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November 20, 1976

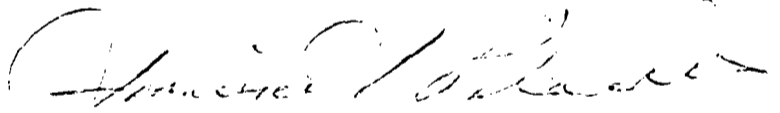
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 5(c)

It is proposed that article II, section 5 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Enactment of Legislation.

c) The legislature shall enact no law except by bill and no bill shall ~~become-law~~ be enacted without the approval of at least a majority of the votes cast in each house of the legislature.

Offered by:



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 2

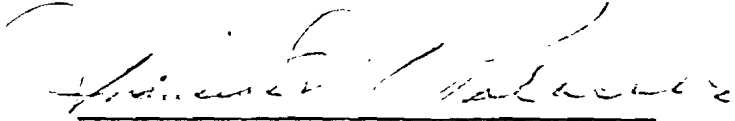
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 6

It is proposed that article I, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Equal Protection. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws, ~~No person~~ nor shall be denied the enjoyment of civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof on account of race, color, religion, ancestry or sex.

Offered by,


Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 3

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 13

It is proposed that article I of the draft Constitution be amended to add section 13 to read as follows:

Section 13: Traditional Art of Healing. The legislature shall not enact any law prohibiting the practice of the traditional art of healing.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

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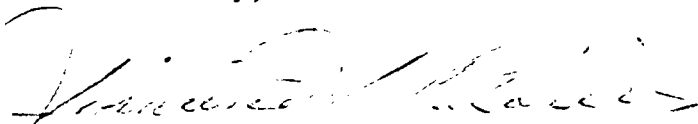
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 14

It is proposed that article I of the draft Constitution be amended to add section 14 to read as follows:

Section 14: Continuation of Medical and Dental Licenses. All medical and dental licenses, including para-medical and para-dental licenses, that were issued prior to the ratification of this Constitution shall continue to be valid after the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 5

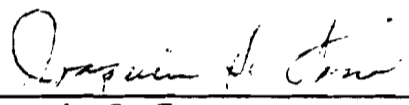
November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I

It is proposed that article I of the draft Constitution be amended to include a new section 13, as follows:

Section 13: Health Services for Indigents. Indigents shall have the right to free health services.

Offered by,



Joaquin S. Torres

Amendment No. 6

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation.

The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand dollars and such reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided by law. The salary of members may be increased adjusted no more frequently than once every four years and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers except that no adjustment in the salary may be made within seven years of the effective date of the Constitution that exceeds a percentage which is the same percentage change, up or down, in a generally accepted and impartial index of the cost-of-living. No increase adjustment in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by:


Manuel A. Tenorio

Amendment No. 7

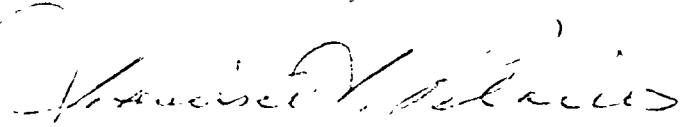
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1

It is proposed that article VII, section 1 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Qualifications of Voters. Any person is eligible to
vote who, at the date of the election, is 18 years of age or older, is
domiciled in the Commonwealth, is a resident of the Commonwealth and has
resided in the Commonwealth as provided by law, ~~is not serving a sentence
for any crime other than a misdemeanor having a maximum sentence of six
months or less~~ has not been convicted of a felony or if convicted his civil
rights has been restored, has not been found by a court to be of unsound
mind, and is either a United States citizen or a United States national,
provided, however, that the legislature may require that persons eligible to
vote be United States citizens.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

No. 5

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article III, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Attorney General. The-governor-shall-appoint an-attorney-general-with-the-advice-and-consent-of-the senate. There shall be an attorney general who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate during the four years following the effective date of the Constitution and who thereafter shall be popularly elected. The attorney general, shall serve as legal adviser to the governor and executive departments, shall be responsible for representation of the Commonwealth government in all legal matters, and shall serve as chief law enforcement officer with responsibility for prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 10

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 2

It is proposed that article III, section 2 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Qualifications of the Governor. The governor shall be a qualified voter of the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas, at least thirty years of age, a citizen or national of the United States and a resident and domiciliary in the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas for at least seven years immediately preceding his election. A different period of required residence or domicile may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Luis A. Benavente

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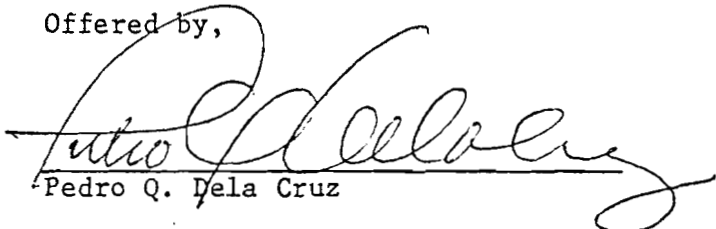
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4

It is proposed that article III, section 4 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Election of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

The governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected at large within the Commonwealth at a regular general election and shall take office as provided by article VIII. The governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected jointly for a term of four years with each voter casting a single vote applicable to both offices. No person shall be elected ~~governor-more-than~~ three-times to more than two terms of office as governor.

Offered by,


Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

Amendment No. 12

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article III, section 5 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Compensation of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five thousand dollars and the lieutenant governor an annual salary of ~~twenty-two~~ twenty thousand dollars. Both shall receive such reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided by law. Upon the recommendation of the advisory commission on executive, legislative and judicial compensation created by article II of this Constitution, the legislature may increase or decrease the governor's or lieutenant governor's salary provided, however, that neither salary shall be increased or diminished during the period for which the governor or lieutenant governor shall have been elected.

Offered by,

Luis A. Benavente

Amendment No. 14

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 8(b)

It is proposed that article III, section 8(b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 8: Absence or Disability of the Governor.

b) When the governor is unable to discharge the duties of his office by reason of impeachment or other disability, including but not limited to physical or mental disability, the lieutenant governor shall be acting governor. If the lieutenant governor is unavailable to serve, the order of succession to the office of acting governor shall be the same as if the governor were physically absent from the Commonwealth. ~~If the person next in succession to the governor has reason to believe that the governor is unable to discharge the duties of his office, that person shall inform the Commonwealth appeals court or the United States District Court if no Commonwealth appeals court has been created under section 3 of article IV. The court shall have original, exclusive and final jurisdiction to determine all questions regarding disability of the governor, the existence of a vacancy in the office of governor, and succession to the office or its powers and duties.~~

Offered by,


Francisco T. Palacios

No 15

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article IV, section 5 be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Appointment and Qualifications. Judges shall be appointed for a term of six ~~(6)~~ years by the governor by and with the consent of the senate. The term of office may be increased by law to not more than twelve ~~(12)~~ years for judges who have served at least one term. A judge shall be ~~at-least-thirty-(30)-years-of-age,~~ a United States citizen or national and possess such other qualifications as may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

No. 16

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

It is proposed that article IV, section 4 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4: Jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. The United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall have trial and appellate jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases ~~to the extent that such jurisdiction is not vested in the courts of the Commonwealth by this article or by the legislature acting pursuant to this article.~~ concurrent with that of the courts of the Commonwealth. When the District Court sits as an appellate court to hear appeals from the Commonwealth trial court or from the District Court sitting as trial court, it shall consist of three judges, at least one of whom shall be a judge regularly assigned to a division of the Commonwealth trial court that functions as a court of record.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 17

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article VI, section 5 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

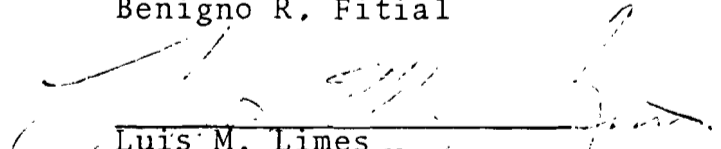
Section 5: Governor's Council of Mayors.

The mayors who are elected pursuant to section 2, a ^{shall be} representative of the Carolinian community who is appointed by the governor and who is acceptable to that community, and the governor shall constitute a council of mayors to advise the governor on local and ethnic matters. The governor shall preside over the council which shall meet at least four (4) times each year to consider any matter relating to the relationship between the Commonwealth and its separate islands and to the relationship among ethnic groups as the members place on the council's agenda.

