CHAPTER 24 KUMISION GUÅHAN FINE'NANA ON THE MILITARY MISSION IN GUAM

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§ 2401. Creation of *I Kumision Guåhan Fine'nana* on the Military Mission in Guam.

There is hereby established a "Kumision Guåhan Fine'nana (Guam First Commission) on the Military Mission in Guam" (the Kumision). The Kumision shall replace and assume the duties of I Maga'lahi's Civilian-Military Task Force (CMTF) created in Executive Order No. 2006-10 and restructured by Executive Order 2008-09; the role and duties of the Guam Buildup Office (GBO), also established by Executive Order 2008-09; and those duties as further directed by this Act.

Among other things, the Kumision shall:

- (a) Be the government of Guam's single point of contact for the military expansion;
- (b) Act as Guam's local counterpart to the Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO). All JGPO interaction with the government of Guam *shall* originate from the *Kumision*, subject to the laws of Guam;
- (c) The *Kumision* and *I Liheslatura* is also tasked with monitoring all federal and international activities relative to the military expansion and providing all relevant information to *I Maga'lahi* and *I Liheslatura*, including information on federal needs for additional land, and any proposed leases, sub-leases *or* requests to exchange land *or* purchase any land owned in the name of the government of Guam.

Any and all entities of the government of Guam, including, but *not limited to*, its autonomous agencies, public corporations, the *Chamorro* Land Trust Commission and the Ancestral Lands Commission, *shall* notify the *Kumision* and *I Liheslatura* within five (5) working days of any proposal, request *or* inquiry by the federal government *or* any agent of the federal government, relative to the use *or* need of any land owned in the name of the government of Guam;

- (d) The *Kumision* will serve as program oversight office for the Guam Buildup planning and implementation;
- (e) The *Kumision* may manage all operational and administrative support functions for CMTF relative to the buildup as necessary;
- (f) The *Kumision* will serve as the central clearinghouse for all communications and policy directives relative to the buildup, providing policy synchronization, oversight, and integration planning for the Guam Buildup; and
- (g) The *Kumision shall* monitor all policies, plans and activities relative to the buildup from the U. S. Federal Government, U.S. Congress, DOD, the local government, *I Liheslatura* (Legislature), *or* any other organization regarding all relevant developments relative to the Guam Buildup.

SOURCE: Subsection (c) amended by P.L. 30-021:2 (May 1, 2009).

§ 2402. Membership of I Kumision.

The *Kumision shall* be composed of fifteen (15) voting members and three (3) ex-officio non-voting members:

- (a) I Maga'lahi shall serve as Chairperson of the Kumision;
- (b) Four (4) members of the *Kumision shall* be appointed by *I Maga'lahi*, of which one (1) *shall* be a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; one (1) *shall* be a member of a *Chamorro* rights organization who has been selected by the combined memberships of the various organizations; one (1) *shall* be a senior citizen who is *not* an employee of the government of Guam *or* the Federal Government at any time during his tenure on the *Kumision*, and one (1) *shall* be a member of the general public who is *not* an employee of the government of Guam *or* the Federal Government at any time during his tenure on the *Kumision*:

- (c) Four (4) members *shall* represent *I Liheslatura*, of which one (1) *shall* be a member of and be selected by, *I Liheslatura* 's minority; one (1) member *shall* be the Chairperson of the standing committee with specific jurisdiction over Federal Affairs; one (1) member *shall* be the Chairperson of the standing committee with specific jurisdiction over Military Affairs; and one (1) member *shall* be appointed by the Speaker, who may appoint himself;
- (d) One (1) member *shall* be appointed by the Mayors Council from among the membership of the Mayors Council;
- (e) One (1) member *shall* be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam, who may appoint himself;
- (f) One (1) member to represent the youth of Guam *shall* be appointed from among the qualified members of the Guam Youth Congress by the Speaker of the Youth Congress, who may appoint himself;
- (g) One (1) member to represent *Fuetsan Famalao'an shall* be selected by the organization from among its membership;
- (h) The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority *or* his designee *shall* be a member of the *Kumision*;
- (i) The General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau *or* his designee *shall* be a member of the *Kumision*;
- (j) Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress *shall* be an ex-officio non-voting member;
- (k) The Chairperson of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities *shall* be an ex-officio non-voting member; and
- (l) The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard *shall* be an ex-officio non-voting member.

