

*I Mina Trental Kudtro Na Lihesataran Gudhan*  
**APPOINTMENTS**

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35GL-19-0251	Rita Torres Franquez	Member	Hagatna Restoration & Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners	3/21/19	Five (5) Years from date of Confirmation	Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña-Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs	3/25/19	4/11/19 9:45 a.m.	5/21/19 9:53 a.m.		

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*



May 15, 2019

**The Honorable Tina Muña Barnes**

Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

Guam Congress Building

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**VIA: The Honorable Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*PBL*

**RE: Committee Report on the Nomination of Rita T. Franquez** to serve on the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners

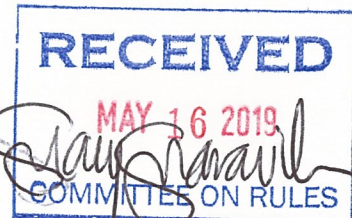
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*Buenas yan Háfa adai* Speaker Tina Muña Barnes,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the appointment of **Rita T. Franquez** to serve as a Member on the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners.

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagatna* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs hereby submits its Committee votes as follows:

- 8 TO DO PASS
- 0 TO NOT PASS
- 0 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



11:40am

Respectfully,

*K Marsh*  
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**  
Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs  
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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Nomination of Rita T. Franquez**

To Serve as a Member, *Hagåtña* Restoration and  
Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners

## Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs  
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May 15, 2019

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

**From:** Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD. *KM*  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on the Appointment of Rita T. Franquez

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on the appointment of Rita T. Franquez, to serve as a Member on the Board of Commissioners, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners.

This document includes the following:

- Copy of COR Appointment Referral to the Committee
- Copy of the Appointment Transmittal Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of Public Hearing & Related Documents
- Copy of 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. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

Senator Amanda L. Shelton,  
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes,  
Member

Vice Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson,  
Member

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.,  
Member

Senator Sabina Flores Perez  
Member

Senator Clayton E. Ridgell  
Member



**COMMITTEE ON RULES**  
**SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR**  
*I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Joe S. San Agustin,  
Member

Senator Jose T. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator Therese M. Terlaje,  
Member

Senator James C. Moylan,  
Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,  
Member and  
Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

March 25, 2019

## MEMO

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

**Attorney Julian Aguon**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re:** **Referral of Appointment**

*Buenas yan Háfa adai.*

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

**Appointee:** **Rita Torres Franquez**

**Position:** **Member, Board of Commissioners, Hågatña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority**

**Term Length:** **Five (5) Years from date of confirmation**

The appointee's nomination packet may be referenced in the Guam Legislature's website at [http://guamlegislature.com/35th\\_mess\\_comms.htm](http://guamlegislature.com/35th_mess_comms.htm). Please refer to the following document:

**"35GL-19-0251 - Office of the Governor of Guam - Appointment and Supporting Documents for Rita Torres Franquez, Member, Board of Commissioners, Hågatña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority."**

Please ensure that the aforementioned appointment is referred to **Senator Kelly G. Marsh (Taitano) Ph.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hågatña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs.**

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,

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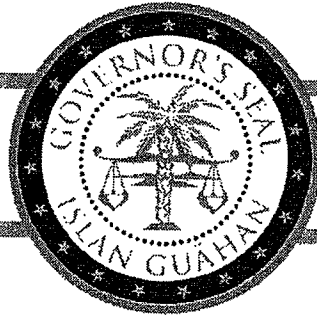
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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA'ŪAGA • GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SIGUNDO MAGA'LAHI • LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 14, 2019

Honorable Telen Cruz Nelson  
Acting Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

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: Rita Torres Franquez  
POSITION: Member, Board of Commissioners  
Hagatna Restoration & Redevelopment Authority  
TERM LENGTH: Five (5) Years from date of Confirmation