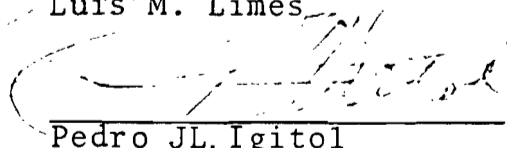
Offered by:



Benigno R. Fitial



Luis M. Limes



Pedro JL. Igitol

No. 12

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1
SUBSECTIONS a) and d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 1, subsections a) and d) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Initiative. The people may enact laws by initiative.

a) An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the proposed law. ~~If the petition proposes a local law that affects only one municipality, the petition shall be signed by at least twenty (20) percent of the total number of voters qualified to vote in the Municipality. -- If the petition proposes a general law for the Commonwealth,~~ The petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of qualified voters in ~~each of two of the municipalities~~ the Commonwealth.

d) ~~If the petition proposes a local law that affects only one municipality, it~~ A petition shall become law if approved by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the ~~registered voters of the Commonwealth~~ votes cast. An initiative petition that has been approved by the voters shall take effect thirty ~~(30)~~ days after the date of the election unless the initiative petition itself otherwise provides.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

No. 19

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 5 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies: The Marianas Public Land Corporation shall follow certain fundamental policies in the performance of its responsibilities.

a) The Corporation shall make available some portion of the public lands for a homestead program. No person shall be eligible for more than one ~~agricultural~~ and ~~one-village~~ homestead. No person shall receive title to a homestead for five years after the grant of a homestead or shall be able to transfer title to a homestead within ten years of receipt thereof provided, however, that these requirements shall be waived for persons who have established a continuous residence on public lands for at least ~~20~~ fifteen years as of the effective date of this Constitution. Other requirements for eligibility for the homestead program and the nature of the interest in land to be transferred by the Corporation shall be as provided by law.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 20

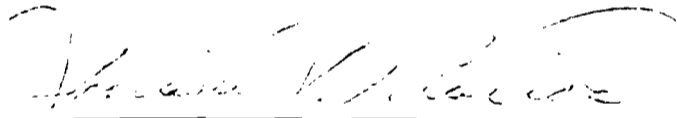
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 1

It is proposed that article XIII, section 1 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Eminent Domain Power. The government may exercise
the power of eminent domain to acquire private property necessary for the
accomplishment of a public purpose ~~as provided by law~~ for education,
utility, roads and health facilities.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

No. 21

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2,
SUBSECTIONS a) and b)

It is proposed that article II, section 2, subsections a) and b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

a) The senate shall consist of ~~nine-(9)~~ six members with ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Rota, ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and ~~three-(3)~~ two members elected at large from Tinian and Agiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first election for senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two years.

b) The senate shall be increased to ~~twelve~~ eight members and ~~three~~ two members shall be elected from the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons. The senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 22

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article II, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The House of Representatives shall consist of ~~thirty-(30)~~ fourteen members with ~~twenty-five-(25)~~ twelve members from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three-(3)~~ one members from Rota and ~~two-(2)~~ one members from Tinian and Aguiguan provided, however, that the number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty-(40)~~ twenty (20). The term of office for representative shall be two (2) years.

b) A representative shall be a qualified voter of the Commonwealth, a United States citizen or national, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and a resident of the Commonwealth for at least three (3) years immediately preceding his election. A longer residency requirement may be provided by law.


c) Rota shall constitute one electoral district, Tinian and Aguiguan shall constitute one electoral district, the islands north of Saipan shall constitute one electoral district, and Saipan shall be divided into six (6) electoral districts for the election of representatives. The legislature may change the number and boundaries of the electoral districts used for

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electing representatives but no district on Rota and Saipan shall consist of more than one island. For ten (10) years following the effective date of this Constitution, the legislature shall not change the electoral districts on Saipan and the islands north of Saipan except pursuant to its duties under section 4 of this article.

Offered by:


Francisco T. Palacios

No. 2

November 18, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 14

It is proposed that article II, section 14 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 14: Sessions. The legislature shall meet for organizational purposes on the second Monday of January in the year following the regular general election at which members of the legislature are elected and shall be a continuous body for the two years between such organizational meetings. Each house shall meet ~~in regular-sessions-as provided-by-law-or-its-procedures-and-may-be-convened-at other-times-by-its-presiding-officer-or-by-the-governor~~ forty-five day regular sessions spaced six months apart. Special legislative sessions may be called by the governor or a majority of the legislature. When meeting pursuant to ~~the-governor's-call~~ a call for a special session, the legislature shall consider only those subjects described in the call.

Offered by,


Francisco T. Palacios

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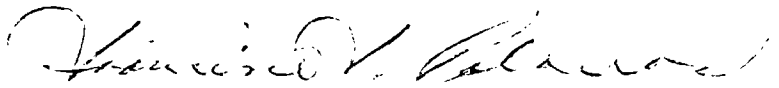
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 13

It is proposed that article II, section 13 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 13: Legislative Immunity. No member of the legislature shall be questioned in any other place for any written or oral statement in the legislature or its committees and no member of the legislature shall be subject to arrest while going to or coming from a meeting of the legislature or a Committee, except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

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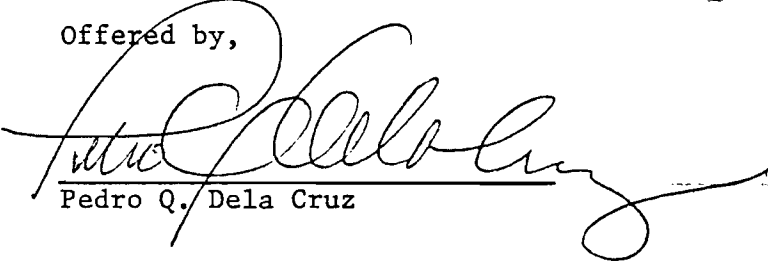
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary ~~of twelve thousand dollars and such reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided by law. The salary of members may be increased no more frequently than once every four years and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.~~ as provided by law. The salary of members of the legislature may be neither increased nor diminished during the term for which they were elected.

Offered by,


Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

Amendment No. 26

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary of ~~twelve~~ eight thousand dollars and such reasonable expenses as may be provided by law. The salary of members may be increased no more frequently than once every four (4) years and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 27

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary ~~of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)~~ that shall be fixed by law and such reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided by law. The salary of members may be increased no more frequently than once every four (4) years and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article II, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The House of Representatives shall consist of ~~thirty-(30)~~ fifteen (15) members with ~~twenty-five-(25)~~ thirteen (13) members from Saipan ~~and including~~ the islands north of Saipan, ~~three-(3)~~ one (1) members from Rota and ~~two-(2)~~ one (1) members from Tinian and including Aguiguan provided, however, that the number of representatives may be increased to not more than ~~forty-(40)~~ twenty (20). The term of office for representatives shall be two (2) years. In elections for representatives, including those for nomination, each elector may cast the number of votes equal to the number of candidates running for the House of Representatives from the respective island or islands. Each elector may cast his votes for one (1) candidate or distribute them among the several candidates. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

b) A representative shall be a qualified voter of the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas, a United States citizen or national, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and a resident of the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas for at least three (3) years immediately preceding his election. A longer residency requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Luis A. Benavente

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

It is proposed that article II, section 2 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

a) The Senate shall consist of ~~nine-(9)~~ six (6) members with ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Rota, ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Saipan and ~~the~~ including islands north of it, and ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Tinian and including Aguiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four (4) years except that the candidate receiving the ~~third~~ second highest number of votes in the first election for senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two (2) years.

b) The Senate shall be increased to ~~twelve-(12)~~ eight (8) members and ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members shall be elected from islands north of Saipan at the first general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand (1,000) persons. The senator receiving the ~~third~~ second highest number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two (2) years.

c) A senator shall be a qualified voter of the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas, a United States citizen or national, at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and a resident of the ~~Commonwealth~~ Northern Marianas for at least five (5) years immediately preceding his election. A longer residency requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Luis A. Benavente

Amendment No. 31

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3(a)

It is proposed that article II, section 3(a) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The House of Representatives shall consist of ~~thirty~~ fifteen members with ~~twenty-five~~ thirteen members from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three~~ one member from Rota and ~~two~~ one from Tinian and Aguiguan provided, however, that the number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty~~ twenty. The term of office for representative shall be two years.

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 32

November 19, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 8

It is proposed that article II, section 8 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 8: Confirmation of Appointments: The senate and the house of representatives sitting in joint session shall have the power to confirm appointments by the governor where such confirmation is required by this Constitution or by law.

If this amendment is adopted, changes in the following other constitutional provisions will be necessary:

article III, section 3;
article III, section 11;
article III, section 13;
article III, section 14;
article IV, section 5;
article V, section 6; and
article XI, section 4(a)

Offered by,


Lorenzo I. Guerrero

Amendment No. 33

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 6(g)

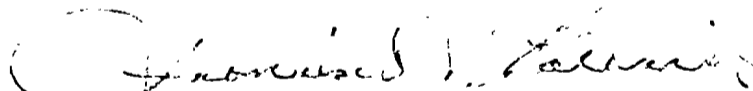
It is proposed that article XI, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to add the following subsection.

Section 6: Marianas Public Land Trust.

g) There is hereby established a Commonwealth Development Bank. The Legislative process of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall establish the basic law of the Commonwealth Development.

The Trustee shall invest 55% in the Commonwealth Development Bank, and 45% in education of the Marianas descent from the revenue derive from Section 803(b) under the Covenant.

Offered by:


Francisco T. Palacios

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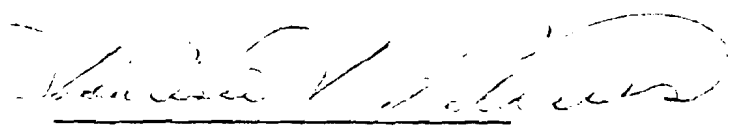
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article XIII, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Statute of Limitations.

The legislature may repeal any statute of limitation currently in force in the Commonwealth with respect to land in order for the Commonwealth to provide compensation for past transactions. Such compensation to be provided by the Commonwealth ~~may include monetary relief or~~ shall be in priority with respect to the distribution of public lands but shall not affect any right in property that vested pursuant to the repealed statute of limitations.

