

<i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> APPOINTMENTS												
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38GL-25-0579	Corazon R. Montellano	Member	Board of Directors Guam Solid Waste Authority	4/30/25		5/1/25	Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs.	7/11/25	7/16/25			



July 14, 2025

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hågatña, Guam 96910

Via Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairman, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Nomination of Corazon R. Montellano

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Corazon R. Montellano** to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors with the Guam Solid Waste Authority.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO DO CONFIRM
<u>2</u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u> </u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u> </u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u> </u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Senseremente,


Senator Jesse A. Lujan

Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of Corazon R. Montellano

**To serve as a Member of the Board of Directors with
the Guam Solid Waste Authority.**

**Authored by:
The Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan**



July 14, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

From: **Senator Jesse A. Lujan**
Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Subject: **Committee Report on the Nomination of Corazon R. Montellano**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report of **Corazon R. Montellano** to serve as a **Member** of the Board of Directors with the **Guam Solid Waste Authority**.

This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Copy of the Appointment Letter to the Speaker
- Copy of the Appointment Packet & Supporting Documents
- Notices of the Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimony and supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Senator Jesse A. Lujan

Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

May 1, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Appointment**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §9.01, Rule IX of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of the following appointment:

Appointee: **Corazon R. Montellano**

Position: **Member**

Please refer the following document:

“**Doc. No. 38GL-25-0579** – Office of the Governor – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Corazon R. Montellano, Member, Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors.”

Ensure the appointment is referred to the Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs chaired by Senator Jesse A. Lujan. I also request that the same be copied to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

38GL-25-0579
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

April 30, 2025

HONORABLE FRANK BLAS JR., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

APR 30 2025

Time: 3:52 pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Reappointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 10 GCA § 51A105, and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Corazon R. Montellano
POSITION: Member, Board of Directors
Guam Solid Waste Authority

The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Please schedule a hearing at your earliest convenience.

Sensengamente,

A blue ink signature of Joshua F. Tenorio.
JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

April 30, 2025

CARAZON R. MONTELLANO

Håfa Adai Ms. Montellano:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 10 GCA § 51A105, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GUAM SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

Your reappointment is a testament to your commitment to public service and your faithful execution of the great responsibilities that this position requires. I am confident that you will continue to fulfill your duties in a professional manner. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend my gratitude for your continued service in this important role.

As you are aware, this reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jean Taitano with the Office of the Governor at (671) 473-1121.

Senseramente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Andrew M. Gayle Jr., Chairperson, Guam Solid Waste Authority

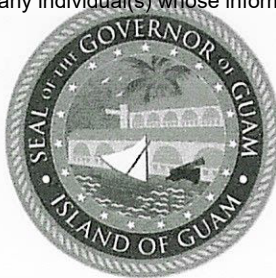


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Messages and Communications

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM
Nomination and Appointment Information Form

The following information is required for submission to the
Speaker of / *Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name MONTELLANO	First Name CORAZON	Middle Initial R
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Board of Director at Guam Solid Waste Authority		
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐		
If no, are you authorized to work in the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐		

EDUCATION

SCHOOL (Name, City and State)	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	YEAR EARNED
High School Cavite National High School	1970-1974		
College University of the East	1974-1978	BSBA-Accounting	1978
Graduate School			
Other Degree			

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Guam Power Authority Mangilao, Guam	Position Title Assistant Chief Financial Officer
	Dates Held 1991-2019

Previous Employer and Mailing Address FHP Tamuning, Guam	Position Title Controller
	Dates Held 1984-1991

Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Oil Refining Company Agat, Guam	Position Title General Accountant
	Dates Held 1979-1984

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SERVICE

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (EXCLUDING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM)

Agency or Department Name		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
Various training on utility accounting and cost of service at APPA	1991-2019

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
None

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
Past Treasurer at AGA (Association of Government Accountants)

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Treasurer at BCBP-Guam Chapter (Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

List any published articles, papers delivered at professional meetings, etc.:

None

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
NA			

OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Have you ever been found guilty of a felony in any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If so, please specify in detail: _____

Address of the Court: _____

Date(s) of Conviction: _____

Specific Infraction Committed: _____

(2) Have you ever been declared mentally incompetent by any court, whether within or without the United States?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If so, please specify in detail the reasons and facts related to such declaration:

(3) Have you ever been found not guilty or not punishable in any criminal proceedings by reason of insanity?

Yes ☐

No ☒

(4) Have you ever been confined to a mental institution for any reason?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If so, please specify in why the appointing authority believes you that you are not suffering from any mental illness or affliction:

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Governor



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Statement of Financial Interests

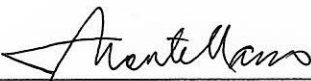
(Required by 4 G.C.A. §13104.1)

TO: The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

FROM: Corazon Montellano

- ☐ I have no financial interest in any business
- ☒ I do have interest(s) in the following business(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	TYPE AND AMOUNT OF INTEREST
Marianas Consulting Services	Limited Liability Company (14% Interest)
M2 Marketing and Services	Sole Proprietorship


Signature

4/4/25
Date

AFFIDAVIT / DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, the undersigned, do hereby depose and say that: (1) I have read and reviewed the information contained in the attached Appointment/Nomination letter from the Governor of Guam; (2) that the matters contained in the Appointment/Nomination letter, together with all attachments thereto, are true and correct and that I am competent to testify to said matters; and (3) that this Declaration is made for the purpose of complying with the requirements of 4 G.C.A. Section 2103.5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of Guam (4 G.C.A. Section 4308) that the foregoing is true and correct.



