

<i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> APPOINTMENTS												
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38GL-25-0207	Conchita S.N. Taitano	Member	Board of Directors Port Authority of Guam	2/13/25	Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation	2/20/25	Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs.	4/1/25	5/6/25			



May 4, 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 Appointment of Conchita San Nicolas Taitano

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Conchita San Nicolas Taitano to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam, Board of Directors for a term of Three (3) years from the date of confirmation.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>4</u>	TO DO CONFIRM
<u> </u>	TO NOT CONFIRM
<u>4</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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May 5, 2025 11:12 a.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of

Conchita San Nicolas Taitano

**As a Member of the
Port Authority of Guam, Board of Directors
for a Term of Three (3) Years; from Date of
Confirmation**

Authored by:
The Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan



May 4, 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 Appointment of Conchita San Nicolas Taitano**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report of **Conchita San Nicolas Taitano** to serve as a **Member** of the **Port Authority of Guam, Board of Directors for a term of Three (3) Years from the date of Confirmation.**

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

February 20, 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: **Conchita SN Taitano**

Position: **Member**

Term Length: **Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation**

Please refer the following document:

“Doc. No. 38GL-25-0207 – Office of the Governor – Appointment and Supporting Documents for Conchita SN Taitano, Member, Port Authority of Guam 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 forwarded 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

February 13, 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

38GL-25-0207
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

FEB 17 2025
Time: 4:38pm
Received: [Signature]

RE: Board Reappointment

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker:

By virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Organic Act of Guam, 12 GCA § 10103, and all other applicable local laws, I am pleased to transmit the following reappointment and supporting documents:

APPOINTEE: Conchita SN Taitano

POSITION: Member, Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam

TERM LENGTH: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

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

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam



38GL-25-0207

Messages and Communications

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COMMITTEE ON RULES
February 17, 2025

5:12 p.m.

Kamarin Nelson

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

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

February 13, 2025

CONCHITA SN TAITANO

Håfa Adai Ms. Taitano:

Pursuant to my authority under the Organic Act of Guam, 12 GCA § 10103, and all other applicable laws, I am reappointing you to serve as a:

**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**

Term Length: Three (3) Years; From Date of Confirmation

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 for others to follow. 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,

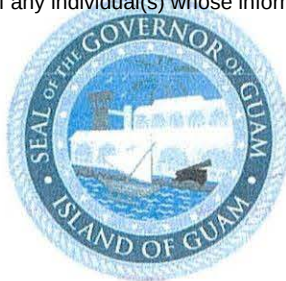
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

cc: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam
Rory J. Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX
513 W. Marine Corps Drive Hagåtña, Guam 96910
governor.guam.gov | (671) 472-8931

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 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in accordance with Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Section 2103

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name Taitano	First Name Conchita	Middle Initial SN
Mailing Address [REDACTED]		Apartment/Unit #
City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED]	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]	E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Position to which Appointment is Made Port Authority of Guam Board Member		
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 John F. Kennedy High School, Tumon, Guam		High School Diploma	1979
College University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California		Bachelor of Science (Biology)	1986
Graduate School University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California		Master of Science (Environmental Management)	1990
Other Degree UNU, Tokyo, JP; UNESCO-IHE, Delft, ND; MIT, Cambridge, MA		Certificates (Sustainability, Environment, & Environmental Policy Making)	2004; 2005; 2024

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Present/Last Employer and Mailing Address Guam Environmental Protection Agency	Position Title Air and Land Division Administrator
	Dates Held 1996-2022
Previous Employer and Mailing Address Guam Environmental Protection Agency	Position Title Environmental Health Specialist
	Dates Held 1989-1996
Previous Employer and Mailing Address	Position Title
	Dates Held
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 See Above	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 Not Applicable		Position Title
Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

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Address	Phone No.	Dates Held

TRAINING

INSTITUTE/SEMINARS/ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	DATE
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (RCRA C Permitting)	1990

AWARDS

List all educational, professional, civic awards, and recognition for public service:
MIT Fire Hydrant Award (2024)
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection - Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Recognition
USEPA, Region IX Letters Commendation (RCRA C Rule making)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

List involvement on a local/national/international level. List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:
Port Authority of Guam, Board of Directors, Vice Chairperson
Association of Pacific Ports, Executive Board, 1st Vice President
Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) - Past President, President, Vice President, and Region 9 Board Representative.
Solid Waste Association of North America Pacific Basin Chapter (SWANA PBC) - Founding President, Board Member

