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## GUAM MAKES CASE FOR INDO-PACIFIC MILITARY BUILDUP MATCHED BY \$11.7B IN CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

*Governor Lou Leon Guerrero formally calls on federal Economic Adjustment Committee to convene as the island's defense-linked population is projected to scale past 45,000.*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** — The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration today delivered a powerful warning to federal agencies that the largest U.S. military buildup in the Pacific since World War II is expanding faster than the civilian infrastructure required to sustain it.

Speaking to representatives from multiple federal agencies including those funding healthcare, utilities, education, and cybersecurity, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero formally called for the **Economic Adjustment Committee (EAC)** to be convened immediately to implement a synchronized, whole-of-government "One Guam" approach to addressing the impact of the buildup.

The administration unveiled new data detailing the staggering local impact of national defense mandates. New projections show that Guam faces an estimated maximum annual requirement of **more than \$415 million** in Government of Guam services by 2034, carrying a cumulative 30-year infrastructure and service requirement estimated at **\$11.7 billion**.

“Guam is a living American community with finite land, aging infrastructure, and limited capacity. There is no other place under the American flag where national strength and national risk meet so directly. Protecting Guam is a critically important national priority, and the tip of the spear is only as strong as the community behind it,” Governor Leon Guerrero told federal officials.

The Governor emphasized that national defense readiness cannot stop at the fence lines of local military bases, pointing to critical vulnerabilities in the island's civilian networks:

- **Cybersecurity & Gray-Zone Threats:** Highlighting that modern warfare actively targets civilian systems, the Governor pressed federal partners to treat Guam's digital

infrastructure and supply chains as defense requirements, mitigating persistent gray-zone vulnerabilities.

- **Population Strain:** In the next two years, Guam’s military-linked population will surge from 26,000 to 34,000, ultimately exceeding 45,000 by 2034 on an island of just 170,000 residents. The Governor noted that absorbing this rapid influx is the equivalent of dropping an entirely new community into a fixed space, a shock that would destabilize any mainland military city of similar size.
- **Unprecedented Housing Constraints:** With only 51,000 total housing units and no ability to expand outward, the Governor labeled housing as an unprecedented structural and social challenge that is forcing generations of local families off the island.
- **Lifeline Vulnerabilities:** Over 90 percent of everything sustaining the island—including military logistics—moves through a single seaport facility, while the civilian power grid remains exposed to typhoons and single points of failure.

Governor Leon Guerrero made it clear that Guam was not looking for a handout, pointing to her administration's record of retiring a massive government deficit, balancing budgets, and building reserves.

“We have held up our end of the commitment,” Governor Leon Guerrero said. “What Guam carries is not a local burden—it is the direct consequence of a national mission. A national mission demands a shared responsibility. The federal government already has the authority, the programs, and the tools to act. It is time to use them.”

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