Print Name and Signature

CORAZON MONTELLANO

04/04/2025

Date



GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION

Kumision Ileksion Guåhan

241 Farenholt Avenue, Oka Building, Suite 202, Tamuning, Guam 96913

Tel: (671) 477-9791 · Fax: (671) 477-1895

Email: vote@gec.guam.gov Website: <http://gec.guam.gov>



STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR GOVERNMENT BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBER PUBLIC OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE ACT 4 GCA § 13104.1

Name: Corazon R Montellano

Name of Board or Commission: Guam Solid Waste Authority

Term of Office: From: 2023 To: 2027

Contact Number(s): [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Public Official Disclosure Act Where Conflict(s) or Possible Conflict(s) of Interest Exist

...All appointees to Boards and Commissions of the government of Guam shall be required to disclose and submit a financial report containing only information where conflicts of interest or possible conflicts of interest exist at the time of appointment or as may be expected to exist during their tenure of service on the Board or Commission to which they are being appointed. Such information shall include conflicts of interest or possible conflicts of interests with the appointee's or member's place of employment, any entity in which the appointee or member serves as a director or consultant to and any entity to which the appointee or member or a family member of the appointee or member owns an interest of five percent (5%) or more in... In the event that any conflicts of interests arise subsequent to a member's appointment, the member shall, within thirty (30) days of the knowledge of such conflicts of interest, file an amended report with the Guam Election Commission or by the next filing deadline, whichever is sooner... **In the event that no conflicts of interests or possible conflicts of interest exist, the report shall state that 'no conflict exists.'**... (4 GCA § 13104.1)

...Prior to any determination of the matter, the employee shall verbally disclose at the meeting, if any, the nature of such interest, and shall have such disclosure placed in the official records of the agency. Should an employee be absent from that meeting or a portion of that meeting, the employee is required to verbally disclose the nature of the conflict at the next attending meeting and said disclosure shall be placed in the official records of the agency. Further, the employee must complete a Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest form with the Guam Election Commission within three (3) working days upon the employee's recognition of said conflict. (4 GCA § 15205(g))

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that no conflict exists, pursuant to 4 GCA § 13104.1.

Signature of Board/Commission Member

4/4/25

Date



Superior Court of Guam

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Tel: (671) 300-7993 • Fax: (671) 475-0078



HON. ALBERTO C. LAMORENA, III
PRESIDING JUDGE

JANICE M. CAMACHO-PEREZ, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT

VALERIE D. TENORIO
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Name: **CORAZON DEL ROSARIO MONTELLANO**

Driver's License ID #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SEARCH

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies the following results of a diligent search of the records of this Court:

Criminal Cases:
No Cases Found

Civil Cases:

Request for further information may be addressed at the Records Division of the Superior Court of Guam, Guam Judicial Center, 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and local/federal holidays. **Court Clearances are Non-Refundable.**

Dated: 04/04/2025

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

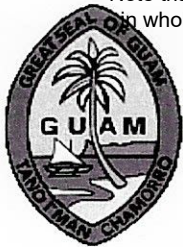
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**GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



April 4, 2025

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

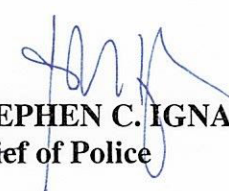
NAME:	Corazon Del Rosario MONTELLANO		
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]	FINGERPRINT #:	NONE
	The individual has no record of criminal conviction(s) in the Guam Police Department files that are subject to Guam law.		

*****NOTHING FOLLOWS*****

THIS INFORMATION MAY BE LIMITED TO A LOCAL CRIMINAL OFFENSE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

By Direction: Mem


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STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings on Friday, July 11, 2025

2 messages

Senator Jesse Lujan <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 9:17 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 3, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan
Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities,
and Federal & Foreign Affairs

RE: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings on Friday, July 11, 2025

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Office of Majority Leader Jesse A. Lujan

Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

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senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>

To: Senator Jesse Lujan <senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov>

Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 9:23 AM

Hafa Adai,

Posted oon calendar.

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Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.

Sergeant-at-Arms

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan

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PUBLIC HEARING



 **Posted on:** 07/03/2025 09:19 AM

 **Posted by:** Cecile Suda, Deputy Chief of Staff

 **Public Hearing Date:** 07/11/2025 02:00 PM

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To: SENATOR LUJAN'S OFFICE

Attn: Accounting Department

DATE

7/2/2025

INVOICE NO.

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Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities,
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Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Date:

July 11, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

APPOINTMENT: MONTELLANO, Corazon R., Member - Board of Directors, Guam Solid Waste Authority

	Name	Agency / Address	Contact No.	Email	Type of Testimony		Support	
					Oral	Written	Yes	No
1	Corra Montellano	GSWA		corra.montellano@gsuwa.com		✓		
2	Antonio Cesa	GPA				✓	✓	
3	John Benavente	GPA				✓	✓	
4	Trev Slike	GSWA						
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7	Teresita Fabila	GSWA					✓	
8	ANDREW GAYLE	GSWA			✓	✓	✓	
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Testimony of Andrew Gayle
Before the Guam Legislature

July 11, 2025

Re: Confirmation of Minakshi Hemlani and Cora Montellano to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board

Håfa adai, Madam Chair, Senators of the Committee, and Members of the Legislature:

My name is Andrew Gayle, the current chairman of the GSWA board, and I am honored to provide this testimony in support of the reappointment and confirmation of Minakshi Hemlani and Cora Montellano to the **Guam Solid Waste Authority Board**.