COMMUNITY / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

List organizations, activities participated in, and offices held:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Yigo, GU - Lector

Soroptimist International of the Marianas - President-Elect, President, Past President

Guam Women's Club - Member

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

A Feasibility on Hazardous Waste Incineration on Guam

The Road to Sustainability: Regional Recycling in Micronesia

Contributing Author: Guam Food Waste Assessment & Guidance for Small Island Communities; Greening Roadway Infrastructure and Biosolids Composting; Tinian Zero Waste Plan; CNMI Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; Port Authority of Guam Sustainability and Resilience Plan

MILITARY SERVICE (Please attach Form DD-214)

BRANCH	DATES OF SERVICE	RANK AT DISCHARGE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
Not Applicable			

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: Not Applicable

Address of the Court: Not Applicable

Date(s) of Conviction: Not Applicable

Specific Infraction Committed: Not Applicable

(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:

Not Applicable

(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:

Not Applicable

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: Conchita San Nicolas Taitano

☐ 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
Aniten Oceania, Inc	Non-Profit Organization; 501(c)3; 1 of 4 Directors
Pacific Galleon, LLC	Consulting & Importation; 100%
Conchita SN Taitano	House Rental; 100%
NOTHING ELSE FOLLOWS	NOTHING ELSE FOLLOWS

Signature

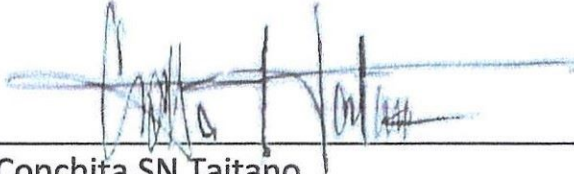
2/5/25

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.



Conchita SN Taitano

5 February 2025

Date



Government of Guam
GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION SECTION
P.O. Box 23909
Guam Main Facility, Guam 96921



February 6, 2025

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

NAME:	Conchita SN TAITANO		
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: andrea

The absence of an original GUAM POLICE
seal invalidates this police clearance.
REVISED 04/26/19

STEPHEN C. IGNACIO
Chief of Police



Superior Court of Guam

Guam Judicial Center • 120 West O'Brien Dr • Hagåtña, Gu. 96910
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: **CONCHITA SN TAITANO**

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: 02/06/2025

Janice M. Camacho-Perez
Clerk of Court

By: 

Prepared by: Rodney-Joe P
Manibusan, Deputy Clerk



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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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

Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 9:06 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 25, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan

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If you would like to participate in any of the Public Hearings listed above or submit written testimony, please contact the Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan for further assistance via email at senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov or by phone at (671) 969-6525.

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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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PUBLIC HEARING



 **Posted on:** 03/25/2025 09:07 AM

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

 **Public Hearing Date:** 04/01/2025 02:00 PM

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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April 1, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARING



 **Posted on:** 03/28/2025 09:18 AM

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

 **Public Hearing Date:** 04/01/2025 02:00 PM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 28, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan

RE: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 2:00PM.

The Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025** beginning at **2:00PM** at the Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building. The agenda is as follows:

2:00PM

- [Appointment](#) - **MENDIOLA, Mark B.C.** - Member - Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam.
- [Appointment](#) - **TAITANO, Conchita S.N.** - Member - Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam.
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Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Date:

April 1, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

APPOINTMENT: TAITANO, CONCHITA S.N. - Member Board of Directors, Port Authority of Guam

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1	Te Cuales						✓	
2	Conchita Taitano							
3	Lolita San Taitano						✓	
4	Gary Respicio	PER			✓		✓	
5	Gov. Joseph Ada					✓	✓	
6	Melissa Taitano						✓	
7	Dorothy Harris	PAG			✓	✓	✓	
8	Christine Taitano						✓	
9	Joseph Taitano						✓	
10	Rhea Taitano						✓	

March 26, 2025

The Honorable Jesse A. Lujan
Chairman
Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs,
Utilities, and Federal & Foreign Affairs
38th Guam Legislature

Dear Chairman Lujan,

I write to offer my strong and unequivocal recommendation of Ms. Conchita San Nicolas Taitano for her nomination to serve on the Board of Directors for the Port Authority of Guam. I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Taitano and can speak directly to her competency, integrity, and deep commitment to public service—qualities that make her an exceptional asset to the Port Authority and the broader community of Guam.

