

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
APPOINTMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	APPOINTEE	POSITION	AGENCY	APPT. DATE	TERM LENGTH	COMMITTEE REFERRED	DATE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	DATE CONFIRMED	NOTES
36GL-21-0549	Attorney Steven Carrara	Member	Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Directors.	4/30/21	Three (3) Years; November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning	5/4/21	6/18/21 1:30 p.m.	6/24/21 4:35 p.m.		



**OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ**

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor,  
Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

June 24, 2021

**The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje**

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report on the Executive Appointment of Attorney Steven Carrara to serve as a Member of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors.**

*Håfa adai* Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Executive Appointment of Attorney Steven Carrara** to serve as *Member* of the *Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors* and which was referred to the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>4</u>	TO DO CONFIRM
<u>0</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

*Si Yu'os ma'åse',*

*Sabina Flores Perez*

Sabina Flores Perez

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**RECEIVED:**

June 23, 2021

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June 24, 2021 @ 2:37 P.M.



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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Nomination of  
Steven Carrara**

**To serve as a Member of the  
Guam Environmental Protection Agency  
Board of Directors**

**For a Term of Three (3) Years;  
November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023**



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June 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**  
Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and  
Statistics, Research, and Planning

From: **Senator Sabina Flores Perez** *SFP*  
Committee Chairperson

Subject: **Committee Report on Appointment of Attorney Steven Carrara**

*Håfa Adai,*

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Attorney Steven Carrara** to serve as a *Member* of the *Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors*.

This report includes the following:

- COR Referral of the Appointment
- Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Appointment Packet and Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Vice Speaker

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES**

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan*

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May 4, 2021

## MEMO

**To:** Rennae Meno  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re:** Referral of Appointment

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*Buenas ñan Håfa adai,*

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

**Appointee:** Attorney Steven Carrara

**Position:** Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Directors

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at <http://guamlegislature.com/index/messages-and-communications/>. Please refer to the follow document:

**"36GL-21-0549 – Office of the Governor of Guam – Board Appointment and Supporting Documents for Attorney Steven Carrara, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Board of Directors."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to the **Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning**, chaired by Senator Sabina Flores Perez.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

**Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

April 30, 2021

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guāhan*  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Time: 10:54am  
Received: [Signature]

**RE: Board Appointment**

Dear Madame Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam and the local laws applicable to the following position, I am pleased to transmit the following appointment and supporting documents for:

APPOINTEE: Atty. Steven Carrara  
  
POSITION: Member, Board of Directors  
Guam Environmental Protection Agency  
  
TERM LENGTH: **Three (3) Years; November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023**

The appointment is subject to the consent of *I Liheslaturan Guāhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hāgan Guāhan*  
Governor of Guam

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

May 4, 2021  
12:21 P.M.

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam

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GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
LT. GOVERNOR

**UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

April 30, 2021

**MR. STEVEN CARRARA, ESQ.**

Dear Atty. Carrara:

Pursuant to my authority under 10 GCA § 45103, I am reappointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**Term Length: Three (3) Years; November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023**

Your reappointment is a testimony to your commitment to service and the understanding of the great responsibility that this position requires and I know that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner for others to follow.

Once again, I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time on the Board will be effective and productive.

As you are aware, this appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Weakley of the Governor's Office at 473-1131.

*Senseramente,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua.F. Ternorio, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Chairman, EPA Board  
Administrator, EPA



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM**  
**Nomination and Appointment Information Sheet**

The following information is required for submission to the  
Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

<b>Last Name</b> CARRARA	<b>First Name</b> STEVEN	<b>Middle Initial</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b> [Redacted]		<b>Apartment/Unit #</b>
<b>City</b> [Redacted]	<b>State</b> [Redacted]	<b>Zip Code</b> [Redacted]
<b>Phone</b> [Redacted]	<b>E-mail Address</b> [Redacted]	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Board of Directors, Guam Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)		
<b>Are you a citizen of the United States?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If no, are you authorized to work in the United States?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**EDUCATION**

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
<b>High School</b> Msgr. McClancy, East Elmhurst, NY	1976 - 1980	High School Diploma	1980
<b>College</b> Columbia College, NY, New York	1980 - 1984	BA	1984
<b>Graduate School</b> Washington College of Law, DC	1984 - 1987	JD	1987
<b>Other Degree</b>			

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> IT&E Upper Tumon, GUAM	<b>Position Title</b> General Counsel
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2008 - Present

