

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM REGULAR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SESSION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 | 12:00 pm VIA ZOOM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. **PROOF OF DUE NOTICE OF MEETING:**

October 12, 2023 October 17, 2023

- **III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- IV. READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

September 22, 2023 Regular Meeting September 22, 2023 Executive Session

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Judiciary FY 2023 Remittances Pursuant to Applicable Law
- B. Update on Capital Improvement Projects
- C. Update on Typhoon Damage and Restoration

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. JC23- Relative to Approving Additional Funds for Litigation
- B. JC23- Relative to Approving Settlement in CV0342-22, Gumataotao v. Judicial Branch:
- C. Notice of the Next Meeting (Thursday, November 16, 2023)

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

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OBITUARIES 20



Mary May Gogo Bordallo "May". Familian Bonik. Of Agana Hts passed awayonOctober4,2023, at the age of 76. Mass of Intention is being offered at Our Lady of

the Blessed Sacrament Church in Agana Heights and will end on October 15th. 6:00 pm - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; No Mass on Thursday; 5:00 pm - Saturday; 9:00 am - Sunday. Last respects will be held on Friday, October 19, 2023 at ADA'S Mortuary in Sinajana from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 pm. Private cremation will follow.

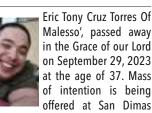


Winona Cambra Camacho also known as "Nona", of Toto, passed away in the Grace of our Lord on September 14,

2023 at the age of 71. Last respects will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Toto. Mass for a Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 noon, followed by interment at Vicente A. Limtiaco Memorial Cemetery in Piti.



of our Lord on September 30, 2023 at the age of 72. Mass of intention is being offered until October 10th at Nuestra Senora de las Aguas Catholic Church, in Mongmong, at the following schedule: Weekdays at 6:00 p.m.; Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Last respects will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Nuestra Senora de las Aguas Catholic Church in Mongmong. Mass for a Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 noon, followed by interment at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada.



Malesso', passed away in the Grace of our Lord on September 29, 2023 at the age of 37. Mass of intention is being offered at San Dimas

Catholic Church in Malesso'. Last respects will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at San Dimas Catholic Church in Malesso'. Mass for a Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 p.m., followed by interment at Merizo Community Catholic Cemetery.



Last respects will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Tamuning from 9:00 am - 11:30 am, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 pm. Interment services will follow at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada.



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Cecilia Palomo Carian passed on September 28th, 2023. Viewing and last respects will be held on October 13, 2023 at Santa Lourdes Church, Yigo, from 9:00 am to noon. Interment

services will follow immediately at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada, where we will bid her farewell at her final resting place.

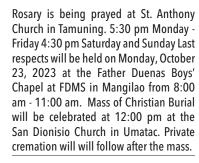


Johnny Garrido Cruzalso known as "John Brown / KK", of Tamuning, passed away in the Grace of our Lord on September 20, 2023 at the age of 69. Last respects will be

held on Monday, October 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Tamuning. Mass for a Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 p.m., followed by interment at Guam Memorial Park in Leyang, Barrigada.



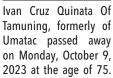
Ivan Cruz Quinata Of Tamuning, formerly of Umatac passed away on Monday, October 9,





Obituary for Joaquin Castro Concepcion "Kin / JC" Formerly of Tamuning passed away on October 5, 2023, at the age of 72. Mass of Intention is being held

at St. Anthony/St. Victor Catholic Church in Tamuning. 6:00 pm Monday - Friday; 5:00 pm Saturday; 6:00 pm Sunday. Last respects will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at St. Anthony/St. Victor Catholic church in Tamuning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 pm, followed by Burial at the Pigo Catholic Cemetery in Anigua.



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Elizabeth Cepeda Taitano, familian "Buchi", of Yona passed away on October 6 at the age of 85. Viewing and Last Respects may be paid on Thursday, October

19, 2023, from 11:00am 1:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Chapel, Windward Hills, Yona. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 11:00am at St. Francis Catholic Church, Yona, Private Cremation Services will immediately follow at Our Lady of Peace Crematorium.



Hidalgo "Jimmy" Gamilin Mupas, of Dededo, passed away on October 6 at the age of 94. Viewing and Last Respects may be paid on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 9:00am - 1:00pm at

Our Lady of Peace Funeral Home, Barrigada. Interment Services will immediately follow at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens, Windward Hills, Yona.



