



*Seventeenth
Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature*

*Inauguration
of the
Seventeenth
Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

Monday, January 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.

In the respective Chambers of

The Senate

&

The House of Representatives

*The Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
Capitol Hill, Saipan*



**EXECUTIVE BRANCH
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

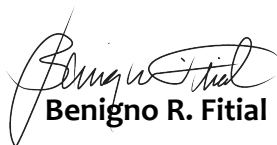


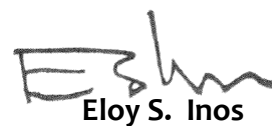
We congratulate the newly elected and re-elected senators and representatives for gaining the trust and confidence of the electorate on November 7, 2009--an historic election for the people of the CNMI, featuring our first gubernatorial runoff election, which was made possible by a legislative initiative endorsed by the majority of the people.

The support of the people who elected us into public office is an enormous responsibility that we should all take very seriously, particularly during these trying and challenging times, when difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions need to be made for the good of our Commonwealth. Let us be prepared to lead together and maintain public order and the public's trust, no matter how difficult our economic challenges may be in the face of unprecedented new developments, such as the full implementation of Federalization and a lingering global recession.

We congratulate the presiding officers of the 17th Legislature, in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and pledge to work collaboratively with this legislative body to address the most pressing needs of the Commonwealth over the next few years.

Congratulations to all elected members! Let us work together to serve our islands well.


Benigno R. Fitial


Eloy S. Inos



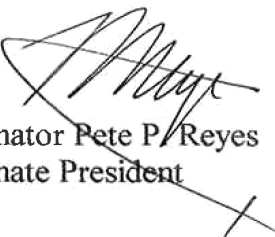
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

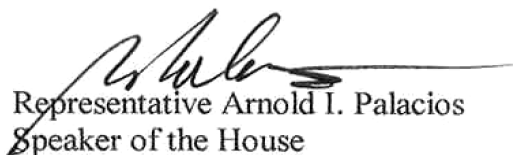


On behalf of the members of the 16th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, we congratulate both the new and returning members and welcome you to the 17th Legislature.

As you begin this new term, please bear in mind that success in advancing meaningful legislation forward will depend on consensus-building and compromise. Furthermore, constructive dialogue between this legislature and the administration will be critical in moving our islands ahead. However, with an open-mind and mutual respect amongst our leaders, we are confident that you will be able to continue in the collaborative spirit of the 16th Legislature and work together to guide the Commonwealth toward a brighter future. We wish you the best of luck!

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, Thank You and God bless.


Senator Pete P. Reyes
Senate President


Representative Arnold I. Palacios
Speaker of the House



**THE JUDICIARY
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**



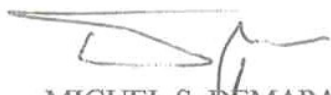
We wish to extend our congratulations to the new and returning members of the legislature for their electoral success and our best wishes to the entire Seventeenth CNMI Legislature for a productive term.

To those recently elected and reelected, you are to be especially congratulated at this time, as your recent selection by the electorate testifies to the esteem in which you are held by your fellow citizens. You conducted vigorous and energetic campaigns for the right causes; may your visions for a brighter future evolve into determined action that leads to favorable resolution of the challenges we face.

We wish the entire Seventeenth Legislature good fortune in the achievement of success, and importantly that wisdom will be supreme in your deliberations. As you tackle the difficult issues facing the people of the Commonwealth, may your work be in a spirit of cooperation and compromise and in the best interests of all citizens and residents of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Heartiest congratulations, our best wishes are extended to the new Seventeenth Legislature.

Sincerely,



MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN
Chief Justice, CNMI Supreme Court



ROBERT C. NARAÑA
Presiding Judge, CNMI Superior Court



TWELFTH CNMI YOUTH CONGRESS



On behalf of the Twelfth CNMI Youth Congress, I am honored and privileged to extend our congratulations to all the members of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, most especially to the newly elected members.

As you begin your work as public servants of our people and our Commonwealth, there are major issues that continue to rise and challenge each one of us daily. The people of the Commonwealth have vested their confidence and faith in each one of you to address these issues such as finding solutions to our ailing economy, reducing government expenditures, subsidizing generously our educational system, addressing our health care and federalization, to name a few.

The members of the Twelfth CNMI Youth Congress stand ready to work cooperatively with you all. Commitment and affirmation of our oath of office should be the driving force in each one of us as we move forward to attain the goals which we all have set for ourselves to achieve.

