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QUESTIONNAIRE

Deadline to submit written answers is September 30th 2020

Legislative Candidate Interview Vying For Election To The 36th Guam Legislature

A. Real Estate Industry Related

1. The Governor's office has upgraded the classification of the real estate industry as an *essential service* during COVID-19 "Condition of Readiness" operating restrictions. However, Government of Guam agencies that are part and parcel of the real estate industry remain either closed or inactive. (*The real estate industry encompasses private sector real estate activities as well as Government of Guam agencies that are involved in the processing of real estate transactions including taxation, recordation, land management interaction, construction and land use permitting, building inspections, building occupancy and document recordation.*).

Will you support the preparation and passage of legislation to classify the whole of the real estate industry encompassing both the private sector and related Government of Guam agencies as **TRUE ESSENTIAL SERVICES**? Yes

2. The Guam Land Use Commission (GLUC) application processing system has been rendered inactive by GovGuam COVID restrictions since March 2020 with no apparent urgency to restore the system to full operation. The estimated value of development projects currently awaiting Department of Land Management and GLUC-related action since March is nearly \$2 billion.

Will you support the classification of the GLUC application processing system (*critical to improving Guam's economic well-being*) as an essential service during the COVID-19 Condition of Readiness operating

restrictions? Yes

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B. General Government

1. Will you support the creation, introduction and passage of a bill to change the operation of the Guam Legislature from full time to part time? Yes
2. Will you support the repeal of the 1% increase in the Business Privilege Tax/Gross Receipt Tax rate, i.e. restoring the BPT/GRT rate to 4%? Yes
3. Are you in favor of increasing taxes and/fees to deal with Government of Guam revenue shortfall caused by COVID-19 imposed restrictions on private sector business operations? No
4. Will you support a significant reduction in Government of Guam expenditures including payroll during COVID-19 lockdown and PCOR2 periods in order to keep the Government solvent? Let's discuss the law regarding Government Reorganization.
5. Are you in favor of increasing the local minimum wage and *Why?* Not at this time.
6. Are you in favor of *reducing* taxes and fees to assist in the start of small businesses and in maintaining their viability? Need to see the proposal to understand the impact.
7. What functions of the Government of Guam do you believe should be privatized? Mass Transit.
8. Are you in support of the impending military buildup and the Marine relocation? Yes

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