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

Senseramente,

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

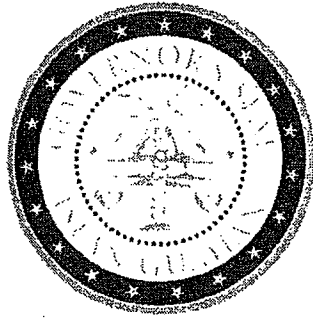
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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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March 6, 2019

Rita T. Franquez  
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Dear Ms. Franquez:

Pursuant to my authority under 21 GCA § 79301, I am appointing you to serve as a

**MEMBER, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HAGATNA RESTORATION & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Appointing you to this position comes with great responsibility because you will have a vital role to perform which will place many demands on your time and energy. Integrity and honesty are virtues that I prioritize for my Administration to exemplify, and I know that you will do the same while in service to the people of Guam. Your responsibilities shall be significant and consequential. I trust that you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this position, and I am confident that your time will be spent in a manner to improve the island of Guam.

This appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Governor.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Cc: Lt. Governor of Guam  
Executive Director, HRRA



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
Governor



**JOSHUA F. TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor

**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> FRANQUEZ	<b>First Name</b> RITA	<b>Middle Initial</b> TORRES
<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>	
<b>Position to which Appointment is Made</b> Member, Board of Commissioners, Hagatna Restoration & Redevelopment Authority		
<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**

<b>SCHOOL (Name, City and State)</b>	<b>DATES OF ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>TYPE OF DEGREE</b>	<b>YEAR EARNED</b>
<b>High School</b> Boulder Colorado	1947 - 1951	High School Diploma	1951
<b>College</b> University of Wisconsin Madison		B.S	
<b>Graduate School</b> University of Wisconsin Madison	1954 - 1956	Working on Masters	1956
<b>Other Degree</b> University of Guam Mangilao, Guam		Teacher's Degree	

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address</b> Guam Museum Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Assistant/Director
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2011 - 2014

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Gifted & Talented Government of Guam	<b>Position Title</b> Teacher
	<b>Dates Held</b> 1993 - 2011

<b>Previous Employer and Mailing Address</b> College of Guam Mongmong	<b>Position Title</b> Assistant Registrar
	<b>Dates Held</b> 2 years

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

<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>

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<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>

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

<b>Agency or Department Name</b> US DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION		<b>Position Title</b> Secretary	
<b>Address</b> San Luis Obispo, CA		<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Dates Held</b> 1952 - 1954

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

**TRAINING**

<b>INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Pre-Medical College	1955

**AWARDS**

**List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:**

"Teacher of the Year", Department of Education, Guam

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

**List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:**

USO Volunteer  
 Selective Service, Life-Time member  
 Red Cross, Memebr

**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)**

<i>BRANCH</i>	<i>DATES OF SERVICE</i>	<i>RANK AT DISCHARGE</i>	<i>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</i>

**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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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
Lieutenant Governor

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: RITA T. FRANQUEZ

- 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
70,000 shares of Bank of Guam	
I have a 4 million dollar building in Agaña #	

Rita T. Franquez  
Signature

Feb 5, 2019  
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.

RITA TORRES FRANQUEZ  
Rita Franquez  
Print Name and Signature

Feb 5, 2019  
Date



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



February 6, 2019

**SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

<b>NAME:</b>	Rita Torres FRANQUEZ		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>FINGERPRINT#:</b>	[REDACTED]
?	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in GPD files that are subject to Guam law and rules and regulations of the Department.		

\*\*\*\*\*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.*

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By Direction: dp

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**STEPHEN C. IGNACIO  
 Acting Chief of Police**





# SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM

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Telephone (671) 475-3370/475-3449

Fax (671) 472-2856

DANIELLE T. ROSETE  
Clerk of Court

Name: RITA TORRES FRANQUEZ

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.
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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: 02/06/2019



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DANIELLE T. ROSETE  
Clerk of Court  
*[Signature]*  
BY: EVAN L. TOPASNA  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared By: ICT



Roland Villaverde <roland.senatorkelly@gmail.com>

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## First Notice of Public Hearing – Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

2 messages

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Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.  
<office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org>  
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at  
1:32 PM