I have had the privilege of working with both Minakshi and Cora for many years as board members, and I can confidently say that they are a people of integrity, diligence, and vision. With a Minakshi's legal background and Cora's public finance background they both bring professional expertise and a deep commitment to improving the quality of life on Guam.

The GSWA faces both challenges and opportunities as it works to modernize our island's waste management systems, promote sustainability, and ensure environmental compliance. Minakshi and Cora are well-positioned to contribute meaningfully in this regard. Their prior experience with GSWA board, GMH, GPA and GWA, along with their collaborative approach to problem-solving, will continue to be a tremendous asset to the board.

Beyond their technical qualifications, what stands out about each of them is their dedication to public service. Whether it's through community clean-ups, educational outreach, or court hearings, or advocating for more efficient recycling practices, they consistently show up and step up.

I believe both Minakshi and Cora will bring thoughtful oversight, transparency, and long-term planning to GSWA's operations. Their presence on the board will help ensure the Authority continues to move toward a more sustainable, accountable, and community-focused direction.

I respectfully urge this body to confirm Minakshi and Cora to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board. I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and am available to answer any questions you may have.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Gayle



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June 10, 2025

Senator Jesse Lujan

Majority Leader

Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs

38th Guam Legeslator

Hagatna, Guam

Hafa Adai Senator Lujan,

I am Antonio Cesa and I am the current Chapter Head of Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals.

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Ms. Corazon Montellano to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Guam Solid Waste Authority.

Ms. Montellano is currently our Guam Chapter's Treasurer and Senior Leader. BCBP's advocacy is Honesty, with our mission to inspire members to live out Christian principles, transform the marketplace by embodying integrity, justice, and responsibility, and to guide businessmen and professionals towards Christian discipleship.

As a member and part of our Governance team she exemplify this values of honesty, integrity and responsibility. As treasurer she manages our budget diligently and honestly. I take pride in her Integrity and professionalism in handling all our community finances. She works very well with all our members and care for their well-being which attest to her pastoral responsibility.

These examples show her commitment to embodying honesty, integrity and responsibility which I believe will translate into her ability to make effective decisions, be an unwavering leader and carry out any duty with outmost consideration and care. I am confident that she will significantly contribute in the growth and success of Guam Solid waste Authority.

I am honored to give my endorsement to Ms. Montellano to be a member of the Board of Directors of Guam Solid Waste Authority.

Respectfully,

Antonio D. Cesa

BCBP GUAM Chapter Head



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Re: Letter of Support – Ms. Corazon Montellano

Appointment as a Board Member, Guam Solid Waste Authority

Håfa adai Senator Lujan,

I fully support the appointment of Ms. Corazon (Cora) Montellano as a Board Member to the Guam Solid Waste Authority.

I have known Cora for over two decades in her professional capacity as the Assistant Chief Financial Officer at Guam Power Authority. She has vast experience with complex utility finance issues including, planning, operations, bond issuance, insurance procurement, budgeting, rate filings, revenue forecasting, cost of service studies, and cash flow management. She maintains several credentials in finance and government accounting. Cora's knowledge and experience will continue to enhance her contributions as a GSWA board member.

One of many of Cora's strengths is her ability to apply her knowledge to practical day-to-day operations. She is proficient with utility financial software, such as Oracle and JD Edwards, Microsoft Excel and other software used in financial modeling.

As GPA's financial guru before she retired in 2019, Cora shared her knowledge throughout her tenure by training others to use the software and other financial tools. I am confident that her practical and financial hands-on experience will benefit the GSWA Board's current and long-term strategy. Cora's unique utility experience, especially the preparation, filing and defense of GPA rate filings to the Guam Public Utilities Commission, is uncommon. Her ability to effectively communicate and discuss complex rate issues will prove immediately invaluable to GSWA Board and agency.

In conclusion, I fully support Cora Montellano's nomination to the GSWA Board. Cora will make an excellent GSWA Director. Cora's excellent qualifications, utility experience, and professionalism will contribute substantially to GSWA's success. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Corazon Montellano.

Senseramente,

John M. Benavente, P.E.

General Manager, Guam Power Authority

jbenavente@gpagwa.com

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Senator Jesse Lujan

Majority Leader, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs

38th Guam Legislature

Hagatna, Guam

Hafa Adai Senator Lujan,

My name is Corazon Montellano and I have a degree In Bachelors of Administration in Accounting. I am retiree from Guam Power Authority since January 2020. I was the Assistant Chief Financial Officer there for almost 30 years. My responsibilities at GPA included assisting the CFO on financial planning and budget, rate filings with PUC, cost of service studies and rate design, cash flow trends and also dealing with credit rating agencies and GPA's bondholders. Today, I am doing some financial consulting work on a part time basis.

