicio called appointee up; Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan gave the nominee the opportunity to provide testimony before the Committee.

Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan

(Please see attached for written testimony.)

Chairman Respicio thanked the nominee and Governor Calvo for his appointment. He noted that we have to be data driven and find out how much produce we are importing.

Mr. Matthew Sablan said he would check and work with Dr. Campbell on data yield serving on cycle of crops and critical information on the importation of produce.

Chairman Respicio opened the floor to the senators for questions.

Speaker Won Pat brought up the topic of pest control and for the Acting Director to take note of the issues. She asked to bring in experts and professionals to work with neighboring islands in regards to climate change to make recommending changes and also focus on indigenous fishing rights.

Senator V. Anthony Ada thanked Mr. Sablan for taking the Governor's call and again thanked him for his many years of service to our island. He noted his military experience makes him a good leader which will help his Department go where he would want them to go. He said that he gives his full support on Mr. Sablan's nomination.

Senator James Espaldon said that he appreciated the Department of Agriculture's men for coming down to the Legislature to testify. He said that Mr. Sablan bring a high level of comfort. He noted he was a farmer for five years of his life and understands the challenges that go into agriculture business, conservation and protection of natural resources. He expressed that Mr. Sablan has the characteristics of a good leader and looks forward to working with him.

Senator Thomas Morrison congratulated the nominee and shared that he has witnessed his experience first hand and style. He said that everything that has been said about him is true.

No further testimony being offered, Chairman Respicio then declared that appointment for Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan to serve as the Director of the Department of Agriculture was duly heard. The public hearing concluded at 12:09 P.M.

III. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

1. **Michael Reyes, Department of Agriculture, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
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5. **Mayor June U. Blas and Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista, Barrigada, Provided Written Testimony In Support the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
6. **Dr. Thomas Poole, MPH, DVM, DACVPM, Provided Written Testimony In Support the Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
7. **Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan, Department of Agriculture, Provided Written and Oral Testimony In Support of his Appointment.** *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

IV. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District hereby reports out the appointment of Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan to serve as the Director of the Department of Agriculture with the recommendation TO CONFIRM.



EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor

RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

MAY 13 2015

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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Date: 05-13-15
Time: 1:50pm
Received By: [Signature]

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: Matthew L.G. Sablan
POSITION: Director, Department of Agriculture
TERM LENGTH: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor

2015 MAY 13 PM 2:25

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

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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Governor

RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

MAY 01 2015

Mr. Matthew Sablan
[REDACTED]

Re: Appointment as Director, Department of Agriculture

Dear Mr. Sablan:

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 have the courage to make tough decisions for the good of all our people. Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, I hereby appoint you to serve in the Calvo-Tenorio administration as:

Director, Department of Agriculture
Length of term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor

This appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Pending the consent of, and confirmation of this appointment by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, you are hereby appointed to serve as Director of the Department of Agriculture in an acting capacity.


This appointment is effective Monday, May 4, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Governor at 472-8931.


Senseramente,



EDDIE BAZA CALVO


P.O. Box 2950 • Hagatna, Guam 96932

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GUAM

Agency Director/General Manager Nomination Information

The following information is required for submission to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103:

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name Sablan First Matthew M.I. L.G. Date May 08, 2015

Address [Redacted] Apartment/Unit #

City [Redacted] State [Redacted] ZIP [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] E-mail Address [Redacted]

Position to which Appointment is Made Director (Department of Agriculture)

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

EDUCATION

High School George Washington Senior High School City/State Mangilao / Guam

From 1973 To 1976 Did you graduate? YES NO Degree

College City/State

From To Did you graduate? YES NO Degree

EDUCATION

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| Graduate School | | | City/State | | |
| From | To | Did you graduate? | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | Degree |