Offered by:



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 35

November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 12

It is proposed that article III, section 12 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 12: Public Auditor. The governor shall appoint a public auditor with the advice and consent of the legislature. The public auditor shall audit the receipt, possession and disbursement of all public funds by any branch, agency or department and instrumentality of the Commonwealth and shall perform other duties as provided by law. The public auditor shall report his findings to the legislature and the governor at least once every year and such report shall promptly be removed only for cause and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the legislature. In the event that there is a vacancy in the office of public auditor, the presiding officer of the senate shall appoint a temporary public auditor who shall serve until the governor appoints a successor with the advice and consent of the legislature.

Offered by,


Francisco T. Palacios

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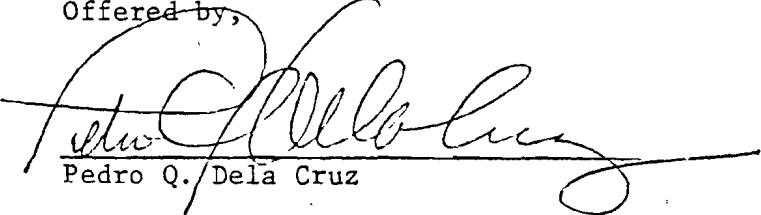
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article XII, section 5 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Corporations. A corporation shall be deemed to be a person of Northern Marianas descent so long as it is incorporated in the Commonwealth, has its principal place of business in the Commonwealth, has directors at least fifty-one percent of whom are persons of the Northern Marianas descent and has voting shares at least fifty-one percent of which are owned by persons of Northern Marianas descent as defined by Section 4. No corporation shall be formed for the sole purpose of holding an interest in land.

Offered by,


Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

Amendment No. 37

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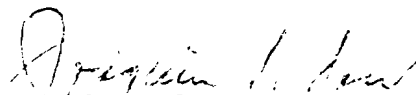
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 7

It is proposed that article I, section 7 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

~~Section 7: Availability of a Militia. In order that a militia be available if necessary in times of emergency, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.~~

Gun Control. The legislature shall by law restrict the right of persons living in the Commonwealth to possess hand guns. The law enacted pursuant to this section shall contain no exceptions except those required for the public safety.

Offered by,



Joaquin S. Torres

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

It is proposed that article II, section 2 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

~~a) -- The Senate shall consist of nine members with three members elected at large from Rota, three members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and three members elected at large from Tinian and Agiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes in the first election for senate on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two years.~~

~~b) -- The Senate shall be increased to twelve members and three members shall be elected from the island north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of those islands exceeds one thousand persons. -- The senator receiving the third highest number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.~~

a) The Senate shall consist of nine members with three members elected at large from each of three senatorial districts. The first senatorial district shall consist of Rota, the second senatorial district shall consist of Tinian and Agiguan, and the third senatorial district shall consist of Saipan and the islands north of it. The senate shall be increased to twelve members and three members shall be elected at large from a fourth senatorial district consisting of the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election

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after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons.

b) The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate receiving third highest number of votes in the first election in each senatorial district shall serve a term of two years.

c) A senator shall be a qualified ~~voter~~ to vote in ~~of~~ the Commonwealth, ~~a-United-States-citizen-or-national~~, at least twenty-five years of age, and a resident and domiciliary for at least five years immediately preceding ~~his~~ election. A longer residency and domicile requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Jose P. Mafnas
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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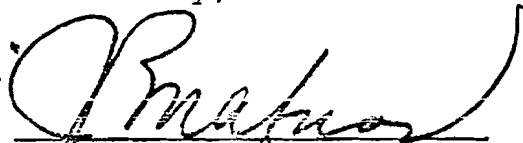
November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 8

It is proposed that article II of the draft
Constitution be amended to delete section 8 and to renumber
the following sections of the article accordingly.

~~Section-8:--Confirmation-of-Appointments--The-senate-shall-have
the-power-to-confirm-appointments-by-the-governor-where-such-
confirmation-is-required-by-this-Constitution-or-by-law.~~

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafias
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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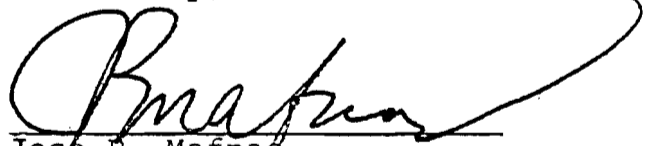
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 6

It is proposed that article II, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Local Laws. Laws that relate exclusively to local matters within one senatorial district ~~on-Rota, Saipan, Tinian or the islands north of Saipan~~ may be enacted by the legislature or by a majority of the members ~~representatives and senators~~ representing that district ~~the respective island or islands~~. The legislature shall define the such local matters that may ~~can~~ be the subject of legislation enacted by the members ~~a majority of the representatives and senators~~ from the respective senatorial districts ~~island or islands~~, rules or regulations promulgated by a mayor pursuant to article VI, section 3(e), or local ~~laws or~~ ordinances adopted by agencies of local government ~~that may be~~ established pursuant to article VI, section 6(b).

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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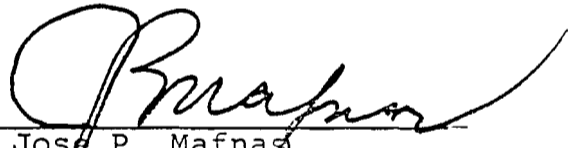
November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 13

It is proposed that article II, section 13 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 13: Legislative Immunity. No member of the legislature shall be questioned in any other place for any written or oral statement in the legislature ~~or-its-~~ ~~committees~~ and no member of the legislature shall be subject to arrest while going to or coming from a meeting of the legislature ~~or-a-committee~~ except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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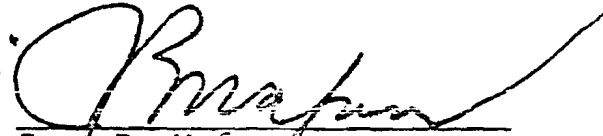
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLE II, SECTION 5(c)

It is proposed that article II, section 5(c) of
the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Enactment of Legislation.

c) The legislature shall enact no law except
by bill and no bill shall ~~become law~~ be enacted without the
approval of at least a majority of the ~~votes-east~~ members
in each house of the legislature.

Submitted by,



Jose P. Mafnas
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article II, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives

a) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~thirty~~ nineteen ~~members~~ representatives with ~~twenty-five~~ sixteen ~~members~~ representatives from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three~~ two ~~members~~ representatives from Rota and ~~two~~ one ~~member~~ representative from Tinian and Agiguan. ~~provided,--however,--that~~ The number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty~~ twenty-five. The term of office for representative shall be two years.

e) b) For purposes of electing representatives Rota shall constitute one electoral district, Tinian and Agiguan shall constitute one ~~electoral~~ district; and Saipan and the islands north of Saipan shall constitute ~~one electoral district,--and Saipan shall be divided into~~ six electoral districts. ~~for the election of representatives.~~ The legislature may change the number and boundaries of the such ~~electoral~~ districts only ~~uses for~~ ~~electing representatives but no district on Rota and Saipan shall consist of~~ ~~more than one island,--For ten years following the effective date of this~~ ~~Constitution,--the legislature shall not change the electoral districts on~~ ~~Saipan and the islands north of Saipan~~ except pursuant to its duties under section 4 of this article. When the population of the islands north of Saipan

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equals or exceeds the number of persons represented by any member of the house of representatives these islands shall constitute a separate district electing one representative.

b) c) A representative shall be a qualified ~~voter~~ to vote in the Commonwealth, ~~a United States citizen or national,~~ at least twenty-one years of age, and a resident and domiciliary of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his election. A longer residency and domicile requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Jose P. Mafnas
on behalf of the
Governmental Institutions
Committee

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November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(a) and (b)

It is proposed that article II, section 2(a) and (b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

a) The Senate shall consist of ~~nine~~ six members with ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Rota, ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Tinian and Aguiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first election for senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two years.

b) The Senate shall be increased to ~~twelve~~ eight members and ~~three~~ two members shall be elected from the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons. The senator receiving the ~~third-highest~~ lower number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

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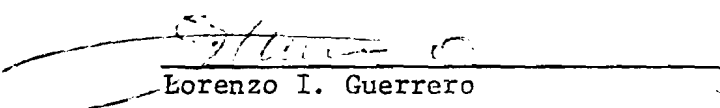
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 4(j)

It is proposed that article I, section 4(j) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 4: Criminal Prosecutions. In all criminal prosecutions certain fundamental rights shall pertain.

j) Persons who are under 18 years of age, deaf-mutes, imbeciles, insane, and others who are physically and mentally handicapped shall be protected in criminal judicial proceedings and in conditions of imprisonment.

Offered by,


Lorenzo I. Guerrero

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November 20, 1976

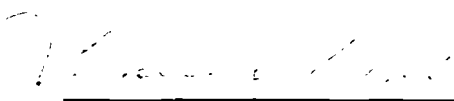
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 6(a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 6(a) of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Marianas Public Land Trust. There is hereby established
a Marianas Public Land Trust.

a) The Trust shall have three trustees appointed and removed
by the Commonwealth trial court. At least two of the trustees shall be of
Northern Marianas descent as provided by article XII, section 4 of this
Constitution.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 48

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article XI, section 5 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies.

d). The Corporation shall not transfer to any person or legal entity any interest in more than five hectares of public land for use for commercial purposes unless the proposed transfer has been approved by a majority vote of the members of the senate and the house of representatives.