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 2, 2019

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

**From:** Senator Kelly G. Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.  
Chairperson, Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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**Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD**  
**Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,**  
**Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs**  
*I Mina'trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 35th Guam Legislature  
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**Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.**  
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Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs

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April 2, 2019

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#### Committee Membership

Overall Vice-Chair:  
Speaker Tina Muña  
Barnes

Heritage and the Arts  
Vice-Chair:  
Senator Amanda L.  
Shelton

Self-Determination Vice-  
Chair:  
Senator Jose "Pedo"  
Terlaje

Regional Affairs Vice-  
Chair:  
Senator Clynt E. Ridgell

Senator Régine Biscoe  
Lee

Senator Joe S. San  
Agustin

Senator Therese M.  
Terlaje

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Roland Villaverde <roland.senatorkelly@gmail.com>

**Confirmation rescheduling**

2 messages

Lasia Casil <lasia.casil@hrra.guam.gov>

To: roland.senatorkelly@gmail.com

Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at 10:25 AM

Håfa Adai Senator Marsh,

Maria Leon Guerrero is unable to make the scheduled HRRR Commission confirmation hearing on Thursday, April 11 at 8:30am due to a scheduling conflict. Would you be able to accommodate her at a different time? She is available on the same day between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Kind regards,

Lasia Casil

Roland Villaverde <roland.senatorkelly@gmail.com>

To: Lasia Casil <lasia.casil@hrra.guam.gov>

Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at 10:45 AM

Håfa adai Ms. Casil,

Your request has been received and the necessary time adjustments for Maria Eugenia Leon Guererro's hearing will accordingly be done.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

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## First Notice of Public Hearing, Sequence Revision to Agenda – Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at  
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Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at  
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 Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

**Confirmation Hearing**

**Rita T. Franquez** to serve on the Board of Commissioners, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority.  
 April 11, 2019 • 9:45 A.M. • Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

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# COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

**Public Hearing  
Nomination Hearing  
Rita T. Franquez, Member  
Board of Commissioners  
*Hagåtña* Revitalization and Redevelopment Authority  
Hearing Transcription  
April 11, 2019, 9:45 am**

## **I. OVERVIEW**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, convened a public hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 8:30 AM at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s, Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of Rita T. Franquez to serve as a Member on the Board of Commissioners on the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, for a five (5) year term upon *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s consent. Rita T. Franquez's appointment history is as follows:

- Appointed by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, on March 6, 2019, to serve as a Member on the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners, for a duration of five (5) years from the date of confirmation;
- Appointment packet received by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on March 21, 2019; and
- Appointment packet was referred to the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs on March 25, 2019.

### **a. Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators, stakeholders and primary broadcasting instrumentalities in accordance to the Open Government Law and the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature Standing Rules. First Notice was issued on April 2, 2019. An agenda modification adjusting the program sequence of the public hearing was issued on April 5, 2019, meeting the five (5) day (first) notification period. A second notice was subsequently disseminated via e-mail on April 9, 2019.

**b. Senators Present**

Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.	Committee Chair
Speaker Tina Muña Barnes	Committee Vice Chair
Senator Therese M. Terlaje	Committee Member

**c. Appearing Before the Committee**

Rita T. Franquez  
Lasia Casil

**d. Submitted Oral Testimony**

Rita T. Franquez	Oral Testimony	Support
Lasia Casil	Oral Testimony	Support

## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, presided over the *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*'s nomination- public hearing of Rita T. Franquez, to serve as a 'Member' of the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners. The April 11, 2019, public hearing was convened at 8:36am, ending at 11:10am.