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| Other Degree | | | City/State | | |
| From | To | Did you graduate? | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | Degree |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| (1) Present Employer | Department of Agriculture | Position | Acting Director |
| Address | 163 Dairy Road, Mangilao, Guam 96913 | Dates Held | May 04, 2015 to present |
| (2) Previous Employer | Department of Agriculture | Position | Deputy Director (please see attachment no. 1) |
| Address | 163 Dairy Road, Mangilao, Guam 96913 | Dates Held | December 01, 2013 to May 03, 2015 |
| (3) Previous Employer | CNMI Public School System | Position | Amy JROTC Instructor |
| Address | Songsong Village, Rota | Dates Held | June 2012 to November 2013 |
| (4) Previous Employer | Guam Army National Guard | Position | Please see attachment no. 2 |
| Address | Barrigada Guam | Dates Held | December 1985 to May 2012 |
| (5) Previous Employer | Department of Public Works | Position | Please see attachment no. 3 |
| Address | Upper Tumon | Dates Held | March 1978 to September 2004 |

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

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| Agency | Phone |
| Address | |
| Job Title | From: To |

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency Phone
Address
Job Title From: To

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency Phone
Address
Job Title From: To

Agency Phone
Address
Job Title From: To

TRAINING

Institute/Seminars/On-the-Job Training: Please see attachments nos. 1 & 2 Date

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:

Please see attachments nos. 1 & 2

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level, list organization, activities participated in, offices held:

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities, participated in, offices held Coached Sinajana Pepsi Giants Babe Ruth Baseball League for Rookie and Minor divisions from 1995 to 1997. Member of Father Duenas High School Sports Booster Club from 1998 to 2006. Member of Para Todu Rugby Club Sports organization from 2005 to present.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

MILITARY SERVICE (PLEASE ATTACH FORM DD-214)

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| Branch | Army | From | Dec. 1985 | To | May 01, 2012 |
| Rank at Discharge | Sergeant First Class | Type of Discharge | Honorable | | |

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States? YES NO

If so, please specify in detail:

Address of the court: _____

Date of Conviction: _____

Specific infraction committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States? YES NO

If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity? YES NO

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason? YES NO

If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:



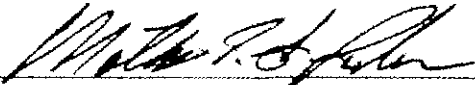
Statement of Financial Interests
(Required by 4 G.C.A. § 13104.1)

TO: Governor Eddie Baza Calvo
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Matthew Leon Guerrero Sablan

- I have no financial interest in any business
- I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

| Name and address of business interest: | Type and amount of interest |
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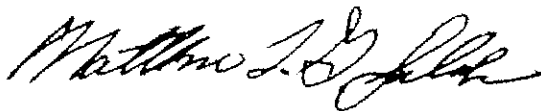
May 08, 2015
Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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

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

Signature



Date

May 08, 2015

Attachment no. 1

Deputy Director

December 01, 2013 to May 03, 2015

Responsible for overseeing and managing the department's operation.

Committee member with GEDA for the construction of the new Farmer's Market Building and Flea Market facility scheduled for completion in July 2015

Responsible for the coordination and importation permit of 17 cattle from Saipan in August and September 2014 as a result of Bill 297-32 introduced by Speaker Judith Won Pat, Senator Tina Muna Barnes and the late Senator Ben Pangelinan and signed into Public Law 32-161 by Governor Calvo in May 2014.

Currently, overseeing and coordinating with the Department of Public Works on the phases for the construction of the 'Paseo de Susana Fishing Platform. This project is scheduled for completion no later than February 2016.

Member of the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board as a result of PL 32-237 as of February 16, 2015.

Re-established the department's Conservation Officers to be under Director's Office. Recruited three Limited Term Conservation Officers.

Task force member of the proposed Pago Bay Boat Ramp Project.

Incident Commander for the recovery and disposal of the beached Baleen and Beaked whale.