Offered by,

Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 49


November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article XI, section 3 of the draft constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Surface Lands. The management and disposition of all public lands except those provided for by section 2 shall be the responsibility of the Marianas Public Land Corporation, ~~which shall be the legal entity designated pursuant to Secretarial Order 2969.~~

Offered by:



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 50

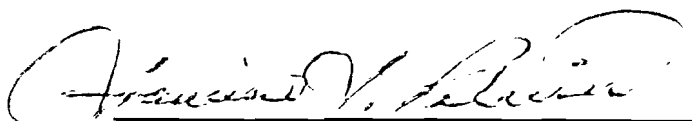
November 28, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 6

It is proposed that article V, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of Washington representative shall be filled by special election if more than one half of the term remains. If less than one half of the term remains, the governor shall appoint a successor with the advice and consent of the senate. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Washington representative, the governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the legislature, a successor to complete the unexpired term.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

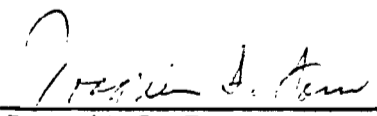
November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 9

It is proposed that article IV, section 9 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 9: Rule-Making Power. The judiciary of the Northern Mariana Islands may establish rules governing civil and criminal procedure, judicial ethics, admission to and governance of the bar of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other matters of judicial administration provided, however, that any proposed rule shall be promptly submitted to the legislature and shall become effective sixty (60) days after its proposal unless disapproved by either house of the legislature. Nothing in this provision shall be construed, however, to authorize any rule preventing any person who is practicing law in the Commonwealth when this Constitution takes effect from continuing to practice. Until rules are established pursuant to this article, the rules governing such matters in the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall apply in the Commonwealth courts.

Offered by,



Joaquin S. Torres

Amendment No. 52

November 20, 1976

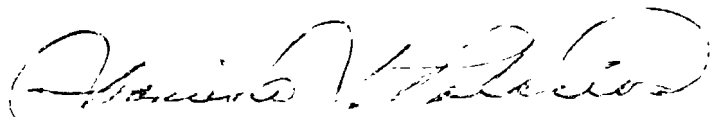
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 6(a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 6(a) of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 6: Marianas Public Land Trust. There is hereby established
a Marianas Public Land Trust.

a) The Trust shall have three trustees appointed ~~and removed~~
~~by the Commonwealth trial court~~ by the governor with the advice and consent
of the senate.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 53

November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1(d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 1(d) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Initiative.

d) If the petition proposes a local law that affects only one municipality, it shall become law if approved by ~~two-thirds~~ fifty-one percent of the registered voters of the municipality. If the petition proposes a general law for the Commonwealth, it shall become law if approved by ~~two-thirds~~ fifty-one percent of the registered voters of the Commonwealth. An initiative petition that has been approved by the voters shall take effect thirty days after the date of the election unless the initiative petition itself otherwise provides.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios

Amendment No. 54

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the
~~legislature shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand dollars~~ senate
shall receive an annual salary of fourteen thousand dollars plus reasonable
expenses provided by law and the members of the house of representatives
shall receive an annual salary of twelve thousand dollars plus reasonable
expenses as provided by law. The salary of members may be increased no more
frequently than once every four years and only upon the recommendation of an
advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations
concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial
officers. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall
apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by,

Juan S. Demapan

The introducer intends this amendment to accompany proposed amendments numbered
21 and 31.

Amendment No. 55

November 20, 1976

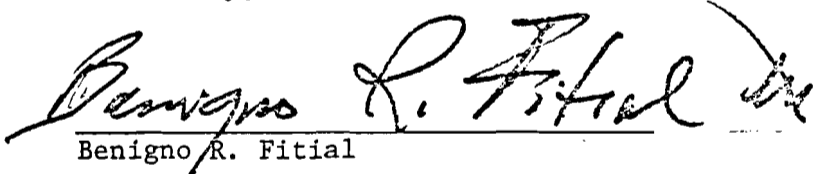
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 9

It is proposed that article III, section 9 of the draft
Constitution be amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

Section 9: Executive and Administrative Functions.

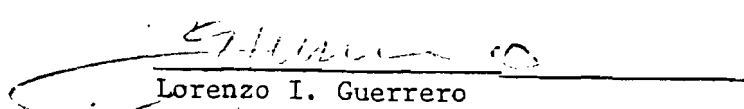
e) The governor shall ensure that no person is denied any
right because of his ethnic background. The governor shall transmit any
information that he receives concerning ethnic discrimination to an equal
opportunity commission, which shall be created and whose composition and
powers shall be provided by law. At least two Carolinians shall be members
of the commission.

Offered by,


Benigno R. Fitial

Luis M. Limes

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Lorenzo I. Guerrero

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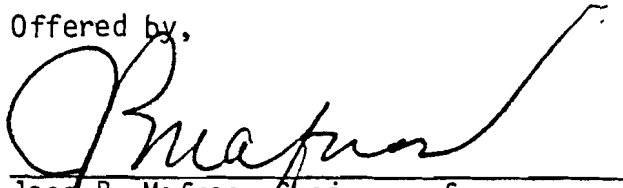
November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 13

It is proposed that Article III, Section 13, of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 13: Department of Education. The legislature shall establish a department of education headed by a superintendent of education appointed by a representative board of education. The members of the board of education shall be appointed by the governor for a term of four years with the advice and consent of the senate and shall formulate policy and exercise control over the public school system through the superintendent. The composition of the board of education and other matters pertaining to its operations and duties shall be provided by law.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas, Chairman of
the Governmental Institutions
Committee, on behalf of the
Committee

Amendment No. 57

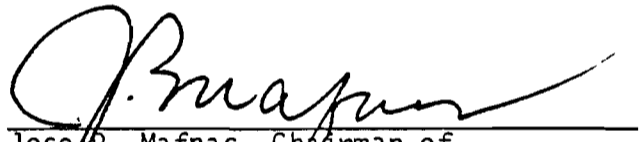
November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1

It is proposed that Article III, section 1 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Executive Power. The executive power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a governor ~~and the other officials specified in the article~~ who shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas, Chairman of
the Governmental Institutions
Committee, on behalf of the
Committee

Amendment No. 58

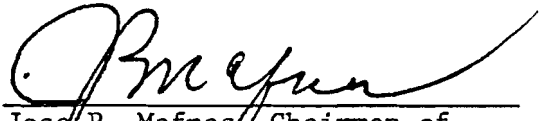
November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 2

It is proposed that article III, section 2 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Qualification of the Governor. The governor shall be a
qualified to vote ~~voter-of~~ in the Commonwealth, at least thirty years
of age, ~~a-citizen-or-national-of-the-United-States~~ and a resident and
domiciliary ~~in~~ of the Commonwealth for at least seven years immediately
preceding his election. A different period of ~~required~~ residence ~~or~~
and domicile may be provided by law.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas, Chairman of
the Committee on Governmental
Institutions, on behalf of the
Committee

Amendment No. 60

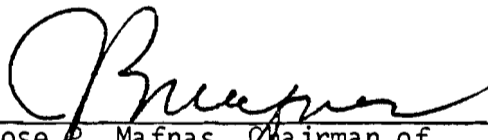
November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article III, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Attorney General. The governor shall appoint an attorney general with the advice and consent of the senate. The attorney general shall ~~serve-as-legal-advisor~~ be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and executive departments, ~~shall be-responsible-for-representation-of~~ representing the Commonwealth government in all legal matters, and ~~shall-serve-as-chief-law-enforcement officer-with-responsibility-for~~ prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas, Chairman of
the Governmental Institutions
Committee, on behalf of the
Committee

Amendment No. 61

November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 12

It is proposed that article III, section 12 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 12: Public Auditor. The governor shall appoint a public auditor with the advice and consent of each house of the legislature. The public auditor shall audit the receipt, possession and disbursement of all public funds by ~~any-branch,-agency-or-department-of-the-Commonwealth~~ the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government, any instrumentality of the Commonwealth, or any agency of local government and shall perform other duties as provided by law. The public auditor shall report his findings to the legislature and the governor at least once every year and such report shall promptly be made public. The public auditor may be removed only for cause and with the concurrence of ~~two-thirds~~ of the members of the legislature. In the event that there is a vacancy in the office of public auditor, the presiding officer of the senate shall appoint a temporary public auditor who shall serve until the governor appoints a successor with the advice and consent of the legislature.

Offered by,



Jose P. Mafnas, Chairman of the
Committee on Governmental Insti-
tutions, on behalf of the
Committee

Amendment No. 63

November 21, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15

It is proposed that article III, section 15 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 15: Executive and Administrative Departments. All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth government, and their respective functions, powers and duties shall be allocated by law among and within not more than fifteen principal departments so as to group them as far as practicable according to major purposes. Regulatory, quasi-judicial and temporary agencies need not be allocated within a principal department. The legislature shall by law prescribe the functions, powers and duties of the principal departments and of all other agencies of the Commonwealth and may from time to time reallocate offices, agencies and instrumentalities among the principal departments, and may change their functions, powers and duties. A commission created pursuant to this article shall include at least two Carolinian members. The governor may make such changes in the allocation of offices, agencies and instrumentalities and in the allocation of their functions, powers and duties as he considers necessary for efficient administration. If such changes affect existing law, they shall be set forth in executive orders which shall be submitted to the legislature and shall become effective sixty days after submission, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority

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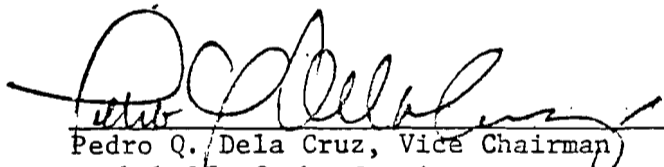
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1(a)

It is proposed that article XV, section 1(a) of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Education.

a) ~~There shall be~~ Every person in the Northern Mariana Islands
shall have the right to free, compulsory and public elementary and secondary
education ~~for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands~~ within age and
educational levels as provided by law.