As elected leaders of our great Commonwealth, we must be courageous and it is our fervent prayer that we shall be guided with the *“wisdom to understand; the knowledge to know; and, the courage to change.”*

Once again, congratulations and may God bless us all.

ALANA MAY LEON GUERRERO
Speaker, Twelfth CNMI Youth Congress



**LEGISLATIVE BUREAU
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**



On behalf of the staff of the Legislative Bureau, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on your successful election to the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. This term, a diverse combination of experienced and freshmen legislators will bring much excitement to this august body as well as to the staff of the Bureau.

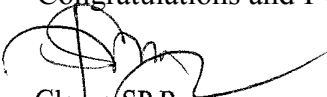
The Seventeenth Legislature is unique in that you are blessed with so many freshmen legislators. Their fresh ideas, combined with the experience of veteran legislators, constitute that important blend our Commonwealth will need in order to resolve the many challenges that lay ahead.

The Legislative Bureau is constitutionally tasked to provide services to the Legislature. It is staffed with competent individuals that have served members for many years. They possess the skills, experience, and institutional knowledge that are a most valuable asset to all members, and especially to new members and employees. More importantly, they have the ability to work well with diverse personalities, all the while maintaining professionalism and impartiality. The staff on board is excited and ready to serve each of the houses and the individual members of this body.

The Legislative Bureau continues to grow into its independence as mandated by the Constitution. This mandate, however, can only be achieved and sustained with your full support. I raise this point in the hope that you recognize the critical importance of the Bureau's independence as it carries out its constitutional duties.

The constant change in the make up of the Legislature is only one of the reasons why the stability of the Bureau is critical. The Bureau is, after all, the institutional backbone of the Legislature. In recognizing this fact I challenge each member of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to support our mission and to uphold the spirit of the Constitution and the will of the people who created the independent Legislative Bureau.

Congratulations and I wish you all success during your terms of office.


Glenna SP Reyes
Director

The Senate
Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
First Senatorial District



Ayuyu, Juan M.



Manglona, Paul A.



Taimanao, Jovita M.

Second Senatorial District



Cruz, Francisco Q.



Hofschneider, Jude U.



San Nicolas, Henry H.

Third Senatorial District



Torres, Ralph DLG.



Crisostimo, Luis P.



Reyes, Pete P.

***The Senate
Organizational Session***

*Mistress of Ceremony: Linda B. Muna
Senate Clerk: Dolores S. Bermudes
Sergeants-At-Arms: Jose P. Sablan and Juan M. Santos
Senate Legal Counsels: Antonio F.S. Cabrera and Ian Catlett*

Presentation of Members

***Presentation of Colors
MHS JROTC Color Guard***

***United States and Commonwealth Anthems
Alexis B. Hofschneider***

***Invocation
Father Isaac Ayuyu***

Call to Order

Call of the Roll by Senatorial District

***Oath of Office
Honorable Robert S. Naraja
Presiding Judge, CNMI Superior Court***

Adoption of Interim Senate Rules

Election of President

Election of Vice President

Election of Floor Leader

Election of Legislative Secretary

Notification to the Governor and to the House of Representatives

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***Benediction
Father Isaac Ayuyu***



AYUYU, JUAN MANGLONA
Independent
First Senatorial District - Rota
Spouse: Alvina A. Ayuyu
Children: Jorene, John, and Janah

Mission Statement

Hafa Adai:

To the people of our great Commonwealth, as your Senator-elect from the beautiful island of Rota I humbly extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to be at your service. To our friendly people of Rota, my profound appreciation yan “dangkulu na si yu’us ma’ase” for your support and vote of confidence this past November 07, 2009 election.

The people of Rota have spoken, let us the community leaders come together and work as one for all for the good of our community and it’s people.

As your Senator-elect, I commit myself to work diligently to improve the lives of our people. I pledge to work with our leaders in Rota and the Commonwealth as a whole to put people first.

Biba taotao Luta! Biba Marianas!

/s/Senator-elect Juan M. Ayuyu



MANGLONA, PAUL ATALIG
Incumbent - Independent
First Senatorial District - Rota
Date of Birth: January 25, 1958
Spouse: Lydia Manibusan Manglona
Children: Deanna, Paul Jr., Denn, and Pauline

Mission Statement

As a senator of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, I pledge to facilitate dialogue between the legislature, the administration, and our delegate to the U.S. Congress. I will articulate practical solutions towards solving a host of pending issues plaguing the Commonwealth and will engage in proactive work with our leaders and partners in the business community. These pressing issues will include our struggling economy, public health, public safety, education, infrastructure needs, and our environment.