§ 2403. Eligibility; Term of Service.

No person *shall* be eligible to serve as a member of the *Kumision* unless he *or* she *shall* be a citizen of the United States qualified to vote in Guam.

Members shall serve so long as they retain the positions they occupy

or are members of the groups they represented when they were appointed. The term of any non-elected member appointed by *I Maga'lahi or* serving as a designee *shall* expire with the term of the appointing authority *except* that any non-elected member appointed by *I Maga'lahi or* serving as a designee who is *not* present at three (3) consecutive meetings, and whose absences are unexcused, *shall* no longer be eligible to serve, and the appointing *or* designating authority *shall* name a replacement. Vacancies in membership *shall* be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

§ 2404. Vice-Chairperson; Subcommittees.

The *Kumision shall* choose a vice-chairperson from among the voting members of the *Kumision*. The *Kumision* may form subcommittees as necessary at its own discretion. A member of the *Kumision shall* chair each subcommittee.

§ 2405. Goals and Purposes of I Kumision.

The *Kumision shall* have the following purposes:

- (a) The formation of a "Team Guam" approach in all dealings with the Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense relative to the military buildup and relations with the Armed Forces.
- (b) Development of a plan that envisions Guam fifteen (15) years and more into the future. The plan should take into account the needed and necessary construction, upgrades and expansion of Guam's economy, infrastructure and government services. The plan *shall* include positions for negotiation, discussion and resolution with the Federal Government on Federal and local issues that the *Kumision* determines are of significant concern, including, but *not limited to*, the following:
 - (1) Political status:
 - (2) Return of ancestral lands;
 - (3) Chamorro self-determination;
 - (4) Cleanup of environmental hazards;
 - (5) Investigation of serious health problems possibly related to federal activity;
 - (6) Immigration policies and controls;
 - (7) Section 30 and Compact Impact funding;

- (8) Mass transit and public transportation;
- (9) Utilities and telecommunications;
- (10) Public education;
- (11) Public health;
- (12) Public safety and homeland security;
- (13) Protecting the environment;
- (14) Economic development; and
- (15) War reparations.
- (c) Conducting local scoping hearings and town meetings on each aspect of the military buildup.
- (d) Meeting with Federal officials and representatives and serving as the focal point for all discussions with the Federal Government on the military buildup.
- (e) Seeking Federal funding and grants-in-aid to achieve the goals and objectives of the *Kumision*.
- (f) To participate in the procurement process, to include, but *not be limited to*, the development of scope of work, the selection and evaluation process, and to provide *I Maga'lahen Guahan* with a recommendation for an award of contract with any procurement by the government of Guam associated with the military buildup.

§ 2406. Quorum; Voting.

Eight (8) members of the *Kumision shall* be required for a quorum. *No* meetings *shall* be held *if* a quorum is *not* present. Eight (8) affirmative votes are required for passage of any *Kumision* motion *or* resolution.

§ 2407. Coordination of Activities; Technical and Staff Support.

All government of Guam departments and agencies *shall* extend their full cooperation to the *Kumision*, and *shall* coordinate activities associated with the military buildup with the *Kumision*.

The members of *I Maga'lahi's* Civilian-Military Task Force created in Executive Order No. 2006-10 and amended by Executive Order No. 2008-09, along with the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority,

the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and the staff of the GBO originally established in the Governor's Office by Executive Order No. 2008-09, *shall* provide technical and staff support to the *Kumision*.
