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September 10, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Place  
Hagatna, Guam 96932

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.  
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Dear Madam Speaker,

*Hafa Adai!* Attached is Bill 454-31 allowing for the transfer of Skinner Plaza to the government of Guam and which I signed into law on September 6, 2012 as Public Law 31-232.

As we finally move forward to building a permanent home for our historical treasures, today is truly monumental for the people of Guam as we bring life back to our capitol city of *Hagåtña*. Having the Guam Museum at Skinner Plaza will help boost our economy as well as enhance the historical value of our capitol as the *Hagåtña* Restoration & Redevelopment Authority works to revitalize *Hagåtña* for the betterment of our island community.

We are now one step closer to bringing back artifacts and historical documents that have been temporarily housed in other museums in North America, Asia and Europe. Our capitol city now has an anchor, the Guam Museum, which will allow future generations to appreciate Guam's uniqueness, rich cultural experience and historical importance of the *Latte*, Spanish and American eras.

*Senseramente,*

  
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*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

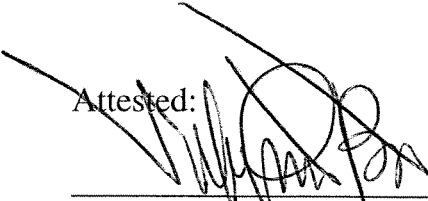
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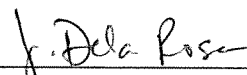
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Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug., 2012, at  
11:10 o'clock A.M.



J. Dela Rosa  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Law No. 31-232

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2012 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 454-31 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

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# I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 8/28/12

## VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 454-31 (COR)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam		✓			
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.		✓			
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera		✓			
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.		✓			
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

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Clerk of the Legislature

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***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***

THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

August 28, 2012

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo

*I Maga'lahren Guåhan*

*Ufisinan I Maga'lahi*

*Hagåtña, Guam 96910*

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 454-31(COR) which was passed by *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on August 28, 2012.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (1)

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**VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 454-31 (COR), As Introduced**

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

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Committee votes are as follows:

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TO PASS

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TO NOT PASS

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TO REPORT OUT ONLY


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TO ABSTAIN

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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*

  
Vicente (Ben) Cabrera Pangelinan  
Chairman

Committee  
Report  
On

**Bill No. 454-31 (COR)**  
**As Introduced:**

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# I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D)

AUG 21 2012

## MEMORANDUM

**To: All Members**  
Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking,  
Insurance, Retirement, and Land

**From: Senator Vicente (Ben) Cabrera Pangelinan**  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 454-31 (COR), As Introduced**

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This report includes the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report Narrative
3. Copy of Bill No. 454-31 (COR), As Introduced
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
6. Notices of Public Hearing
7. Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
8. Fiscal Notes

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

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*

Vicente (Ben) Cabrera Pangelinan  
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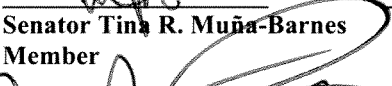
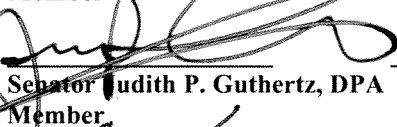

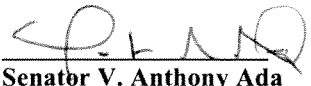

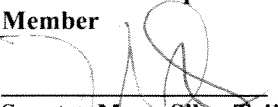
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**Committee Voting Sheet**

**Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance,  
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Committee Members	To Pass	Not To Pass	Report Out Only	Abstain	Inactive File
 Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan Chairman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>8/21/12</u>		
 Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Vice Chairperson		<u>8/21/12</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
 Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member					
 Senator Tina R. Muña-Barnes Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<u>m</u>		
 Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA Member			<u>8/21/12</u>		
 Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
 Senator V. Anthony Ada Member	<u>8/21/12</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
 Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
 Senator Mana Silva Taijeron Member			<u>8/23/12</u>		



# I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D)

## Committee Report

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## I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land convened a public hearing on August 6, 2012 at 9:00 am in *I Liheslatura's* public hearing room.

### Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery and e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on July 30, 2012 (5-Day Notice), and again on August 04, 2012 (48 Hour Notice).

### (a) Committee Members and Senators Present

Senator Vicente (Ben) Cabrera Pangelinan, Chairman  
Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, Member  
Senator Tina Muna-Barnes, Member  
Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member  
Senator Chris Dueñas, Member  
Senator Rory Respicio  
Senator Tom Ada  
Senator Aline Yamashita, Ph. D.

### (b) Appearing before the Committee

Mr. Joseph A. Cameron, President - Department of Chamorro Affairs  
Mr. Monte Mesa, Guam Museum Foundation  
Ms. Cathy Gogue, Department of Chamorro Affairs  
Mr. Joseph C. Santos, Senior Planner IV - Department of Land Management  
Mr. Kenneth Baki, Program Manager – RW Armstrong

### (c) Written Testimonies Submitted

Mr. Joseph A. Cameron, Department of Chamorro Affairs  
Mr. Monte Mafnas, Department of Land Management

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Governor Eddie B. Calvo, Governor of Guam  
Mr. Karl Pangelinan, Guam Economic Development Agency  
Ms. Joann G. Camacho, Guam Visitors Bureau  
Mr. Victor Hara Torres

## II. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Bill 454-31 is an act to authorize *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan* to transfer Skinner Plaza presently under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to the government of Guam for the purpose of constructing an educational cultural facility. Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz introduced the bill. We have signed up to testify today, Mr. Joseph Cameron, Mr. Monte Mesa, Ms. Cathy Gogue, and Mr. Joseph Santos. We will go ahead and receive testimony from those individuals in the order they have signed up.

Before we begin I would like to give the opportunity to the author of the legislation to give us a brief synopsis of the intention of the legislation.

### **(a) Bill Sponsor Summary**

**Vice-Speaker Cruz:** Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman as the members of the Legislature knows in the last Legislature we passed the HOT bond, a hotel occupancy tax bond for about \$87,000,000. Within that bond, there was supposed to be \$27,000,000 for an educational/historical/cultural facility that was to be built. In the last administration the plans were drawn to be done at the Fort Apugan area. When the new administration came in, as a courtesy to the new administration, I wrote to the Governor and asked him what he felt about that and what were his thoughts on it. I received several letters from him and his chief-of-staff indicating that the Governor wanted to restore Hagåtña, revive Hagåtña and have a thriving downtown area and historical district. He asked, suggested, that the museum/cultural center be moved to Skinner Plaza. I asked again and I gave him three choices; one stay at Apugan, two go to Oka Point, three go to Skinner's Plaza. He wrote back and confirmed his desire to build at Skinner Plaza. To that end I introduced Bill 454 and I know the land is in the control of the Guam Legislature and that is why the language is written the way it was. The bond is sitting waiting because they need to know where to go. I am hoping with the testimony today that we will get the Administration's position on this and hopefully with the Legislature's support, transfer that land and we can convert that area in the middle of Hagåtña to a beautiful museum/cultural center. Hopefully it would be the center of when Hagåtña would be restored and revived.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Si yu'os ma'ase Senator and thank you very much. We will go ahead and call the individuals as they signed up, Mr. Cameron.