Items on the Agenda include the following:

- **8:30 AM** – Confirmation Hearing of **Ina V. Carillo** to serve as Station Manager for the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation dba KGTF/PBS (Guam).
- **9:15 AM** – Appointment of **Felixberto Leon Guerrero**, OFM Cap., *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s appointment to serve on the Commission on *CHamoru* Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam.
- **9:45 AM** – Confirmation Hearing of **Rita T. Franquez** to serve on the Board of Commissioners, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority.
- **10:30 AM** – Confirmation Hearing of **Maria Eugenia Leon Guerrero** to serve on the Board of Commissioners, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority.

a. **Transcription of Hearing** (block formatted)

**The public hearing was called to order at 8:36am.**

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs continues this public hearing on the nominations put forward by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

Again, joining me for this public hearing. I'm very appreciative to have the vice chair speaker Tina Muña Barnes to my left and honorable Senator Therese Terlaje to my right who are here with me today.

The conduct of this public hearing shall be as follows. Those testifying will be recognized in the order that they appear on the sign-up sheet.

Written testimony may be read. Lengthy written testimony should be summarized to about three to five minutes. Written testimonies shall be submitted to the committee; provided to our legislative staff so that they may be photocopying it. Testimony shall be confined to the substance at hand. Persons will be allowed to present oral testimony only once. Once you are done, you may be asked to remain in the room so that we may be asking questions or additional details as desired by the members of the panel. When you speak, please make sure that you have first turned the microphone on. There's a button there in the middle and that you please speak into the microphone. Please start by stating your name for the record.

We will now begin hearing testimonies on the confirmation hearing of Miss Rita T. Franquez to serve on the Board of Commissioners for the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority. We thank those that have come here this morning and we thank you for sitting through some of the earlier parts of today's events.

So let me go ahead and call forward...

I will start by recognizing and calling forward Miss Rita T. Franquez. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for being here. And then we also want to recognize that the executive director for the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority is here, Miss Lasia Casil, and she is here in support. If you are planning on giving testimony, you can come sit forward as well. And then we also have the research director for MARC here, Mr. Carlos Madrid. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for being here as well.

With this, let's go ahead and begin with the executive director. Miss Lasia Casil if you could begin your testimony, please.

**Lasia Casil:** *Hafa adai Manana si Yu'os.* For the record, my name is Lasia Casil and I'm the executive director of the *Hagåtña* Restoration Redevelopment Authority. Just want to first say thank you Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, Senator Marsh Taitano and Senator Terlaje for allowing me to come and show my support of Miss Franquez here. I've had the pleasure of getting to know Miss Franquez and I can say that she is a walking and talking encyclopedia of *Hagåtña*. The historical references that she will be able to contribute to our commission is priceless. At 86 years

young, having been born and raised in *Hagåtña* prior to the war when it was a bustling city full of family homes local business businesses and people that lived in Barrios with their own local churches and children that were running up and down the street. She is able to provide the insight that textbooks will never be able to match. Being able to hear from her about our 'Capital City' firsthand and envision what she saw through her own eyes has touched my heart. We recently sat a few days ago. We were talking and looking at a map. She...she pointed out to me where the neighborhood bakery was, where the local Brewery was, where Ada's Soap Factory and other local businesses were and these are the type of businesses that we want back in *Hagåtña*...local businesses run by local people., not big box retail. We don't want s Ross in *Hagåtña* .

Hearing about her life in the Barrios as a child hustling bottles of agua'yente'--it's a new word I learned from her the other day--to survive through the Japanese occupation was astonishing to me.

So, I believe that having Miss Franquez is important to what we need to fulfill the *Hagåtña* Restoration's mission of re-establishing *Hagåtña* as the capital city of Guam and the governmental cultural and commercial heart of the island supported, and this is important, by vibrant residential mixed--use areas. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for that very informative and helpful testimony, and now we'll hear from Miss Franquez herself.

**Ms. Rita T. Franquez:** *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*. *Guahu si Rita Torres Franquez. Mafa'ñagon Hagåtña yu. Hagas Taotao Hagåtña yu yan i maña'nai-hu este antes de fina'tun i Español, i Japanese yan i Americano.*

Pues dangkulo' este na privileju ... hu para bai fatu magge yan bai hu es'pia i chansaku bia hu member gi *Hagåtña* Revitalization and Reorganization Authority and I stress Authority for real reasons that I shall explain later. But i kurason-hu yan i inina lahu gaige guini gi *Hagåtña*.

