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Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

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SUBJECT: Re: Executive Session and Findings

Hafa Adai Chairman Reyes,

During the past few months, numerous allegations have surfaced from our community through both the media and during public proceedings and in each case, I am seeking transparency on these serious matters of public concern.

I write today to request for the official findings regarding the concerns raised by a land agent at the Trust who advised the Commission that recommendations submitted under her name were altered by the Director and any actions the Commission will take to address the concern. This was documented at the CLTC meeting held on February 18, 2021 and subsequently reported by media outlets shortly thereafter.

While no reason was disclosed in the motion, it is noted that the Trust moved into Executive Session at the March 18, 2021 meeting which you advised was pursuant to 5 GCA §8111(a). This provision states “No public agency is prohibited because of this Chapter from holding executive sessions with the Attorney General, Chief of Police or the respective designated representatives of each on a matter which poses a threat to the public health, safety or welfare or from holding executive sessions during a regular or special meeting to consider the appointment, employment or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against such officer or employee by another public officer, person or employee unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing.” Please advise the nature of this executive session.

You concluded the meeting stating, “The Commission has met with the director and definitely have addressed these issues at hand. We've discussed this with him and the clarity, cooperation, and transparency is needed, and needs to be realized.” I wholeheartedly concur with your statement and efforts to progress the mission of the CHamoru Land Trust and to protect its integrity. I look forward to your disclosure and official report of the findings and resolution of the particular case and the nature of the Executive Session. In addition, I am also requesting a copy of the final report of the staff interviews that were conducted by you with the Trust.

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