

Proposals: Constitution rewritten every 10 years

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Gonzales, on the other hand, wants a constitutional provision that would require the people's approval through a popular initiative before funds from public land leases are spent.

Adoptions proposals

A number of proposals want constitutional provisions on adoption changed.

Gonzales proposed that a child who is neither Chamorro nor Carolinian should not be considered of Northern Marianas descent if adopted by Northern Marianas descendants.

Adopted children could only own land only if they received it by inheritance from their adoptive parents who are of Northern Marianas descent, according to another proposal, from delegate Juan S. Tenorio.

Marylou Sirok proposed to change the requirement for people to qualify as Northern Marianas descendants.

Bloodlines

The constitution says a person of Northern Marianas descent must have 25 percent Chamorro or Carolinian blood and Sirok said that should be reduced to 6.5 percent.

Sirok's proposal means that up to fifth-generation children from a Northern Marianas descendant married to a non-Chamorro or non-Carolinian would qualify as a person of Northern Marianas descent.

Juan S. Tenorio has another proposal that says any percent of Chamorro or Carolinian blood makes one a Northern Marianas descendant.

He proposed to institute a registry system within the Immigration Division so that everyone who claims to be of Northern Marianas descent can be listed.

During the campaign for constitutional convention delegates, many candidates raised issues related to Article 12 of the CNMI constitution, which allows only people of Northern Marianas descent to own land.

But so far, only about two Article 12-related proposals have surfaced.

One of them was from Guerrero.

It seeks to delete a 1985 amendment that now allows non-Northern Marianas descendants to own condominium units from the second floor or higher floors.

Taxpayer lawsuits

Taxpayer lawsuits that question government spending, such as the case filed last year by lawyer Jeanne Rayphand against Gov. Froilan Tenorio, will not be allowed if an amendment proposed by Guerrero succeeds.

Guerrero, who is a close advisor of the governor, proposed to delete "the constitutional provision for taxpayer actions to enjoin expenditure of government funds."

Delegate Benjamin Manglona wants to delete the phrase, "un-

der United States law" from the commonwealth constitution, "to support the official CNMI position on ownership of marine resources."

Various proposals have been submitted that would affect the way the three branches of government operate:

Executive proposals

Delegates Gonzales, Manglona, James M. Mendiola and Joey P. San Nicolas want to take away the governor's authority to appoint the attorney general.

Gonzales also does not want the governor to appoint a public auditor. He wants an elected public auditor

Guerrero wants to delete the residency requirement for the attorney general's position.

Juan S. Tenorio proposed to grant the governor authority to appoint members of the Board of Education instead of allowing the people to choose through an election.

Guerrero has another proposal that says if the legislature fails to act on the governor's budget proposal after 90 days of submission, the budget will be considered approved.

Mayors will have spending authority for all funds for his or her island, under a proposal submitted by Rota delegate Manglona.

Guerrero wants to delete provisions in the constitution related to the Women's Affairs Office and the Office of Indigenous Affairs.

Local court proposals

Guerrero proposed to substitute the commonwealth Supreme Court with a commonwealth appellate court.

He proposed to grant the governor the power to appoint special judges whether the commonwealth Supreme Court chief justice approves or not.

Another proposal wants the next senior judge to become acting chief justice if the top chief justice is absent or if he quits.

Legislative proposals

Delegate Joaquin Villagomez proposed that the legislature will no longer be allowed to function year-round.

He wants a one month legislative session in the spring and another one month session in the fall of each year.

Gonzales and Sirok proposed to reduce the number of congressmen from 18 to 11.

Lillian A. Tenorio and Guerrero proposed to limit each legislative bill to one subject.

The Northern Marianas holds a constitutional convention every 10 years, but another proposal from Guerrero says the commonwealth would need less frequent rewriting of its constitution after this convention.

Guerrero said the constitutional convention should be held every 25 years and not as often as every decade.

He was also president of the second constitutional convention.



Convention delegates, from left, Marian Pierce, former Lt. Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona and Tini-an's David Maratita take a break during Monday's convention opening.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT




CALISTRO CASTRO ADA
Better Known As "KELLY"
D.O.B.: OCTOBER 14, 1929
D.O.D., JUNE 02, 1995

Of Tuturam San Vicente, Saipan, was called to his eternal rest at the age of 65.
HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CHILDREN & THEIR SPOUSE & GRANDCHILDREN:

WIFE: JOSEPHA BORJA ADA
CHILDREN & SPOUSES: MATHILDA A. & JOSEPH P. ROSARIO
MARTIN B. & LUCIA A. ADA, DAVID B. & VALERIE ADA
ELISA A. & JOAQUIN DLG, ALDAN, EDWARD B. & PATRICIA S. ADA
ANA B. ADA ALFRED E. ADA

GRANDCHILDREN:

Lella Jo A. Rosario	Shirley A. Ada	Joaquin A. Aldan, Jr.
Vicenta Maria A. Rosario	Roy Christopher A. Ada	Thomas A. Aldan
Agnes Angela A. Rosario	Larissa Ann A. Ada	Judine Ada
Joella Yulene A. Rosario	Devina Ada	Christine Joy A. Camacho
Marvin A. Ada	Jonathan Ada	Colleen June A. Camacho
	Jason Joseph A. Aldan	Dora Jo Ada

HE IS ADDITIONALLY SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER, SISTERS, BROTHERS-IN-LAW, AND SISTERS-IN-LAW
Francisco C. & Ines S. Ada, Ana A. & Pedro B. Magaña Luisa A. & Al Steiner, Emilliana S. Ada, Faustina A. Ada, Magdalena B. Palacios, Jose C. & Consolacion B. Muna, Aurie A. Borja, Eugenio A. & Rosa C. Borja, Gregorio M. & Luise B. Chaltugua, Olympia S. & Carlos A. Borja

HE IS PREDECEASED BY HIS PARENTS, PARENTS-IN-LAW, SISTERS, BROTHERS, BROTHERS-IN-LAW, AND GRANDDAUGHTER.
Parents: Francisco & Luciana Ada, Francisco & Maria Ada Kisa Parents-in-law: Ignacio D. & Ana A. Borja
Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Ignacia A. & Vicente Muna Candelaria A. & Jose Hocog Antonio S. Palacios
Brothers: Sylvio C. Ada Gilbert C. Ada Grand-daughter: Paula Marie A. Rosario
He is Additionally Survived By Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, and Godchildren.

Nightly Rosary is being said at 8:00 PM at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Martin B. Ada in Tuturam, San Vicente. Last Respects may be paid on Saturday, June 10, 1995 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the same residence. Mass Of Intention will be offered at 4:00 PM June 10, at the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral.
Burial will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
The Family