### **(b) Testimony**

#### **1. Mr. Joseph A. Cameron, President, Department of Chamorro Affairs**

**Mr. Cameron:** (Read Chamorro written testimony, verbatim)

## **PANEL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**None**

### **2. Mr. Monte Mesa, Guam Museum Foundation, Inc./Guam Visitors Bureau**

**Mr. Mesa:** Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman and Senators, good morning. I am happy today to be apart of this effort to represent two organizations; one, the Guam Museum Foundation Inc. (GMF) as well as the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB).

“First my representation in the Guam Museum Foundation. From the previous boards efforts that have saw this vision in building this museum it has taken a lot of effort and work in developing the strategy and finding the money creatively in executing this dream of constructing a Guam Museum. We have accomplished that, the Guam Museum Foundation has achieved this mission in not only devising this framework to build this honor of a museum, creatively, but also working with the community, the legislature and this administration. We now have the vision the funding and now we ask for your support in this particular location for this government to transfer this property, as Joseph so eloquently said it in our language, and make this a reality. With your help I hope we can execute on that.

From a GVB perspective, one of the things we have always marketed ourselves in all our international markets, and today we are happy to say we garnered a new market with the visa-waiver program with Russia. I had the opportunity to visit this piece of location in Russia called Vladivostok and they too are new in developing their tourist industry. It is opening to the world this September for APEC. What we have learned in this exercise is that they also have a lot of historical and cultural relevance to put them on the map and people can learn from them as well. Just like we have this window of opportunity today, I see that the control under the legislature of this property can really put this action, this vision, this dream to reality. From the GVB perspective we have looked at the hotel occupancy tax can do to not only sustain our visitor market but also to enhance it and promulgate it is what the mission of GVB is.

Therefore, from the GVB standpoint and from the board, support this mission and this request from this legislature to approve this transfer so we can execute this construction and really illustrate the vitalization of the restoration of the city and centralize it and hopefully it can become a first choice for tourism district for Asian markets would want to come to Guam and visit and learn about our culture, our people and our heritage.

I thank you Senators for your attention and opportunity to make my formal presentation. Thank you.”

## **PANEL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you and si yu’os ma’ase. Ms. Gogue.



### **3. Ms. Cathy Gogue, Department of Chamorro Affairs**

**Ms. Gogue:** Thank you and si yu'os ma'se Mr. Chair and Senators thank you for the opportunity.

(Read English written testimony, verbatim)

### **PANEL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you and si yu'os ma'ase Ms. Gogue. Mr. Santos.

### **4. Joseph C. Santos, Department of Land Management**

**Mr. Santos:** Buenas yan hafa adai Chairman and Senators. My name is Joseph C. Santos and I am a senior planner IV with the Department of Land Management (DLM). I have been tasked to provide direct support to the Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority and all land use matters. The department is in wholehearted support of this bill and now I will read Director Mafnas testimony on this bill.

(Read written testimony, verbatim)

### **PANEL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you and si yu'os ma'ase Mr. Santos. Any questions?

**Vice-Speaker Cruz:** One quick question. Mr. Cameron, will the Governor be sending down particular support or shall I just re submit to the committee the letter he had sent to me asking for Skinner Plaza? How does the administration instruct you to support this particular legislation?

**Mr. Cameron:** There is full support in the letters he had sent to you prior and he still stands firm but I will go back and see if he would like to send another letter.

**Vice-Speaker Cruz:** In the mean time Mr. Chair, I will submit the letters that I have regarding this piece of property. Thank you.

**Senator Ada:** The only question I have, and you probably have an idea on how this thing is to be constructed. We are talking about the Skinner Plaza and on the northern end of the plaza is the veterans memorial, do you think we need to put language in here that the memorial gets left alone and you build every where else?

**Mr. Cameron:** In a less than perfect world I agree with what you are assessing. Without language, it can move, you are right. I might just add that in preliminary discussion with

Laguaña & Cristobal, there were no plans on moving those specific monuments. They are already facing Marine Drive, correct?

**Senator Ada:** Correct, on the northern end of Skinner Plaza. So, you would agree that it would not hurt to put language in there so that no body gets the idea of relocating the veteran's memorial.

**Mr. Cameron:** I understand it clearly and I will support that.

**Senator Respicio:** Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and good morning everyone. How much time do you think you would need to break ground considering the permitting, submitting of the plans, approval of the plans, making sure that enough money is available as well as going through the permitting process to make sure that everything is in order?

**Mr. Cameron:** At this time, if you would, please yield to Mr. Ken Baki, the Principal Administrator.

**Mr. Baki:** Good morning, buenas and hafa adai. My name is Kenneth Baki, I'm happy to respond to that question. The architects are currently in the schematic design stage that should be complete the first week of September and we move on after that. We expect to break ground in the first quarter of next year with a target completion date of 2014.

**Senator Respicio:** Within six to nine months?

**Mr. Baki:** There is a design part to complete and as you have said the permitting process we need to go through.

**Senator Respicio:** What I am getting at, Mr. Chairman and members of the panel, is I really think we should put a reversionary clause that says unless you get the notice to proceed from Department of Public Works that this property remains in the inventory of the Legislature as well as making sure that this property becomes open and accessible to the people of Guam until such time that you receive notice to proceed. My concern, and I understand where the Vice-Speaker is going with respect to introducing the bill, to force closure on what the Governor's actual position is but the bill as it stands would just transfer the property. Other than stating for the purpose of constructing and educational cultural facility consisting of Public Law 30-228, you could be transferring the property and there is no authority to make sure the property is maintained. I want to recognize the Legislature for maintaining the Skinner Plaza and making sure the restrooms are clean. It is not an easy task and we don't get extra money to do it. I don't want this property to be transferred and the Executive Branch fails in maintaining the property and or it becomes closed off to the public and nothing happens.

Thank you very much.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Senator Yamashita.