My life is here in *Hagåtña*. My heart and my livelihood is intricately involved with the development and the grandeur that should be for *Hagåtña*. So...with that kind of introduction, I would like to present myself as a seeking membership in the privilege of being in this organization. Thank you.

I have many plans. I have many..many projects that I wish could be done, but the challenge and the budget and the authority must be there too. Thank you.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*. It's very heartwarming to hear about the experiences. You had growing up in *Hagåtña* and that indeed your heart is still here. I will turn it over to the Speaker as Vice-Chair to see if she has comments or questions for you.

**Speaker Tina Muña Barnes:** *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* Madam Chair and thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide a comment. I've known Auntie Rita for many, many years and I just want to say that with not just with her institutional knowledge but her love for the island and her people and for those in the listening since World War II and... and paying special recognition to

those who suffered the atrocities of World War II--more importantly those who died and making sure that that was never forgotten. She helped us get property for the government of Guam so that a monument could be built, which is where the *Menengon* concentration camp is at and I'd be remiss if I didn't share that it was through Auntie Rita's tenacity, but her big heart to make sure never give up on why our people of Guam continue the need to be recognized for all that they've done and just the respect that she continues to provide in as far as information for our community and those who visit us and the invitation says the extended and we talked about the war...or wiping, I mean forgiveness wiping away the tears of war, but we should never forget as stated on our Monument Rita--Auntie Rita--will definitely bring a very in...I would say the blood and the lineage of who we are and where this...how this village started in how this was the mainstay of our island as it is the capital of our island, how she would bring a big plus to the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Board and Madam Chair, I will say that through our working experience in the more than 18 years together. I want to say un dang'ka lo na *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*, for showing me and helping me lead the way as it as it pertains to the preservation and the advocacy and the perpetuation of who we are as island people. So...she's got my support and I know she knows a lot and has no reservations about sharing a lot of her ideas and what we could do for *Hagåtña* Revitalization. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* Auntie Rita señora. Thank you for volunteering and thank you to the governor *I Maga' haga* for bringing your appointment to be a part of this committee... this Redevelopment Authority...as one of their board members. You got my support. *Saina ma'ase'*.

**Rita T. Franquez:** *Dangkulo' este na privalejo para guahu lökkue. Ayi i manenggon hu sen guaiya... i taotao-ta... i tano-ta.*

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** *Si Yu'os ma'ase'*. I will now see if Senator Therese Terlaje has some comments or questions.

**Senator Therese Terlaje:** *Si Yu'os ma'ase'*, *Saina*. I appreciate what you bring to this commission or authority and... commission right?...The *Hagåtña* Restoration Revitalization Authority. I think you are... you've been a landowner in *Hagåtña*. You've lived there but you're also a current landowner or current business owner in *Hagåtña* and I think that that's going to ensure that on the board, we have the property owners in *Hagåtña* being treated fairly. I know there different...there may be different interests. Of course, there will always be that competing interests of which area, which project, is prioritized over the other, which area of *Hagåtña*, you know, do they start with and...and so, you know, I know that all the...all the landowners who are not on the board are looking to the board members for fairness in that regard in and I know that the director... they have they have big plans for...for the board and they're looking to... by law, they're entitled to take taxes on improvements in *Hagåtña* and dedicate those to the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority for its use and I just... we're looking to you also for sensitivity in that regard...that these are you know taxes that are coming out of other areas of the government of Guam and and you know... taxpayers... and that they are going to be used wisely, fairly and you know, in the priorities as you see fit and...and I know you have dreams of *Hagåtña*. We all do. This is what the authority was created for... to be, you know, revitalized... to have more people living there and sharing in business and people being able to live

among...among this historic businesses and historic districts and historic and just uh...each other, right, to feel that. I'm sure that's what you miss about it. It's like now everybody's a little isolated. But, but I appreciate what you're going to bring to this board and I'm thanking you for the time you're going to spend on it. I know that they're going to be putting in some hard time. The projects are technical. They're huge and they're going to require a lot of work, a lot of study and a lot of deliberation. So, *si Yu'os Ma'ase'*.