Offered by,



Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, Vice Chairman
on behalf of the Committee on
Finance, Local Government and
Other Matters

Amendment No. 65

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary of ~~twelve-thousand-dollars~~ ten thousand dollars and such reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided by law. The salary of members may be increased no more frequently than once every four years and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission to be established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by,

Benigno R. Fitial

Amendment No. 66

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article II, section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The House of Representatives shall consist of ~~thirty~~ fifteen members with ~~twenty-five~~ twelve members from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three~~ two members from Rota and ~~two~~ one members from Tinian and Aguiguan provided, however, that the number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty~~ twenty-five. The term of office for representatives shall be two years.

b) A representative shall be a qualified voter of the Commonwealth, a United States citizen or national, at least twenty-one years of age, and a resident of the Commonwealth for at least three years immediately preceding his election. A longer residency requirement may be provided by law.

c) Rota shall constitute one electoral district, Tinian and Aguiguan shall constitute one electoral district, ~~the islands north of Saipan shall constitute one electoral district,~~ and Saipan shall be divided into six electoral districts for the election of representatives. The legislature may change the number and boundaries of the electoral districts used for electing representatives but no district on Rota and Saipan shall consist of more than one island. For ten years following the effective date of this Constitution, the legislature shall not change the electoral districts on Saipan ~~and the islands north of Saipan~~ except pursuant to its duties under section 4 of this article.

Offered by,

Benigno R. Fitial

November 20, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

It is proposed that article II, section 2 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Composition of the Senate.

a) The Senate shall consist of ~~nine-(9)~~ six (6) members with ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Rota, ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members elected at large from Tinian and Aguiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four (4) years except that the candidate receiving the ~~third~~ second highest number of votes in the first election of senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two (2) years.

b) The senate shall be increased to ~~twelve-(12)~~ eight (8) members and ~~three-(3)~~ two (2) members shall be elected from the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand (1,000) persons. The senator receiving the ~~third~~ second highest number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two (2) years.

c) A Senator shall be a qualified voter of the Commonwealth, a United States citizen or national, at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and a resident of the Commonwealth for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the election. A longer residency requirement may be provided by law.

Offered by,

Benigno R. Fitial

Amendment No. 68

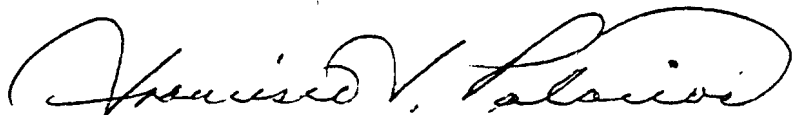
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 10

It is proposed that article III, section 10 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 10: Emergency Powers of the Governor. The governor shall have the power to declare a state of emergency in the case of invasion, civil disturbance, natural disaster or other calamity and may mobilize all available resources to respond to that emergency, including a militia.

Offered by,



Francisco T. Palacios,
Acting Chairman of the
Personal Rights and Natural
Resources Committee, on behalf
of that Committee

The Committee intends this amendment to accompany the deletion of article I, section 7.

Amendment No. 69

November ____, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PREAMBLE


It is proposed that the Preamble of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"We, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, ordain and establish this Constitution for our Commonwealth ~~and reaffirm our respect for the Constitution of the United States of America. We declare our goal of establishing a government in political union with the United States that preserves our personal liberty and social equality, our Chamorro and Carolinian heritage, our land and its resources, and our culture, history and traditions.~~ to serve as the fundamental law for the present generation and the generations to come. We implore the blessings of Almighty God to guide our island Commonwealth as we stride in unity to uphold prestige and dignity.

"We reaffirm our respect for the Constitution of the United States of America, and declare our goal of establishing a government in political union with the United States.

"We recognize the need for the preservation of our personal liberty and social equality, our Chamorro and Carolinian heritage, our land and its resources, cultures, history and traditions; and we realize that the enjoyment of rights and privileges imposes duties and obligations."

Offered by,


Lorenzo I. Guerrero

Amendment No. 70

November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III

It is proposed that article III to the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 19: Equal Protection Commission. The legislature shall establish an equal protection commission composed of three persons to ensure the nondiscriminatory treatment of all Commonwealth citizens. The commission shall have the authority to investigate complaints, conduct public hearings, and make recommendations to the governor or legislature regarding the implementation of the rights defined by this Constitution in section 6 of article I and sections 17 and 18(c) of article II. At least one member of the commission shall be a Carolinian and at least one member shall be a woman. Other matters pertaining to the composition, duties and operation of the commission shall be provided by law.

Offered by,


Benigno R. Fitial

Amendment No. 71

November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11

It is proposed that article II, section 11 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Legislative Compensation. The members of the legislature shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand dollars and reasonable allowances for expenses provided by law. The salary of members may be adjusted no more frequently than once very four years, and only upon the recommendation of an advisory commission established by law to study and make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative and judicial officers except that no adjustment in the salary may be made that exceeds a percentage which is the same percentage change, up or down, in a generally accepted index of the cost-of-living. No increase in the salary of the members of the legislature shall apply to the legislature which enacted the same.

Offered by,



Manuel A. Tenorio

Amendment No. 73

November ____, 1976

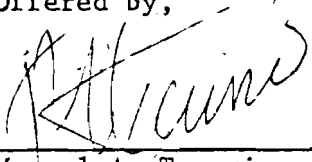
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2,
SUBSECTIONS a) AND d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 2, subsections a) and d) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Referendum. The people may reject any act of the legislature by referendum.

a) A referendum petition shall contain the full text of the law ~~that is sought to be rejected, and shall be signed by a number of qualified voters equal to~~ If the law is a local law that affects only one municipality, the petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of persons qualified to vote within the municipality. If the law is a general law for the Commonwealth, the petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of qualified voters persons qualified to vote within the Commonwealth.

d) A referendum petition ~~submitted to the voters~~ concerning a local law that affects only one municipality shall take effect if approved by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters within the municipality. A referendum petition concerning a general law for the Commonwealth shall take effect if approved by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters of the Commonwealth. and the A law that is the subject of the an approved petition shall become null, void and be repealed thirty days after the date of the election unless the referendum petition otherwise provides:

Offered by,


Manuel A. Tenorio

Amendment No. 74

November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH


It is proposed that Article II be amended to add a new
Section 16 as follows:

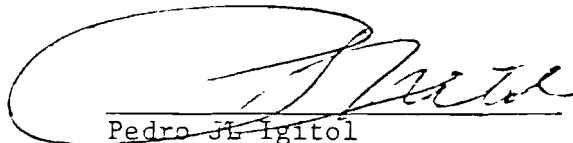
Section 16: Special Representative from the Carolinian Community.

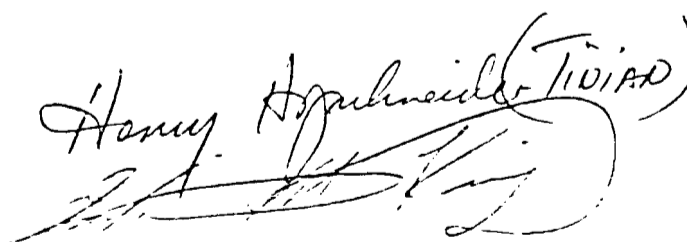
The senate shall elect a special representative to the senate
from the Carolinian community who is acceptable to the Carolinian
community within the Commonwealth. The special representative shall
have access to the floor of the senate for the purpose of introducing
bills and participating in debate on bills or other matters. The
special representative shall have access to all meetings of committees
and other entities of the senate for the purpose of participating in
the deliberations that affect Carolinian affairs. The special
representative shall serve a term of office of four years and shall
receive an annual salary and reasonable allowance for expenses as
provided by law.

Offered by,


Benigno R. Fitial


Luis M. Limes


Pedro J. Ligitol


Henry Aguirre (TIVIAO)

Amendment No. 75

November 23, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

It is proposed that Article III be amended to add a new section 19 as follows:

Section 19: Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs.

(a) The governor shall appoint an executive assistant for Carolinian affairs who is acceptable to the Carolinian community within the Commonwealth.

(b) The executive assistant shall be a member of the governor's council created pursuant to article VI, section 5, and shall advise the governor on matters affecting persons of Carolinian descent within the Commonwealth.

(c) The executive assistant shall review the application of government policies to and the availability and quality of government services for persons of Carolinian descent and may submit findings or recommendations on these matters to the governor.

(d) The executive assistant may investigate complaints and conduct public hearings regarding matters affecting persons of Carolinian descent. The executive assistant may report findings or recommendations on these matters to the governor.

(e) The executive assistant may recommend items for inclusion in the proposed annual budget, review the budget before its submission by the governor to the legislature, and recommend amendments to the budget relating to matters affecting persons of Carolinian descent.