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you very much Speaker Ben, thank you for everyone being here, welcome to your legislature. I applaud this effort, I think it's very exciting and I wonder as we have the Hagåtña Restoration board and the Guam Museum board, and I understand that this is for the rich cultural heritage where we can come, see, honor, remember and respect. Is there any kind of conversation or talk about a science museum? As you talk to stakeholders, this does go towards culture, arts, performing arts and all of that but a science museum in Micronesia would be an amazing accomplishment and I'm just curious if there has been any conversation like that. I also want to make the statement that while we are doing this to sustain our tourism market, this follows what Senator Respicio was saying, that we must always make sure our local folks feel welcome and that this is theirs and I've said this before that sometimes we go to Tumon and we don't feel welcome. We don't feel like the priority, we don't feel welcome, we can't read the signs. We are treated differently because we are not tourist. I just want to make sure that this is the people museum is ours. Cathy, has there been any conversation for a science museum?

**Mr. Cameron:** Yes. I would like to add the ongoing discussion with the American Association of Museum President, Ford, also stated that museums now days are technologically driven and that certainly our quest for accreditation, we must meet those minimum standards. That is approximately 20% of the requirement; the other 80% of the requirement does delve into the areas that you just stated. If the program does not enforce, does not promote, the areas in science, art and humanities; if the museum does not espouse the community issues in this institute from the University of Guam to Kindergarten to 12 so the sustainability of the museum cannot just be stagnant. We must know where we are from but we also need the history to include the community at large. We're not just Chamorro's. We are looking at other communities that have made their home right here in Guam. We are very excited for the multi ethnic grouping of the individuals who share the same space.

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you. It is very helpful and very exciting. Congratulations and I wish you the best.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you very much Senator Yamashita. Senator Muña-Barnes.

**Senator Muña-Barnes:** Manaña si yu'os Mr. Chair thank you very much for giving me the opportunity. Just based on some of the presentations provided this morning I want to ask RW Armstrong, as we look at the design plans and working into the permitting process that one of the biggest difficulties is working with making sure that everything is in place with the State Archaeologist for the historic preservation office and I want to know if they have been engaged from day one in this presentation. As you know there has been a lot of projects going on around the island and there has been major difficulties going through the obstacles based on what our ancestors have left behind. I just want to ask if you have engaged him on this effort to move forward.

**Mr. Baki:** Let me respond to that saying that very early on we engaged the architectural team to do the conceptual designs and the drawings and we have had several conversations with the state historical preservation office and parks and recreation and they have been very

instrumental. We have recently submitted a request for proposal for archaeology services not only for the museum but for the remainder of the HOT bond projects. The state historic preservation office was involved in the selection and qualification of the application process and we have sent that application off and it has been signed by GEDA and BBMR and is off to the Attorney General's office for approval.

**Senator Muña-Barnes:** Saina ma'ase, thank you Mr. Chair.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you very much. Senator Dueñas.

**Senator Dueñas:** Thank you very much. I want to commend the author first and foremost for this legislation. I know in talking to members of the community, some members have expressed their reservations, and I want to put forth some of the discussions I have had with those who have had reservations. The Hagåtña property is precious, first and foremost, because of the limited space of our capital. The second issue is that we have an overall plan, I see members of some of those communities today and that is for the entire Hagåtña and what I shared is that we have the Administration building and as we all know has been in the news months ago because of its condition and of course there may be movement towards a new precinct for our law enforcement and we have a detention facility and lock up in Hagåtña and can you share your thoughts on that becoming green and park space in the future to basically supplant, if you will, this effort as a broader scope.

**Mr. Cameron:** That was totally taken into consideration and I'm happy to announce the staging area would remain status quo. There will be a lot of green in that area. We are looking at creating a museum that allow for open space. Certainly there was a venue that was discussed that would have a specific concrete structure that would do outdoor space but as I have traveled around the Pacific islands, the more opportunity we keep that green space, the more opportunity we have to move around the green space on creating additional outdoor venues.

**Senator Dueñas:** I agree with you Joe and I would just proffer a possible, may the architect could just throw in an idea in developing the whole area to give as a gesture to the various redevelopment boards on other properties that could be green space so that we would understand that we would have an exchange, mitigation if you will, for some of the space being given up at Skinner. I believe there is a lot of opportunity there so I thought I'd throw it out there.

**Mr. Cameron:** Thank you for also mentioning the capital district. I think the Legislature would have to take ownership to that whole issue since it is under the auspices and management of the Guam Legislature of our capital district and I am fully aware of a public law that allows for that. I would leave that to the Senator's wisdom.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you very much. If I may just ask a couple of questions. If this bill does not pass, this would not preclude us from building a museum, correct? We have a site that was earlier identified, that site is still suitable, is there anything that has rendered that site unsuitable?

**Mr. Baki:** there are some constraints on that site as far as available foot print that would be allowed for the museum under the restrictions imposed by the state historic preservation office. Basically, the museum would cost more to build up there. There isn't sufficient parking up there to support the museum traffic, also.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Where are you going to get the parking down here? There seems like more open space up there than there is down here.

**Mr. Baki:** Actually, in the current plan I have significant amount of parking around the plaza. I forget the exact number but the parking is able to accommodate a great amount of parking spots.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Tell me where that is because I drive there everyday now.

**Mr. Baki:** There will be angle parking. Currently there are parallel parking spots and we can increase the parking by going to angled parking.

**Mr. Cameron:** Also to consider is our neighbor the restructure of the Guam Legislature. Taking that into consideration the angled parking would also add an addition for the Legislature's public hearings.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** That means we have to take some roads away.

**Mr. Cameron:** Correct. Well, your roads will still continue but it would be a one direction.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** I was recently in Los Angeles, I had some time, so I visited some museums. I visited some museums in downtown L.A. and then I visited the Getty museum. I don't know if you are familiar with where that is but it's up on the hillside overlooking L.A. and it is fantastic and dramatic. That is the kind of difference I see about putting the museum at Skinner's Plaza and visiting the Getty museum. Going downtown into L.A. you have congestion, parking restrictions, etc. etc. Going to the Getty, you walk there, the drama, the impact you have looking out towards the ocean it just can't compare. So, if you were to ask me I'd rather have that dramatic effect, the impact of overlooking Hagåtña bay and all it's scenery over looking the city. That is just a personal preference.

Again, I just want to stress that currently we have a site for the museum and that site was the site chosen was first thought about when we thought about building a museum, a team went up and it was decided that it was the best available space without disturbing or displacing some of the other areas or people or green space. I remember the write-ups, the news media, on the impact of the location, walking through it and seeing Hagåtña and how dramatic it would be. Now, we're retreating from that and no one has been able to tell me why.

So be it, this is the proposal today so we'll continue with the debate until we receive input on that.

**Senator Ada:** Just a couple of questions Mr. Baki, in the design you have done so far, have you been able to do a cost differential from up there and down here?

