



# Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention

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Delegate Proposal No. 255

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It is proposed that a constitutional amendment be prepared that does the following:

Provides that any privately-owned land taken by the government through an exercise of the power of eminent domain, if returned to the Public Land Corporation or not used for the public purpose defined when eminent domain was exercised, shall be offered for sale to the original owners for the price paid to the owner when the land was taken.

Provides that only if the original owner declines to buy the land at the price offered within a reasonable time, may the Public Land Corporation lease the land for a commercial use or a different public use.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AMENDED: Art. XIII, adds a new Section 3

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED: Art. XI, Sec. 5