



Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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AUG. 15 1995

Honorable Juan S. Demapan
President of the Senate
Ninth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
P. O. Box 129
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear President Demapan:

The Post Constitutional Convention Committee is requesting the Senate's support on two measures: (1) House Joint Resolution No. 9-25 which was adopted by the House of Representatives on August 9, 1995; the joint resolution if adopted by the Senate would recall House Legislative Initiative 9-1 from the Board of Elections; and (2) House Bill No. 9-408, SD1, HD2 which would move the date for the voting of amendments proposed by the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention to six months from the general election in November of this year.

As you know, the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention after public hearings and extensive committee meetings, has proposed a budgetary scheme for the Legislature which is much more fiscally conservative than the budget contained in H.L.I. 9-1. Because of the conflicting provisions between the Convention's proposal and H.L.I. 9-1, we believe that the best interest of the general public would be served if the Legislature recalls H.L.I. 9-1. The recall is necessary to avert a constitutional crisis that would arise if both measures are presented to the general public concurrently.

Again, we appeal to the Senate to approve House Bill 9-408, SD1, HD2 that would set a later date for the voting of the constitutional amendments proposed by the Convention. The Post Constitutional Convention Committee feels that additional time is needed to conduct an adequate program on the proposed amendments by the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention. Public Law 9-18 mandates that the proposed amendments adopted by the Convention are to be translated accurately into the Chamorro and Carolinian languages. This is being done but it will take time to do so. We also believe a separate date would give the people ample time at the polling booth to review the amendments and make an informed decision whether or not to approve the amendments.

We hope the Senate will favorably consider our request. If you have any question on our position, please call the Post Convention Committee Office at 235-0843 or fax 235-0842.

Sincerely,


HERMAN I. GUERRERO
Chair, Post Convention Committee

cc: Members, Post Convention Committee
All Delegates, Third Northern Marianas
Constitutional Convention

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Senator - 9th NMCL

Honorable Thomas P. Villagomez
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MATERIALS: Original Copy of Constitution as amended

Governor Tenorio	<i>Alfonso R. Borja 8/14 10:58 am</i>
Lt. Governor Borja	<i>8-14 1100</i>
Senate President	<i>John David 8/14/95</i>
Speaker of the House	<i>Pijama 8/14</i>
Mayor of Saipan	<i>1/0 David Igital /ag 8/10</i>
Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan	<i>1/0 David Maratita /ag 8/10</i>
Mayor of Rota	
Mayor of Northern Islands	<i>Celma Somol 8/</i>
Chairman, Saipan Municipal Council	<i>1/0 David Igital /ag 8/10</i>
Chairman, Tinian Municipal Council	<i>1/0 David Maratita 8/10</i>
Chairman, Rota Municipal Council	
Attorney General	<i>Agustin, 8/14/95</i>
Honorable Thomas Villagomez	<i>8/14/95</i>
Honorable Heinz Hofschneider	<i>Jorge Benaras 8/14/95</i>
Chairman, Board of Elections	
Executive Director, Board of Elections	
Presiding Judge, Superior Court	<i>John C. Jones</i>
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	<i>John S. Agut</i>
Chairman, CDA Board	<i>8/14/95</i>
Chairman, CPA Board	