**Mr. Baki:** We have done a cost estimate to build up at Fort Apugan and it was significantly higher. However in our new contract there is something called design-to-cost and that means the architect must build to the number we have set as the maximum number. If the bids come back higher than that, they have to readjust the plans till they do meet that number. We think we can control the cost down below better than we could up on top.

**Senator Ada:** I don't know how to interpret that. You're basically saying that you already have a cost budget and if all you can afford is a two-room museum, that's all you're going to build.

**Mr. Baki:** No sir. What I am saying is that I think it would cost more to build the museum up top at Fort Apugan.

**Senator Ada:** I understand that. A good example is the Tiyan Parkway. By moving it in a couple of hundred feet, they were able to save about \$6,000,000 (six million dollars). Has that kind of quantification been done with the design work that you have done?

**Mr. Baki:** Actually, we have been in design for about five weeks so probably not.

**Senator Ada:** Just to follow up on Senator Dueñas remark about if the museum is to be built down at Skinner's Plaza, is the scope of work to basically design a building to be set up at Skinner's Plaza or is that contract also going to encompass putting the museum in the context of what is in the area and would that require a change order in that contract?

**Mr. Baki:** We are the program management office for the HOT bonds and the contract the architects have is just the museum proper and Skinner Plaza. However, that being said he is working very closely with Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment to coordinate with them. We are also responsible for the rehabilitation of the historic structures in the Plaza de España and the whole area, not just the museum, and also a project to put a monument in the latte stone park. So, we are focusing on the entire district.

**Chairman Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan:** Thank you very much, si yu'os ma'ase. The panel is dismissed. We also had people signed up wishing to support the bill, Mr. Peter S. Calvo from DPR, Juanita P. Quintanilla from DCA, Jackie Balbas from CAHA/DCA, and John Mark Joseph from DPR who did not indicate whether or not he supported the bill or not.

This concludes the testimony on Bill No. 454-31. There being no additional individuals to present any additional testimony, this Committee will continue to remain open for the acceptance of any additional information or public testimony on the bill discussed. You can submit those testimonies to my office directly on Soledad Avenue, as well as the Guam Legislature or through

any of the electronic processes either email at [senbenp@guam.net](mailto:senbenp@guam.net) or through our website at [senbenp.com](http://senbenp.com).

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

The Committee on Appropriation, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land, hereby reports Bill No. 454-31 (COR) with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

***I MINA' TRENTA I UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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Bill No. 454-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz



**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO  
TRANSFER SKINNER PLAZA PRESENTLY UNDER THE  
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF *I LIHESLATURAN*  
*GUÅHAN* TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL  
CULTURAL FACILITY.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**Section 1. Transfer of Skinner Plaza.**

*Notwithstanding* any other provision of law, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* is hereby  
authorized to transfer “Skinner Plaza” cited in § 79601 of Chapter 79 of Title 21 of  
the Guam Code Annotated, presently held under the control and supervision of *I*  
*Liheslaturan Guåhan*, to the government of Guam for the purpose of constructing  
an Educational Cultural Facility, consistent with Public Law 30-228.





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**TESTIMONIU PARA I 'BILL NO. 454-31  
KUMITEHAN AREKLAMENTO (COR)  
2012 (SIGUNDO) HUNTAN RIGULÁT  
PINATLINOYI AS: B.J.F. CRUZ**

ESTE NA AKTO PARA U ATURISA I MAGA'LÁHEN GUAHÁN PARA U MA TRANSFERI I 'SKINNER PLAZA' GUATU GI GOBETNAMENTON GUAHÁN GINEN I LIHESLATURAN GUAHÁN NI' MUMÁMANDA YAN MUMANENEHA PA'GO KOSAKI SIÑA MA HATSÁYI GUMA' PARA SAGAN IDUKASIONÁT KUTTURÁT CHAMORRO.

Ginen hami gi Dipattamenton Asunton Chamorro yan i Aturidát Numa'lo yan Rinueban Hagåtña na en supopotte este i 'Bill No. 454-31.

Umayá yan i 'Bill 485-30 (COR) ni' humuyong Lai Pupbliku 30-228 ni' ha aturisa i Gobetnamenton Guahán para u na'i pudet gi didide' na guinaha para u usa ya u ma hatsáyi, u ma atmáyi para sagan idukasion kutturan Chamorro, más ma tungo' komu i 'Guam Museum', ya i 'Skinner Plaza' apropositu yan asentadu na lugát sa' gaige gi talolo' gi ya Hagåtña ya siempre u atisa i enteres i kumetsiánte ni' esta gaige yan siña ha e'pok nuebu na plánu ya u fan na'lo para u fañaonao gi rikesan Hagåtña. Si Yu'os ma'ase' Siñot Senadot Cruz ni' dangkolon sinapotte ni' este na kinalamten. Este más takhilo' na ginana ya ta lili'e na yanggen mandanña' hit ya ta fatta i kutturan Chamorro gi yamo'nana na manera siempre u annok i che'cho'-ta para todú i taotao Guahán.

I 'Guam Museum Foundation' ha ge'hilu'i i konferensian 'Guam Museum Foundation' gi ti apman tátte na tiempo ya gof na'magof i nina'halom i minalago' i kumunidát na ta gof nisisita na ta abiba yan ta na'la'la' i hestoria yan attistan ManChamorro. Man gof siguru ham na este i 'Bill 454-31' u abánsa i erensian i mañaina-ta gi ya Guahán.

Guáha kási kanna' singko mit na 'museums' gi ya Amerika na manma lista komu 'hstorikát, sestman inestudian inilao pat sagan pinentan attista. Siempre ta li'e' i 'museum' Guahán ha pribiniyi bula na rikesa gi uriya para abman na tiningo' yan todú klásen opottunidát para i manla'amko'. Siempre lokkue' ta li'e' i 'museum' Guahán na u guáha fina'náguen prugráma para i manhoben. Siempre ta li'e' i 'museum' Guahán na u guáha todú klásen prugráma siha gi (yaña umattista, yaña mangge' lepblo, eskuelan umattista, yaña musiku yan más siha) para u siguru na u chilong yan i fina'náguen pa'go na tiempo. Gof empottánte i manámko' para i 'museum' sa' meggai tiningo'-ñiha put i kutturan Chamorro.

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Todu i ma hasso yan ma apatte siniseden-ñiha put i 'Guam History' gi entre otro na âmko' pat i emplehao i 'museum' siempre u más inabiba i prugrâma. U mana'guâha prugrâma annai siña uma'ayuda i eskuela yan i 'museum' para u ma ekstende huyong i fina'nâgue. Siempre i 'museum' meggai na guinaha para abmam na tiempo gi opottunidât tiningo' para i manâmko' yan i famagu'on-ta.



