

17th Municipality Leadership
Citizen Centric Council Report
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The 3rd Senatorial District Municipal Governance

Separate & Distinct Entity

Article VI, § 1 Creation

The *mission* of the 3rd senatorial district local governance remains committed to adhering to Article VI of the CNMI Constitution which provides for local municipal governance in the Commonwealth. The 17th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council (“the Council”), as are other municipal councils in the CNMI, is established by the Constitution in § 1 to serve and take action as a separate and distinct agency of municipal governance for purposes of and in exercise, performance and conduct of its mission-driven administration and operation as a municipal entity distinct and separate from the central executive government and administration.

Article VI, § 6 Authority

The council’s *specific* Constitutional authority for the conduct of its administration and operation is expressly granted in § 6 to adopt its own governing administration and operational Rules of Procedures (“the Council Rules”) which the current council adopted in January 2023.

Article VI, § 7 Authority

The Constitution in § 7 also grants explicit *general* powers of the municipal councils to *all* local matters of a predominately local nature not pre-empted by the Commonwealth Legislature, in exercise and performance of the council’s Constitutional authority established in § 1 as a distinct and separate municipality governance for and in exercise, performance and conduct of the local council’s administration and operation as a municipal entity by and through its own Rules of Procedures.

Article II, § 6 Authority

The Constitution also provides general authority for local (municipal) ordinances to be adopted by agencies of local government established under article VI, § 6(b) in 1978 ,and as amended in § 8 in 1985.

Prescribed Constitutional Authorities

- *Provide assistance to the mayor on annual budget formulation delineating local (municipal) needs;
- *Approve reprogramming of funds by Executive Branch department in the approved budget upon request by an Executive Branch department head in consultation with the mayor;
- *Confirm resident department heads stationed on their island or islands;
- *Council presiding officer automatically become acting mayor when a mayor cannot discharge the duties of office of mayor for reason of physical or mental disability; and
- *Authorities, duties and powers authorized by law whenever the mayor is absent from 3rd senatorial district of Saipan or the N.Islands.

Executive Council of Mayors & Councils: Article VI, § 5

The Constitution in Article VI, § 5 provides mandatory membership of and participation by Chairpersons of Municipal Councils in a Governor’s Council. Among the mandatory duties of mayors and presiding council officers shall be to provide advise to the governor on government operations and local matters. The governor’s executive council is to be presided by the governor. This local group shall meet regularly or at least four times each year: the executive group is required to consider matters concerning the relationship between the Commonwealth and its *separate* principal islands. Among the overriding *mission* of the current third senatorial council is the formation of a charter municipality, like the charter municipalities of the first and second senatorial districts with accompanying *visions* of decentralized municipal treasury, finance, personnel and procurement that provide a more efficient, timely, reliable, and effective service to the municipalities which serve as *strategic* targets or *goals* based on the operational and administrative requirements of the demographics of the local municipalities and responsive to the exigencies unique to the respective municipal governance throughout the CNMI for the improvement of the overall *quality of life* locally that is beneficial to the Commonwealth as a whole.

Leadership in Governance through Linkages and Partnerships

3rd Senatorial District Municipal Leadership 17th Saipan & Gani Islands Municipality Leadership



VALENTINO TAISACAN
Northern Islands Mayor
2023-2027



CARMEN PANGELINAN
Secretary
2024-2025



TONIE TUDELA
Vice Chairwoman
2024-2025



MARIAN DLG. TUDELA
Chairwoman
2024-2025



RAMON "RB" JOSE. CAMACHO
Saipan Mayor
2023-2027

23rd Saipan & N. Islands Legislative Delegation Leadership (SNILD)



