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December 27, 2024

THE HON. THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

DEC 27 2024

Time: 4:58 pm
Received: *AT*

Re: Bill No. 263-37 (COR), "AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 3458-R1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* MAYOR; AND TO AMEND § 40113(b)(6) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED"

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 263-37 (COR) transfers Lot No. 3458-R1 in the municipality of *Chalan Pago-Ordot* from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Office of the *Chalan Pago-Ordot* Mayor. This legislation enables the community to continue using and benefiting from this property, which serves as a vital hub for public services and recreational facilities.

I want to recognize the outgoing Mayor Jesse Gogue, the hardworking staff in his office, and the *Chalan Pago-Ordot* Municipal Planning Council for their extraordinary work in transforming this site into a centerpiece of the village. Their leadership and dedication have brought critical facilities to the area, such as the Multi-Purpose Recreation and Emergency Center, the Jose U. Atoigue Memorial Baseball Park, and the new Mayor's Office.

I also extend my appreciation to Senator Will Parkinson for his efforts in championing this bill. His advocacy ensures that the property remains under the jurisdiction of the community it serves, supporting its continued development for the benefit of residents.

This legislation also represents our Administration's broader vision to restore and enhance Guam's public spaces. It aligns with our commitment to repair and upgrade infrastructure that strengthens our villages and provides community resources for all.

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To: The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Date: December 27, 2024
Re: Bill No. 263-37 (COR)

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For those reasons above, I sign No. 263-37 (COR) into law as **Public Law 37-137**.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam


Enclosure(s): Bill No. 263-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-137

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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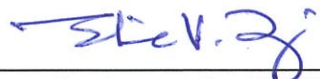
This is to certify that **Bill No. 263-37 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 3458-R1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* MAYOR; AND TO AMEND § 40113(b)(6) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 16th day of December 2024, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker


Attested:


Chris Barnett
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 17th day of Dec., 2024, at 3:52 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/27/2024

Public Law No. 37-137

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 263-37 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on
Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and
further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson
Telo T. Taitague
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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Frank Blas, Jr.
Joanne M. Brown
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**AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 3458-R1 IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO
THE OFFICE OF THE *CHALAN PAGO-ORDOT* MAYOR;
AND TO *AMEND* § 40113(b)(6) OF ARTICLE 1,
CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
3 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the residents of the municipality of *Chalan Pago-*
4 *Ordot* (CPO) desire the transfer of Lot No. 3458-R1, a government of Guam parcel
5 within their municipality that is currently under the authority of the Department of

1 Parks and Recreation, and under Public Law 18-15 granted the management of this
2 parcel to the CPO Mayor. Over the years since the enactment of Public Law 18-15,
3 a community center, the Mayor's office, and a Multi-Purpose Recreation/Emergency
4 Center currently under construction has been added to this site which is also being
5 managed and maintained by the CPO Mayor's office. The Jose U. Atoigue Memorial
6 Baseball Park is also located on this lot and was placed under the management of
7 the CPO Mayor with the enactment of Public Law 18-15.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further acknowledges that the current construction of
9 the Multi-Purpose Recreation/Emergency Center and a new Mayor's office was an
10 investment made by the CPO Mayor and the CPO Municipal Planning Council
11 (MPC) using their Host Community Premium funds and other grant funding sought
12 out for capital improvements to Lot No. 3458-R1; and the goal of these investments
13 were focused on the development of a CPO Mayor's Complex centrally located in
14 the village and easily accessible to all the residents of the community.

15 Because the cost of the Multi-Purpose Recreation/Emergency Center includes
16 a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development loan that was
17 obtained by the CPO Mayor and the MPC with the assistance of the Guam Economic
18 Development Authority (GEDA) and a federal grant from the Office of Local
19 Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
20 based on a grant proposal that was prepared and submitted by the CPO Mayor, both
21 of which have federal interests associated with these funding sources, *I Liheslaturan*
22 *Guåhan* finds that the transfer of authority and jurisdiction of Lot No. 3458-R1 to
23 the CPO Mayor's office will help to ensure that the federal interest requirements are
24 not compromised during the thirty (30)-year requirement after the occupancy permit
25 is issued for the Multi-Purpose Recreation/Emergency Center.

26 **Section 2. Authorization to Transfer Lot No. 3458-R1 in the**
27 **Municipality of Chalan Pago-Ordot to the Office of the Chalan Pago-Ordot**

1 **Mayor.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation, *I*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* authorizes *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* to transfer authority and
3 jurisdiction of Lot No. 3458-R1 in the municipality of *Chalan Pago-Ordot*, to
4 include all structures, parking areas, and recreational facilities on this government
5 of Guam parcel, to the Office of the *Chalan Pago-Ordot* Mayor.

6 **Section 3.** Subsection (b)(6) of § 40113, Article 1, Chapter 40, Title 5,
7 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

8 “(6) The Mayor of *Chalan Pago* and *Ordot* is responsible for the Jose
9 U. Atoigue Memorial Park and Lot No. 3458-R1;”

10 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.