I am truly honored that I was nominated by the Governor for the second time to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Guam Solid Waste Authority. As I have said before, I always wanted to be in public service and with my background in Finance and 30 years in the utility industry, I can make vital contributions to the success of GSWA and to ensure that its ratepayers pay for fair, prudent and reasonable fees. In my first term since March 2021, I learned that the closure and post closure of a landfill is very costly and a long process. Funding this alone takes a toll on the financial condition of GSWA. GSWA's revenues have remained flat over the years and yet their expenditures are increasing due to inflation and other needs. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding helped GSWA in replacing most of its aging vehicle fleets which are critical in the refuse collections. We were also hoping that the mandatory islandwide trash collection will be implemented so that we don't have to raise rates. As of now, our rate increase petition was already filed with the Guam Public Utilities Commission which is more likely will get approved in next month's PUC meeting. I will continue to work diligently with the members of the Board and management of GSWA by setting sound policies and strategic direction to achieve its mission.

I also would like to take this opportunity to fully support the reappointment of Ms. Minakshi Hemlani as a member of GSWA board. With her legal background, work experience and commitment, she too is making contributions to the success of GSWA.

I look forward to your favorable approval of our nomination. Any questions you may have senators, I'll be happy to answer them. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Cora Montellano



COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Corazon R. Montellano to serve as Member of the Board of Directors with the Guam Solid Waste Authority.

Committee Members	Signature	TO DO CONFIRM	TO NOT CONFIRM	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
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Senator Shelly Vargas Calvo <i>2nd Vice Chairperson</i>						
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 7/14/25	X				
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 7/14/25			X		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 7/14/25			X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 7/14/25	X				
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes <i>Member</i>						
Senator Joe S. San Agustin <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 7/14/25	X				
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**URGENT REQUEST FOR EVOTE: Appointment - Corazon R. Montellano (GSWA)**

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Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 3:16 PM

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Chairman

In accordance with Section 6.04(c)(1) of the Standing Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, this committee digest provides a *summary* of the public hearing detailed below. To assist the general public in navigating this report, please note that all **blue-highlighted** text contain hyperlinks. Clicking on these links will direct you to the corresponding referenced sections/documents. For any questions or assistance regarding this digest, please contact our office at (671) 969-6525 or email us at senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov.

I. OVERVIEW

The **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs** convened a Public Hearing for the appointment of **[Corazon R. Montellano](#)** to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors with the Guam Solid Waste Authority on **Friday, July 11, 2025 at 2:00PM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Thursday, July 3, 2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT

Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Chairman

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Member

Senator Telo T. Taitague

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Andrew Gayle, Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) Board of Directors, Chairman

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Andrew Gayle, GSWA Board of Directors, Chairman

Antonio D. Cesa, Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP), Guam Chapter Head

John M. Benavente, P.E., General Manager, Guam Power Authority (GPA)

Cora Montellano, Appointee

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for the appointment of Corazon R. Montellano was called to order at [2:00PM](#).

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon, *Hafa Adai* and welcome everyone. Thank you for joining us this afternoon. The date is Friday 11th July 2025. And this afternoon's public hearings held by the committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, Federal Foreign affairs is hereby called to order. It is now 2:00 p.m.. Before we begin, allow me to go over a few housekeeping matters. Public notice for this hearing was duly disseminated in accordance with the open government law. The first notice was sent out July 3, 2025 and the second notice on July 9, 2025. These notices were available, made available to all senators, local media outlets, the Guam legislature's website, our legislative calendar and the government of Guam's public notice portal. The agenda for today is as follows. The appointment of Corazon R. Montellano to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. Also the appointment of Minakshi V. Hemlani to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors. And rounding off will be Bill number 141-38 (COR) relative to expanding limited exemptions for permitting requirements for small scale on site composting activities. At this time I'd like to acknowledge and welcome my colleagues who are present here this afternoon for Senator Shawn Gumataotao. Thank you for being here. Senator Telo Taitague. Thank you as well for joining us this afternoon. Thank you very much. Before we proceed, I'd like to also remind all attendees of the *Liheslaturan Guahån's*, the general rules of conduct. Individuals wishing to testify must first be recognized by the chair and shall state their full name for the record. Testimony and discussion must remain germane to the subject matter of the hearing. Personal attacks or inferences about the character or motives of any senator or individual testifying are strictly prohibited. In accordance with section 1107 of the Standing Rules of the 38th Guam Legislature, the Chair may order the removal of any individual failing to maintain decorum. We'll now begin with testimony and the appointment of Corazon R. Montellano to the Guam Solid Wave Authority Board of Directors. We have actually, anybody, anyone else other than Ms. Hemlani?

You're. Will you be submitting? I mean you'll be doing oral testimony for. Oh, okay. I don't think, we don't have a complete listing here.

(Senator Lujan has an off-mic discussion with his staff members)

Okay. I will go ahead. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay. We'll now begin with testimony for the appointment of Corazon R. Montellano to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors at this time. Okay, she's already there. And also Mr. Andrew Gayle. Please again, state your name and your position and then we'll start off with Mr. Gayle. Okay, thank you very much.

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Senator Gumataotao, Senator Taitague, thank you for this opportunity. My testimony is actually combined both for Minakshi and for Cora. They're both current board members, so I'll go ahead. Otherwise, I'll just have to say it twice, so.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay, no problem, no problem. Save us time. Looks like it's gonna be a fast one anyway.