I am confident that with the concerted and collaborative efforts of our local leaders, combined with the public's continued patience and support, the CNMI will prevail in addressing and overcoming the daunting challenges we currently face. As an optimist, I firmly believe that difficult times should be viewed as a prerequisite to success. As such, let us accept these challenges now and move forward in unison with our shared commitment and goal of improving the lives of everyone who calls the CNMI home.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, and may God bless the Commonwealth.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona



TAIMANAO, JOVITA MARATITA

Independent

First Senatorial District - Rota

Spouse: Ricardo Songao Taimanao

Children: Rachel Maratita Taimano-Ayuyu/Shawn Anthony Ayuyu (Xiomara Taimanao Ayuyu),

Renita Maratita Taimanao (Raiden Jacob Taimanao Toves),

Renee Maratita Taimanao-Cruz/Garan John Cruz (Riley Jae Taimanao Cruz)

Parents: † Vicente M. Maratita/Maria S.N. Maratita

Parents-in-law: † Jose M. Taimanao/Christina S. Taimanao

Mission Statement

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands needs legislators to restore the integrity and honesty of government, a positive living environment, and a caring community. Our People have given me a sacred trust to work for our islands' families, grandparents and grandchildren. I will respect the wisdom of those before and the future of those to follow. I will discharge this trust through legislative policy, constituent services and the way we treat each other, guided by principles of CHANGE:

- Doing what is fair, honest, transparent, and in the best interest of the people.
- Restoring public trust in our government.
- Promoting revenue increase through local business and outside investments.
- Preserving our culture and language.
- Fostering good work ethic and communications between our islands' public officials.
- Exploring innovative and new measures to secure quality education, healthcare, and public safety.

In all that I do, my purpose will be to allow the family to be strengthened by keeping more of what they earn, assuring jobs and their future with sound financial policies; restoring common sense to law and regulation; and, to promote decision-making at the level closest to the people-our communities, districts and most importantly our homes.



CRUZ, FRANCISCO QUICHOCHO

Republican

Second Senatorial District - Tinian and Aguiguan

Children: Rubilane and Tasha

Parents: †Pedro Lizama Cruz and Maria Deleon Guerrero Quichocho

Mission Statement

I have been given a sacred trust by my family and the people of Tinian to extend all rightful subject legislation in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth. I will discharge this trust through legislative policy and our constituents' services, guided by these three principles;

- Doing the Right Thing
- Doing our Best
- Treating Others as they Wish to be Treated

In all that I do, I ask that I may be blessed for strength and guidance to make sound financial policies, bring about common sense to law and regulation, and promote decision-making at the level closest to the people-our communities, senatorial districts, and most importantly our homes.

I am a firm believer of the rights and values of populist. It always is and should be about the people first. It is about what they want, as they are the ones who have consented to be governed.



HOFSCHEIDER, JUDE UNTALAN

Incumbent - Republican

Second Senatorial District - Tinian and Aguiguan

Date of Birth: July 11, 1970

Spouse: Lizabeth B. Hofschneider

Children: Nathaniel, Kimberly (Jarvin [Tosh]), Ashley, and Alexis

Mission Statement

As a senator in the 17th Commonwealth Legislature, I pledge to bring the members of the Senate and House together, irrespective of party affiliation, to address the challenges the CNMI now faces. In the spirit of bipartisanship, I will listen to the ideas and suggestions of all members, and work cooperatively to develop the most effective legislation possible. I will also work hard to see that government obligations to our people, from Public Law 7-31 to the Retirement Fund and beyond, are honored and fulfilled. As one unified body, the 17th Commonwealth Legislature can affect positive, lasting change in our community, and improve the quality of life for our people.

I am grateful to the People of Tinian who have allowed me to continue serving them and all of the People of the Commonwealth. Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, and Thank You Very Much.



SAN NICOLAS, HENRY HOFSCHNEIDER
Incumbent - Covenant
Second Senatorial District - Tinian and Aguiguan
Date of Birth: March 25, 1968
Spouse: Ana Marie Cruz San Nicolas
Children: Marissa Dolores, Henry Joseph Jr.,
Guillermina Rose, and Miyako Kalissa

Mission Statement

First of all, as your Senator for the 17th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, together with my family, I would like to extend a sincere and fruitful “Ano Nuevo” to all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation and state without hesitation that it was my utmost honor working with Senate President Pete P. Reyes and Members of the 16th CNMI Senate.

And now, I am ready, able, willing, and optimistic in working aggressively and cooperatively with the new leadership of the 17th Commonwealth Legislature to fulfill the goals and objectives we all pledge to deliver for the betterment of our Commonwealth and our beloved people.