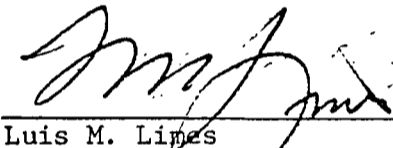
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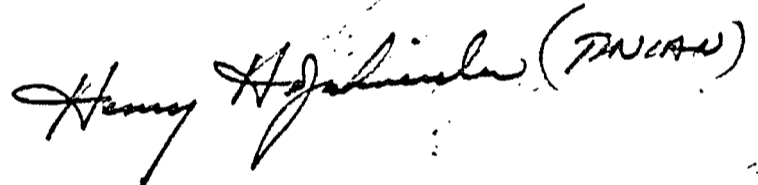
(f) The executive assistant may at any time require information in writing or otherwise with respect to matters affecting persons of Carolinian descent from the officers of any administrative department, office or agency of the Commonwealth.

Offered by:


Benigno K. Fitial


Luis M. Lipes


Pedro JL Igitol


Henry H. Johnson (PNCAS)

Amendment No. 76

November 24, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION (a) and (b)

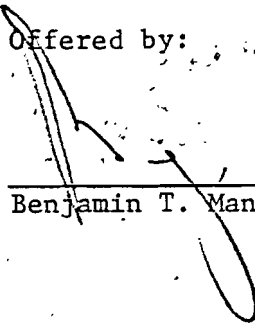
It is proposed that article III, section 18(a) and (b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 18: Public Services.

(a) The governor may delegate to the mayor elected under the provisions of section 2 of article VI responsibility for the execution of Commonwealth laws and the administration of public services in the island or islands in which the mayor has been elected, provided, however, that services being provided on a decentralized basis in Rota and Tinian on the effective date of this Constitution shall continue to be provided on this basis unless the governor personally certifies after public hearing on the island involved that such decentralization is inconsistent with the efficient and economical delivery of services.

(b) Public services on Rota and Tinian shall be supervised by a resident ~~assistant director~~ department head in the departments providing such services appointed by the head of the department with the advice and consent of the majority of the representatives and senators in the legislature from the island where the ~~assistant director~~ resident department head shall perform his duties.

Offered by:


Benjamin T. Manglona

Amendment No. 77

November 25, 1976

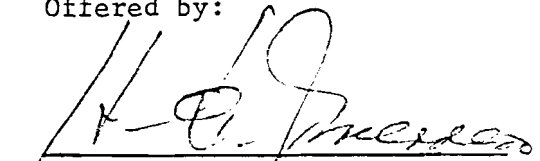
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 14

It is proposed that article III, section 14 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 14: Heads of Executive Departments.

Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the
governor and, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution or by law,
shall be headed by a single executive. The governor may appoint the
heads of executive departments with the advice and consent of the ~~senate~~
legislature. The governor may remove the heads of executive departments.
The governor may at any time require information in writing or otherwise
from the officers of any administrative department, office or agency of the
Commonwealth.

Offered by:


Herman Q. Guerrero

Amendment No. 78

November 25, 1976

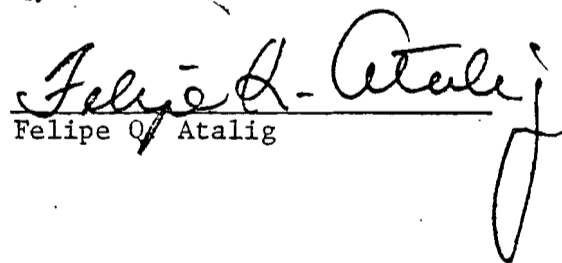
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 5

It is proposed that article III, section 5 of the draft
Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 5: Compensation.

~~The governor shall and the lieutenant governor shall each receive
an annual salary and reasonable allowances for expenses as may be provided
by law.~~ The governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five
thousand dollars and the lieutenant governor an annual salary of
twenty-two thousand dollars. Both shall receive such reasonable allowances for
expenses as may be provided by law. Upon the recommendation of the advisory
commission on executive, legislative and judicial compensation created by
article II of this Constitution, the legislature may increase or decrease the
governor's or lieutenant governor's salary provided, however, that neither
salary shall be increased or diminished during the period for which the
governor or lieutenant governor shall have been elected.

Offered by:


Felipe Q. Atalig

Amendment No. 79

November 25, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 15

It is proposed that article III, section 15 of the draft Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 15: Executive and Administrative Departments.

All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth government, and their respective functions, powers and duties shall be allocated by law among and within not more than fifteen principal departments so as to group them as far as practicable according to major purposes. Regulatory, quasi-judicial and temporary agencies need not be allocated within a principal department. ~~The legislature shall by law prescribe the functions, powers and duties of the principal departments and of all other agencies of the Commonwealth and may from time to time reallocate offices, agencies and instrumentalities among the principal departments, and may change their functions, powers and duties.~~ The governor may make such changes in the allocation of offices, agencies and instrumentalities and in the allocation of their functions, powers and duties as he considers necessary for efficient administration. If such changes affect existing law, they shall be set forth in executive orders which shall be submitted to the legislature and shall become effective sixty days after submission, unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of the members of each house of the legislature.

Offered by:


Benigno X. Fitial

Amendment No. 80

November 25, 1976


PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 16

It is proposed that article III, section 16 of the draft
Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 16: Civil Service Commission.

The legislature shall provide for a non-partisan and
independent civil service commission to establish and administer the
personnel policies applicable to legislative, executive and
administrative departments and agencies and to the staff of the judicial
branch of government. Appointments and promotions within the civil
service shall be based on merit and fitness demonstrated by examination
or by other evidence of competence.

Offered by:


Jesus L. Villegas
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Amendment No. 81

November 25, 1976

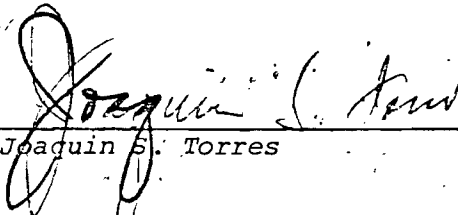
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5(a)

It is proposed that article XI, section 5(a) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies. The Marianas Public Land Corporation shall follow certain fundamental policies in the performance of its responsibilities.

a) The Corporation shall make available some portion of the public lands for a homestead program. No person shall be eligible for more than one agricultural and one village homestead. No person shall receive title to a homestead for ~~five~~ three years after the grant of a homestead or shall be able to transfer title to a homestead within ten years of receipt thereof provided, however, that these requirements shall be waived for persons who have established a continuous residence in public lands for at least 20 years as of the effective date of this Constitution. At any time after receiving the grant of a homestead, the grantee may mortgage that homestead provided that all funds received from the mortgage be devoted to the improvement of the homestead. Other requirements for eligibility for the homestead program and the nature of the interest in land to be transferred by the Corporation shall be as provided by law.

Offered by,



Joaquin S. Torres

Amendment No. 82

November 26, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 17(b)

It is proposed that article III, section 17(b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 17: Public Services.

b) Public services on Rota, and Tinian ~~and the islands north of Saipan~~ shall be supervised by a resident department head in the departments providing such services appointed by the head of the executive branch department with the advice and consent of the majority of the representatives and senators in the legislature from the island where the resident department head shall perform his duties. These arrangements shall apply to the islands north of Saipan when the populations of these islands exceeds one thousand persons.

Offered by,

Joaquin Torres

Amendment No. 83

November 26, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3(a)

It is proposed that article II, section 3(a) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~nineteen~~ twelve members with ~~sixteen~~ ten members elected from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~two~~ one members elected from Rota and one member elected from Tinian and Aguiguan. The number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~twenty-five~~ eighteen. The term of office for representative shall be two years.

Offered by,


Pedro M. Atalig

Amendment No. 84

November 26, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BRANCH

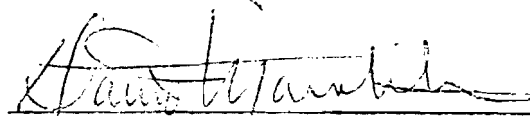
It is proposed that article III of the draft Constitution be amended to add a new section 20 to read as follows:

Section 20: Executive Assistant for Chamorro Affairs.

a) An executive assistant shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

b) The executive assistant shall be a member of the governor's council created pursuant to article VI, section 5, and shall serve as the governor's chief adviser on matters pertaining to Chamorro affairs. The executive assistant may recommend items for inclusion in the governor's proposed annual budget and review the budget before submission by the governor to the legislature. The legislature may by law prescribe other duties and responsibilities of the executive assistant for chamorro affairs.

Offered by,--



David Q. Maratita

Amendment No. 85

November 26, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II

It is proposed that article II of the draft Constitution be amended to add a new section to read as follows:

Section 16: Confirmation Commission. The legislature shall establish a confirmation commission to accept or reject by a majority vote of its members any appointment for which advice and consent of the legislature is required by this Constitution or by law. The commission shall be composed of nine members, three from the senate including one from each of the three senatorial districts established under section 2(a) of this article selected by the members of the senate from each senatorial district, and six from the house of representatives including four from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, one from Rota and one from Tinian and Aguigan all selected according to the rules of that house. The size of the commission shall be changed to eleven members when the islands north of Saipan qualify as a senatorial district under section 2(b) of this article, with one additional member to be a senator from the islands north of Saipan selected by the members of the senate from that senatorial district and the other member to be an additional member of the house of representatives from Saipan selected according to the rules of that house.