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Carlsmith Ball, LLP Hagatna, Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Of Counsel
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2004 - 2008

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> Republic of Palau Koror, Palau	<b>Position Title</b> Attorney General/Asst. AG
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1998 - 2004

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> US Department of Commerce Washington, DC	<b>Position Title</b> Attorney Advisor
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1987 - 1998

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE**

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)**

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

<b>Agency or Department Name</b>		<b>Position Title</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	

**TRAINING**

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE

**AWARDS**

<b>List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:</b>

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

<b>List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:</b>
* Member, Board of Directors, Guam EPA

## COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

*List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:*

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

*List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:*

## MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE

## OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Conviction: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Infraction Committed: \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

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**(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?**

Yes ☐ No ☒

**(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

**Statement of Financial Interests**

(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
Governor of Guam  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Steven Carrara

- ☒ I have no financial interest in any business
- ☐ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST

ST Carrara  
Signature

4/28/2021  
Date

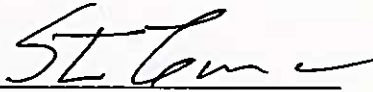
**AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.

Steven Carrara

Print Name and Signature



4/28/2021

Date



# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Drive • Hagatña, Guam 96910

Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

Name: **STEVEN CARRARA**

SS#: ID# **GU DL#** [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

## CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

### Criminal Cases:

- A. ☒ No Case Found
- B. 1. Criminal Case No.  
2. Criminal Case No.  
3. Criminal Case No.  
4. Criminal Case No.  
5. Criminal Case No.

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### Civil Cases:

- A. ☐ No Case Found
- B. 1. Civil Case No.  
2. Civil Case No.  
3. Civil Case No.  
4. Civil Case No.  
5. Civil Case No.

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Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagatña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday and local/federal holidays. Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.

Dated: **04/29/2021**

**DANIELLE T. ROSETE**  
Clerk of Court

BY: **RODNEY JOE P MANIBUSAN**  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: **RJPM**



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Government of Guam  
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
P.O. Box 23909  
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



January 8, 2020

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Steven CARRARA		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	NONE
	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.-		

\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

*THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.*

By Direction: katm



The absence of an original GUAM POLICE  
seal invalidates this police clearance.  
REVISED 04/26/19

**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO**  
Chief of Police



Charlene Flores &lt;charlene@senatorperez.org&gt;

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**1st Notice of Virtual Informational Hearing and Virtual Public Hearing: Friday, June 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

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**Office of Senator Sabina Perez** <office@senatorperez.org>

Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 12:42 PM

To: reporters@kuam.com, Sabrina Salas Matanane <sabrina@kuam.com>, nestor@kuam.com, Chris Barnett <malafunkshun@kuam.com>, joan@kuam.com, mindy@postguam.com, editor@postguam.com, John O'Connor <john@postguam.com>, Nick Delgado <nick@postguam.com>, reporters@postguam.com, news@sorensenmediagroup.com, news@guampdn.com, news@k57.com, rlimtiaco@guampdn.com, haidee@postguam.com, kstokish@gmail.com, editor@pacificislandtimes.com, Maureen Maratita <publisher@glimpsesofofguam.com>, reporter2@glimpsesofofguam.com, Guam Progress <guamprogress@yahoo.com>, colinperez@gmail.com, Gabejereza@gmail.com, "Alexandra Elizabeth T. Benavente" <aebenavente@gdoe.net>, Mar-Vic Cagurangan <publisher@pacificislandtimes.com>, mar\_vic\_cagurangan@yahoo.com, Jason Salas <jason@kuam.com>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <newsdirector@kuam.com>, slimtiaco@guampdn.com, raygibsonshow@gmail.com, pattiontheradio@yahoo.com, news@kanditnews.com

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June 11, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

Fr: Senator Sabina Flores Perez, Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning

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Those interested in participating, please confirm your attendance by contacting the Office of Senator Sabina Flores Perez via email at [office@senatorperez.org](mailto:office@senatorperez.org) or via phone at 989-2968, no later than June 16, 2021, for further guidance.

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse,  
Evan San Nicolas  
Office Manager

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## OFFICE OF SENATOR SABINA FLORES PEREZ

Chairperson

Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor,  
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mother, who had certain beliefs and notions about how you should be as a woman, so that still lives there," said Am. "It's still something I'm trying to work through."

Before the pandemic, the couple found a balance they liked, one largely driven by their work schedules.