**Rita T. Franquez:** Ha'gas taotao *Hagåtña* yu. i manaina-hu este antes hu fanmatu i espanot, i Japanese yan i Americano, ya lakkue ya sta-fan mo'na hit bai...North Korea. Anyway, it's a privilege. It's a privilege and I come from a long line of descendants from *Hagåtña*. My ancestor, my ancestry is *CHamoru* and sometimes I think I am from the city of *Hurao*, one of the greatest leaders of *CHamoru* indigenous rights, history and fighter for *CHamoru*. So, with all that in my background, I humbly seek to be part of the continuing development of the grandeur that I hope *Hagåtña* your will be as the capital of not only *Guåhan* but the area and we have to restore what was there before. *Hagåtña* is an amazing fantastic city. If you know the intricacies of this land... that we were from a peaceful Pacific Islanders immediately transposed into a European Colonial Powers with colonizers and great powers of the world fighting for control of land and basic trade routes. We are in a crucial area... north and south. We are in the Middle. East and West, we are in the middle. No wonder North Korea says, okay, we could always get Guam. We can't get to the United States, but we can get Guam. So, this land is historic and absolutely amazing...worth protecting and fighting for and it should start with what should be the capital of this great land. It should be the capital for the government and for residences. Manufacturing should not be here. I would like to see all the aesthetic parts of a city...the museums, the government agencies to be located here; the source of power to be here and I emphasize Authority in HRRA. Authority because it's going to need the budget and the authority to do something if we do not have the money to do anything and we do not have the power or the authority do anything. Why bother?

So, we need those. We need the budget and the authority and the foresight and the desire to make this the greatest city comparable to anywhere else in the world.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., Chair:** *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for that. You know, as a fellow historian, it's wonderful to hear of your experiences growing up here... the dream of you know, with the authority it is it's this balance of revitalizing but also developing and I think with your qualifications and your experiences, you are this excellent balance of both. You bring both to the table. And so for me as a historian, that part of me, it's very excited about that part of seeing both of those going forward... that we're going to be continuing to build on the path that we're currently on; that we are seeing revitalization occur. We are seeing people walking around our city again. We are seeing different activities happening here that are creating a liveliness. Some of what I've also been blessed to see is that we're also seeing some of our native species coming back to *Hagåtña*... We're seeing some of the birds like the Sali' landing in our trees again. So...there's just so much good work that can be happening to bring about that revitalization and certainly with your experiences of having grown up here and seeing it in just years that most of us can only read about or hear about from others. For you to have that direct experience is going to be such a valuable font of information for all of us as the executive director was saying. And the..the fact

that we can capitalize on that I think is going to be so important; that we're striving to create that balance between showcasing those wonderful aspects along with reimagining the ways that we can be developing as we're moving forward and keeping that that strong focus on what it has been but what it has the ability to be as well.

You mentioned several things...that were good to hear. Part of what you mentioned is having plans and projects and so in speaking on your own and in response to the Senators up here, you've already talked about some of your vision but do you have particular plans or projects that you'd like to share beyond that before we finish for today?

**Rita T. Franquez:** Yes, I do. But let me re-emphasize before I forget. The authority is important because there are many agencies that want to have the determining view of what should be done with *Hagåtña*. No, I think that the Authority has to be just that. Of course, I respect the governor the legislature and the Judiciary to be the overriding authority, but I don't think that any agency should have the purview of what is to be determined in the plans for *Hagåtña*.

They should concentrate their work on public works and road development and utilities, but the... it is not within the purview....I don't believe.... to be in the interest, I mean, in the agencies of the different agencies public works, road construction and Land Management and all that. I think the...the real Authority should be on the board... the board first, of course governor, legislature, and judiciary, but the board has to... and as far as my project... one of my earliest ones and it doesn't mean take any money...one way streets.