This amendment will require the word senate to be replaced by the word legislature in the following constitutional provisions:

article III, section 3
article III, section 11
article III, section 13
article III, section 14
article IV, section 5
article V, section 6
article XI, section 4(a)

Offered by,

Ramon G. Villagomez

Amendment No. 86

November 26, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI

It is proposed that article XI of the draft Constitution be amended as follows:

"To delete in its entirety section 2 and 3 and substitute with new section to read as follows:

~~Section 2:--Submerged Lands.--The management and disposition of submerged lands off the coast of any part of the Commonwealth shall be as provided by law.~~

~~Section 3:--Surface Lands.--The management and disposition of all public lands except those provided for by section 2 shall be the responsibility of the Marianas Public Land Corporation which shall be the legal entity designated pursuant to Secretarial Order 2969.~~

~~Section 4:--Marianas Public Land Corporation.--There is hereby established the Marianas Public Land Corporation.~~

~~a)--The Corporation shall have nine directors appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate who shall direct the affairs of the corporation for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth who are of Northern Marianas descent.~~

~~b)--Two directors shall be residents of Saipan, two shall be residents of Rota, two shall be residents of Tinian, one shall be a Carolinian or person of Carolinian~~

~~descent, and one shall be a resident of the Northern Islands. Each director shall be a United States citizen or national, a resident of the Commonwealth for at least five (5) years preceding his appointment, a person who has not been convicted of any crime carrying a maximum sentence of imprisonment of more than six months, a person who is able to speak Chamorro or Carolinian and a person of Northern Marianas descent.~~

~~c) The directors shall serve six-year terms provided, however, that three of the first nine directors appointed shall serve a two-year term, three shall serve a four-year term and three shall serve a six-year term. No person may serve more than one term as director.~~

~~d) The Corporation shall act by majority vote of the total number of directors and shall have all of the powers available to a corporation under Commonwealth law.~~

~~e) The directors shall prepare and publish once each year a report to the people of the Commonwealth describing the management of the public lands and the nature and effect of any transfers of interests in public land during the preceding year and disclosing the interests of each of the directors in any land in the Commonwealth.~~

~~f) At any time ten years after the effective date of this Constitution, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, the Corporation may be dissolved and its functions may be transferred to the executive branch of government.~~

Section 2: Public Land Corporation. The management

and disposition of public lands as defined by section 1 shall
be the responsibility of a Public Land Corporation created by
law. The corporation shall have certain fundamental policies
in the performance of its responsibilities as provided by law."

"To delete in its entirety section 4 and section 5

with new section to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies--The Variations

Public Land Corporation shall follow certain fundamental
policies in the performance of its responsibilities.

a) The Corporation shall make available some

portion of the public lands for a homestead program. No person

shall be eligible for more than one agricultural and one village

homestead. No person shall receive title to a homestead for five

years after the grant of a homestead or shall be able to transfer

title to a homestead within ten years of receipt thereof

provided, however, that these requirements shall be waived for

persons who have established a continuous residence on public

lands for at least 20 years as of the effective date of this

constitution. Other requirements for eligibility for the home-

stead program and the nature of the interest in land to be

transferred by the corporation shall be as provided by law.

b) The Corporation shall not transfer title

to any public lands for a period of ten years from the

effective date of this constitution, except with respect to

homesteads as provided under section 5(a).

~~c) -- The Corporation shall not transfer any leasehold interest in any public lands for a period exceeding twenty-five (25) years including all renewal rights.~~

~~d) -- The Corporation shall not transfer to any person or legal entity any interest in more than five hectares of public land for use for commercial purposes unless the proposed transfer has been approved by a majority vote of the members of the senate.~~

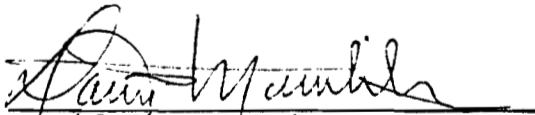
~~e) -- The Corporation shall not transfer any interest in any public lands that are located within 150 feet of the high water mark of any sandy beach within the Commonwealth.~~

~~f) -- The Corporation shall adopt a comprehensive land use plan with respect to the public lands including priority of uses and such plan may be amended from time to time as the Corporation shall provide.~~

~~g) -- The Corporation shall transfer promptly all moneys received from the public lands to the Marianas Public Land Trust provided however that the Corporation shall retain the portion of such moneys necessary to meet reasonable expenses of administration.~~

Section 3: Public Land Trust. There is hereby established a Public Land Trust responsible to make reasonable, careful and prudent investments as provided by law."

Offered by,


David Q. Maratita

Amendment No. 87

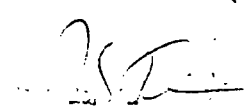
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1

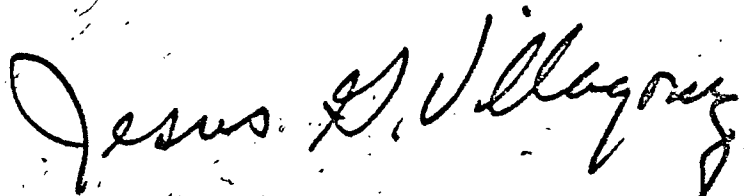
It is proposed that article VII, section 1 of the draft
Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Qualifications of Voters. Any person is eligible to
vote who, at the date of the election, is 18 years of age or older, is
domiciled in the Commonwealth, is a resident of the Commonwealth and has
resided in the Commonwealth as provided by law, is not serving a sentence
~~for any crime other than a misdemeanor having a maximum sentence of six
months or less~~ for a felony, has not been found by a court to
be of unsound mind, and is either a United States citizen or a United States
national, provided, however, that the legislature may require that persons
eligible to vote be United States citizens.

Offered by,



Joaquin S. Torres



Amendment No. 88

November 28, 1976

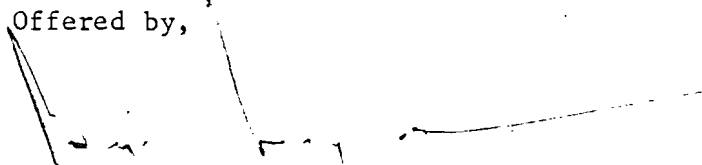
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XI, SECTION 5(b)

It is proposed that article XI, section 5(b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5: Fundamental Policies.

a) The Corporation shall make available some portion of the public lands for a homestead program. No person shall be eligible for more than one agricultural and one village homestead. No person shall receive title to a homestead for three years after the grant of a homestead or shall be able to transfer title to a homestead within ten years of receipt thereof provided, however, that these requirements shall be waived for persons who have established a continuous ~~residence-on~~ use of public lands for at least fifteen years as of the effective date of this Constitution. At any time after receiving the title, the grantee may mortgage the land provided that all funds received from the mortgage be devoted to the improvement of the land. Other requirements for eligibility for the homestead program and the nature of the interest in land to be transferred by the Corporation shall be as provided by law.

Offered by,



Benjamin T. Manglona

Amendment No. 89

November 28, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article XVIII, section 3 of the draft
Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 3: Legislative Initiative.

The legislature by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of
the members of each house ~~present-and-voting~~ may propose amendments to
this Constitution. No proposed amendment shall embrace the subject
matter of more than one article of the Constitution.

Offered by:

Benjamin T. Manglona

Amendment No. 90

November 28, 1976

. PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 2(d)

It is proposed that article XVIII, section 2(d) of the draft constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Constitutional Convention.

(d) The number of delegates to the Convention shall be equal to the number of members of the most populous house of the legislature. The delegates to the convention shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis and a political party may not endorse any candidate for delegate.

Offered by,

David M. Atalig

Amendment No. 91

November 29, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, SUBSECTIONS a)
AND d) AND SECTION SECTION 2, SUBSECTIONS
a) AND d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 1, subsections a) and d) and section 2, subsections a) and d) be amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Initiative. The people may enact local laws by initiative.

a) An initiative petition shall contain the full text of the proposed law. ~~If the petition proposes a local law that affects only one municipality,~~ The petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of voters qualified to vote in the municipality. ~~If the petition proposes a general law for the Commonwealth, the petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of qualified voters in each of two of the municipalities.~~

d) ~~If the~~ A petition proposes a local law that affects only one municipality, it shall become law if approved by two-thirds of the registered voters of the municipality. ~~If the petition proposes a general law for the Commonwealth, it shall become law if approved by two-thirds of the registered voters of the Commonwealth.~~ An initiative petition that has been approved by the voters shall take effect thirty days after the date of the election unless the initiative petition itself otherwise provides.

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Section 2: Referendum. The people may reject any ~~act-of-~~ local law enacted by the legislature by referendum.

a) A referendum petition shall contain the full text of the law sought to be rejected. ~~If-the-law-that-affects-only-one-municipality,~~
The petition shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the total number of persons qualified to vote within the municipality. If-the-law-is-a-general law-for-the-Commonwealth-the-petition-shall-be-signed-by-at-least-twenty-percent-of-the-total-number-of-persons-qualified-to-vote-within-the Commonwealth.

d) A referendum petition ~~concerning-a-local-law-that-affects only-one-municipality~~ shall take effect if approved by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters within the municipality. ~~A-referendum-petition concerning-a-general-law-for-the-Commonwealth-shall-take-effect-if-approved by-a-majority-of-the-votes-east-by-qualified-voters-of-the-Commonwealth.~~ A law that is the subject of an approved petition shall become null, void and be repealed thirty days after the date of the election unless the referendum petition otherwise provides.

Offered by,


Juan S. Demapan

Amendment No. 92

November 29, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 3(d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 3(d) of the draft
Constitution be amended as follows:

Section 3: Recall.

(d) A recall petition shall take effect thirty days after
the date of the election if approved by ~~a-majority~~ two-thirds of the
registered voters.