Williams would take charge of cooking and cleaning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while Am, who worked from home on Tuesday and Thursdays, took the lead on those days.

But that balance flew out the window once Williams' office shut down and he began working from home full time. As an essential worker, Am's work schedule ramped up.

To Williams, a city planner, taking on more work at home didn't require a conversation, it was just common sense.

"I just feel like my job is like, 90% easier than hers," Williams explained. "I look at a screen all day and I write congestion reports."

The pandemic also made them highly sensitive to each other's health and safety. Williams worried constantly that Am might fall sick. Am worried about getting sick and passing it on to Williams. For months, Am would take off her scrubs at the door, only touching Williams after taking a shower.

Cut off from other family members, they were acutely aware that they only had each other, Williams said.

"And so we had to cling to each other."

**Welcome changes**

Locked down with only your partner or your family, many Americans navigated new levels of intimacy – learning, sometimes in excruciating detail, what

irritates, motivates and exhausts each other.

In September 2020, the annual American Family Survey, a joint effort by the Deseret News and the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Brigham Young University, found that married people reported largely positive views of their own marriages, with 43% saying their relationships had grown stronger during the pandemic. Another 48% said they were "about their same."

Overall, fewer married people (29%) reported feeling that their marriage was in trouble in 2020 than the year before (40%).

This is common in major crises, Brad Wilcox, a professor of sociology at the University of Virginia who served as an adviser on the survey, told the Deseret News. The Great Recession, for all its turmoil, had a similar impact on many couples.

Before the pandemic, Yeti Ajayi-Obe and Nyame Smith were already charting a major life change: a cross-country move from Connecticut to Tucson. Months before the first coronavirus cases were reported in the United States, Ajayi-Obe began working remotely, only seeing Smith, her boyfriend, in the mornings and evenings.

Smith, an engineer, had long days because of an hour-long commute, and was trying to settle into a new job. It was an isolating time for Ajayi-Obe.

"I felt like the only thing I did was sit on my computer, work for the man, and then work for myself, and then clean and tidy up all this other stuff because I was home," said Ajayi-Obe, a trade systems analyst who also does mental health advocacy. On top of that, Ajayi-Obe, who is Nigerian British, said she was constantly on edge because of

racism she encountered.

Smith chalked up some of their early arguments to not cleaning up enough when they first moved in together. But Ajayi-Obe actually enjoyed cleaning, she said – a self-described germaphobe, she looked forward to the alone time. Looking back on that period, Ajayi-Obe wondered if her loneliness influenced those arguments, which she described as "nerve-racking."

"I feel like every woman has this fear of being a nag."

Then Smith's office closed and he began working at home full time. At first were the physical adjustments: the living room now housed Smith's office set up, and in a small apartment, they had to be mindful of each other's work habits and Zoom calls – if a toilet flushed, or if Smith blasted music in the shower, chances are their co-workers could hear.

But by and large, the changes were welcome. Now that the home was also his office, Smith became more proactive with cleaning the living room and kitchen because he found it hard to be productive in a cluttered space.

They also became, in small but significant ways, more visible to each other – much more aware of each other's shifting moods and therefore, more responsive.

Now, they can't imagine going back to their pre-pandemic work routines.

Smith can't imagine slogging through hour-long commutes five days a week – not when he knows he can get his job done at home. Ajayi-Obe said she is mentally preparing herself for Smith to be around less: Who will she talk to all day? What will happen to their midday walks?

Before the pandemic, "I used to joke around all the time, like, 'You're my boyfriend, you're not my friend,'" "

she said. "And he's become my best friend."

Ajayi-Obe and Smith aren't alone. Ariane Holm Le Chevallier and Gabe Le Chevallier, the couple from Portland, Ore., are also grateful for the reset. Though they are a bit anxious about falling into old routines – the arguments, the resentment – navigating the highs and lows of the pandemic has made them more confident in their ability to chart the reopening. Gabe hopes to work from home – and cook – more frequently.

**Some advice**

For couples anxious about the reopening and the inevitable changes it will bring to routines and relationships, Rodsky, the author and relationship expert, has some advice.

She recommends couples completely reimagine how they approach the home, focusing on boundaries, systems and communications – the same structures many take for granted at work. They should be guided by some core principles, she said: that each deserves as much choice over their time as the other, and each is a stakeholder in the home.

"It doesn't have to be 50-50 because that's scorekeeping, and nobody even knows what that means," said Rodsky.