TORRES, RALPH DELEON GUERRERO

Republican

Third Senatorial District - Saipan and Northern Islands

Spouse: Diann Tudela Torres

Children: Ralph Anthony Tudela Torres and Vaniqa Marie Tudela Torres

Parents: Vicente V. Torres and Primitiva DLG. Torres

Mission Statement

To the people of the CNMI, on island and abroad, a very sincere and heartfelt thank you for your unconditional support, blessing and vote in confidence. I am truly blessed and humbled by the voice of the people. Today, we are challenged with difficult times as our people suffer from an economic downfall, poor medical services, utility blackouts, unacceptable sewer infrastructure, and lack of jobs in a government that still struggles to agree on how to achieve a common good. As one of your elected officials, I together with my colleagues are your voice in government and who you have entrusted with the duty to tackle and solve these problems. We have no time to rest. We must act now.

My mission is to secure Saipan and the CNMI as the place to live prosperously, both economically and culturally, in the best interests of the great people of the Commonwealth and most especially our children. I will continue to diligently look into improved public health care for our families, children and elderly by seeking alternate sources of funding such as from the federal government and by ensuring that the funds already allocated are spent properly. I promise to continue to vigorously support education by advocating that our government provides the funding it needs for teachers, supplies, and repairs. I will continue to look at legislation, both past and present, to protect local, large and small businesses. Just as important as my efforts are is the collaboration of all our elected officials in the House, Senate and Executive. Thus, I humbly ask all of my colleagues to set aside our political differences and party affiliations to work collectively for the common goal of improved living conditions.

I am excited, ready and looking forward to face and tackle the challenges before us. Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay and Thank You.

Your humble servant,

Ralph DLG. Torres
Senator-Elect



CRISOSTIMO, LUIS PALACIOS "ANGANDO"

Incumbent - Democrat

Third Senatorial District - Saipan and Northern Islands

Date of Birth: November 26, 1960

Spouse: Maria Sablan Crisostimo

Children: Monica, Luis Jr., and Dwight

Grandchildren: Dwight II and Cassidy

Mission Statement

As we embark into the Seventeenth Legislature, I will continue in my commitment to truly and faithfully work in the best interest of our people through collaborative working relationships with the newly elected members of the legislature, the executive and municipal government. It is time to put political differences aside as we work together for the common good of our people. We must stay on the course to reviving our economy, to improving our standard of living, and to providing more employment opportunities for our people. We need to all work together to make these great things happen. For our Commonwealth to move forward through these difficult times it has been facing, we need a common sense approach as well creative solutions. As a public servant, I must say that we must always stand up to the interests of our people while upholding all our laws and constitutional provisions. Let us never forget who elected us into office and do the best we can to uphold that trust that has been bestowed upon us. I believe in all of you, my people of the Commonwealth. And I believe that we will be guided by God's grace and Wisdom.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, Thank You and God Bless our Commonwealth.



REYES, PETE PANGELINAN

Incumbent - Republican

Third Senatorial District - Saipan and Northern Islands

Date of Birth: November 4, 1946

Spouse: Glenna Sakisat-Palacios Reyes

Children: Yvonne R. & Wayne Pangelinan (Tony, Hope, Peyton, Sommer,

Donovan, Jayvier, Wayannie and Wade),

Dwayne & Nicolett Reyes (Alex, Yenalea, DJ, Nidaya),

Yvette Reyes & Jose Tenorio (Savahna Jade),

Peter P. Reyes & Sorene Maratita (Irie),

Jake Victor, Kiana Kioni, and Isa Belle

Mission Statement

It is truly humbling to have the support of the people of Saipan and the Northern Islands for allowing me to serve my fourth term on the Senate as their public servant.

My mission is very simple. I pledge to work collaboratively with my colleagues in both the House of Representatives and the Senate and also with the Executive Branch Administration in pursuing the best interest of our people. We now need to put aside political differences and begin the challenging work of addressing the many issues currently faced by our government. As a start, we need to focus on the paradigm that what is good for our people should be good for us. With this, I pledged my full cooperation to the Governor, the members of the House of Representatives and my colleagues in the Senate.

*The House of Representatives
Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

Precinct 1



Benavente, Diego T.



Cabrera, Eliceo D.



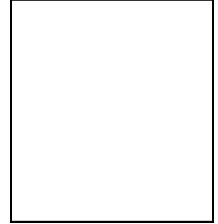
*Deleon Guerrero,
Joseph P.*



Palacios, Joseph M.



Sablan, Antonio P.



