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HON. ROBERT J. TORRES
CHIEF JUSTICE

May 2, 2016

93-16-1586

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

Re: Appointment of Magistrate Judge

Håfa Ådai Speaker Won Pat:

After much thought and consideration, I hereby appoint Referee Benjamin C. Sison Jr. to serve as a magistrate pursuant to 7 Guam Code Annotated § 4401 subject to the approval of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. Attorney Sison was one of three candidate names provided by the Guam Bar Association to me, after one candidate withdrew their application. A copy of the letter from the Guam Bar Association President, Mr. Jehan'Ad Martinez, the transmittal records from the Magistrate Selection Chairperson, Mr. Leevin Camacho, and Mr. Sison's application form submitted to the Guam Bar Magistrate Selection Committee are enclosed for your records and convenience. Also enclosed is the letter from one of the candidates who withdrew their application and my correspondence with Mr. Camacho requesting that the committee submit another name for consideration to complete the three candidate requirement by statute. I ask that Mr. Sison be given due consideration as required by Guam law.

Attorney Sison satisfies the requisite statutory qualifications and has the competence, integrity, experience, and temperament to be successful as a magistrate. Attorney Sison graduated from Boston College Law School, obtaining his Juris Doctorate degree in 1990. He has held positions of Assistant Attorney General with the Washington State Attorney General's Office, Associate Attorney for Torres, P.C., Partner for the law office of Limtiaco, Cruz, and Sison PLLC, and served as a Commissioner with the Worker's Compensation Commission, Referee Sison currently, maintains dual employment as a solo practitioner in his law firm, Sison P.C., and Referee with the Superior Court of Guam serving as the presiding judge over traffic and small claims court trials and hearings. His area of practice have included Tax, Probate and Estate Planning, Contract, Business, Real Property, and Government Procurement Law. Presently, he is also a tenured Assistant/Adjunct Professor at the Guam Community College teaching courses in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminology, Juvenile Justice, Traffic Law, American Government and Business and Contract Law.

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Attorney Sison is admitted to the practice of law in Guam and Washington.

Once again, I thank you, Chairman Frank B. Aguon, Jr., and his Committee on Judiciary, as well as your fellow Senators in advance for your consideration of Attorney Sison. I request your expeditious approval of my appointment of Attorney Benjamin C. Sison Jr. as magistrate for the Judiciary of Guam.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Torres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

ROBERT J. TORRES
Chief Justice

Enclosures