Over the course of her career, Rodsky has found one question particularly clarifying – one that was salient for many couples during the pandemic, when they were tethered to homes that had become workplaces, classrooms, day cares and sanctuaries.

"What would happen if we treat our homes as our most important organization?"

*This story first appeared in The Washington Post's The Lily publication.*

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR  
TERMINAL HIGH-ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD)  
ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM**

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice of availability of its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction of additional facilities and infrastructure in support of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) ballistic missile defense battery in Guam. Joint Region Marianas is the Action Proponent on behalf of the U.S. Army, who would continue to operate the facility.

The Navy has determined the project would result in less than significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment. The Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) provides analyses of environmental consequences of the action. The Final Supplemental EA and FONSI are available for public download for a 30-day period at:

<https://www.guamthaaidea.com>

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June 16, 2021

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

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# NAVFAC Marianas: After artifacts collected, historic sites bulldozed

By Phill Leon Guerrero  
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The military on Guam has confirmed historic sites found within infrastructure projects related to the relocation of Marines to the island have been leveled and more will be bulldozed to make way for facilities.

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Marianas, which supports local activities of the U.S. military, clarified for The Guam Daily Post language included in two programmatic agreement memos issued for public comment, which said historic properties identified in areas affected by construction "will no longer be extant" once mitigation work was completed.

"Significant discoveries" that were identified through another, ongoing construction project in the area were data recovered, along with site information documented, according to the command. The development is taking place in a site the military calls North Finegayan, but the location has also been called Machanao pre-World War II, according to the memos.

"Recovered associated artifacts and any other resources that could be curated were collected and are properly stored pending turnover to the government of Guam upon the completion of the future cultural repository," said JoAnna Delfin, public affairs officer for NAVFAC Marianas.



**SITE WORK:** Work continues to pave way for facilities within Marine Corps Camp Blaz which will host nearly 5,000 Marines who will be relocated from Okinawa. This was seen along Route 3 in Dededo on Sunday. David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

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– JoAnna Delfin, public affairs officer, NAVFAC Marianas

Several residents, community organizations and lawmakers have advocated for any historic or cultural discoveries found during military construction projects to be preserved in place or for any artifacts or other archaeological findings not to be further disturbed. NAVFAC also confirmed the historic sites previously identified have already been developed.

"All recoverable features are no

longer in place as the site has been graded to bedrock," Delfin said.

NAVFAC Marianas said once a discovery is made, its location is documented with "sub-meter accuracy." Collection efforts can include hand excavation, screening soil, and collecting soil and carbon samples. This type of mitigation work leaves a historic property with its "integrity diminished" and characteristics "altered," according to the memos.

But not everything discovered was collected before it was subsequently leveled.

"While curation is an important part of the process, not every piece of an artifact was collected if it was determined that a sample can provide the same type of information," Delfin said. "Although traces of the site are removed, the information and location are documented in technical reports for future studies about the area and its environment, which contributes to the knowledge of Guam's history and the CHamoru people."

The public can comment on the memos until July 22. Both documents are available online, or residents can obtain a printed copy at the Department of Parks and Recreation office in Agaña Heights. Community comments can be emailed to [criwebcomment@navy.mil](mailto:criwebcomment@navy.mil).

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**Committee on Health,  
Land, Justice and Culture**

## Notice of Public Hearings • Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning at 9AM

- 9:00 am-** Virtual Confirmation Hearings to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC)
- Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, to serve as a member
  - Denise Mendiola, to serve as a member
- 10:30 am-**
- Dr. Lisa Flores, to serve as a member
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- Implementation of Public Law 35-112 and swift confirmation of CLTC applicants via genealogy and title research
  - Inventory of CLTC properties in need of land registration and utilities connections.

Please email [senatorterlajegum@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajegum@gmail.com) or call 472-3586 to if you would like to provide live testimony on the Appointments to the CICC, no later than **5:00 PM ON TUESDAY, June 22, 2021**, and/or require any special accommodations. Written testimony can also be submitted via email to [senatorterlajegum@gmail.com](mailto:senatorterlajegum@gmail.com). The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/60.4/112-4 for Docomo customers without set top boxes and will also stream online via Liheslaturan Guåhan's YouTube Channel.



