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Hafa Adai!

I'm providing the following answers for the questions sent to me. Thank you and I look forward to the interview.

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

Answer:

Yes, I will 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

2. ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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?

Answer:

Yes, I will 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

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?

Answer

I've will not support legislation to change the operation of the Guam Legislature from full time to part time. There are other current research studies within the domain of public administration and Government that have concluded that part-time legislatures have led to rushed legislation because of the time limitations among the members who have other additional jobs or work not related to legislative duties and responsibilities. The poorly rushed research on the policy among legislature's staff and members who work part-time would be more costly in terms of the expectations of the public with the performance of the legislature. Other studies have concluded that members of part-time legislature are more easily influenced with policy initiatives to external special interest lobbying groups, that adds pressure to the members. Each branch of Government should have political checks and balances, and for Guam the executive branch has had more political leverage so a part-time legislature I feel as both a 30 year veteran in public service and formal graduate studies in government will weaken politically the legislative branch.

3. 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%?

Answer:

I will not 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%.

The current FY2021 has already passed into law with the 35th Guam legislature's override of the Governor's budget veto. I believe it is too premature to adjust through budget legislation the BPT/Gross receipt tax rate, until February of 2021 when members of the 36th Guam legislature can review the expenditure and revenue report of the 1st quarter of FY2021 and only then raise the issue especially with preparation of the FY2022 budget process.

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?

Answer:

No, I believe a moratorium on government increases in taxes and fees should be implemented because the government must explore other ways to address any revenue shortfalls.

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?

Answer:

I will support a reduction in some areas of the Government of Guam expenditures including payroll to keep the Government solvent.

5. Are you in favor of increasing the local minimum wage and Why?

Answer:

No

6. Are you in favor of reducing taxes and fees to assist in the start of small businesses and in maintaining their viability?

Answer:

Yes

7. What functions of the Government of Guam do you believe should be privatized?

Answer:

I would be inclined to explore potential privatization of Guam's bus transportation systems

8. Are you in support of the impending military buildup and the Marine relocation?

Answer

Yes