Attended the 162 Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council meeting in March 2015, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Supported department's following activities:

Annual Kid's Fishing Derby

Annual Pig Hunting Derby

Liberation Day Parade

Various outreach and educational events

Department 11th Annual May Harvest Festival (May 6, 2015)

Attachment no. 2

Guam Army National Guard

Platoon Sergeant (11B48 Infantry) Assistant Operations Sergeant

18 December 1985 – 01 May 2012 (retired)

Deployments

Operation Enduring Freedom, Joint Special Operation Task Force, Sulu Island, Philippines
(January to October 2010)

Operation Enduring Freedom, Central Command, Djibouti, Africa (January 2007 to May 2008)

Military Supervisory Courses

Certified Army Junior ROTC Instructor (June 2012)

Advanced Non Commission Officer Course - 11B48 Infantry (August 1996)

Basic Non Commission Officer Course - 11B3 Infantry (March 1993)

Battle Focus Instructor Course (April 1996)

Military Awards

Army Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal (6th)

Armed Forces Reserve Components Achievement Medal (4th)

National Defense Service Medal (2nd)

Humanitarian Service Medal (2nd)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M device)

Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development (numeral 3)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd)

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon

Guam Commendation Medal w/ Bronze Oak Leaf

Faithful Service Medal w/ 24 Years Device

Overseas Service Bar (third award)

Attachment no 3

Department of Public Works Highway Planning Section, Division of Engineering

Planner IV - October 1998 to September 2004 (retired)

Planner II - May 1990 to October 1998

Planner I - February 1987 to May 1990

Planning Technician I - March 1978 to February 1987

Education and Training :

Graduated from George Washington Senior High School. (1973 - 1976)

Engineering and Architectural Drafting Course - Guam Community College (May 1980)

Report and Technical Writing Workshop - Department of Administration (December 1986)

AUTOCAD Level 1 - Guam Community College (October 1994)

Time Management - Guam Community College (September 1996)

Supervisory and Management Workshop - Department of Administration (October 1998)

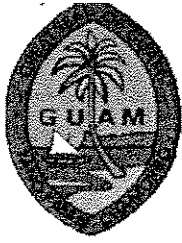
Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Management - National Emergency Response & Rescue Training Center (June 2003)

Post Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings – Office of Civil Defense (November 2003)

Safe Work Zone Traffic Control Workshop - Federal Highway (March 2004)

WMD Radiological / Nuclear Awareness Course - Office for Domestic Preparedness (June 2004)

Skills : Microsoft Excel, Word and Power Point



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 GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
 RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
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April 28, 2015

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

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| NAME: | Matthew LG SABLAN | | |
| DATE OF BIRTH: | [REDACTED] | FINGERPRINT#: | NONE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department. | | |

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Name: MATTHEW LG SABLAN

SS#: ID# [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

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

Criminal Cases:

Civil Cases:

- A. No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.
- 2. Criminal Case No.
- 3. Criminal Case No.
- 4. Criminal Case No.
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CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

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| | b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD | 2010 | 11 | 03 |
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| b. COMMISSIONED THROUGH ROTC SCHOLARSHIP (10 USC Sec. 2107b) | YES | X | NO |
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| 19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (include ZIP Code) PO BOX 7372 TAMUNING, GUAM 96931 | b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code) GEORGETTE SABLAN PO BOX 7372 TAMUNING, GUAM 96931 |
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| 20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO (Specify state/locality) GU OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS | X | YES | NO |
| a. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WASHINGTON, DC) | X | YES | NO |

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| 21.a. MEMBER SIGNATURE ESIGNED BY: SABLAN, MATTH EW. LEONGUERRERO.11843975 40 | b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100911 | 22.a. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title, signature) ESIGNED BY: HAGLUND, RICHARD P. 1138916797 RICHARD P HAGLUND, MOB PLANS & OP TECH | b. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20100911 |
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| ✓ Sablan, F.L.G. | - | Support | No | YES | 969-0857 | |
| ✓ Hennegan, Mel | Guam National Guard | 11 | | Yes | 929-6278 | |
| ✓ Mitchell Reyes | DOAgri | Support | yes | | 898-2850 | |
| ✓ Jessio PALICAN | DOAg | Support | yes | yes | 988-1499 | |
| ✓ Ray Torres | citizen (citizen) | Support | yes | yes | 653-4113 | |
| ✓ Eric Palacios | GEDA | Support | | ✓ | 300-4751 | |
| ✓ ^(MARK) Mark Agum | DOAg | Support | | ✓ | 588 6847 | |
| ✓ Nathan Rios | DOG | Support | | ✓ | 689 5927 | |
| ✓ Felix Benavente | DFW | Support | | ✓ | 988-7911 | |
| ✓ Samantha Sablan | Customs | Support | | | 488-9281 | |

