

Sanchez Joins Gov's Staff

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Jose "Joe" M.R. Sanchez, a former island school teacher and real estate broker was designated Tuesday the legislative liaison officer for the Governor's Office by Gov. Ricky Bordallo.

Sanchez, 30, said his duties will be "specifically to keep the lines of communication open and coordinate relations between the Governor's Office and the legislature to eliminate intra-governmental conflicts."

His role as a staff member will expand gradually, with emphasis placed on relations between the Governor's Office and the business community, he added.

Sanchez will receive \$17,160 a year.

The son of Maria R. and Francisco Sanchez of San Diego, Sanchez has been on the island since 1959.

He graduated from George Washington High School in 1963, then studied at the College of Guam, graduating from there in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in political science and minors in history, sociology and education. He has had two years of graduate study focusing on counseling and economics.

While in college Sanchez was twice a student senator and worked on the school newspaper. He was president of the Young

Democratic Club of Guam in 1963 and 1965.

Sanchez worked for the Department of Public Health and Social Services and as a school teacher from 1966-1971. Since 1971 he has been a real estate broker with the Marianas Realty Corp. He retains stock in the corporation though he has resigned from active participation, he said.

Sanchez was campaign manager for Republican Speaker Joe Ada, he said, and worked on campaigns for other members of the Legislature.

A member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, Sanchez was president of the Guam Board of Realtors in 1972 and a director of its board until he assumed the government post. He also was a member of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers.

Single, Sanchez said he views his new job as an opportunity and a challenge to use his business experience "to improve government organization rather than take the passive role."

It will be a real challenge coordinating relations between 21 individualistic senators and the Governor to produce the best for the island, Sanchez said.

"Hopefully this will not be too political a position," Sanchez said.

"My loyalty is to the people of Guam first, then to political parties," he explained.



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