Tenorio, Froilan C.

Precinct 2



Demapan, Rafael S.



Palacios, Raymond D.

Precinct 3



*Dela Cruz,
Francisco S.*



*Ogumoro,
Felicidad T.*



Tebuteb, Ramon A.



*Torres-McGinnis,
Stanley T.*



*Villagomez,
Edmund S.*

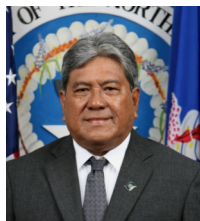


Yumul, Ray N.

Precinct 4



Camacho, George N.



Iguel, Sylvestre I.

Precinct 5



Basa, Ramon S.



*Deleon Guerrero,
Frederick P.*

Precinct 6



Comer, Trenton B.

Precinct 7



Santos, Teresita A.

***The House of Representatives
Organizational Session***

Mistress of Ceremony: Claire D. Sablan

House Clerk: Evelyn C. Fleming

Sergeants-At-Arms: Pedro O. Towai and Sylvestre Sablan

House Legal Counsels: Antonette R. Villagomez and Joey P. San Nicolas

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Father Jesse Reyes

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Honorable Miguel S. Demapan

Chief Justice, CNMI Supreme Court

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Father Jesse Reyes



BENAVENTE, DIEGO TENORIO
Incumbent - Republican
Election District 1 (Saipan)
Date of Birth: April 21, 1959
Spouse: Victoria Iriarte Benavente
Children: Jacob (Jerry and Jacob), Dianna,
James, and Dolores

Mission Statement

Committed to serving and representing the people of the CNMI.

CABRERA, ELICEO DIAZ
Republican

Election District 1 (Saipan)
Spouse: Victoria Aldan Cabrera
Children: Elaine & Joey (TJ, Princess, Easton and Jun Jun),
Adrian & Jennifer (Elise Victoria), Evita,
Crystal & Martin (Destiny), and Victor "Champ"

Mission Statement

Committed to working with other members in both houses and the Administration for the benefit of our Commonwealth.





DELEON GUERRERO, JOSEPH PINAULA

Incumbent - Republican

Election District 1 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: August 5, 1963

Spouse: Mercedes Q. Deleon Guerrero

Children: Joseph Jr., Jeffrey, Lance, and Anthony

Mission Statement

The four terms I have served in the Legislature has helped me gain a unique insight and understanding of the current issues and needs of the CNMI as well as an appreciation of the legislative process. I will use this experience to identify and support legislation for the protection and benefit of our people as a whole. As always, I remain committed to carefully reviewing all legislation passing through these halls and will stand guard against special interest or self serving legislation.

PALACIOS, JOSEPH MAFNAS

Republican

Election District 1 (Saipan)

Spouse: Bertha "Bert" Mendiola Palacios

*Children: Anthony & Naoko (Ryona), Joel, Jonathan,
Angel & Sage (Alana Jade), Conchita "Princess",*

Joseph Jr., and Jude

Mission Statement

On behalf of my wife (Bert), Family, Supporters, and the Committee to Elect Joseph Mafnas Palacios, I would like to extend our deepest and profound appreciation to each and everyone who have supported me this past election. Words alone cannot express to say "Un Dankulo na si yu'us ma'ase, Ghilisow, and Thank You for your sincere and untiring support that has led us to a successful campaign. During this past few months, I pledge that "I will fight...for what is right." As your Representative for the 17th CNMI Legislature, I vow to do that, and to address other issues that affect our daily lives. Thank you and may God bless us all.



Joseph Mafnas Palacios
House of Representatives



SABLAN, ANTONIO PANGELINAN

Republican

Election District 1 (Saipan)

Spouse: Patricia A. Concepcion

Children: Peter Anthony/Victoria Lynn (Deseree, Ana Beata, Donnina, Peter Franklyn, Victoria Ann, Gina & Hope), Antonio Phillip /Trinny Ann (Kathyryn Tionie & Kylie Ann), Peonie Leovanie (Charianne Patreese), Andrew Curtis, and Pennie Lee

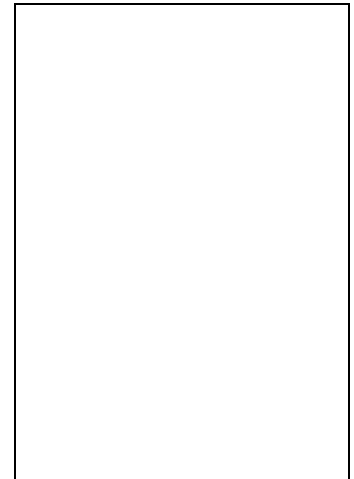
Mission Statement

I support responsible government spending that prioritizes the development and maintenance of basic infrastructure like schools, water, power, sewer, roads, and the improvement of our tourism industry and private businesses.

