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Hafa Adai Executive Director Casil,

A few weeks ago at a meeting, a member of a government commission asked me, as the legislative oversight chair, if it could submit comments on the draft Hagåtña Master Plan. I responded to the commission member that certainly it could. To receive important technical review and public input is not only critical to a successful Hagåtña Master Plan, but essential for a truly open, accountable, and responsible government that has invested over a million dollars of public funds into this project. I thereby sent letters to agencies under my oversight who have the potential to provide relevant comments and considerations on the Hagåtña Master Plan, which should receive as much input from the community as possible as it is a plan that affects us all.

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Your letters dated November 12, 2019 to several government entities apparently rejects any continued submission of technical review or public input on the pretext that the review process is closed. This is an unusual if not bizarre interpretation of events. As far as I have been informed, the HRRA Board has not completed its review of the current version of the draft Hagåtña Master Plan. Further, the HRRA current version of the draft Hagåtña Master Plan has not been formally been taken up by consideration by either the Governor or the Legislature. Therefore, the review processes of the Governor and the Legislature are still yet to come.

On November 22, Lt. Governor Tenorio expressed to me that he desires to continue to receive comments. This is especially imperative given that several, if not many, agencies integral to the success of the plan have yet to submit their review. I am strongly recommending that you send a clarifying letter to agencies stating very clearly that their comments on the draft Hagåtña Master Plan are still welcome.

Please be advised that the final authority to adopt, amend, modify, or reject the Plan lies solely within the Legislative Branch. If you choose to continue to reject any submissions, then by all means, send them to my office, where community members and agencies alike will be given due consideration by the Legislature and copies will thereafter be duly provided to the public.

I look forward to your expeditious response,

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD
35th Guam Legislature

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