If you try to go in the side roads, you will find out if there's cars parked on both sides that whole block you'd have to look at the other end of the block to see whether somebody's coming because you're going to be stuck. So...it's not going to cost anything but it will take the planning division of Public Works and Land Management... doesn't take budget but it does take foresight and work.

The next one is to clean up *Hagåtña* and that is toward cleanup *Hagåtña*, but there's no way around it. It is so junkie and a seedy looking area in so many places. We should get rid of containers that are housing rats and insects. And totally abandon... cleanup *Hagåtña*. The next one is strict zoning.

Manufacturing should not be done in *Hagåtña*. That's why you have that Upper *Tumon*, you know that area for...for development of industry. That should be the place for manufacturing... manufacturing should not be allowed in *Hagåtña*. Okay, the next one is we need to have a real budget because you can build and I know this for a fact... a lot of times, agencies have buses and trucks and buildings and they let it get dilapidated and get worthless. They run the trucks and the buses and they don't filter it with oil or maintenance and then they run it to the ground... useless; where it could have been saved with proper maintenance. I think that we have to have a budget that includes maintenance and upkeep of whatever it is that we have deemed to build. Budget. Maintenance. I remember when there used to be a beautiful fountain at Skinner Plaza. Oh, it had lights and water sprays. In the evenings, I would just walk half a block away from my house, take my daughter and we'd look at the lights at night. But that they let it get ruined. When all they



would have had to do is probably 5 gallons of vinegar once a month would get rid of the calcium deposits. But what they did was they filled it in. Lowest is possible option. They filled it in and covered it up and nothing, where it was once beautiful and fascinating. So, maintenance is important... appreciating what you have no matter how little it might be, if it's some pleasure, preserve it. And so there are lots of things that I think budget and... budget and authority are crucial to this agency. If you don't have the authority, forget it. If you don't have the budget, also forget it. So...it goes hand in hand. It's going to be a lot of challenge and hard work and maybe it may have to even step on toes or ruffle feathers, but it has to be done because nothing is going to be done that is not challenging or worthwhile or worth fighting for or because it is easy. It is not easy. It's very difficult and you have to have focus and deliberation and determination that it must be so it must be done until you just finally have to say, okay, I give up. So...determination, focus, hard work, authority and money, money, money. Not the most important but definitely crucial.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** You know you brought up several good points and so in this, both revitalization and redevelopment of *Hagåtña*. It's something as you were saying that it's something for *Hagåtña* but it's more than that. It's something for the entire Island and maybe even beyond and in that... in that way, I think it's very good that part of the way that the board is set up... there are *ex officio* members that will be able to give that technical expertise. So....and some of the things that you're mentioning...

**Rita T. Franquez:** Definitely.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** Right, they're going to be able to be sitting there and providing information or guidance about the department of Parks and Rec. So...I'll just read some of the members: the Micronesian Area Research Center has a membership as *ex-officio* members; the *CHamoru* Language Commission; the Guam Visitors Bureau; the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities. So...again that some of those speaking to the planning that are so key. The Department of Land Management; the Department of Public Works; the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the Guam Preservation Trust and so they'll be there to provide the technical assistance that's so needed so that we're thinking for *Hagåtña*, but we're also thinking for all of us and providing that expertise that will allow board members to be making sound decisions; be able to understand the planning that's necessary.

**Rita T. Franquez:** Yes, cooperation of all those agencies is needed to take care of the homeless, for one. That's a one homeless... you say it and it's a huge problem. Can you imagine the *CHamoru* Village that the way it is now? Let's see that Fisherman's Wharf figured like San Francisco... the Fisherman's Wharf. We could have it right next to the Chamorro Village and what a perfect place for Fisherman's Wharf... similar to what you have in San Francisco with the Chamorro Village there and the Paseo. It has all the ingredients for a real functional center for activity and cultural exploration. It could function still the boat building industries there too. We could still have that....so the possibilities are endless but only mentioned EPA and all those Social Services to take care of the homeless, to take care of the garbage and a functioning Commissioner's Office.