JOHN PAUL PSABLAN
23rd Chairman
2023-2025



ROMAN C. BENAVENTE
23rd Vice Chairwoman
2023-2025



CELINA R. BABAUTA
23rd Floor Leader
2023-2027

23rd Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Legislature



EDMUND SVILLAGOMEZ
23rd House Speaker
2024-2025



EDITH E. DLGUERRERO
23rd Senate President
2024-2025

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Executive Administration

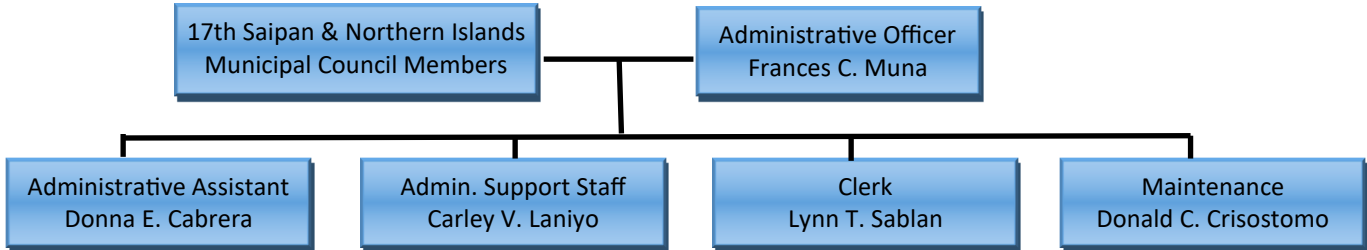


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor
2023-2027



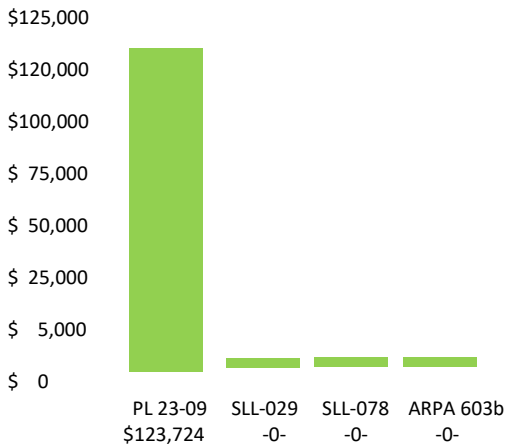
DAVID M. APATANG
Lt. Governor
2023-2027

Human and Fiscal Resources



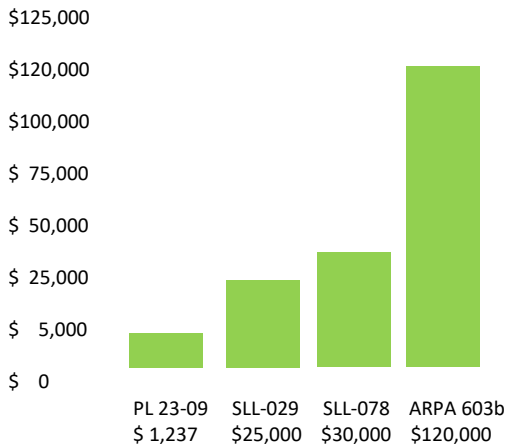
Personnel:

January—September 2024



Operations:

January—September 2024



Celebrating Youths in our Community

Youth Sponsored Night Market at the Kiosku

WHAT: Artisan Night Market Showcase of Local Artists, Small Business Entrepreneurship, Raffle and Live Band
 SPONSORS: Local Girls Marianas LOCATION: Chalan Kanoa Leadership Memorial Kiosku (across Chalan Kanoa U.S.P.S.)
 WHEN & TIME: April 22, 2024, 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

PURPOSES:

V-Showcase Local Artists: local artists display, exhibition & artwork sales, promoting the vibrant creative scene in our community
 V-Small Business Exhibition: Local entrepreneurs showcase work products and services, promoting local businesses & the local economy.
 V-Live Entertainment: live performances by talented musicians and performers to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for attendees.
 V-Raffle: raffle drawing with prizes donated by local businesses.



L-R: Local Girls Marianas Organizers Tiara Lucia Deleon Guerrero, Ashley Reiko Pangelinan, Municipal Council Secretary Carmen C. Pangelinan, Council Vice Chairwoman Tonie M. Tudela, & Council Chairwoman Marian DLG. Tudela & former Precinct III Rep. William Torres.



Miss Northern Marianas Earth 2023 Jan Cruz, left, and Miss Northern Marianas Air 2021 Sue Ann Huevos



Ribbon cutting ceremony on the Opening of the Kagman Community Center Playground and the display of the new playground equipment.