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN:

Hafa Adai Senators of the committee and members of the legislature, My name is Andrew Gayle, the current Chairman of the Guam Solid Waste Board of Authority Directors. I am honored to provide this testimony in support of the reappointment and confirmation of Minakshi Hemlani and Cora Montellano to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board. I've had the privilege of working with both Minakshi and Cora for many years as board members. And I can confidently say that they are people of integrity, diligence and vision. With Minakshi's legal background and Cora's public finance background, they both bring professional expertise and a deep commitment to improving the quality of life in Guam. The GSWA faces challenges and opportunities as it works to modernize our island's waste management systems, promote sustainability and ensure environmental compliance. Meenakshi and Cora are well positioned to contribute meaningfully in this regard. Their prior experience with the GMH board. GMH, Excuse me. GSWA board, GMH, GPA, GWA, along with their collaborative approach to problem solving will continue to be a tremendous asset to the board. Beyond their technical qualifications, what stands out about each of them is their dedication to public service. Whether it's through community cleanups, educational outreach, attending

court hearings, or advocating for more efficient recycling practices, they consistently show up and step up. I believe both Minakshi and Cora will bring a thoughtful oversight, transparency and long term planning to GSWA's operations. Their presence on the board will help ensure the authority continues to move toward a more sustainable, accountable and community force, a community focused direction. I respectfully urge this body to confirm Minakshi and Cora to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board. I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and I'm available to answer any questions that you may have. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

[Questions and Discussion] *[Begins at 8:02 and ends at 35:40]*

COMMITTEE NOTE: While the Chairman permitted testimony in support of both appointees simultaneously since they are being considered for the same board, he requested that questions and discussion regarding each appointment be addressed separately, one appointee at a time. Accordingly, the questions and discussion for Corazon R. Montellano has been transcribed below.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Gayle. Appreciate testimony, thank you very much. What I'm going to do as well is, so our staff won't be confused in regards to the question when they put this down in writing. So I'll go ahead and Ask. Thank you very much for stepping up here. Coming, coming up at the table as well. But let me go ahead and we'll go around the questions first for Ms. Corazon first and then we'll come to you. That way it's the, our staff won't be confused as to who, who is speaking and you know, what time. Right. But thank you very much. Okay. So Ms., Ms. Montellano, you shared your professional and personal experiences and definitely Mr. Gayle's testimony. You're definitely qualified, very, very much qualified to sit on the board. In what ways do you believe your background will contribute to the board's oversight and long term planning responsibilities?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Thank you for that question, Mr. Chairman. Like what he has said. I've worked with Guam Power Authority for the last almost 30 years. So I have been their Assistant Chief Financial Officer for that period of time and before that I was a controller at FHP. So with my utility background and at the same time I also had worked with Guam Waterworks for a year. So I have done a lot of rate cases before the PUC. I have done cost of service as well, assisting the Chief Financial Officer and filing with the PUC any the rate cases. And as you know, the LEAC has been every six months. So I'm the person behind that when I was a GPA. So with that experience and background I think I can contribute more to Guam Solid Waste as, as a board member. And I've done that in the past few years that I've been with them. It's just

that my appointment expired so and I'm still attending their meetings as, as you know, not as a member but as a part of the ratepayers of Guam. Yeah.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay. Also when you're in your packet that you submitted, you disclose having a stake in certain consulting companies.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yes.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Yeah. Can you clarify that?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Well, okay. I, I have a license that with, with the Revenue and Tax doing accounting work on the side just to make myself busy because like I said, I've retired five years now. So I'm doing that. And then I'm also a member of an LLC that I, I work with my, my retirees at GPA. So we do some, you know, consulting work with a few companies here on island. Small companies.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay. But, but that being said, and the reason why I'm asking that, because there might, that might be a time where those companies or individuals that, that you have in the past done work for before, come before the board for whatever situation, how would you handle a potential conflict of interest then?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Oh well, like I said. Well, yeah. That had come up also that you know, because right now I'm working. We, we have a project with Public Utility Commission. So I make sure that the work that we do for is not for Guam solid waste, but for other utilities, which we are, we have knowledge of, which is that this with GPA right now. So yeah, so that, you know, I will not have a conflict of interest like with Guam Solid Waste, because Guam Solid Waste, they have their own consultant and PUC has their own also consultants exclusively for Guam Solid Wastes. So if ever I would be involved in that, I would probably recuse myself from it.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay, now, now in your view, I mean sitting, you know, your, your, your time has, has expired. But up for renewal here. In your view, what's the most pressing issues currently facing Guam

Solid Waste Management System and how should the board prioritize addressing those issues?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Well, like I have said in my testimony, I don't know if you've read it, we are now, we have now a rate petition with PUC for Guam Solid Waste, increasing the rates, especially for the residential customers from, I believe we're paying now \$30 a month. Right. For the refuse collection now that will go up to \$35. Because like I said, I'm a finance person. And the first, the first thing that I look at is the financial statement of the authority. And that's when I, you know, I noticed that they're really, I'm not gonna say struggling, but what they're earning over the years is just enough to cover their obligations. And mind you, they have not raised rates for several years. Their revenues have been flat over the years and yet their expenses have gone up. And I noticed, the first thing that I noticed was the Ordot Dump post closure care. And that takes a lot of money and it's a long process. So that alone takes a toll on the financial condition of Guam Solid Waste.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Well, let me ask you because as we speak as well, actually we're going to be going into session here and when are we going to session? In a couple weeks. And one of the bills that we're going to be entertaining, of course, of the universal trash collection as well. You talked about your petition to the PUC regarding rate increase. How, what do you see? Should, should universal trash legislation pass and sign in the law or lapse under law, whatever, however, whatever direction the, the governor may desire to, to have that come into law. Do you see that petition then to the PUC regarding the rate increase decrease then or?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yes. I think there was already a cost of service done and our Manager Irv like has mentioned that before that once the month the collection to be mandatory. Right. So that means all the residential customers will be participating. So that means lower rates for everyone. And we're calculating from 30 can go as low as \$22 per month. So that's a huge decrease if everybody participates. And that's, I think that's our goal is for everyone to really participate and, and that cost can be allocated to a bigger base, bigger customer base.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Do you know how long that would take for to be able to again, for the infrastructure to come in play? Yeah, go ahead. Yeah. Thank you.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: So he can explain better.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay. Yeah. Okay.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: I don't think we can do this one time.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Yeah. Yeah. That being said, how long would it take for, for that to be able to come into effect, to be able to get again universal trash? Because you're going to have to get your infrastructure in place. Right. For that. How long would it take to get that?