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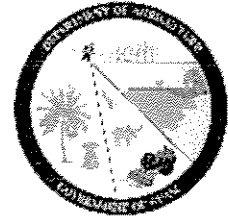
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| Director's Office | 300-7964/65/66; Fax 734-6569 |
| Agricultural Dev. Services | 300-7972/73/67; Fax 734-6569 |
| Animal Health | 300-7965/66; Fax 734-6569 |
| Aquatic & Wildlife Resources | 735-3955/56; Fax 734-6570 |
| Forestry & Soil Resources | 300-7975/76; Fax 734-6569 |
| Plant Nursery | 300-7974; Fax 734-6569 |
| Plant Inspection Facility | 475-1426/27; Fax 477-9487 |

Matthew L.G. Sablan
Acting Director

Jessie B. Pelican
Deputy Director

Acting Director's Confirmation Testimony

Buenas, Yan Hafa Adai Speaker Judith Won Pat, Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Committee Chair for Agriculture Senator Rory Respicio and Senators of the 33rd Guam Legislature.

My name is Matthew Leon Guerrero Sablan and I thank you for giving me the opportunity today to present my desire to serve as Director of the Department of Agriculture.

I humbly ask your consideration on my confirmation as Director in order to continue providing a well deserved and effective management to the loyal and dedicated employees of the department whom continuously provide quality public service.

Previously, as their Deputy Director and currently, their Acting Director, I witnessed their commitment in accomplishing the department's objectives and mandates regardless of any unforeseen challenges that they encounter. They truly are motivated and possess the "Can Do" attitude.

I bring to the table my military and local government management and leadership experiences:

Military: I am a retired Army Veteran with 26 honorable years of service as a Senior Non-Commission Officer with the Guam Army National Guard and served on two Operation Enduring Freedom Deployments.

Previous government service: I retired with 28 years as a Planner with the Department of Public Works.

I was appointed by Governor Eddie Calvo as Deputy Director of the department from December 1, 2013 to May 3, 2015.

Current: Again, On May 4th of this year, I was appointed Acting Director by Governor Calvo.

Please see next page

Matthew Sablan 7/15/15

The following are accomplishments and current involvement during my appointment as Deputy Director and currently as Acting Director.

Responsible for overseeing and managing the department's operations.

Committee member with GEDA for the construction of the new Farmer's Market Building and Flea Market facility scheduled for completion in August, 2015

Coordinated the importation of 17 cattle from Saipan in August and September 2014 as a result of Bill 297-32 introduced by Speaker Judith Won Pat, Senator Tina Muna Barnes and the late Senator Ben Pangelinan and signed into Public Law 32-161 by Governor Eddie Baza Calvo in May 2014.

Currently, overseeing and coordinating with the Department of Public Works on the administrative phases for the construction of the 'Paseo de Susana Fishing Platform which is scheduled for completion in February, 2016 which will be a venue utilized during the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts in May, 2016.

Member of the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board as of February 16, 2015 as a result of PL 32-237.

Task force member of the proposed Pago Bay Boat Ramp Project.

As a council member appointed by Governor Calvo, attended the 162nd and 163rd Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council meetings in March and June, 2015 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The council funded \$250,000.00 for the Fishing Platform construction project.

Future involvements:

Tree Ordinance Working Group – Senator Rory Respicio

Draft Bill for 'Civil Forfeiture Process for Seized Animals – Vice Speaker Benjamin J. Cruz

Tumon Bay Flood Mitigation - GEDA

Foresight

To continue the struggle in building personnel capacity and acquiring more resources in reaching the goals and objectives of the department as mandated by law.

To bring back the basic services to the farming community.

To build the agricultural industry by promoting growth and diversification in the areas of green house production, aquaculture, hydroponics, livestock and nursery.

To promote greater use of organic practices in safeguarding the delicate island environment and protection of it's natural resources from synthetic chemicals, fertilizers, and poor farming practices for preservation for future generations.

To increase awareness and community participation in combating invasive species and continue to be an advocate with respect to food security, bio-security, and sustainability.

