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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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The Honorable Francisco Q. Cruz
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan
Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law with disapproved items, **House Local Bill 22-4, D1** entitled, "To appropriate Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six US Dollars (\$202,996.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes." The bill was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Regrettably, I have disapproved the following part of the enactment for the foregoing reasons:

VETOED PART OF THE ENACTMENT

SECTION 2 (b)

This provision sought to appropriate \$62,996.00 for various municipal capital improvement projects.

Citing the Attorney General's comments on **H.L.B. 22-4, D1**, a more detailed listing of what capital improvement projects are to be funded with the \$62,996.00 should be provided in order to ensure that the funding is properly accounted for in a transparent manner. Because there is no indication of what specific CIPs are to be funded by this appropriation, I respectfully request that the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation appropriate these funds in a future legislation with the inclusion of a detailed project list.

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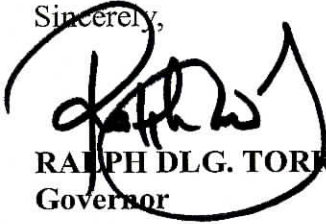
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With the exception of the vetoed portions, this bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 22-02**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; President of the Senate; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; Commonwealth Development Authority; Secretary of Finance; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Chairman, Tinian Municipal Council; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review

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**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2021

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 22-4, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six US Dollars (\$202,996.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

on March 16, 2021

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

March 18, 2021

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	3/18/21: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 22-22] & Tinian Municipal Council [Del. Matters 22-23]
Comments Received:	4/13/21: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Mayors Comm. 22-1]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	May 17, 2021 [as Draft 1]

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2021

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred
3 Ninety-Six US Dollars (\$202,996.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the
4 Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development
5 Authority as available for appropriation.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

7 Notwithstanding any provisions, law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the
8 Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates Two Hundred Two Thousand
9 Nine Hundred Ninety-Six US Dollars (\$202,996.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income

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1 collected for the Second Senatorial District, that has been identified by the Commonwealth
2 Development Authority available for appropriation as follows:

3 (a) \$140,000 for the Tinian Marpo Heights and Carolinas Heights village
4 homestead expansion; and

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~~(b) \$62,996.00 for various municipal capital improvement projects.~~

6 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

7 The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated in Section 2 shall be the Mayor of
8 Tinian and Aguiguan or his/her designee.

9 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

10 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.
11 Notwithstanding any provision of law, the project funded under this Act shall be without fiscal
12 year limitation.

13 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

14 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
15 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
16 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
17 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

18 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

19 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any
20 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,
21 regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect
22 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not
23 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which

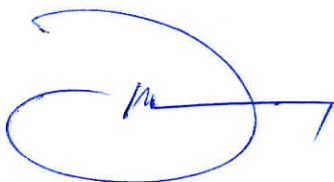
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1 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

2 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law
4 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



Francisco Q. Cruz
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved this *3rd* day of *June*, 2021.



Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands