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RE: Response to the Request for Hagåtña Master Plan Board Approval Information

Buenas Yan Håfa Adai:

Firstly, I would like to say Un Dangkolu na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your support in working with your colleagues at the legislature in moving forward the confirmation of the Maga'Håga's nominees to the Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority (HRRA) Board of Commissioners. We have scheduled our first board meeting for Tuesday, June 8, 2019.

Since stepping into my new position as Executive Director of the HRRA, it has been my mission to ensure that the HRRA is transparent, engaging and responsive and that the correct information about the Hagåtña Master Plan is being communicated to the people of Guam, all stakeholders, the Legislature and the Maga'Håga. However, at this time, I am unable to provide you with the information you require within the 36 hour time frame requested.

The previous legislature provided funding for only one staff, Mr. Joseph Santos (Planner IV) and no other positions. Due to this lack of funding there was never administrative support which could assist in having the HRRA Commission meetings which were recorded on to a USB transcribed to paper.

Furthermore, in December of 2019, the HRRA was given 30 days to move out of their office in Hagåtña. The entire contents of the office, including the USB with recorded meeting notes, were boxed up, moved and piled into a single room into shared space with CAHA at the repository in the Angela Flores building making most of the the HRRA files inaccessible.

Shortly after our meeting on February 13, 2019, Joseph Santos fell ill with pneumonia and had to be emergency hospitalized to St. Lukes in Manila. He has since not returned to office and thus has not been able to assist in locating the USBs.

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Only recently was I able to move all of the HRRA property to our temporary office space provided by GEDA in the ITC building. However, again, due to a lack of funding we still do not have the administrative support to unpack or operate the office properly.

While it is my every intention to cooperate fully with your requests for documents and information, I am not able to do so in a timely manner until (1) I receive the administrative support we need to function and operate as a proper office and/or (2) Joseph Santos returns from medical leave to assist in locating the usb files. It is my aim to be able to provide you and the newly empaneled HRRA board with this information within 60 working days, taking into consideration, the slow unpacking of the entire contents of the office, which at this time is done solely by me, and that I will be off island from June 19 to July 7.

I have been working with DOL to try and hire a temporary worker and with DRT to identify funding for HRRA. We are now in the process of requesting legal counsel to advise on how this funding is to be transferred from DRT to HRRA.

I do hope you understand and empathize with our current situation and as oversight Chair of the Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority are able to help convey the importance of our office being properly funded in fiscal year 2020 to your colleagues during the upcoming legislative budget hearings.

Senseremente,

Lasia Casil

Cc: *I Maga'Hågan Guåhan*
Speaker

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