Saipan Municipal Council hosts the MHS Glee Club students and the Kagman High School JROTC Cadets for their participation during the In Memoriam of the Marianas Memorial Blessing



The Saipan Awaodori Team & their Japan counterparts at the Kitamachi festival.



Vianny Mettao, Leon Wabol & Connie Mettao are the center of attraction at the Kitamachi festival.



From left, Vianny Mettao, Leon Wabol and Connie Mettao play the flute at the Kitamachi Awaodori Festival in Japan.

Celebrating Youths in our Community

Different Vendors displaying their arts, crafts and plants at the Kiosku. Facing painting books for the kids were available and live entertainment for the visiting community .



Kagman High School JROTC Color Guard takes part in Tribute at the American Memorial Park In Memoriam



A salute given as the KHS's JROTC retire the colors during the In Memoriam ceremony at the American Memorial Park.



New NMC Student Center at As Terlaje Campus. Soon.



NMC graduate passed the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program :L-R: Lerica Primo, Karena Torres, Cindy Yang, and Antoinette Hernaez.

Beyond the Border Community Outreach

Community remembers Chamorro and Carolinian War Casualties at American Memorial Park. Remembrance, reflections & Prayers as Community Remembers CNMI Civilian Casualties of WWII 80 years ago.



Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang lay a wreath during a memorial service for the Chamorro & Carolinian



Northern Islands Mayor Valentine Taisacan, left, and Saipan Mayor RB Camacho, right, approach the Marianas Memorial Courtyard to lay a wreath.



Former Gov. Juan N. Babauta delivers an address.



Luis Kapileo Blows the Kulu



Christian Mothers of Catholic Parishes



Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang, former governor Juan N. Babauta, House Speaker Edmund Villagomez & Rep. John Paul Sablan during In Memoriam at Marianas Memorial Courtyard, American Memorial Park, SPN.



Dignitaries and community members stand & place their hands to their hearts during the singing of the National Anthem in the In Memoriam ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Marianas Memorial. KUAM Reporter, Thomas Manglona chronicled the event.



YASUO "Zorro" MIYAZAWA July 1949-March 2022, Japan



Saipan-Japan Cultural Bridge of Friendship In Remembrance of Founding Pioneer Late Zorro Miyazawa. In attendance are Seisa School Principal Kaneko and PAL Dir. Sasaki with MHS Principal Aguon and Vice Principal Orsini and the Leadership of Saipan & N. Islands Municipality.

Beyond the Border Community Outreach



The Spring 2024 Women Leadership Breakfast Dialogue was held recently on Saipan with Australian Ambassador to the Republic of Palau Richelle Turner. From left, Australian Embassy to the Republic of Palau staff Lila Ucheliou Demei, Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Marian DLG. Tudela, Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council vice chair Tonie M. Tudela, Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council secretary Carmen C. Pangelinan, Sen. Corina Magofna (Ind-Saipan), Turner, Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), and Rep. Julie Ogo (Ind-Rota).



Courtesy meeting with Governor of Guam Lou Leon Guerrero



Meeting with the University of Guam Leaders with Saipan Council Chairwoman Marian Tudela and Vice Chairwoman Toni Tudela



Staff of the Guam Cultural Repository Leadership of UOG



Association of Marianas Islands' Mayor, Vice Mayors & Elected Municipal Council Members (AMIM) held on Saipan.



Marian DLG. Tudela, Joe Quinata & Tonie M. Tudela (Chairwoman, Guam Trust Dir., & Vice Chairwoman)