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: Thank you. Senator Lujan. My name is Irvin Slyke. I'm the General Manager for Guam Solid Waste. Our staff looked at the timing of implementation. So there's two things that have to occur. One is the purchase and delivery of 40,000 trash and recycling carts. So the last estimate we got from federal GSA is you should plan on at least 12 months from the time that you, you know, for the time that the PO is signed off on the last batch of carts that we actually purchased. There was a protest that lasted roughly six months. So given that, what we plan to at least announce is that if this is passed relatively shortly, we would plan on full implementation in January of 2028. That gives us enough time to get the carts procured, go through a protest potentially. And then as I was explaining to Cora, financially, to move somebody off of a 35 to a \$38 rate to a 22 means that we would, we sort of modeled this before we would do one month of cart delivery, sign the, sign them up to the lower rate, take another month for the other carts to be delivered and then sign them up. So, so that we wouldn't suffer, you know, an enormous loss of revenue if we try to implement it all at once.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: So, so, so let me ask you.

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: So that's a ten month period.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Ten month period. Okay, so the, your petition then with the PUC in regards to the rate increase and should it pass and again, the full implementation won't happen until January of, of 2028, will the, will the increase then kick in and then 2028 it'll drop is that what you're saying?

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: 2028 would be. If that's, if that's the implementation, then it would drop. Everybody would be at 20.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay, but, but in the mean, in the meantime.

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: But some of the people during mid to late 2027 would also get the lower rate.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay. Okay, Ms. Montellano, what strategies or policies do you support to help reduce then the overall waste production and increase waste diversion, such as recycling, composting, landfill alternatives?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah, yeah. Well, on a, On a personal note, like myself, since I retired just before the pandemic, and that's when I realized, you know, I need to start composting, right. Because I'm starting a garden in my backyard. So that's one way of really reducing waste is start composting. So all my scraps from the kitchen, even my leftovers, so it cut my, my, my refuse in half. So that, I mean, as an individual, you know, I, I can do it. What more. You know, most of our residents are encouraged to do that. So that's really one way of reducing, you know, trash that's going to the landfill right now. So that's on my, on my personal yeah. Yeah. But again, if we can probably do some public announcement or public education to start doing that, then we'll probably save a lot to, you know, to all the refuse that are going to.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: How do you, how do you feel. I mean, it's. How do you feel about waste to energy? I mean, it's not gonna, it's not gonna determine whether you get a point.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: It's a good idea, waste to energy I think that has been many times to our General Manager at Guam Power Authority. That has been. I guess there's been back and forth on that. But as far as I remember, the waste to energy is really very expensive and may not be good to the environment. But that, I think an engineer would be able to explain that more.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Yeah, no, no, I, I mean, you know, and I wish we would not talk about a particular contract, but just the concept of a waste to energy in itself, you know, because as we're looking for alternatives and likewise, you know, at some point, maybe not. I'm, I'm hoping it's not. It's within our lifetime, but I mean, the, you know, in Layon. Right. At some point, we're not gonna be able to use that any anymore. And so where else do we go? So just the concept of, Of a waste of energy. Yeah. And I'm sure, you know, there are new technologies that come in, you know, I mean, constantly. Right. Mr. Gayle knows. I mean, you know, I, I think my i15 phone is almost obsolete now, but so new technologies are coming in place constantly. And so what was once, you know, 15, 20 years ago may not be feasible, is not feasible now. But new technologies.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah, with the new technology, it may be, but again, I'm not sure at this time.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay, one last question and then I'll ask my colleagues have any questions for you, and then we'll go to Hemlani. Given the Solid Waste Board's role in overseeing critical public service, how would you ensure, of course, transparency, accountability and public trust in the decisions made by the board?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Sorry, sir?