Offered by,

Vicente M. Manglona

Amendment No. 93

November 29, 1976

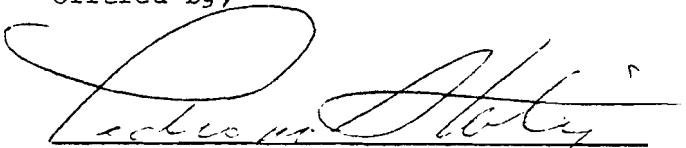
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
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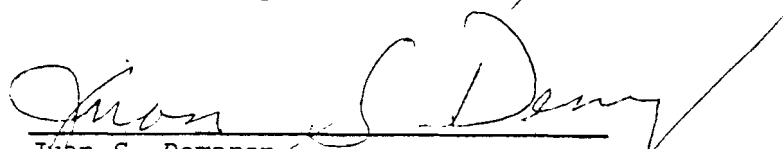
It is proposed that article IX, section 3, subsection a) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Recall. All elected public officials in the Commonwealth are subject to recall by the voters of the Commonwealth or political subdivision from which elected.

a) Recall petitions shall identify the public official sought to be recalled by name and title or office, shall state the grounds for recall as provided by law, and shall be signed by a number of qualified voters equal to at least forty percent of the total number of persons qualified to vote for the public office from which the public official is to be removed.

Offered by,


Pedro M. Atalig


Juan S. Demapan

Amendment No. 94

November 29, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PREAMBLE


It is proposed that the Preamble of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

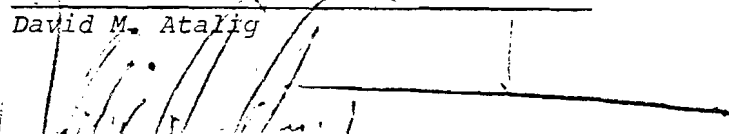
"We the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, ordain and establish this Constitution for our Commonwealth to serve as the fundamental law for the present generation and the generations to come. We implore the blessings of Almighty God to guide our island Commonwealth as we stride in unity to uphold prestige and dignity.

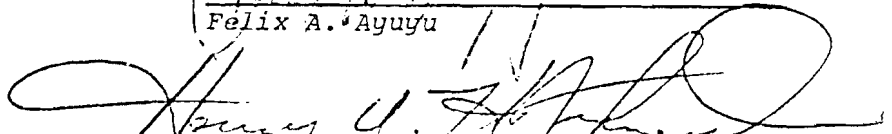
"We reaffirm our respect for the Constitution of the United States of America, and declare our goal of establishing a government in political union with the United States.

"We recognize the need for the preservation of our personal liberty and social equality, our Northern Marianas heritage, our land and its resources, cultures, history and traditions; and we realize that the enjoyment of rights and privileges imposes duties and obligations."

Offered by,


David M. Atalig


Felix A. Ayuyu


Henry U. Hofschneider

Amendment No. 95

November 29, 1976

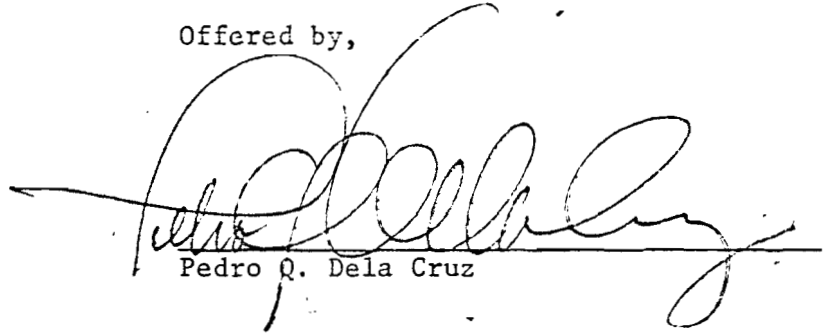
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 3

It is proposed that article XII, Section 3 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Permanent and Long-Term Interests in Real Property.

The term permanent and long-term interests in real property as used in section 1 shall include all freehold interests and all leasehold interests of more than ~~twenty-five~~ forty years including all renewal rights.

Offered by,



Pedro Q. Dela Cruz

Amendment No. 96

November 29, 1976

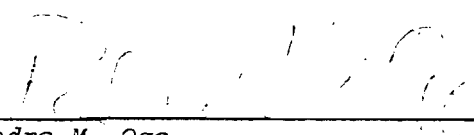
• PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION d)

It is proposed that article IX, section 1, subsection d) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Initiative. The people may enact laws by initiative.

d) An initiative petition that proposes a general law for the Commonwealth shall become law if approved by a ~~majority~~ two-thirds of the votes cast by persons qualified to vote in the Commonwealth. An initiative petition that proposes a local law shall become law if approved by a ~~majority~~ two-thirds of the votes cast by persons from the senatorial district who are qualified to vote. An initiative petition that has been approved by the voters shall take effect thirty days after the date of the election unless the petition provides otherwise.

Offered by,



Pedro M. Ogo

Amendment No. 97

November 30, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
SCHEDULE ON TRANSITIONAL MATTERS, SECTION 6

It is proposed that Schedule on Transitional Matters, section 6 be amended to read as follows:


Section 6: Continuity of Corporations and Licenses.

Corporations incorporated or qualified to do business in the Northern Mariana Islands on the effective date of the Constitution shall continue to be so incorporated or qualified until otherwise provided by law. Licenses in effect in the Northern Mariana Islands on the effective date of the Constitution shall continue in effect until otherwise provided by law except that no such license possessed by a land surveyor, ship officer, health professional or a practicing trial assistant may be amended or revoked except for incompetence or unethical conduct.

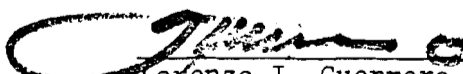
Offered by:



Jose S. Borja



Juan S. Demapan



Lorenzo I. Guerrero

Amendment No. 98

November 30, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 2,
3, and 6

It is proposed that article VI, section 6 of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Election of Mayor. The qualified voters of Rota, Saipan, Tinian and the islands north of Saipan shall elect a mayor as provided in section 6(a) to perform the responsibilities specified in this article for each island or group of islands.

Section 3: Responsibilities of Mayor.

b) The mayor shall review the adequacy of the governmental services and the appropriations provided by law for the island or islands he serves and may submit any findings or recommendations for appropriate actions regarding these services or appropriations to the governor.

c) The mayor may investigate complaints and conduct public hearings regarding any matter of local concern and submit any findings or recommendations for appropriate action on such subject to the governor and other appropriate agencies of the Commonwealth.

Amendment No. 99

December 1, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3(a)

It is proposed that article II, section 3(a) of the draft constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

(a) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~thirty~~ seventeen members with ~~twenty-five~~ fourteen members from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~three~~ two members from Rota and ~~two~~ one members from Tinian and Aguiguan provided, however, that the number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~forty~~ twenty. The term of office of a representative shall be two years.

Offered by,

Joaquin S. Torres

Amendment No. 100

December 1, 1976

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(a) and (b)

It is proposed that article II, section 2(a) and (b) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Composition of the Senate.

(a) The Senate shall consist of ~~nine~~ six members with ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Rota, ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Saipan and the islands north of it, and ~~three~~ two members elected at large from Tinian and Aguiguan. The term of office for senator shall be four years except that the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes in the first election for senator on each island pursuant to this section shall serve a term of two years.

(b) The Senate shall be increased to ~~twelve~~ eight members and ~~three~~ two members shall be elected from the islands north of Saipan at the first regular general election after the population of these islands exceeds one thousand persons. The senator receiving the third highest number of votes in the first such election shall serve for two years.

Offered by:

Joaquin S. Torres

Amendment No. 101

December 1, 1976

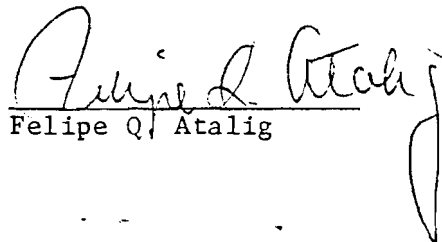
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
SCHEDULE ON TRANSITIONAL MATTERS

It is proposed that section 8(c) of the schedule on Transitional Matters be amended to read as follows:

Section 8: Citizenship.

(c) persons domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands on the date of the approval of the Constitution by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who, although not citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, on that date have been domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands beginning prior to ~~January 1, 1974~~ October 3, 1976.

Offered by,


Felipe Q. Atalig

Amendment No. 102

December 1, 1976

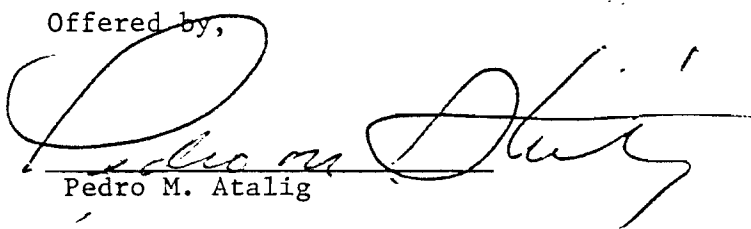
PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3(a)

It is proposed that article II, section 3(a) of the draft Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 3: Composition of the House of Representatives.

a) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~nineteen~~ thirteen members with ~~sixteen~~ eleven members elected from Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, ~~two~~ one members elected from Rota and one member elected from Tinian and Aguiguan. The number of representatives may be increased by law to not more than ~~twenty-five~~ nineteen. The term of office for representative shall be two years.

Offered by,


Pedro M. Atalig

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