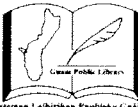
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Meggai konfiânsan-mâmi na yanggen monhâyan, todû i taotao-ta mangonfotme na yanggen ma hâtsa i 'Guam Museum' âhe' ti empottânta ha' na inayek para i kumunidât, na gof empottânta para todû etmundo sa' ti siña u fanma pega gi maskeha mânu komu ti i 'museum' siha.



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Ginen un tiempo i 'Mona Lisa' siempre guâha dueñu, lao put i gof empottânta yan takhilo' i estao-ña ha hahasso na yanggen para u gugu'ot ha' tâya' bali-ña. Tâya' sumângan na i empottântan i pidâson erensian hestorikât Chamorro para propiedât pupbliku. Bula nina'i yan nina'na'lo ni' man empottânta gi hestorian Guahân ginen otro siha na lugât yan kontodu iya Guahân mana'tutungo' ham ya esta ma â'agang i Dipattamenton Asuntion Chamorro na para u fanma pega gi 'Guam Museum' gi mamamaila' na tiempo.



Nâkâkâkâ Lâibîrîkâ Pâpblîkâ Guahân

I Aturidât Numa'lo yan Rinueban Hagâtña, guâha 'Master Plan Hagâtña' na ma guife na siña i uriyan i propiedât gai bali taigui i 'Plaza de España', i 'Azotea', i 'Chocolate House', i Hatdin i Palâsyon Maga'lâhen Españot, i ma hâtsan i Palâsyon Españot todû guatu esta i 'Angel Santos Latte Stone Park' komu mohon gi destriton i 'museum.' Hu komprendi na este siha i man empottânta na propiedât u fanma prutehi, u mana'gâgâsgas yan u guâha probecho .... Ya i taotao-ta siempre u nina'fan banidosu sa' bonito na lugât.



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Si Yu'os ma'ase' Siñot Ge'hilo yan todû i man onorapble na Senadot siha put i ayudon-miyo ni' este na asunto i hagas ta nangga i 'Guam Museum.'



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On behalf of the Department of Chamorro Affairs and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, we are in full support of Bill No. 454-31. Relative to Bill No. 485-30 (COR) signed as Public Law 30-228 relative to authorizing the issuance of Government of Guam limited obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping an educational cultural facility aka the Guam Museum, the Skinner Plaza is the most ideal and centrally placed location that will definitely spur redevelopment and new development projects within the heart of the rich historic Hagåtña district. Thank you, Senator Cruz for your amazing support of this effort. This public victory is just one indicator of how together we are bringing our Chamorro culture to the forefront and making a difference to the people of Guam.

Not too long ago, the Guam Museum Foundation sponsored a Museum conference that exhilarated much input from our communities in the very need to encourage and keep alive the history and arts of the Chamorro. Bill No. 454-31 genuinely promotes the historical legacies of Guam.

There are close to five thousand museums in the United States, categorized as historical, scientific, or aesthetic. We see Guam's museum as providing a rich environment for lifelong learning and a variety of opportunities for adult learners. We also see our museum focused on education on programs for our youth. In this changing educational landscape, we can expect to find rich and varied continuing education programs ( art appreciation, drama workshops, art classes, music appreciation, and the like) offered by the Guam museum. Our older citizens are also a valuable museum cultural resource. The personal recollections and shared experiences they have had with Guam history with each other and with the museum staff will enhance our programs as well. The museum will foster links between the schools and the museum as an extension of the classroom. Our Guam museum will be a rich source of lifelong learning opportunities for our adults and children.

We are confident in the end; most people will agree with us that the building of a Guam museum is not only a good choice for our society to make, but a vital choice for the preservation of the priceless treasures of Guam and its people. There are some treasures in the world which just can't be placed anywhere else but in museums.

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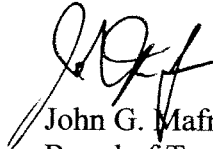
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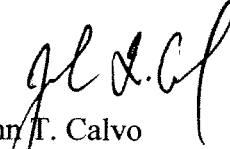


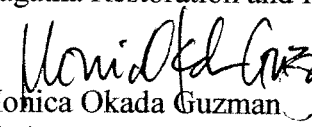
Surely the Mona Lisa was once owned privately, but its importance and stature is now so great that the thought of it in private hands is unthinkable. No one is arguing that vital pieces of our Chamorro historical legacy should be anything but public property. Many donations and repatriations items of historical significance coming from different parts of the world and locally are being made known to us and are already communicating with the Department of Chamorro Affairs to placing such treasures in our future Guam Museum.

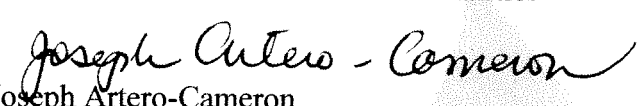
In the best of planning, the Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority's Hagåtña Master Plan envisions even the potential of the surrounding properties of the Plaza de España, the Azotea, the Chocolate House, the former fountain and gardens of the Spanish Governor's Palace, the rebuilding of the Spanish Palace, reaching towards the Angel Santos Latte Stone Park as the treasured landmark of that of a museum district. It makes sense that these properties of historical significance are also protected, maintained, and be self sustaining ...a place for all our people to be proud of.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and honorable senators for your help with all the efforts of a long-awaited Guam Museum!

  
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**Honorable Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz**

Committee on Youth, Cultural Affairs, Procurement,  
General Government Operations and Public Broadcasting

**RE: BILL NO. 454-31(COR)**  
**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN TO TRANSFER**  
**SKINNER PLAZA PRESENTLY UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION**  
**OF I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR**  
**THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL**  
**FACILITY**

*Hafa Adai Senator,*

On behalf of the Department of Land Management, I wholeheartedly support the original intent of the Public Law 30-228 and Bill No. 454-31. I remain an advocate of the development of cultural tourism as a foundation for a sustainable tourism industry on Guam.

The Skinner Plaza is identified within the jurisdiction of the Guam Capitol District and shares the ancient history and rich cultural heritage of our island's landmarks. The undertaking of the construction of the Educational Cultural Facility will definitely sustain, enhance, and interpret our historic and cultural assets; Guam will engender pride among its citizens and develop a highly competitive tourism product.

The idea of cultural tourism is a reality with the Educational Cultural Facility and serves as a tool for the continued perpetuation of our heritage.

Thus, we shall encourage culturally competent and linguistically appropriate exchanges and collaborations among families, professionals, students, and communities. Without doubt, this will be indicative of fostering a better appreciation for and understanding of our island's wonderful culture and historical assets.

