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Re: Government of Guam Response to Notice of Violation by Chamorro Land Trust Commission under Federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §3601)

Hafa Adai Deputy Gupta:

This letter will serve as the official response on behalf of the Government of Guam and Governor Eddie B. Calvo to your letter dated January 13, 2017 relative to the above subject matter.

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We appreciate the courtesy extended by your Office in the past several weeks to allow us sufficient time to discuss this concern with our client and other government officials. The issue has stirred much public comment and debate in recent weeks, as was expected. On March 20, 2017, the Governor of Guam called a meeting with members of the Guam Legislature, including myself and staff. The consensus was reached disfavoring the government of Guam entering into a consent decree. As such, a further conference call this week between our offices would not be productive.

We kindly request a copy of the complaint at your earliest convenience, and/or notice of how soon your Department anticipates filing suit. We will continue to communicate with the Guam U.S. Attorney General's Office as we proceed further.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at ebanderson@guamag.org , or Deputy Attorney General Kenneth Orcutt at korcutt@guamag.org, (671) 455-3324 extensions 5015 or 3075, respectively. Once again thank you for your prior courtesies.

Sincerely,

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