To increase the protection and enforcement by Wildlife Conservation Officers of existing programs that deal with protected and endangered plant and animal species as well as marine preserves.

To promote agriculture to it's full potential which will bring many services and benefits to the community.

To look forward in working with other government entities, local and federal, as well as sharing information from neighboring islands in the Western Pacific in regards to climate change, its effects on agriculture and natural resources as it impacts the island.

To enable the learning and skills development as well as provide assistance with the homeless, the 'Rigalu' Foundation and other entities with similar programs.

I will perform the roles and responsibilities as Director of the department. Anything is possible through cooperation, teamwork and direction. **No hidden agendas but transparency and accountability.**

In closing, I would like to thank Governor Calvo for his trust and confidence in appointing me and my sincere appreciation to Oversight Chairperson, Senator Rory Respicio, Speaker Judith Won Pat, and Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz and the rest of the members of the 33rd Guam Legislature for considering my confirmation for the office of Director of the Department of Agriculture.

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July 15, 2015

Oral testimony in the Confirmation Hearing for Mr.
Matthew L.G. Sablan as Director of Agriculture

Buenas, Yan Hafa Adai, Speaker Judith Won Pat, Vice
Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Committee Chair for Agriculture
Senator Rory Respicio and Senators of the 33rd Guam
Legislature.

My name is ~~Mr.~~ Jessie B. Palican, Deputy Director, Guam
Department of Agriculture.

I am here today to provide a written testimony on behalf
of my superior, Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan, Acting Director
of Agriculture to the position of Director.

It is with great pleasure that I write this testimony
knowing that Mr. Sablan has the ability to perform
the roles and responsibilities of the office of the
Director.

Without a doubt, Mr. Sablan has displayed a genuine interest in the mission of the Department and have taken on the many challenges of his predecessors. As a Director, Mr. Sablan will be working closely with his staff in addressing the issues and ultimately arriving to a solution that is both accountable and transparent.

Mr. Sablan is also very capable and ^aresourceful person in attaining the approach and most importantly, outcomes that will have a positive impact to the department, personnel and programs.

The knowledge and experience he has obtained while in the National Guard and retiring as a Planner, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, a plus, to effectively perform administrative responsibilities. He can easily be recognized for his mannerism and approach in dealing with personnel issues, to adapt and overcome.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of this administration and to witness Mr. Sablan's appointment as Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration and for having provided me this opportunity in submitting my testimony.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jessie B. Palican", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Mr. Jessie B. Palican

HAFA ADAI and Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Committee Members.

My name is Raymond A. Torres and I am here this morning before this august body to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan for the directorship of the Department of Agriculture. I believe Mr. Sablan should be given the opportunity since he accepted placing his name in the hat to be Director. I place my confidence in him and I invite all of you to do the same.

I have known Mr. Sablan for more than 42 years, 22 years as an employee who worked directly under me in the Highway Planning, Research, and Programming Section of the Highway Division, Department of Public Works (GovGuam) from 1978 through 1999. He learned and experienced what it meant to be a Public Works employee, but more importantly, what it meant to be a public servant **in that every taxpayer is his employer.**

He learned to work with other employees of the different sections and divisions of DPW, as well as with other departments of GovGuam, the private sector, and the federal government agencies. In many instances, Matt went beyond his normal duties in giving of his own personal time to prepare for government programs, budget reporting, typhoon preparations and recovery assessments. All of this led to a well-rounded, experienced individual who is entirely capable of a directorship with our government. We were working for a better Guam, a better country, and a better world.

I have found Matt to be a dedicated public servant with integrity, honesty, family values, and whose heart is for his Island. He is compassionate and cares for all people who call and make Guam their home.

The Department of Agriculture plays a very important role as it deals with the use of natural resources that must be protected and used wisely, otherwise it will cause harm for our Island and to the people who make it their home.

After saying that, as a citizen I challenge Matt to not just think out of the box, but to get outside of himself, of his traditional way of seeing things, and to open himself to see things beyond his ideas and party lines, to see a more global vision of what we, on our small Island, have to offer to all peoples based on how we care for our island resources and for each other. If our resources are continually destroyed, as they have been over the years, it will impact not just our island, but our entire Pacific region, and eventually the whole world.

