

## POST CONVENTION COMMITTIES Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutions of Constitutions

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February 16, 1996

Mr. Leo L. Lamotte Public Auditor Office of the Public Auditor P. O. Box 1399 Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Lamotte:

The Post-Convention Committee is aware of the letter dated February 15, 1996 to you from Mayor Joseph T. Ogumoro of the Northern Islands. The Committee welcomes any inquiry that the Public Auditor decides to make in response to the Mayor's complaint and will cooperate fully.

The Post-Convention Committee is confident that its activities have complied fully with all applicable laws. Public Law No. 9-18, which created the Post-Convention Committee, directed the Committee "to provide public education regarding the meaning and effect of the proposed amendments to the Constitution". Nothing in the law prohibits the Committee from encouraging the voters to approve the recommendations of their elected delegates to the Third Constitutional Convention. In charging the Post-Convention Committee with its duties on August 3, 1995 by approval of Resolution No. 16, the Convention did not specify any limitations on the public education program to be conducted by the Committee on its behalf.

Under these circumstances, the delegates as elected public officials have a duty to explain to the voters why, in the opinion of the delegates, these 19 amendments, will make important changes in the structure and operations of the Commonwealth government. The Post-Convention Committee has published extensive materials that objectively set forth each and every change proposed by the Convention, without any advocacy one way or the other. Numerous public meetings have been held in which questions and criticisms have been solicited and answered. The Post-Convention Committee is proud of its efforts, which far exceed in reach and substance any such program ever conducted in the Commonwealth.

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As you know proposed Amendment #6 would abolish the Office of the Mayor for the Northern Islands. The Mayor testified before the responsible Convention Committee in opposition to this change but the delegates, after careful consideration of his views, reached a contrary conclusion. It is now up to the voters to decide whether proposed Amendment #6 should be approved.

Sincerely yours,

Herman T. Guerrero, Chair Post-Convention Committee

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