Respectfully,

Monte Mafnas

Director - Department of Land Management

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August 7, 2012

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
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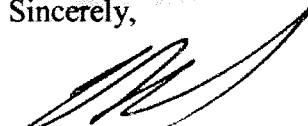
Dear Mr. Chairman,

*Hafa Adai!* The intent of this letter is to confirm my support for Bill 454-31, which would authorize the Guam Legislature to transfer control and supervision of Skinner Plaza to the Government of Guam. This transfer would allow for the construction of an educational cultural facility (museum), in Hagatna.


It has been my belief that Skinner Plaza is the most optimal location for this establishment. It will bring added value to Guam's capitol village. It sets the tone to restore and enhance historical, cultural, and economic activity. This will create a place that people, both visitors and locals, can appreciate and enjoy.

I hope you and your committee will move forward to immediately report out Bill 454-31 for the consideration of the legislative body. Your support of its passage would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



EDDIE BAZA CALVO

Office of the Vice Speaker  
**Benjamin JF Cruz**  
Rcd. By  Date 8/7/12





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KARL PANGELINAN  
ADMINISTRATOR  
ADMINISTRADOR

*Aturidãd Inadilãnton Ikunumihaan Guahan*

August 2, 2012

Senator Vicente (Ben) Cabrera Pangelinan  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt,  
Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature  
324 W. Soledad Avenue, Suite 100  
Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Public Hearing Notice - Bill No. 454-31 (COR) Skinner Plaza Transfer

Dear Senator Pangelinan,

*Hafa Adai!*

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the public hearing on Bill No. 454-31 (COR) scheduled for August 6, 2012. However I do want to share my testimony with you regarding the jurisdictional transfer of Skinner Plaza for the purpose of building the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility (GCEF), or Guam Museum.

GEDA strongly supports the jurisdictional transfer and the construction of the new GCEF in Skinner Plaza. The GCEF is a key component in the revitalization of Hagatna, and it will generate significant economic interest and development in the area. Using funds available from the government of Guam's Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A (HOT Bonds), the GEDA Program Management Office (PMO) has recently undertaken the GCEF and several related projects within the Hagatna Historic District.

The GEDA PMO has contracted for the rehabilitation of the Plaza de Espana historic structures to return them to their original glory. Also to be contracted is a new pedestrian crosswalk from Skinner's Plaza to Chamorro Village. GEDA provided funding for the Hagatna Redevelopment and Restoration Authority (HRRA) master planning efforts as delineated in Public Law 30-228.

We believe these efforts, in addition to initiatives to be undertaken by HRRA, will instill local pride in our Capital City and reinforce our cultural and branding image to facilitate both the visitor's experience and economic opportunity in and around Skinner Plaza. GEDA believes this is vital to Hagatna's presence and sustainability as Guam's Capital city.

We encourage the Legislature to pass Bill No. 454-31 (COR). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

KARL A. PANGLINAN  
Administrator

cc: Governor of Guam



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August 6, 2012

**The Honorable Vicente (ben) Pangelinan**

Senator

*I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslatura Guåhan*

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**RE: Bill No. 454-31**

*Håfa Adai* Senator Pangelinan!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management & Staff we submit this testimony in support of Bill No. 454-31: "An Act to Authorize *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan* to Transfer Skinner Plaza Presently Under the Control and Supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to the Government of Guam for the Purpose of Constructing an Educational Cultural Facility."

The work of many people of this community are finally closer to becoming a reality. The Guam Museum will not only be a building housing artifacts of the past but will stand as a testament to the traditions, innovation, hard work and history of our Chamorro people.

As you know, more and more of our visitors are telling us through GVB's exit surveys that they want to experience who we are as a people. The Guam Museum will go that extra mile to tell them our story, how far we have come and a glimpse of where we are going.

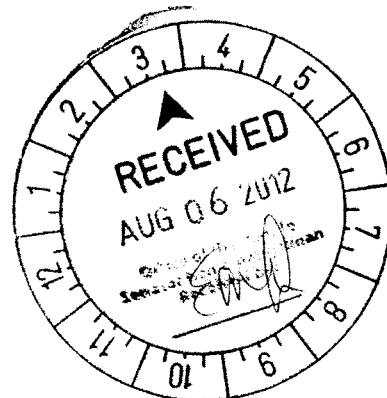
Having the museum in the center of our capitol city will go a long way in returning Hagåtña as the center of culture and business.

*Si Yu'os Ma'ase* and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

*Senseramente',*

  
**JOANN G. CAMACHO**  
General Manager

CC: Senators of the 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature  
GVB Chairman of the Board



Office of the Vice Speaker

**Benjamin JF Cruz**

Rcd. By [Signature] Date 8/13/12

August 13, 2012

Honorable Judy Won Pat  
Speaker  
Thirty First Guam Legislature  
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Hagatna, Guam 96910

Subject: Testimony on Bill 454-31

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

I am submitting this as my testimony on Bill 454-31. As it stands now I am not in support of the Bill. Mainly I am not in support of the purpose of the transfers which is stated to "for the purpose of the constructing an educational facility" on Skinner park.

**Loss of Valuable Limited Open Park Space**

Open space parks like Skinner Plaza are very important to the historic landscape of Guam's capital city of Hagatna. The flow of the open space from Plaza De Espana to Skinner Park, then towards the Chamoru Village market and Paseo are what makes our capital really stand out. The east and west Hagatna beach parks along the road also contribute to this unique landscape character of Hagatna. The major loss of this flow of open space will really change the character of the capital.

**Flood Hazard Zone**

Additionally, Skinner Plaza is in a high risk Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) AE that is susceptible to flooding. What does that mean? In high-risk areas, there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage. All home and business owners in these areas with mortgages from federally regulated or insured lenders are required to buy flood insurance. The new Guam Museum is where we will invest millions of dollars. Millions of dollars in an area that has a very good chance of flooding in the next typhoon. It did flood seriously during typhoon Pongsona in 2002. However, development in Special flood hazard areas can be mitigated by building construction design there is no guarantee that the building and its contents will not be damaged by future flooding events.

The best mitigation really is to avoid constructing in a flood hazard zone if you don't have to. We don't have to because another site was already selected by the public for the Guam Museum during the last administration. Moreover, that process was truly transparent, not like this whole process where the "Manakilo" decide for the people, despite the protests of the people.

**High Potential for Archaeological Deposits**

Ironically, selecting Skinner Plaza may result in uncovering more archaeological deposits that would eventually have to be put in a museum. Due to its long occupation history the likelihood of archaeological deposits, occurring in Skinner Plaza is very high. Previous development projects at the Hagatna Cathedral and Academy of Our Lady Gym resulted in significant archaeological deposits occurring there. Addressing the archaeology for this project can increase development costs considerably. There is less of a likelihood of such deposits occurring at the previously chosen new museum site near Fort Santa Agueda, and the alternative at Hospital Point, Tamuning.

