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Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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The Honorable Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication
I Mina'Trentai Kuatro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
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Re: Judiciary of Guam Operations Fund Balance

Dear Mr. Speaker,

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Thank you for the opportunity to present the Judiciary's FY2018 budget request on June 23rd. During the hearing, the Judiciary's Operations Fund Balance was discussed at length with several inquiries about its potential use to offset our FY2018 budget request.

Included with this letter is the Judiciary's Operation Fund Balance Classification as of September 30, 2016. Page 71 of the Government of Guam Independent Auditors report for FY2016, located at http://www.opaguam.org/sites/default/files/govguamfs16.pdf, reported a $5,730,043 Fund Balance for the Unified Courts of Guam. Of that amount, $3,150,321 is non-spendable or restricted.

As a result of the suggestion to consider using the Fund Balance to offset our FY2018 General Fund budget request, I instructed that funds be reallocated from the Judiciary's Rainy Day Fund or unassigned balance to commit $640,000 to the renovation of the Route 4 Building, $96,000 toward MIS equipment and $397,537 to fund an 8th Judge and courtroom. This reduces our FY2018 operations request by $270,355 and eliminates the additional funding request for an 8th Judge.

Please note that only $174,355 in the FY2018 General Fund budget request was for the Route 4 building renovation. Additionally, the changes allow the Judicial Building Fund allocation to GPD to be increased from $50,000 to $100,000 for FY2018.

The Judicial Building Fund (JBF) Balance was also brought up during the hearing. As of September 30, 2016, the JBF Fund Balance is $471,215. The entire Fund Balance is committed to implementation of the NCSC security assessment and replacement and other maintenance projects.

The Judiciary remains steadfast in its commitment to produce a high return to the community for every dollar of support provided by the Guam Legislature. Thank you in advance for your consideration to fund the Judiciary's reduced FY2018 General Fund budget request of $35,691,971.

Senseramente,

Katherine A. Maraman

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice

CC: Members of *I Mina'Trentai Kuatro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

Enclosure:

JUDICIARY OF GUAM
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	General Fund	Changes	General Fund
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable:			
Inventory	$19,137	$0	$19,137
Restricted for:			
Drug Treatment and Enforcement Fund	$163,057	$0	$163,057
Compiler of Laws Fund	$77,140	$0	$77,140
Diversion Fund	$56,655	$0	$56,655
Equitable Sharing Fund	$85,119	$0	$85,119
Board of Law Examiners Fund	$49,213	$0	$49,213
Reserved for Transfer to Client Service Fund (FY15 Appropriation Lapse)	$100,000	$0	$100,000
Reserved for Collateral for Existing Judicial Building Fund Loan	$902,104	$0	$902,104
Judicial Center Roof Renovation and Skylight Replacement	$1,700,000	$0	$1,700,000
Committed to:			
Route 4 Building Renovation	$0	$640,000	$640,000
MIS Equipment	$0	$96,000	$96,000
FY2017 Salary and Operational Expenses for 8th Judge and Courtroom	$0	$397,537	$397,537
Finger Print and Firearms Fund	$141,256	$0	$141,256
Special Process Server Fund	$5,957	$0	$5,957
Ethics Prosecutor Fund	$2,384	$0	$2,384
Prior Year Federal Matching Funds	$267,229	$0	$267,229
10% Reserve for GLTDAG - Accrued Payroll Annual Leave	$190,851	$0	$190,851
10% Reserve for GLTDAG - Accrued Payroll Sick Leave - DC (50% of Total Value)	$202,358	$0	$202,358
Compensatory Time Earned (CTE)	$321,906	$0	$321,906
Assigned to:			
Reserved for Contractual Dispute	$211,033		$211,033
Unassigned:	$1,234,644	($1,133,537)	$101,107
Total Fund Balance	$5,730,043	$0	$5,730,043

JUDICIARY OF GUAM
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	General Fund	Changes	General Fund
Nonspendable:	$19,137	$0	$19,137
Restricted for:	$3,133,288	$0	$3,133,288
Committed to:	$1,131,941	$1,133,537	$2,265,478
Assigned to:	$211,033	$0	$211,033
Unassigned:	$1,234,644	($1,133,537)	$101,107
Total Fund Balance	$5,730,043	$0	$5,730,043