Let us begin this task together by confirming Matt Sablan as Director of Agriculture in hopes that a new vision for the protection of our resources can be realized on, first, a local scale, regional, and eventually advancing to a global scale for all peoples who work out of gratitude for the gift of the Earth given to our care.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS. AND MAY GOD GUIDE MATT IN THIS TASK NOW SET BEFORE HIM.



TESTIMONY ON THE CONFIRMATION OF
MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

July 15, 2015

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Good morning, Chairman Respicio and members of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs, Human and Natural Resources and Election Reform. For the record I am Conservation Recruit Nathan Rios an employee of the Department of Agriculture and I am here to offer my support on the nomination of Mr. Matthew Sablan to the position of Director for the Department of Agriculture.

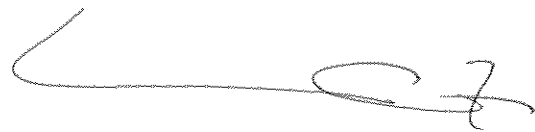
Please excuse me as I am quite the nervous person and this is my first engagement whatsoever in public speaking. I am doing this because I have been witness of the leadership skills that Mr. Sablan has and because I believe that he is a man of the people; in particular those that are entrusted with duties and responsibilities within our department.

Since his appointment to the position of Deputy Director, Mr. Sablan has always made it a point to actively engage with the employees of the department by checking on those of us in the field, as well as those within the departmental grounds. He has made personal efforts to know who we are as individuals and what we do for the department. He has developed personal one-on-one relationships with many of us employees. And as a true leader, he would actively participate alongside employees in executing duties of those of us in my division. During his short tenure as Acting Director for our Department, I can honestly say that morale has been boosted and that our department is thriving with desire to get work done! Mr. Sablan has captured the attention of his employees by empowering them to make

suggestions on how best we can operate and has implemented many of the suggested changes by our department personal. This action is indicative of a man who keeps his word and a person that is open to change for the betterment of the department, placing the Department before himself. Because of this he is respected and if I might add well accepted by the employees of our Department.

For these reasons I endorse his nomination and I pray that you too will agree that Mr. Sablan is indeed capable of doing the job as the Director of Agriculture.

Many good things will come about for our great island under his leadership at our department.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Rowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a loop at the end.

Nathan Rowe

BARRIGADA

Office of the Mayor & Vice Mayor
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July 15, 2015

Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairman, Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian
Affairs; Human & Natural Resources; Election Reform
and Capitol District
33rd Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Appointment of Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human & Natural Resources; Election Reform and Capitol District *Bueñas yan Saludu para Todos Hamyu ginen taotao Barigada!* Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista and myself, together with members of the Barrigada Municipal Planning Council are here to present testimony supporting the appointment of Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan, to serve as Director, Department of Agriculture

Prior to his appointment to serve as Director, Mr. Sablan served as the Department's Deputy director since 2013. With new leadership at the Department, we are confident that there be a more holistic approach towards solving our agriculture problems. With his experience, having served as a planner at the Department of Public Works together with almost 30 years in the Guam Army National Guard, we are confident that he will not fail us.

In closing, we urge this Committee to submit its favorable report and for the Legislature to confirm his appointment as Director, Department of Agriculture.

Sinseraamente,


JUNE U. BLAS
Mayor


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Vice Mayor

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To: The 33rd Guam Legislature

Re: Confirmation Hearing for Director, Guam Department of Agriculture

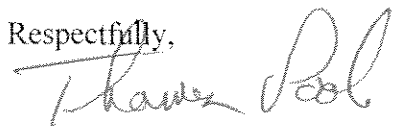
This letter is written in very strong support of the nomination for confirmation of Mr. Mathew Sablan. It has been my pleasure to work closely with Mr. Sablan as Deputy Director and Acting Director for the last two years. I believe that I am very well qualified to speak on his behalf.

I can say frankly that I started off very skeptical about Mr. Sablan. Our recent experience in deputies had not been good. I quickly learned that my fears had no basis. Mr. Sablan had enjoyed a distinguished career in the U.S. Army and in the Government of Guam. He brought a wealth of experience and both innate and acquired leadership skills that were perfect for our department.