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NAME (please print)	AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	ORAL TESTIMONY	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	IN FAVOR	NOT IN FAVOR	CONTACT INFORMATION
Steven Carrara	Nominee	✓		✓		



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### **COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

#### **I. OVERVIEW**

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- Appointed by Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero on April 30, 2021, to serve for three (3) years: November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023
- Appointment packet forwarded to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 4, 2021
- Appointment packet forwarded to this committee for public consideration on May 4, 2021

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on June 11, 2021 and again on June 16, 2021, fulfilling the 5-Day Notice and 48 Hour Notice of the Open Government Law requirements respectively.

#### **Senators Present**

Senator Sabina Flores Perez

Senator Telo T. Taitague

Senator Joanne Brown

*Committee Chairperson*

*Committee Member*

*Legislative Member*

The confirmation hearing for **Attorney Steven Carrara** commenced at 1:30 p.m.

#### **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION**

**Chairperson Perez:** The rules of conduct for this hearing is that the host will mute all participants until called upon by the Chair, when called to speak please ensure that you're unmuted and that you're speaking into your microphone and please identify yourself. The order of questioning will begin with the Chairperson and any of my colleagues following individuals testifying shall be recognized by the Chair and questions shall be confined to the substance of the nature of the agenda. Personal inferences as the character of any Senator or individual testifying is not permitted. Any violations will result in removal from the public hearing by the host.

We are going to move on to the next item of the agenda. It's to hear testimony for the Executive Appointment of Attorney Steven Carrara, to serve as a member of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors. The EPA Board of Directors consists of nine members that are appointed by the Governor and approved or confirmed by the Legislature. The Board meets every month, the meetings are open to the public. They serve also as an appellate body. Any citizen

who has concerns about notice of violations or actions or decisions can request a hearing before the Board. The Board also appoints the Administrator who administers matters of the Agency under the supervision of the Board. The Board also appoints a Deputy Administrator, who is not a member of the Board but shall not have the right to vote. They also see a lot of the actions, any environmental actions that are being enforced. Notices were sent to Guam EPA and EPA Board Members. We received no testimony at this time. We'd like to invite the nominee himself, Steven Carrara, to present his testimony. Attorney Carrara, you are recognized.

**Attorney Carrara, Nominee:** Okay, well, good afternoon. And thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Legislature. I'd like to thank the Governor for re-nominating me to the EPA Board. This is my third go around at the Board and I'm very happy to have the opportunity to serve the community in some fashion by participation with the EPA Board. I think the agency is probably underappreciated in our community. There's a lot of great people working at EPA, and I really enjoy my interaction with the various staff members and our participation at the board meetings, trying to provide overall guidance and support to the administration. I noticed Conchita is here to participate. I've always enjoyed, and I mean, her depth and knowledge on environmental issues is very impressive. And her love for the community is unparalleled and that permeates throughout the Agency, which is one reason why I'd like to continue to participate. I worked for NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for many years before coming out this way. I've also worked for the Palau Environmental Protection Board where I was at the Attorney General's office there. I'm familiar, been out in the region for over 20 some years. Really like it out here, and I'm happy to contribute in some small way to the community. That's all I have to say. If you have any questions or whatever, happy to answer.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you so much, Steven, for your acceptance. Something was pointed out to me that your nomination packet, it assigns you to KGTF. I think there's been a misprint. Everything else on the packet says the Guam EPA Board. But position of appointment says the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corp. We have to request an update. Hopefully, you were meant to be on the Board. I imagine you're being re-nominated. That's what it says in most of the application. We will request any updates or changes. Barring any changes, we'll continue with your hearing to be on the Board of Guam EPA. Thank you for sharing that you have a history with working on environmental issues. You were based in Palau for some time as I believe as an Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General, is that correct?

**Attorney Carrara:** For both, yes, I was Assistant Attorney General but became an Attorney General. That was for five years, four years, and then I lived down for another year after.

**Chairperson Perez:** Did you have to deal with a lot of environmental issues as an Attorney General in Palau?

**Attorney Carrara:** Yeah, we were a small office. All the attorneys, everybody had to pick up where they can. The Environmental Quality Protection Board was, again, it was kind of a core group of people who were out to try to do what was right, and it was our role to support them. There's always issues, not real big as you have in an industrial place, but issues of protecting mangroves and things like that, and people hunting doves and out of season. There were a lot of issues that we had to deal with.

**Chairperson Perez:** Were you able to apply any of that to Guam, so things that you picked up along the way? How is that influenced your view on environmental protections?

**Attorney Carrara:** I think, just from my personal perspective, you just try to bring all your life factors into your consideration of what's going on. Taking into account people's backgrounds and cultural things, and a lot of our decisions relate to fines that are issued. We have to hear and you just bring that perspective. I think that's been helpful in my role, my role at Guam EPA.