**Additional Building Construction Costs**

According to an experienced local architect, development in a Special Flood Hazard Area may increase overall building costs by a range of twelve to seventeen percent. When the initial building design cost is in the millions this is a significant increase in cost.

**Museum Collections and Traveling Exhibits**

Consider that traveling exhibits and collections from other institutions that the Guam Museum can take advantage of, may not allow them to be loaned or stored at the Guam Museum if in a flood hazard area. That would be a loss of many opportunities for our local community's education and enjoyment.

However, just putting the cultural heritage of our island community in a flood hazard zone exposes those collections to potential danger from flooding events. One would think that it would be most prudent to site a Guam Museum in a site safe from natural hazards like flooding from the initial planning stages. Unfortunately, the current promoters of the Skinner Plaza site have what may be described as tunnel vision. They have decided on this site and will not consider any other. It's up to you senators to have them look at other more feasible and less risky alternatives.

**Sea Level Rise and the New Guam Museum**

Additionally, the sea level is expected to rise and places that now flood will have an even greater chance of flooding in the near future. Sea level rise is now considered a scientifically proven fact and not fiction. The nation's policy now is to avoid building government infrastructure in flood-prone areas subject to sea level rise. If the new Guam Museum is to last for generations, we need to avoid building it in a flood hazard zone that will flood even worse as sea level rises in the next fifty years.

Additionally, NOAA is conducting a Sea level rise modeling study for the Marianas Islands, including Guam. This modeling is supposed to be completed by early next year. The government of Guam in general should wait before committing itself to constructing any significant buildings or infrastructure in coastal flood plains until this study is completed.

### **Hagatna Revitalization and Master Planning**

Building the New Guam Museum on the hill near the Fort Santa Agueda site can still contribute to the revitalization of Hagatna. Open space areas near historic sites and recreational facilities are normally a draw for more tourists and local residents to an area such as Hagatna. In fact, in all three options of the 2005 *Hagatna Master Plan* by the Hagatna Redevelopment and Restoration Authority the enhancement of Skinner Plaza is a common project theme. The proposed Museum site is placed in various locations, including on the hill near Fort Santa Agueda. However, it was never sited at Skinner Plaza. The 2005 *Hagatna Master Plan* had local stakeholder and public input.

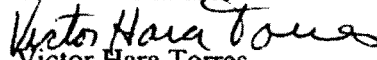
Imagine buses dropping of tourists at the new Museum on the hill. They could then walk or drive down to the Latte Stone Park, Plaza De Espana and then on to Chamoru village or other Hagatna locations to shop and eat. In many countries, the walk would not be considered long at all. Besides, they start with a great overview of the capital on the hill and then a downhill walk or drive. This is compatible with the Hagatna Restoration Plan. When in other countries as a tourist I am usually drawn to open spaces with historic sites and recreational areas.

### **Lack of Public Input**

This current effort to site the proposed new Guam Museum at Skinner Plaza has never had public input of any sort. This is contrast to the proposed Fort Santa Agueda site that was chosen after much public input in the previous administration. In fact, there have been numerous editorials and letters to the editors that have spoken out against the building of the new museum at the Skinner Plaza site. Unfortunately, the promoters of the Skinner Plaza site have their minds made up and will not consider other more feasible and prudent alternatives for the new Guam Museum. It is up to you Senators to provide that opportunity for public comment.

As I have outlined earlier there are many reasons why the Guam Museum should not be built on Skinner Plaza. Therefore, I implore you Senators to think truly about the long-term consequences of building the new Guam Museum in an area that is also special flood hazard area, tsunami inundation zone, potential archaeological site and valuable open park space in our capital of Hagatna. Unfortunately, minds have been made up on the Skinner Plaza site instead of looking at all feasible alternatives. Therefore, transferring the Skinner Plaza to the Governor of Guam will almost surely guarantee that the new Guam Museum will be built there. To stop this effort Pot fabot, vote no on Bill 454-31 and ask for a process that gathers more input from the public and stakeholders.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

  
Victor Hara Torres

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Flood zones are geographic areas that the FEMA has defined according to varying levels of flood risk. These zones are depicted on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map. Each zone reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

### Moderate to Low Risk Areas

In communities that participate in the NFIP, flood insurance is available to all property owners and renters in these zones:

ZONE	DESCRIPTION
<b>B and X (shaded)</b>	Area of moderate flood hazard, usually the area between the limits of the 100-year and 500-year floods. Are also used to designate base floodplains of lesser hazards, such as areas protected by levees from 100-year flood, or shallow flooding areas with average depths of less than one foot or drainage areas less than 1 square mile.
<b>C and X (unshaded)</b>	Area of minimal flood hazard, usually depicted on FIRMs as above the 500-year flood level.

### High Risk Areas

In communities that participate in the NFIP, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply to all of these zones:

ZONE	DESCRIPTION
<b>A</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Because detailed analyses are not performed for such areas; no depths or base flood elevations are shown within these zones.
<b>AE</b>	The base floodplain where base flood elevations are provided. AE Zones are now used on new format FIRMs instead of A1-A30 Zones.
<b>A1-30</b>	These are known as numbered A Zones (e.g., A7 or A14). This is the base floodplain where the FIRM shows a BFE (old format).
<b>AH</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of shallow flooding, usually in the form of a pond, with an average depth ranging from 1 to 3 feet. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.
<b>AO</b>	River or stream flood hazard areas, and areas with a 1% or greater chance of shallow flooding each year, usually in the form of sheet flow, with an average depth ranging from 1 to 3 feet. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Average flood depths derived from detailed analyses are shown within these zones.
<b>AR</b>	Areas with a temporarily increased flood risk due to the building or restoration of a flood control system (such as a levee or a dam). Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements will apply, but rates will not exceed the rates for unnumbered A zones if the structure is built or restored in compliance with Zone AR floodplain management regulations.
<b>A99</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding that will be protected by a Federal flood control system where construction has reached specified legal requirements. No depths or base flood elevations are shown within these zones.

### High Risk - Coastal Areas

In communities that participate in the NFIP, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply to all of these zones:

ZONE	DESCRIPTION
V	Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. No base flood elevations are shown within these zones.
VE, V1 - 30	Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.

### Undetermined Risk Areas

ZONE	DESCRIPTION
D	Areas with possible but undetermined flood hazards. No flood hazard analysis has been conducted. Flood insurance rates are commensurate with the uncertainty of the flood risk.