Mr. Sablan impressed all of us with his quiet, careful, and thorough approach to all problems. He never gets excited, has never displayed anger, and simply unravels each problem, one at a time. As Deputy Director he calmed waters in the department that had been whipped into tempests by his predecessors. He never seeks personal recognition and seems almost completely devoid of ambition. He seems driven only by a strong desire to do a good job.

There is mercy in brevity, and I will not say all that I could on behalf of Mr. Sablan. I consider him to be a superior choice as Director, Guam Department of Agriculture. He brings uncommon intelligence, judgment, and leadership to a department very much in need of those traits. I hope that you will give only favorable consideration to the nomination of Mr. Sablan. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,



Thomas Poole, MPH, DVM, DACVPM
Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.)



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May 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM

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

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

Subject: **Referral of Appointment**

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

Appointee: **Matthew L.G. Sablan**
Position: **Director, Department of Agriculture**

For a copy of Mr. Sablan's appointment packet, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Under the "Reports" menu select the "Messages & Communications" option and refer to:

"Doc. 33GL-15-0451: Governor's message transmitting the appointment of Matthew L.G. Sablan, to serve as Director, Department of Agriculture."

Please ensure that the subject appointment is referred, in my name, to **Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District**. 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.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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Appointment Log Sheet

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| 05/13/15 | 39GL-15-0451 | Mathew L.G. Sablan | Director | Department of Agriculture | 05/01/15 | To serve at the pleasure of the Governor | | | Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District | 05/14/15 | | | | |



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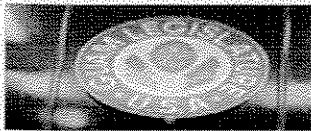
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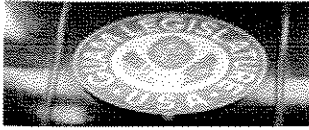
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Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Seneramente,

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 • 10:00 AM

Legislature's Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Announcements**
- III. Items for Public Consideration**
 - Appointment of **William T. Detry**, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board
Length of Term: Three (3) Years
 - Appointment of **Matthew L.G. Sablan**, Director, Department of Agriculture
Length of Term: To serve at the pleasure of the Governor
- IV. Closing Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**

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Senator Respicio Holds Confirmation Hearing for Acting Agriculture Director Matthew L.G. Sablan

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Members from various government sectors, old and new, offered their testimonials of support for Sablan.

Guam - Acting Director of the Guam Department of Agriculture Matthew Sablan was present at a public hearing held by Senator Rory Respicio's committee on human and natural resources and the discussion turned lively after a former Vice Speaker took the opportunity to address some of the

islands agricultural issues.

"I'm gonna ask the nominee and perhaps you the senators to please fold up the intent of the legislation and start with buying from the local people," said Mr. Nelson, a supporter of Sablan's.

One of Sablan's supporters was former vice speaker Ted Nelson. Mr. Nelson used the opportunity to talk about various issues affecting Guam agriculture. Chief among the issues dealt with Guam farmers, who Nelson says are ready and willing to provide food for Guam's population, they just need government support. Nelson hopes that Sablan will garner this support.

Nelson says that hopefully the agriculture industry will take over as the number one industry in Guam.

"Every time I turn on the radio GVB GVB GVB is the number one industry. I like to turn that thing around, with the permission of the co-op, working with the new director I think that the agriculture industry, the cattle industry, we can restore that," said Mr. Nelson.

Once Sablan reached the podium to give a statement, he mentioned some of his accomplishments as a board member with GEDA for example, he talked about the construction of the new farmers market building and flea market facility scheduled to be done in August of this year.

"Mr. Nelson that will be an asset to later on, we will discuss about collaborating with farmers on the view of the farming industry here, in collaboration with the farmers co-op," said Sablan as he turned toward Mr. Nelson, who was in the audience.

Senator Respcio, Chair of the committee, hopes to vote on Sablan's confirmation on August 10th at the next session, but he says he is only one

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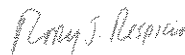
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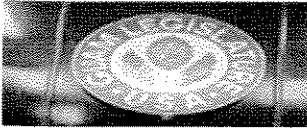
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