**Chairperson Perez:** Were there any decisions on the Board that you agreed with? Or I'm sorry, disagreed with that the Board the other Board members? Yeah, I guess basically, how do you deal with conflict or disagreement? Should you know, for instance, if the Board chooses to do one thing, but you decide, or you're you have a dissenting vote

**Attorney Carrara:** I'm sorry, I didn't mean to speak over you, but you advocate your point, you try to bring your Board Members around to your position, and sometimes things don't go your way. But you know, your vote your conscience.

**Chairperson Perez:** Were there any instances that you can recall during your membership?

**Attorney Carrara:** No, I think the Board has been pretty much unanimous. I don't think, I don't recall any that that come to mind that it got contentious at the Board.

**Chairperson Perez:** What do you think are the challenges for Guam EPA, and how do you see your membership as contributing to addressing those challenges?

**Attorney Carrara:** As we spoke in our conversation, and it ties into the solid waste argument, the landfill is filling up faster than anybody ever anticipated. I mean, from an EPA solid waste perspective, I really think we need to focus on reduce, reuse and recycle. You know, how the agencies work together, to do that it's a big question. And we all try to do our part to make that happen. One issue coming up now, before the Board is the Northern aquifer, there is a decision to be made, what map to adopt. We're looking at that right now. That's a big decision because we need to protect the Northern aquifer and what's the best way to do to do that.

**Chairperson Perez:** What is your thought about that? Which of the maps or how do you make that decision? Yeah, do you prefer one map over another?

**Attorney Carrara:** Yes, and but since it's a pending matter, I don't know if I should express my opinions on it. Since it's still before the Board, but I think the Agency has put together you know, a strong recommendation

**Chairperson Perez:** Can you, what is that recommendation you can share with the audience?

**Attorney Carrara:** I forget which map it was and we're going to deal with this at the next meeting. I guess it's the one that it lessens the lot size outside of the zone but maintains it for the part inside the zone which is most sensitive. There were pluses and minuses to it. I forget which map the

specific names of the maps but the one that a director, not Brian Bearden said there was the map followed by that was prepared by the Hydrology Department was the better map to follow I guess was his recommendation.

**Chairperson Perez:** Hydrology Department? Which do you mean? Are you're talking about WERI or which Hydrology department?

**Attorney Carrara:** Yes, yes. Well, I'm sorry. I don't want to misspeak off the top of my head, but it was the yeah, I can't comment because I don't have the paperwork in front of me.

**Chairperson Perez:** Okay. That's pretty critical. The maps are very important. There were different maps that were produced in time. You recall, it if was the older map or the newer map?

**Attorney Carrara:** I believe it was the older map. That was I guess, though, at some point, they started referencing a newer map that was less accurate or didn't contain the scientific background of the older map.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thanks. It's interesting. We did have the confirmation hearing for Guam Solid Waste Board Member, and the issue came up with the incineration. What is your view about incineration?

**Attorney Carrara:** I mean, my personal view is probably it's something that needs to be looked at. I know other countries do it in a very organized fashion and how to go about doing that. We need to look at it, but we just can't seem to keep burying it. Unless we reduce and recycle more, I think at some point, it's going to have to be considered.

**Chairperson Perez:** Okay. What are, what are some other challenges that the Board is addressing in the near future? What are some of the issues? You mentioned the map, landfill, is there any other concerns or environmental issues.

**Attorney Carrara:** Well, I think the Agency, I mean, it's always looking for resources and people. Like I said, I think the world of the people at the Agency, I, our role, I feel, is to support them as best we can and try to help them in any way we can.

**Chairperson Perez:** Another question is, what I guess what drives you to continue to serve on the Board?

**Attorney Carrara:** I am a believer in public service. And I think it's a great Board to be a part of. It's just a way of, you know, to contribute back to the community.

**Chairperson Perez:** Couple more questions. Do you have any conflicts of interest?

**Attorney Carrara:** Well, I do work for IP&E, as well. We operate the Shell station. When we haven't had any issues that come up, but if they do come up, I will certainly recuse myself.

**Chairperson Perez:** As far as your attendance in the meetings, how would you rate yourself as far as attendance?

**Attorney Carrara:** I don't think I've missed a meeting. Even when I was on leave. Guess when, in December, we had a meeting, I was in the stateside, and I participated. It was in the middle of the night, but I was able to make it. I think my attendance record was pretty good. And if they always, always make sure that if there's a lack of quorum, I'm there, but I don't think I've missed a meeting.