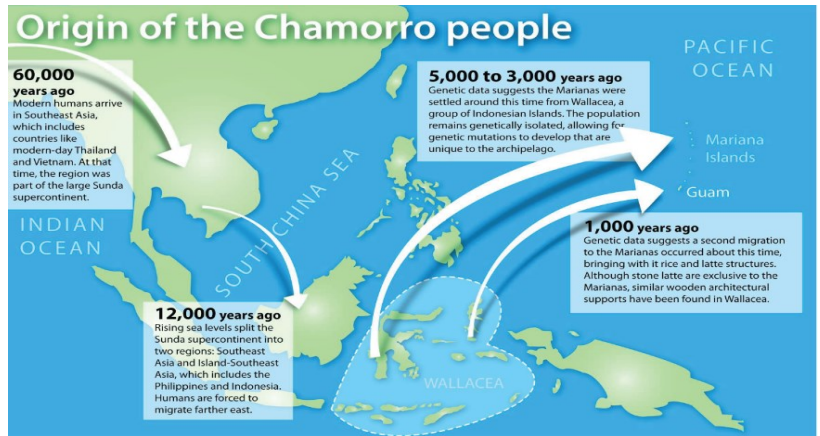
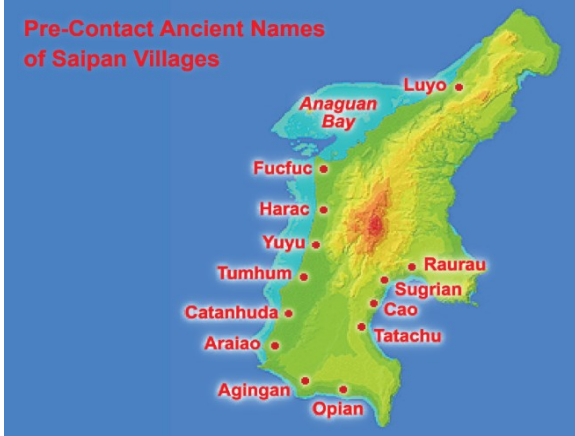
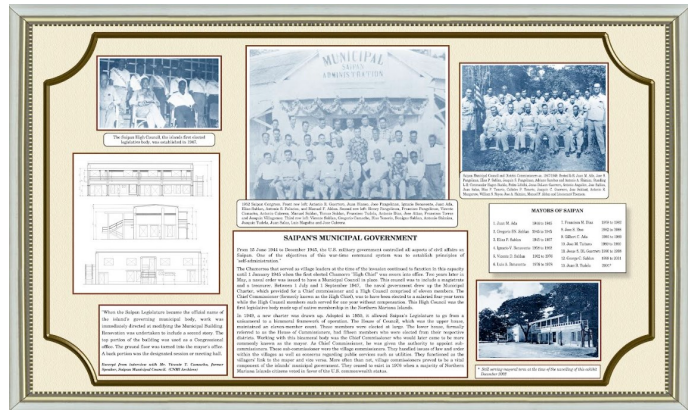


Educational Interpretative Panel at Entry to Guam Trust Office



Guahan Museum Directpr, Miget Bevacqua, Ph.D, Guam, Preservation Trust Director. Joe Quinata and NMI-Guahan Delegation

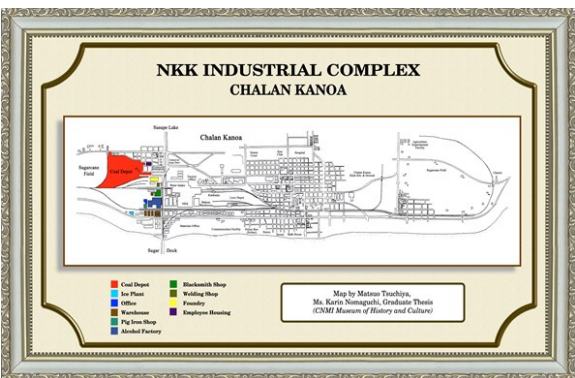
Charting the Future by Mindfully Navigating Our Past



Conceptual Rendering of Anaguan Interment



Guahan Naftan Manaina-ta Chamorro National Shrine



Japanese Era NKK Industrial Village of Chalan Kanoa



Post-Trust Territory of Pacific Islands U.S. Commonwealth

Charting the Future by Mindfully Navigating Our Past

The sixteenth (16th) year commemorative anniversary of the Chalan Kanoa Leadership Memorial Kiosku highlights the core prominence of home grown leadership in the territories of the United States and the pre-eminence of self-governance charted by local leaders in political relationship with the United States of America following the end of World War II in June 1944, when the United States took responsibility as the administering authority under the United Nations Trusteeship Council for the social, economic, education, and political development of the Northern Mariana Islands, when the islands were transitioned from post-war Naval administration to civilian Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) administration headquartered in Capital Hill, Saipan.

