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Honorable Tina Muna Barnes
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RE: Daniel J. Tydingco

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Dear Madame Speaker:

Please find attached a copy of Daniel J. Tydingco's letter indicating his desire to withdraw from consideration for membership on the Board of Directors for the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam which I have accepted.

In accordance with 4 GCA, § 2103.6(d), the withdrawal is effective immediately.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam

cc: Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan,* Lt. Governor of Guam

Enclosure (1): Withdrawal letter for Daniel Tydingco

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April 19, 2019

Hafa Adai Governor:

When you asked me several weeks back to reconsider my decision declining volunteer service on the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority Board, I did so with reluctance because of personal, familial and professional obligations. However, I agreed to reconsider and accept your nomination out of a genuine desire to help you and our community in some capacity.

Not surprisingly, a few angry people who were unanimously terminated by the Port Board which I was a part of years ago came out to oppose your nomination of me. In response to their testimony, I furnished the Committee Chairwoman with documentation which clearly spells out the unvarnished truth. Sadly, the committee chair has completely disregarded the exhibits provided to her. They consist of email, sworn employee declarations and documents which clearly speak to the Board calling out the fraudulent workman's compensation claim. There also exists Civil Service Commission transcripts where the employees attest and admit to their misdeeds. One would've thought any fair and objective Senator would diligently seek out the facts, but unfortunately, the hard, cold facts appear to have been ignored.

Further, wide-ranging testimony delivered to her office by citizens of this community who have favorably attested to my character seems to have been ignored and dismissed as well. Instead, in this process, the legislative body has been misused by people who are conflicted. As a result, the legislative process has been hijacked by those who appeal to fear and prejudice for their own political purposes. That should be very concerning for the community, particularly when corruption is exposed by island residents, and the reaction of politicians is to either attack those who expose such, or worse yet, recoil and stay silent.

It's not a good thing for our community to have one or two conflicted people in a body exert unchecked power with total disregard to the other members; it's an abuse of the advice and consent process, and, disrespects the democratic process and trust of the People of Guam whom the Governor and Legislature serve. The process is advice and consent, and not advice and veto by one legislator. It's a disservice to all island residents to disallow the others from voting on the nominee whatever the outcome, and instead reflects a fear of the truth; a fear of full transparency; and a fear of fairness.

Perhaps the Committee Chairwoman was on the horns of a dilemma and chose to impulsively look the other way to preserve her collegiality with reverence to someone whose true character is represented in those exhibits which I sent to her. Since that hearing, and the continued media reports revealing the details of the falsified workman's compensation claim, the community is seeing, hearing and reading the words and actions and misdeeds of all those involved. There have been literally hundreds of calls, messages, and visits from residents who have expressed revulsion with the attempted scam and the embrace of it by a couple of officials. Additionally, there have been disturbing reports of attempted unethical, unprofessional and undue influence being exerted 7 years ago to just recently by a judicial officer, to campaign against the truth in both the legislative and executive branches. That is best addressed in another venue.

Not one straightforward denial with those exhibits has come from any of those former terminated Port personnel to date. Instead, they and others responded by misdirecting with other unfounded and irrelevant issues. The furnished documents starkly reveal what took place and why the entire Board had to stand up to such corruption back then. The bottom line back then, as it stands today, is that there was an attempt to fraudulently claim workman's compensation benefits. I urge the community to be vigilant with this matter.

As I noted in my supplemental testimony to the Committee Chairwoman, the most important matter here is that the truth be known. Since she has not written a commitee report, it's uncertain whether the information I transmitted to her has been shared with legislators.

Despite all that, I am grateful you have had unwavering confidence in me and have told me that you're unafraid to nominate people who will stand up for what is right, call out corruption and sanction those who commit misconduct and breach the public trust.

The Airport must have a full complement of Board of Directors to help its staff and management as soon as possible. It is not in the best interest of the Airport and the community to have an Airport Board of Director position be held up and hostage to the special interests of those few who want revenge for having their hands caught in the cookie jar before they could take any.

Moreover, it's not in the community's interest to see their institutions misused for political and personal reasons. Putting my name aside is not as important as the truth being revealed and always pursued, as well as correcting the perversion of the legislative process.

Given that, I am respectfully requesting you to proceed forth without my name as a volunteer Board Director. I remain fully supportive of your goals and efforts to bring good governance for our people and will continue helping in my personal capacity.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Tydingco