**Chairperson Perez:** Well, thank you, Steven, for your answers, and we do look forward to seeing that the Board is fully filled and for your continued service. Thank you for accepting the nomination. At this point, I would like to open the floor to my colleagues. Senator Brown.

**Senator Brown:** Thank you very much, Madam Chair and certainly thank you to Attorney Carrara for wanting to continue on with his work and serving Guam EPA, and he did recognize certainly a challenge that has existed with the agency. Since I was there back in the day with Conchita Taitano, and there's only a few, very few members of Guam EPA that are still there that we all started with is the lack of personnel resources because the Agency really has not grown in the 30 years since I first started there in 1991. I know we would like to look at seeing how many how much more resource certainly we as a Legislature can put in place to address since most of the operations for Guam EPA historically and continues to be paid for by the Federal Government. And yet, you know, a lot of the challenges that you had mentioned with regards to our environmental issues, particularly with regards to Northern Guam, and what we need to do to take care of our water lens and other resources there. What are your thoughts on that as a Board member? I'm sure you advocate for it, but what's your view of it because the agency pretty much has not grown. I mean, when I was there, we maybe had 51, or 52 personnel in the agency numbers aren't much different from then and that included myself and the administrator. What are your thoughts on that and advocating to get more personnel resources to help oversee the continued growth and development and adverse impact to our environment?

**Attorney Carrara:** I mean, I don't know what I can do to help, but I just recognize it as a need. I know, everybody there works real hard. And covers a lot of ground and I think it's something we have to expand, and I, I just don't know how we go about recruiting and developing those skills. The, you got to have a certain dedication and want to continue with it, and like I said, I mean, through lobbying, trying to support the people, you know, the staff in their decisions, is what little I could do. And work with the administrator and, you know, seeking support from the executive branch in the Legislature.

**Senator Brown:** Well, as a Board Member, what do you foresee maybe the concerns if EPA doesn't expand its capacity to absorb all the issues, the environmental issues that are happening in the island that essentially EPA regulates, because it has far reaching authorities, but if it doesn't have the resources out there to enforce the laws and the authorities that it has that pretty much puts us all at a disadvantage. So certainly, as a Board Member, while I realize you're not the one who's going to be, you know, being able to yourself get the funds, you need directly to hire additional resources, what are you advocating for as a Board Member?

**Attorney Carrara:** Well, I mean, I think one, if we don't protect the, do what we can to protect the environment, eventually, factors will overwhelm us. Like global warming, or climate change, I mean. It's coming. Some prefer to put their heads in the ground and ignore it and just say it's going to happen, but we just got to keep educating the people and fighting the fight. I don't know what specifically more we could do than that. But I think getting people aware of the problem is the first step and getting people to address it. Taking care of, you know, the trash issues around, in disposals around wells and things to protect the aquifer. I mean, it just keeps coming up and multiplying, and you just got to be vigilant. And when we issue a notice of violation, you know, we need to back the agencies where they're correct, in their opinion, whether, in fact, if they're not correct, then you know, what, you know, we should challenge that, but basically, as a Board member, I see the opportunity to give the EPA staff, the backbone to do what they need, not the background, but the support to do what they need to do to make it happen. Some boards, I understand, are more lax in their approach. I think the current Board is pretty stringent in enforcement and supporting enforcement and, mind you, we're just lay people trying to help out. We're not, I don't pretend to be an expert in environmental issues, but I do have a concern and a care, and do my best to support it, to support the experts.

**Senator Brown:** Well, Attorney Carrara again, I appreciate your interest in serving in the Board, and it's always impressive to have a perfect attendance record, because in some boards and commissions, it's sometimes occasionally a challenge to get enough members together to have a quorum. I certainly will be supportive of your nomination. I certainly wish you well in your continued service to the people of Guam. With that, thank you very much, Madam Chair, for the opportunity to be able to ask questions. Thank you.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Taitague, do you have any comments or questions for the nominee?

**Senator Taitague:** Thank you so much and thank you for letting me know that it is, we are at the right public hearing. It is EPA and not KGTF. Looking at his application, but anyway, it says, Steve, thank you so much for wanting to continue. This will be your how many terms now have you served on this?