In loving memory of Manuel Topasna Taitaque of Inarajan was called to rest on September 30,2023 at the age of 44. Rosary is being said at the family residence

in Inarajan at 7:30 pm. Viewing and last respects maybe paid on



Mildred Abe passed away on September 30, 2023, at the age of 87. In-person memorial services will be held on October 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's

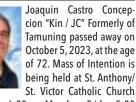
Witnesses, 143 Jehovah St., Barrigada. And on Zoom Meeting. Passcode: mildred / Meeting ID: 897 5279 9450

Friday, October 20,2023 at St. Joseph Church

in Inarajan beginning at 9 am concluding

at 11:30 am. Mass for a Christian Burial will

follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Inarajan.



Tamuning passed away on October 5, 2023, at the age of 72. Mass of Intention is being held at St. Anthony/ St. Victor Catholic Church in Tamuning. 6:00 pm Monday - Friday. 5:00

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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION STELLET FAMILY OF THE LATE

Socorro Apiritu Francisco

With heartfelt gratitude, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for your prayers and acts of kindness during this time of sorrow

Our Special Thanks to: Our Lions Club Family, GRMC Staff, HSP Staff, Evergreen Health Clinic, San Nicolas Family and Aflac family

We are so grateful for the overwhelming support and generosity shown to our family. The various ways you have shared your love and care will be forever remembered in our hearts and prayers.

> Thank you. The Family

> > APPRECIATION

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BEFORE THE 2023 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC23-029

RELATIVE TO APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR LITIGATION

- WHEREAS, this Council in its Resolution No. JC 23-012 voted to retain legal services and to appoint Chief Justice Robert J. Torress to supervise the pending litigation in the in the matter of *Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao vs. Judicial Branch of Guam*, Superior Court Case No. CV0342-22 ("CV0342-22"); and
- **WHEREAS,** the same Resolution set a maximum cap of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for legal fees and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for costs, unless further requests are presented to the Judicial Council for approval; and
- WHEREAS, on September 22, 2023, the Chief Justice, and his designees, came before the Judicial Council expressed the reasons for an increased litigation budget of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000); and
- WHEREAS, on September 22, 2023, on motion properly made and seconded, the Council approved an additional budget of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for legal fees for the defense of CV0342-22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby approves an additional Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for legal services in the matter of *Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao vs. Judicial Branch of Guam*, Superior Court Case No. CV0342-22 ("CV0342-22").

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2023 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam

Dated: October 19, 2023

ATTES Jessica Perez-Jackton, Executive Secretary Dated: October 19, 2023



BEFORE THE 2023 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC23-030

RELATIVE TO APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN CV0342-22, GUMATAOTAO V. JUDICIAL BRANCH

- WHEREAS, on June 10, 2022, the Judicial Branch of Guam was named as a Defendant in the matter of *Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao vs. Judicial Branch of Guam*, Superior Court Case No. CV0342-22 ("CV0342-22"); and
- WHEREAS, this Council in its Resolution No. JC 23-012 voted to retain legal services and to appoint Chief Justice Robert J. Torress to supervise the pending litigation in the in the matter of *Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao vs. Judicial Branch of Guam*, Superior Court Case No. CV0342-22 ("CV0342-22"); and
- **WHEREAS,** an offer of settlement has been proposed; and the Judicial Council determines is in the best interests of the Judiciary of Guam to accept said settlement and terminate the litigation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby accepts the settlement offer as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Justice, together with counsel, be authorized to execute and deliver all documents and undertake such acts as are necessary to comply with the terms of settlement;

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2023 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam

TORRES. Chairman

Dated: October 19, 2023

ATTEST:
Jessica Perez-Jackson, Executive Secretary
Dated: October 19, 2023



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Danielle T. Rosete, Esq. Administrator of the Courts

Hon. Robert J. Torres Chief Justice

Hon. Alberto C. Lamorena, III Presiding Judge October 4, 2023

- **TO:** Judicial Council Members
- FROM: Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney
- **SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation at the Judicial Council Regular Meeting of October 19, 2023

Pursuant to 5 GCA § 8111(c)(1), I recommend that the Judicial Council hold an executive session at its regular meeting scheduled for October 19, 2023, for the limited purpose of discussing the following ongoing legal matter:

- *CV0342-22, Gumataotao v. Judicial Branch:* Complaint filed by Gary W.F. Gumataotao in the Superior Court of Guam on June 10, 2022, seeking damages for an alleged slip and fall.
- *Ninth Circuit Case No. 22-16919, Philips v. Guam Courts*: Notice of appeal filed by Dr. Sherif Philips in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, appealing the District Court of Guam's order dismissing his request to review several cases filed in the Superior and Supreme Courts of Guam.

Further pursuant to Section 8111(c)(1), an affirmative vote of the Judicial Council will be necessary to hold this executive session.

Submitted for your consideration.

Suzane Santiago-Hinkle, Staff Attorney

CC: Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the Courts