Prior to the dissolution of the TTPI, the Northern Marianas exercised its sovereign right of self-determination and the people voted to establish closer political relationship with the United States formalized in a Covenant Agreement entered into by the Northern Marianas and the United States of America in 1975. In 1976, the first Constitutional Convention delegates drafted the first Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which became effective in 1978, and amended in 1985, to be attuned with the socio-economic realities of the newly established local Constitutional government seven years later by the second constitutional convention delegates.

As the first published souvenir portrait 80 years following WWII by the third senatorial district council, this publication is appropriately dedicated to three (3) longest serving members in the municipality governance—namely, the current council vice chairwoman Tonie Manibusan Tudela of the current 17th council, who has served for twenty (20) years this year followed by the late David Lian Igitol, who served the council for ten (10) years; and the current council chairwoman Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela, who is presently serving her eighth (8) year in the Third Senatorial District municipal council.

Current vice chairwoman Tonie M. Tudela became the first woman President of the Association of Mayors, Vice Mayors and Municipal Council Members (AMIM) of Guam and the CNMI from the CNMI in 2007. In 2008, the AMIM president was also the chairwoman of the municipal council which organized and founded the Chalan Kanoa Leadership Memorial Kiosku in 2008 along with vice chairman/secretary Ramon Blas Camacho (who is the current Saipan mayor) and Councilman Felipe Quitugua Atalig (a former member of the Congress of Micronesia and a delegate to the 1st CNMI Constitutional Convention).

For her part, Council chairwoman Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela became the first woman mayor for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Saipan following the untimely passing of Saipan Mayor Donald Flores in 2014.

The late David L. Igitol became a pioneer council as the first vice chairman of the first Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council in 1990. Vice chairman Igitol joined first council chairman, the late Eloy S. Inos (also former CNMI Lt. Governor in 2009-2013 and Governor in 2013-2015) and First council secretary Francisco DLG. Crisostimo in the three-member body as elected members of the council which ended in 1992.

First council vice chairman Igitol, however, continued his public service in the third senatorial district municipal council as chairman in the second council (1992-1994); the third council (1994-1996); the fourth council (1996-1998); and the fifth municipal council (1998-2000) for eight (8) consecutive years, or for a total of ten (10) years, half the term of the longest serving council Tonie Manibusan Tudela, who is presently serving her 20th year of public service in the local municipal council for the 3rd Senatorial District of Saipan and Northern Islands, together with current chairwoman Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela, who herself became the first woman mayor of Saipan and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, presently serving her eighth year with current council vice chairwoman Tonie Manibusan Tudela serving her twentieth year of public service in the municipal council that was once a chartered municipality during the Naval Administration and the Trust Territory administration.

Ironically, the chartered form of municipal governance was terminated by the first Constitutional delegates for a more top down central governance. Amendment 25 in 1985, however, adjusted the command-n-control style of governance for a more decentralized home rule via chartered municipality in the first and second senatorial districts of Rota and Tinian. Saipan, however, opted for a home rule governance via precinct commissioners but later scrapped by a 1987 legislative initiative (“the initiative”) in favour keeping the office of Saipan mayor without the precinct commissioners replaced by a three-member municipal council equal to Rota and Tinian’s substantially smaller populations.

Although the legislative initiative failed to establish the third senatorial district as a chartered municipality, like Tinian and Rota, Saipan Mayor Juan Borja Tudela approved two pivotal municipal ordinances to establish a charter commission to draw up a municipal charter for presentation to the electorates in the third senatorial district of Saipan and Northern Islands, in addition to allowing for Saipan municipal treasury within the Saipan mayor’s office back since 2000. As of 2024, neither of these municipal ordinances has been implemented on Saipan.

Longest Public Service Municipal Council Leadership



TONIE M TUDELA
5th, 8th, 9th thru 17th
Municipal Council
20-Year Public Service



DAVID L. IGITOL
1st thru 5th
Municipal Council
10-Year Public Service



MARIAN DLG. TUDELA
3rd, 4th, 9th & 17th
Municipal Council
8-Year Public Service