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### VIA FACSIMILE

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RE: Request for Fiscal Note -  
Bill Nos. 453-31 (COR) thru 458-31 (COR)

*Hafa Adai* Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

*Si Yu'os ma'âse'* for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Rory J. Respicio

Attachments

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature



Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title	Date Introduced	Date Referred	120 Day Deadline	Cmte Referred	Public Hearing Date	Date Committee Report Filed	Passed	Failed	Vetoed	Overridden	Public Law
453-31(COR)	v.c. Pangelinan	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO TITLE 4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 8 RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A HYBRID RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8122(b) AND SECTION 8129 (a) OF ARTICLE 1, TITLE 4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 8 RELATIVE TO ANNUAL INCREASES IN ANNUITIES AND TO ADD FIVE YEARS TO THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH TO AMORTIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S REMAINING LIABILITIES FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN MEMBERS' PRIOR SERVICE.	5/11/12 8:23 a.m.	5/11/12		Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land							
454-31 (COR)	B.J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GU'AHAN TO TRANSFER SKINNER PLAZA PRESENTLY UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF I LHESLATURAN GU'AHAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL FACILITY	5/11/12 3:35p.m.	5/14/12		Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land							
455-31 (COR)	V.C. Pangelinan	AN ACT TO AMEND §89.09 (f) AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION §89.09 (g) OF TITLE 9 GCA RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR ALL GUAM AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS.	5/14/12 9:56a.m.	5/15/12		Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Judiciary							



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May 14, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos  
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje  
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio  
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 454-31 (COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 454-31 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse!*

(1) Attachment

*I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan*  
Bill Log Sheet

BILL NOS.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	120 DAY DEADLINE	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	STATUS
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Lisa Dames <cipo@guamlegislature.org>

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## Public Hearing - First Notice

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**Lisa Dames** <cipo@guamlegislature.org>  
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Jul 30, 2012 at 1:57 PM

Hafa Adai,

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 6, 2012 beginning at 9:00am at the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room for the following:

### (Confirmation Hearing)

**Mr. David J. Matanane, Member Chamorro Land Trust Commission**

***Priniponi Siha:***

**(Bills)**

**Bill No. 454-31 (COR):** An Act to Authorize *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* to transfer Skinner Plaza presently under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to the government of Guam for the purpose of constructing an educational cultural facility.

**Bill No. 459-31 (COR):** An Act to Authorize *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* to exchange government-owned property in Tamuning for privately-owned property in Dededo owned by the estate of Lorenzo C. Rosario.

**Bill No. 471-31 (COR):** An Act to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from anticipated General Fund Revenues for Fiscal Year 2013 for the outstanding debt balance owed, including principal and interest, for the completion of the Guam Public Market Redevelopment Project, Phase II- Department of Commerce, Project No. 320-5-1008-L-AGN, including change order No. 1 and change order No. 2.

**Bill No. 479-31 (COR):** An Add a New §§ 7178 & 7179 to 16GCA Relative to vehicle registrations.

**Bill No. 480-31 (COR):** An Act to Amend §3601 of Chapter 3 of 16GCA Relative to vehicle safety inspections.

**Bill No. 481-31 (COR): An Act to Amend §7105 of Chapter 7 of 16GCA Relative to requiring proof of use tax payment as a condition of registration for vehicles acquired off-island.**

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If you require any special accommodations, auxiliary aids or other special services or for further information, please call the Office of Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan at 473-4236/7. For copies of any of the Bills listed on this agenda, you may log on to the Guam Legislature's website at [www.guamlegislature.com](http://www.guamlegislature.com) Testimonies may be submitted directly to our office at 324 West Soledad Avenue in Hagåtña or at the Mail Room of the Guam Legislature, via fax at 473-4238, or via email at [senbenp@guam.net](mailto:senbenp@guam.net)

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# I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan (D)

July 30, 2012

## Memorandum

To: Senators

From: Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera Pangelinan

Re: Public Hearing Notice - FIRST NOTICE

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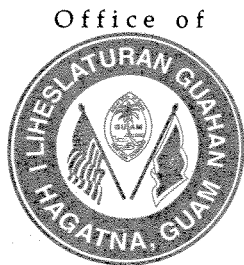
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**INEKUNGOK PUPBLEKO  
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

***gi Lunes, gi diha 6 gi Agosto, 2012  
(Monday, August 6, 2012)***

***Kuátton Inekungok Pupbleko gi I Liheslaturan Guahan  
(Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room)***

***alas nuebi gi egga'an  
(9:00 AM)***

**TAREHA  
(AGENDA)**

***Komfitmasion Siha:  
(Confirmation Hearing)***

**Mr. David J. Matanane, Member Chamorro Land Trust Commission**

***Priniponi Siha:  
(Bills)***

**Bill No. 454-31 (COR): An Act to Authorize *I Maga'lalen Guahan* to transfer Skinner Plaza presently under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to the government of Guam for the purpose of constructing an educational cultural facility.**

**Bill No. 459-31 (COR): An Act to Authorize *I Maga'lalen Guahan* to exchange government-owned property in Tamuning for privately-owned property in Dededo owned by the estate of Lorenzo C. Rosario.**

**Bill No. 471-31 (COR): An Act to Appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from anticipated General Fund Revenues for Fiscal Year 2013 for the outstanding debt balance owed, including principal and interest, for the completion of the Guam Public Market Redevelopment Project, Phase II- Department of Commerce, Project No. 320-5-1008-L-AGN, including change order No. 1 and change order No. 2.**

**Bill No. 479-31 (COR): An Add a New §§ 7178 & 7179 to 16GCA Relative to vehicle registrations.**

**Bill No. 480-31 (COR): An Act to Amend §3601 of Chapter 3 of 16GCA Relative to vehicle safety inspections.**

**Bill No. 481-31 (COR): An Act to Amend §7105 of Chapter 7 of 16GCA Relative to requiring proof of use tax payment as a condition of registration for vehicles acquired off-island.**

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***I MINA' TRENTA I UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
2012 (Second) Regular Session

Bill No. 454-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

B.J.F. Cruz

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO  
TRANSFER SKINNER PLAZA PRESENTLY UNDER THE  
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF *I LIHESLATURAN  
GUÅHAN* TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL  
CULTURAL FACILITY.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**Section 1. Transfer of Skinner Plaza.**

*Notwithstanding* any other provision of law, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* is hereby authorized to transfer "Skinner Plaza" cited in § 79601 of Chapter 79 of Title 21 of the Guam Code Annotated, presently held under the control and supervision of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, to the government of Guam for the purpose of constructing an Educational Cultural Facility, consistent with Public Law 30-228.