The commissioner has not as much to do probably as some of the big studies like *Dededo* and *Yigo* and other bigger cities than *Hagåtña*. So, it could devote its time to looking around and seeing that there's compliance like sidewalks. That was be crucial setbacks. Some of the companies are right up to the road and use the road as parking lots. There's nowhere to go. So, the commissioner can go on make sure that there are setbacks for sidewalks so we can go out have a walkway Heritage walk so we can appreciate the city within walking distance. There's a lot to learn about *Hagåtña* but you can't get there because it's too full of junk. So...clean up is crucial. One-way streets would be great and it isn't going to cost a fortune. But cleanup and...and functioning commissioner's office to see compliance that when they hook up a container to the utilities, it is properly done... and no container should function as a building.

I mean if it's a container, especially if it's abandoned, it should be gotten rid of. I think the legislature has still has three containers in the old Legislative lot. It's rotting away and you probably don't have room for all the old records that are there but those records are being eaten by rats and insects and the mildew, of course.

So clean up. I mean, if it is useless, get rid of it, including legislators three containers of the old in the old *Hagåtña*. I think that belongs to the Legislature, but I think the *Hagåtña* Commissioner's using it to store junk. Anyway, there's a lot to do. You could ramble on and it's not going to be overnight or final but it's a good start and HERRA is pronounced hurrah. Yay, it's about time. Right? HERRA, hoorah, hoorah. Right there.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** See, you've got your good media spin right there, right? Yeah, I think that's going to be maybe something that we're going to be continuing to hear more about from the HERRA development. So...and before we close and move on to the next confirmation hearing, I just want to say and I can be corrected up here because I don't know the exact status of it, but the good news is that we have been having a digitization project this year. And so with the archives that are in those containers we have I believe it's completed. We've digitized those and then the next stage will be as you say figuring out what to do with the actual hard copies, but I wanted to mention that.

So is there anybody left here who has not yet testified and wishes to testify? There being none, the committee will conclude the public hearing for the confirmation hearing of Miss Rita T. Franquez has to serve on the Board of Commissioners for the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority and I just want to mention that for this and other events that are happening in today's public hearing, the committee will continue to receive testimonies for the next few days. Please address your written testimony to the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs and submit it via email to [office.senatorkelly@gmail.com](mailto:office.senatorkelly@gmail.com).

Excuse me. Let me correct that [office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org](mailto:office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org) or they can be delivered as hard copies to the Guam Congress building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa, *Hagåtña* Guam 96910. So...again, *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for coming, Miss Franquez, and providing your testimony and a few of your thoughts about how you'd like to see the authority move forward and we will now move on to our next.

**Rita T. Franquez:** Thank you. Thank you for this great opportunity and privilege. Hoorah.

**Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD., Chair:** We will now move on to the confirmation hearing of Ms. Eugenia or excuse me, Ms. Maria Eugenia Leon Guerrero.

The public hearing adjourned at 11:10am.

### **III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs, hereby reports on the appointment of **Rita T. Franquez**, to serve as a '**Member**' to the **Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, Board of Commissioners**, with recommendation '**TO DO CONFIRM.**'

# Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.

Chairwoman of the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products,  
Hagatna Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*



## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

### Nomination of Rita T. Franquez

to serve as **MEMBER** to, *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment  
Authority, Board of Commissioners

	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D. Committee Chairperson		✓ 5/15/19				
Speaker Tina Muña Barnes Committee Vice-Chairperson		✓ 5/15/19				
Senator Amanda L. Shelton Vice-Chairperson: Heritage and the Arts		✓ 5/15/19				
Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Vice-Chairperson: Self-Determination		✓				
Senator Clynt E. Ridgell Vice-Chairperson: Regional Affairs		✓ 5/14/19				
Senator Regine Biscoe Lee Member		✓				
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member		✓ 5/14/19				
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member		✓ 5/14/19				