

POST CONVENTION COMMITTEE Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Your Post-Convention Committee has been working hard, with help from many alternate members. We have published newspaper inserts, booklets, fliers, brochures, and other materials. We have completed 12 village meetings, with three more to go. We have also completed 8 government employee meetings with 2 more to go. We have put the Con-Con's message out on radio and TV, and have put articles in the press on a regular basis.

This has been very hard work, but I am convinced that it has been the best public education program in the Commonwealth to date.

Now we need everyone's help in the final days to talk to friends and family, to get out the vote, and to be sure that the voters understand how important it is to support the work of the delegates.

Many politicians here in the Commonwealth expect a very low turnout, perhaps as low as 30% to 40% of the voters. If that happened, a very few "no" votes could control on each amendment. The "no" voters have a big incentive to get to the polling places and vote. Many "yes" voters may think that their vote is not important. We truly need every single vote, so I am asking you to make personal efforts next week to talk to voters and make sure we have a good turnout among our supporters.

The delegates will also have an opportunity to put their own personal ads in the papers supporting amendments if they want to urge the voters to mark YES on the ballot. We can help you with these ads if you would like, and provide volunteer technical assistance. These personal ads from our delegates, perhaps with a picture of the delegate, are a good reminder of the excellent caliber of our Constitutional Convention.

The Post-Convention Committee will hold a final planning meeting on Monday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you again for all the hard work during the public education program.

Sincerely.

Chair, Post-Convention Committee