TENORIO, FROILAN CRUZ

Covenant

Election District 1 (Saipan)





DEMAPAN, RAFAEL SABLAN JR.

Covenant

Election District 2 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: August 23, 1968

*Children: Ryan Hide Nishizuka Demapan
and Carey Shiho Nishizuka Demapan*

Mission Statement

I welcome your input and urge your proactive participation as we work together to revitalize and reinstate Precinct II as a community we can all be proud of - Clean villages, Safe neighborhoods, Drug-free community, Healthy families, Active youth and manamko caring for each other. Community ownership we can be proud of. Respect and trust.

PALACIOS, RAYMOND DEMAPAN

Incumbent - Covenant

Election District 2 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: September 9, 1963

Spouse: Elizabeth A. Leon Guerrero

*Children: Phyllis Ann W. Palacios, David W. Palacios,
Hazel Lyn W. Palacios, and Mercy Lyn W. Palacios*

Father: Francisco M. Palacios

Mission Statement

Work collaboratively with the Administration and the Business Community in enhancing and prospering economic growth as a result of the global economic crisis that hampers our once thriving economic prosperity. Focus in addressing priorities and continue supporting adequate funding for the delivery of vital public services to alleviate hardships that are affecting our hardworking common-ordinary people.



DELA CRUZ, FRANCISCO SANTOS

Incumbent - Republican

Election District 3 (Saipan)

Spouse: Lisa M. Dela Cruz

Children: Divana (Raymana Owen),

Dana, Damien, and Deveney

Mission Statement



Good morning, Hafa Adai, and Tirow,

First off, on behalf of my wife Lisa, our children and our family, I extend our profound thank you for the support and trust given to me during the last November 7th general election. I am very humbled.

I would also like to extend a special un dankulu na si yuus maase to my Committee to Re-elect members as well as to the GOP Precinct 3 club members for without their time, commitment, effort, and support, this would not have been possible.

And now a message to my colleagues; although we have different ideals and principles, I am ready to work with all of you in the quest of improving the lives of each and every citizen of our commonwealth. I stand ready to offer my assistance when needed and I pledge to work with you on issues that affect our CNMI. We were all voted into office to represent all the people of the Commonwealth, and to me this is not only an honor but a sacred trust above all else. Let us never forget who placed us into office.

Again, thank you, si yu'us ma'ase, yan olomwaay

Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz

Precinct 3 (R)

OGUMORO, FELICIDAD “DALING” TAMAN

Covenant

Election District 3 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: September 1, 1949

Spouse: †Francisco “Cisco” Thomas Uludong

Parents: Daniel Rogolifoi Ogumoro & †Estefania Taman Ogumoro

Children: Stacy, DilJune & Maui (Keen & Ebiklou), Kodep, Aling & Reneacia (Ulusmar Joaquin), Les & Pete, and Lei & Kelvin

Mission Statement

I will work proactively to:

- 1.) safeguard the right to govern ourselves as guaranteed in the Covenant, and
- 2.) improve the quality of life for the people of the Commonwealth, with special emphasis on women and the poor.





TEBUTEB, RAMON ANGAILEN

***Incumbent - Republican
Election District 3 (Saipan)***

Date of Birth: August 25, 1958

Spouse: Messelina "Missy" Deleon Guerrero Aldan

*Children: Redie Paula Aldan Dela Cruz, Joseph A. Mizutani,
Grina Lee A. Mizutani, Frankie A. Mizutani,
Reyazor A. Tebuteb, Reyna Lee A. Tebuteb, and
Kimo Weiloolyong A. Angailen*

Mission Statement

I am committed to continue to work cooperatively with all the members of the Legislature and the Executive Branch of our government. I believe that our Commonwealth will have a very bright outlook given a positive and optimistic attitude of all our leaders. The challenge in the next two years is to maintain essential public services. We must continue to be proactive in the mandates of our constitution and adopt a progressive view to uphold its respective integrity.