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Yeah, based on, again, you know, the critical nature of, of course, the board that you're, you're sitting on, how would you ensure that there's transparency, accountability? Not, not to say that it's not, but how would you ensure that it continues? Right, and the public trust and decisions that are made by the board?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah, I think we have been transparent. I mean, we have our board meeting every month and we do it on zoom. And, you know, I'm sure, you know, those who are interested can see what issues that we are discussing every, every month and how we're resolving whatever issues that Guam Solid Waste would be presenting to the board. And we work collaboratively, and I really love this group, to be honest with you, Our chairman, Minashki and the other two members, we work collaboratively to ensure, you know, that we address all the issues. And I think we've been transparent on all of this, you know, during the time that I've been with them or since 2021.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you. Senator, Senator Shawn, can we limit the questions to just Ms. Montellano right now? Thank you.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Cora, for being here. And after a long career at GPA, why you would want to come and serve in a board is. I'm still scratching my head because I'm sure you could be retired. But it is good seeing you here at the Guam legislature. I just wanted to ask just a quick question. What do you think is the biggest challenge that really does face the Solid Waste Authority outside of perhaps going down the road of trying to, you know, do this universal trash question. What is the biggest challenge that you see that you guys face on the Board?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Again, being a finance person, right. I think the challenge that they have right now is because we know that the Ordot dump, that's already taken care of. They have money for the post closure care of that plant. Now we have to look for the other landfill, the Layon landfill. I don't know how many years it has before it's closed. And then of course, there's post closure care and they don't have money for that. That's why we are asking for this rate increase so we can fund that. And at the same time, they have to think long term. Right. They need to see when are we going to open the new landfill in the next few years and how they're going to fund it. So it's critical again, the financial health of the Guam Solid Waste. So I think that's the next one that they need to look into. I mean, not, I mean right now and in the next few.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Okay. And for me, I...

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: And also the, I guess the receivership. I think that's gonna end soon. Yeah.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Do you think that the receivership is posed a greater problem than say, just opening a land, opening another landfill? Or, or I guess going to the next phase of the landfill process?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: No, I think we just don't want to go back to the way it was before. That's why we were in the receivership. We were not able to plan for the landfill, the closure, and the post closure care for that. So we need to plan ahead and make sure we don't go back to receivership. We want to take care of our own, our own thing here on Guam rather than have the receivership take over and, and it's more expensive, mind you. So I think we're better off. We have a good manager on board right now who can really take care of everything from collection to the landfill operation and, you know, maintenance.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: All right, thank you so much, Cora. And I do look forward to voting on a, and positively for your confirmation to the board. Thank you so much again for your service to the people of Guam.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator. Shawn. Senator Taitague.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon to my colleagues and of course, good afternoon to those who are here. *Biba Betnes*, it's Friday. Hallelujah. You know, so. But first, thank you so much for wanting to step up to the plate and serve on this board. A very critical board. You. A lot of times we get calls about the rates, you know, of our bills, their bills, and you know, the tipping fees and what's going on, you know, why is it being raised, etc. So I guess my question to the two of you sitting on this board and you are returning individuals, right? Okay, so just state for me how long, how many terms this is, how long is your term and what are you going to do to ensure that the prices of the tipping fees are going to stay at a level that's more affordable for our community.

Speaker Corazon R. Montelano: Well, I think this..

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Just speak directly into the mic. Pull the mic closer there. Thank you. Sorry, this room is very bad. Echoes a lot.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Sorry. Yeah, thank you Senator for that question. I think my term is for four years, if I'm not mistaken. And I think my last term is. Can't remember it was two years and then I assumed somebody else's term. So I think mine was shorter. So that why, that's why I'm now here for appointment for I think four years, if I'm not mistaken. Yeah, yeah, we'll clarify that.

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN: The terms of the, the terms of the Guam Solid Waste Authority board members. By statute, there's no term. In the last appointment letters from Governor Calvo and from Governor Leon Guerrero there were term limits, which is why they're, which is why the terms expired. But I believe if you read the appointment letters now, there is not a term. So that's, that's to answer your question.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Okay, so that's not even in legislation or by Guam Code Annotated on..

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN: Yeah, yeah, I think the..

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: I think that was something that was bypassed?

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN: The enabling legislation doesn't have a term limit for the board members.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Is there a recommendation by the board or by the director of, of Guam Solid Waste to incorporate the term?

ANDREW GAYLE, GSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CHAIRMAN: I don't have a recommendation at this particular time.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Okay. So you, you've served two years already and now you're going for a term that the governor is to going put you in for another for four years. Correct? Okay.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: That's my understanding. Senator, I don't know if.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: No, no, you're doing good.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: I think so I have to go back to the letter.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Yeah, no worries. And then of course, what will you be doing to ensure that the, you know, tipping fees, you know, stay at a reasonable amount for our, you know, community to have to afford?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Again, Senator, if we can push forward with the mandatory island wide trash collection that we would really would put our rates lower than what is actually what it is now. And then if we can also push forward with the lifeline rate for the, you know, low income families and individuals, then, you know, I mean, this would really help everyone on the island. And like at GPA and GWA, they have lifeline rates. So we can help and work together to, to push forward with that. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: And thank you for that, Mr. Chair. We're just doing one appointee at a time?

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Okay. So that being we'll save my Question for you later. Okay. Have a little more time to think about that one. You know, when you said that, I looked at your application and that you're in retire mode. So I thank you so much for that. You know, I'm. I'm hoping that you make every single meeting that there is. And, you know, when you talked about you're putting a farm together, you know, a lot of people, a friend of mine actually had said this. Actually a couple of them said, you know, I said, hey, you're in retirement age. You know, why. Why are you. Why aren't you retiring? And they said, well, because I don't know how to farm.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: It's really difficult, but once you start, it's great.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Right? Well, I'm looking forward to it. I might not have a green thumb, but I'm looking forward to it. And that brings me to a situation where our landfill, about 29% of our landfill is, is filled with food, you know, wasted food. You know, you're looking at almost 20,000 tons, you know, that, that is into our landfill. I mean, and this creates, of course, much, you know, issues with the environment. So is there anything that the board has been talking about how to deal with this huge amount of food waste into our landfill?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah. Like I've said before, remember when I retired in 2020, that's when I realized I need to do something about the food waste and the kitchen scraps that I have at home. So, like I said earlier, I really have cut my refuse in half by just simply doing that. I mean, you know, when I started my gardening, I started composting and, and that really, and that really helped.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: You know, is there any way that you. We can, you know, put that on to the public where their outreach programs and education sources and funding for that?

