

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

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Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz Speaker 34th Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, GU 96910

Re: Resignation

Dear Speaker Cruz:

This is to officially tender my resignation as Public Auditor of Guam. My last day in office is June 8 and my effective date is June 22 as I have two weeks of annual leave.

I am resigning as Public Auditor, a nonpartisan office, to run for Congress, a partisan office. I do this so that the Office of Public Accountability can remain the independent nonpartisan office it has been these nearly eighteen years.

Pursuant to Guam law, I understand that a special election for the vacancy will take place in August at the same time as the primary election. Until the duly elected person has been sworn in, Deputy Public Auditor Yukari Hechanova will be the Administrator of OPA.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a challenge and a pleasure working with you these many years. We go back to the time when we were both in the cabinet of then Governor Ricky Bordallo. In 2001 you, as Chief Justice, swore me in when I first took the office of Public Auditor. Since then we have interacted when you were Senator, Vice Speaker and now Speaker. We have a lot of history together.

While we may not have agreed on some issues, I believe that each of us always sought to serve the best interest of the people of Guam.

As your term comes to a close with your unexpected decision not to seek reelection, may our Lord bless you and give you guidance as you come to that fork in the road. God willing and the vote of the people of Guam, I look forward to working with you in a different capacity.

Senseramente

**Public Auditor**