TORRES-McGINNIS STANLEY TUDELA

(Incumbent - Independent)

Election District 3 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: September 30, 1941

Spouse: Arlene Blas Cabrera Torres

Children: Stanley C./Juanny Garrido Torres (Nathan);

Regina T./Dennis Scarpucci (Brandon, Sean, Hanna, E.J.);

Charles C./Xiao Wang Torres (Kelani);

Kenneth C./May Rose DLC. Torres (Taylor Ann, Emmerie,

Makenzie Leialoha); Anthony C./Nicole M. Torres (Iziah); and

Jeric D.B.C. Torres

Mission Statement

The people have spoken with their votes at the ballot box. Congratulations to our re-elected Governor Ben R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos as they have earned the public trust and confidence. Yet they cannot do the job alone. They need this Legislative assistance to accomplish the mandate of the people of the Commonwealth, and to that end, I pledge my full cooperation and assistance. Congratulations to everyone of you who was voted to the Seventeenth Legislature which is at a turning point in the history of the Commonwealth. I look forward to a term of productivity and honest effort by all.

To all my supporters, friends and families from Precinct III who have given their trust and confidence to return to the Seventeenth Legislature, I pledge to continue guarding your rights and benefits and for more projects of major improvement in our Precinct.





VILLAGOMEZ, EDMUND SABLAN
Covenant
Election District 3 (Saipan)
Parents: Joseph C. & Emma S. Villagomez

Mission Statement

I pledge my full commitment and diligence to working cooperatively with my fellow lawmakers and the administration in working to improve the quality of life in the Commonwealth. My main objective is to work on initiatives, programs, and legislation that will help improve our economic situation here in the Commonwealth. I believe that with a strong economy we can improve in providing essential services to the people. I feel that public safety, education, and health are the key services that we should always provide to the people and it is my intention to use my knowledge, education, and experience in helping to improve on these services by focusing on improving the economy. I will also work collaboratively with the different agencies, organizations, committees, and members of the community to ensure that we develop sound strategic programs, plans, and legislation that will benefit the people of the CNMI, consistent with the needs of our island community.

YUMUL, RAY NARAJA
Incumbent - Republican
Election District 3 (Saipan)

Date of Birth: August 18, 1972

Spouse: Maria Theresa "Marites" Acosta-Yumul

*Children: Dominic Jude, Daniel Ethan, Devin Francis,
and Franchesca Zeniah*

Mission Statement

To endeavor to provide fiscally sound and prudent legislations, to strengthen and expand the CNMI's economic base and to provide the community with significant public services that will make island living distinguishable to that of the other island communities in our part of the pacific.

Lastly, I will continue the good working relationships with the members of the Legislature, the Administration, the agencies of the CNMI, the offices of the Mayors, and Municipal Councils.





CAMACHO, GEORGE NORITA

Independent

Election District 4 (Saipan & Northern Islands)

*Spouse: Susan Borja Quitano-Camacho
Children: Kuino Benbar Quitano Camacho
and Heath Quinten Quitano Camacho*

Mission Statement

As your representative from Precinct 4, I will continue the efforts of the Legislature and the Administration towards improving our economy. Working together we shall be able to improve the situation of our great Commonwealth. I also vow to focus my energy on the youth. The youth today are faced with many issues and we must provide structure and guidance for them. We must provide the youth with the proper tools and allow them to grow to become independent and contributing members of our community. If we ensure that every task we take upon is for the benefit of the youth, we can be assured of a much brighter future.

IGUEL, SYLVESTRE ILO

Covenant

Election District 4 (Saipan & Northern Islands)

Date of Birth: July 24, 1949

Spouse: Escolastica Igitol Taitano Iguel

Children: Sylvestre Iguel Jr., Melinda I. / Gerald Muna (Joshua, Stevelina, Jenika and Malea), Moses D. Iguel, John Anthony Iguel / Tanya B. Concepcion (Trini Marie), Jose Benito T. Iguel / Yvette S. Cruz (Therese Marie and Noah Jose), Aurelia Marie T. Iguel, and Weena Gwendolyn T. Iguel

Mission Statement

As a newly elected member of the 17th Northern Marianas Legislature, it will be an honor and privilege to work diligently and collaboratively with my colleagues regardless of political differences at the round table for the best interest of the Commonwealth. I plan to support new ideas and sound investments put forward, and I will strongly support our local businesses to thrive in our economy. It is also, my firm desire and commitment to continually address environmental issues to ensure a *safe, clean and healthy* environment for Precinct 4 and the Commonwealth Community. I believe that the health and welfare of any human being is very precious and one that should never be compromised.



BASA, RAMON SABLAN

Covenant

Election District 5 (Saipan)

Spouse: Josephine Camacho Basa

Children: Erik Thomas Basa & Calrit Echalico (Peyton Jake and Tyrik Jhay), Preston O. Basa, and Zyra C. Cabrera



Mission Statement

To constantly execute lawful duties in all aspects of lawmaking and public policies that are crucial to the enhancement of the general well-being for all the people of the CNMI; to help path the way for our proud democratic insular nation toward economic stability and self-sufficiency and a world-class tourist destination.