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah, that's what I was saying. If you can be more open to, you know, public announcement on, on those kind of things. Yeah. And, you know, I mean, little things can help.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Does Solid Waste have any funding for that, that educational side of it? And i'll ask Mr. Slyke.

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: Excuse me. At this time, no. However, we have, I have, as a manager, supported those programs in Frederick, Maryland, and Windsor, Connecticut. So they, they are possible. Yeah.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: And. And is, how much funding? Well, kind of think of a Guam scale. Right. Because we're not like in millions of people versus, you know, Guam is 155,000. So.

IRVIN SLYKE, GSW GENERAL MANAGER: So when I was approached by Jacobs when they put together the solid waste plan I had strenuously advocated for, if you wanted to go to Food waste compost. Start with the commercial sector first because they are in a position to separate out the food from other sorts of contaminants. When you go to individual households with food waste, you end up with a whole bunch of contaminants. And it's very expensive and it's a very small quantity that you can get. So my thought was to go to the commercial, the restaurants, the hotels, the supermarkets who throw away the produce. Go to those first, get the bulk of the clean compostable material, and then do that. And then the backyard composting is something that, you know, conscientious people like Cora take the time to make sure they don't put inappropriate material in their own backyard compost because they suffer the consequences. And so in the past, we've had U.S. EPA fund the distribution of the compost bins and we would provide, you know, the advertising and the distribution.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Yeah, that was my next question. How are you collaborating with EPA? But you just said it. You just need some funding, though, to move forward on it. And again, if you can come up with that number, money amount and let your oversight chair, you know, know how much something like that would cost. I mean, 20 tons of food in our, in the landfill, which creates, you know, gases that are detrimental to our environment. You know, I do like to commend you on your website. You know, I'm a stickler for websites and seeing that every board has been, you know, meeting every month has been met, you know, greatly appreciate that. Thank you. Kudos to that person. You know, I always feel real happy because transparency is everything. You know, if you want to show the public that you're doing a job that is meant for them, then you will notify them on everything you do. And that also brings trust from the community, you know, for that. So now in the 30th Guam legislature, first time I became senator, I introduced legislation that would create, well, just an assessment on methane recovery from the landfill, our current landfill. So do you. Can you say, is there anything regarding methane recovery in the mix of looking forward to capturing that, that energy or renewable energy at all? Have you. The board. I'm going to ask the board this, you know, and I'll put you on the hot seat in another day. But it's. Have you, the board ever talked about that missing recovery? Oh, you just turn on your mic.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Yeah, yeah, I think we have discussed that earlier on. I think Mr. Slyke was the one who proposed it that once

we close one of the, Layon landfill, to put solar panels on top of it so that we can, you know, produce power out of it. And so that's one idea of, you know, using the land, you know, upon we. Upon closure of that landfill. So that's one good idea that we haven't really started talking to GPA yet, but I think one time we did ask for a grant for that. I don't think that has. We haven't gotten anything on that yet. So that's one idea.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Yes. Twice for a grant for that. And I think DPW did some work, hopefully, because back then, like I said, it was in 2009 that I introduced that legislation. But it's something that we can have an opportunity. I know that friends who, who take that crossroad to Yona at home, they can see the. The fire just burning constantly, you know, from the old landfill, you know, that we had. And this is energy that we can kind of capture, even if it is just to power up certain areas. It's going to save us some money. And we need to be in that mode of finding ways to save, you know, save money, considering the predicament we're in. Other than that, Cora, I know you definitely have the means and, and of course, the talent that's needed for this board because of your background. And I greatly appreciate you wanting to continue to serve. So as I tell everybody if there's anything I can do to help you or if you find something that's kind of, you know, shenaniganish like, please feel free to tell it to Telo or give me a call.

CORAZON R. MONTELLANO, APPOINTEE: Thank you, Senator. Will Do.

SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE: Thank you. Okay *Esta*. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator Taitague.

[Committee Moves Into Q&D For Minakshi V. Hemlani's Nomination]

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee *finds* that Corazon R. Montellano brings substantial financial expertise and utility governance experience to the Guam Solid Waste Authority Board, having served nearly 30 years with the Guam Power Authority and previously with Guam Waterworks Authority. Her professional background in utility rate cases, cost of service analysis, and financial planning equips her to guide GSWA in managing its fiscal health, addressing post-closure care obligations, and planning for future landfill needs while protecting ratepayers'

interests. The Committee *further finds* that Ms. Montellano demonstrates personal commitment to sustainability practices, including composting and community education, and has actively supported initiatives to lower rates through the island-wide collection policy and potential lifeline rates for low-income households.

The Committee *concludes* that Corazon R. Montellano's continued service on the GSWA Board will support the Authority's financial stability, transparency, and long-term planning. Her readiness to recuse herself in potential conflicts of interest reflects her commitment to ethical governance, and her collaborative approach contributes to the Board's effectiveness in addressing challenges such as rate stabilization, post-closure landfill management, and advancing sustainability initiatives on Guam.

The Committee *therefore* reports favorably on the appointment of Corazon R. Montellano to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors with the Guam Solid Waste Authority, with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.