

A PROPOSAL

TO MINIMIZE CORRUPTION IN THE MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST BY AMENDING SECTION 6(a) and 6(f) OF ARTICLE XI OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTION.

BE IT ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION:

1 Section 1. Section 6(a) of Article XI of the Constitution of  
2 the Northern Mariana Islands is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Section 2. The trust shall have ~~three~~ five trustees, one  
5 trustee from Rota, one trustee from Tinian, and three trustees  
6 from Saipan and the islands north of it, appointed by the  
7 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The trustees  
8 from Saipan shall each represent the business community, non-  
9 profit organizations, and the education community (e.g. board  
10 of education, board of regents, education research organization,  
11 ect.). Each trustee, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan and the islands  
12 north of it inclusive, shall be a person of Northern Marianas  
13 descent as defined in Article XII, Section 4, a resident of the  
14 Commonwealth for at least five years immediately preceding the  
15 date on which the trustee takes office, a person who has not been  
16 convicted of a felony and a person who is able to speak and under-  
17 stand Chamorro or Carolinian. The trustees shall serve for a term  
18 of six years except that the term of office shall be staggered,  
19 three trustees shall serve for four years and two trustees shall  
20 serve for six years as determined by a draw of lots. The term of  
21 office for all trustees shall commence simultaneously.

1 Section 3. Section 6(f) of Article XI of the Northern Marianas  
2 Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 Section 4. The trustees shall be held to strict standards of  
4 fiduciary care. The Marianas Public Land Trust shall make  
5 investments only on something which directly and substantially  
6 benefits the public welfare. Moreover, the trustees shall be  
7 required to disclose financial and personal interests information  
8 upon nomination by the governor. Such disclosure of information  
9 shall not be waived under any circumstances.

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