DELEON GUERRERO, FREDRICK PETERS

Independent

Election District 5 (Saipan)

Spouse: Macey Reyes Deleon Guerrero

Children: Tiara, Vincent, and Regina

Grandchild: Kaya Lucia



Mission Statement

I would like to thank all of my supporters for their vote of confidence. And now, let us set aside our political differences, roll up our sleeves, and work together to build a great commonwealth.

CONNER, TRENTON BRIAN

Republican

Election District 6 (Tinian & Aguiguan)

Date of Birth: February 4, 1971

Spouse: Connie Cepeda Conner

Children: Marton S. Conner and Treleen S. Conner



Mission Statement

To work cooperatively with my colleagues and with all other elected officials and government personnel. To hear and listen to the people's concerns and plights regarding our beautiful Commonwealth. To try and address all legislation that has been enacted, pending and will be introduced. To try and address all pressing issues concerning our economy, health, safety, and educational needs of our people. To try and steer our Commonwealth to the path it once was in order to help alleviate the burdens of our people and to upgrade the standard of living that our people were promised through the Covenant.

With perseverance, dedication, and effort, along with strong leadership and the unification, cooperation, and understanding of our people, we can prevail from all the negative factors that were confronted with and move in the direction that we must pursue to bring the Commonwealth to a greater and better place in this part of the world. Let's do it. Not gripe about it. Time to work. Yes we can.

Trenton Brian Conner
Representative elect #6

SANTOS, TERESITA APATANG

Independent

Election District 7 (Rota)

Date of Birth: October 25, 1959

Child: †Joseph N. Castro Jr.

Mission Statement

As we all know, we must all come together to actively seek solutions to our changing times and to bring forth courses of action in addressing the issues affecting our Commonwealth.

First, we must all actively work together to achieve our economic growth by investing in our Commonwealth's future. In order to do this, we must stimulate and motivate our citizens to collaboratively and creatively engage in the building and establishment of a thriving local economy that actively competes with regional and global markets. Second, we need to educate our people in the areas of commerce, exportation and entrepreneurship so that we may achieve a productive and self sufficient community within our Commonwealth.

Third, we must explore avenues to educate and supply our youth with the necessary training and skills in preparing them to become productive and responsible citizens in our community. Equally important, we must encourage our youth to learn and understand the functions of government and to engage in research on critical issues affecting the quality of life in our community.

In conclusion, it should be our mission to participate in the formulation, development and advocacy of public policy positions that impact the economic and health and welfare of our community. In so doing, we can expect our Commonwealth to meet its goals and objectives and make a difference in the personal lives of our community. As John Dewey, an American philosopher and educator said, "Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another."



***United States National Anthem
The Star Spangled Banner***

*Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed,
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?*

Northern Marianas Commonwealth Anthem

*Gi talo' gi halom tasi
Nai gaige tano'ho
Ayo na siempre hu saga
Malago' ho*

*Ya un dia bai hu hanao
Bai fatto ha ta'lo
Tisiña hao hu dingo
O tano' ho*

*Mit beses yan mas
Hu saluda hao
Gatbo na Islas Marianas
Hu tuna hao*

*Satil matawal Pacifico
Igha elo falawai ie
Ighilal igha ebwe lootiw
Tipééy iye*

*Eew ráal nge ibwe mweetesangi,
Nge ipwal sefáálitiiy,
Ese mmwel bwe ibwe lighiti
Bwe faluwééy*

*Sangaras fal bwughuwal
Ay tirow ngalugh
Ling ghatchul téél faluw
Marianas, Ay mwareiti*

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THE LEGISLATIVE BUREAU

The Legislative Bureau was established by the ratification of the 1985 Constitutional Amendment 10. This amendment is incorporated into the Commonwealth Constitution as Article 2 Section 17.

The Bureau was created, as a non-partisan entity to provide required services to the members of both House of the Legislature in connection with their duties and responsibilities during sessions and committee meetings. These services include providing professional staff to draft bills, prepare committee reports, provide legal assistance, and main the records, files, library, and other documents of the Legislature.

The Bureau was designed to be independent and free from any political, harassment or pressure, so it was given its own operational budget by the ratification of House Legislative Initiative 6-2. The Legislative Bureau continues to develop into the independent supporting agency it was created to be, providing efficient and stable operational continuity during and between changing composition of the Legislature.