**Attorney Carrara:** This will be my third term.

**Senator Taitague:** Your third term and each term is what? Two years?

**Attorney Carrara:** I think it's longer to tell you the truth. I think I'm in this holdover status now so it's hard for me to tell me how many years it was, and I think it was a hold over last time too so it continued for a little bit longer.

**Senator Taitague:** So if I think it's a maybe I'm not mistaken anyways, um, well, thank you. This is your third time in this will be your third time sitting in front of the Legislature seeking for, it's a three-year term. So you have now, this will be your third time serving. So you've served six years in this as a Board Member for EPA. So thank you so much for doing that. So you've have a wealth of knowledge, at least, definitely experience when it comes to what's been going on for the last six years, and I'd like your opinion on how you feel about the Revolving Recycling Fund, and the

you know, how other agencies are trying to dip their hands in the cookie jar and take away from this fund that's obviously needed with EPA, with all their projects or potential projects that they have. Can you tell me your take on this, and what involvement have you had with regards to this?

**Attorney Carrara:** Well, I, I guess, early on, there were attempts, obviously, money is short supply and in high demand. The Recycling Fund has always been a target or identified as a source of funds. Several years back, we passed regulations to try to put some structure around that, I understand that in the last go around, there was some money, money that was directed to another program. And we were charged with making sure that those funds were spent accordingly, and we will fulfill that role. I think the programs from what I've seen, are actually good programs so I think, overall, it's a good thing, but we need to be judicious in how we use the recycling fund.

**Senator Taitague:** Um, so with with regards to that, I'm sure that as an Attorney, you definitely have an opinion that that's well received by the Board, and your opinion probably does, especially when it comes to legality. But um, have you ever had a decision that you did not agree with the administration and voiced that opinion?

**Senator Taitague:** Well, I mean, we've had votes, and I can't recall a vote, you know, something that's come down where we've had that type of dissension or felt that we need to do things, something that we didn't feel that was the right thing to do.

**Senator Taitague:** And Attorney Carrara, what is your strength that you think you bring to EPA?

**Attorney Carrara:** I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

**Senator Taitague:** What strength do you think you believe, can contribute to EPA on the Board? Your strengths?

**Attorney Carrara:** Yeah, I mean, I, you know, like I said, I don't think any of us are experts in environmental issues. I think we bring our own common sense and practical realities. And I think by providing good solid judgment, or, you know, advice to the Administrator, and the members of the staff is how we do our jobs. I don't think it's, I we're not there to second guess them, but just to help provide them overall, you know, support in doing their jobs.

**Senator Taitague:** So, well, I appreciate saying common sense, because they say there's a saying that common sense is most uncommon. I'm glad you brought that up, because sometimes it's just common sense, and you need to push that agenda. I appreciate you know, you mentioning that. Why thank you so much for serving again for a third term, wanting to serve another three years. And again, like Senator Brown, I appreciate the fact that you're showing up to these meetings, which is very, very important. Taking time out of your family and your personal life to do this for the people of Guam. It's very much appreciated. Thank you so much, Madam Chair, for the opportunity. And again, Steven, thank you so much.

**Attorney Carrara:** Thank you.

**Chairperson Perez:** Thank you, Senator Taitague, and thank you Attorney Carrara, for your commitment to serve on the Board, which is so important for continuing the enforcement of our laws and protecting our environment. We are looking forward to your contributions to help to continue this, this tradition. And thank you for taking the time out of your professional life to be there every month and to help with the dialogue and discussion that takes place with the very important issues. I'm very interested in the map of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer map. That's very critical. And I'll be looking very closely at that, in addition to trying to figure out ways on recycling and zero waste efforts. Thank you for your time. We do appreciate your commitment to serve on the Board. So your confirmation hearing is duly heard. It is now 2:38. And have a great weekend. Thank you.

Chairperson Perez then adjourned the confirmation hearing for **Attorney Steven Carrara** at 2:38 p.m.

**Written Testimonies:**

NONE

**III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning notes that per Attorney Steven Carrara's nomination packet, he will serve for a term of three (3) years (November 29, 2020 to November 28, 2023).

The Committee notes that the appointment packet of Attorney Carrara, specifically the nomination and appointment information sheet has been replaced to reflect the corrected position to which Attorney Carrara is being nominated for.

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, Labor, Procurement, and Statistics, Research, and Planning hereby reports out the appointment of **Attorney Steven Carrara** to serve as a **Member** of the **Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board of Directors** with the recommendation **To Do Confirm**.



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