Ms. Taitano and I served together on the Association of Pacific Ports, where I, as President of the Association, relied on her insight and expertise in Pacific port infrastructure and environmental management. Her contributions were central to our advocacy for the sustainable advancement of ports across the region. Beyond our roles within our respective port authorities, I also had the pleasure of working alongside Ms. Taitano during her efforts in supporting the comprehensive planning and analysis of the solid waste management system on the island of Tinian—a critical initiative that benefitted greatly from her technical acumen and practical leadership.

In every experience I have had with Ms. Taitano over the course of these many years, I have been consistently impressed by her sharp intellect, thoughtful problem-solving, and the genuine care she brings to the communities she serves. She is not only exceptionally talented and insightful, but she is also driven by a profound sense of responsibility to the people of Guam and to the development of our region.

I would not hesitate to recommend Ms. Taitano for any position of trust or leadership. Her qualifications, character, and work ethic speak for themselves. That she is willing to serve on the Board of the Port Authority of Guam is not only commendable, but a significant benefit to

the people of Guam. She will bring tremendous skill, vision, and heart to the role.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information. I am proud to support Ms. Taitano's nomination and confident she will serve with distinction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH' followed by a stylized flourish.

Kimberlyn King-Hinds
Member of Congress



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April 1, 2025

Honorable Jesse A. Lujan
Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities
And Federal & Foreign Affairs
38th Guam Legislature
259 Martyr Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Reappointment of Vice Chair Conchita S.N. Taitano

Chairperson Jesse Lujan and Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony in full support of the reappointment of Conchita S.N. Taitano to the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam.

Vice Chair Taitano brings over 25 years of environmental leadership to this role, with a long and distinguished career at the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. She is widely recognized for leading the island's zero waste movement and for her work in integrating environmental protection into public policy and infrastructure development. Her experience and commitment have significantly strengthened the Port's direction, particularly in clean operations and climate resilience.

Conchita was instrumental in securing a \$2.4 million federal Clean Ports grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—an achievement that made Guam the only U.S. territory awarded in the program's first round of funding. This grant supports a comprehensive Net Zero Emissions Strategy Update and Implementation Plan, which includes:

- A mobile emissions inventory tailored to Port operations,
- An updated decarbonization roadmap,
- A workforce development strategy to prepare employees for clean energy careers,
- A resiliency plan to assess and address climate vulnerabilities, and
- A clear, actionable implementation plan for electrification and emission reductions.

Her leadership ensured that this project also includes robust community engagement, reinforcing her belief that environmental progress must be transparent and inclusive.

She also led the development of the Port's Sustainability and Resiliency Plan, supported by a \$1.45 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation—\$700,000 of which was allocated specifically for sustainability objectives. The

plan outlines real strategies to move the Port toward zero-emission and zero-waste operations, including a recycling enterprise zone and using recycled materials for infrastructure—practical solutions rooted in circular economy thinking.

She was the driving force behind the Port Board's adoption of the Zero-Emission and Zero-Waste Resiliency and Sustainability Goals, now fully embedded in the "Look Ahead 2025" framework. Her foresight has positioned the Port not just as a critical logistics hub, but as an environmental leader in the region.

Her advocacy for nature-based solutions—such as living shorelines to address erosion and flooding—reflects her deep understanding of Guam's vulnerabilities and her commitment to long-term, place-based resilience.

Vice Chair Taitano's professional development also reflects her dedication to excellence. She completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professional Education certification in Sustainability: Strategies and Opportunities for Industry, bringing globally-informed sustainability practices to our local operations.

Under her governance leadership, the Port was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting by the Association of Government Accountants for Fiscal Year 2021. That recognition speaks to her steady commitment to transparency, accountability, and service to the people of Guam.

Vice Chair Taitano's contributions have been supported by the Port's executive leadership team, including General Manager Rory J. Respicio, the Deputy General Managers, and the division heads—all of whom have worked in alignment to advance the Port's environmental and governance priorities. Her leadership has also resonated across the entire workforce, with Port employees playing a critical role in translating strategy into real, measurable progress. Her reappointment helps preserve this unified momentum at every level of the organization.

She is a strategic thinker, a team player, and a values-driven leader. Her reappointment ensures the continuity of critical work already in motion and preserves the depth of knowledge and vision the Board depends on.

I strongly and respectfully urge this body to confirm Conchita S.N. Taitano's reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase.*

Sincerely,



Dorothy P. Harris
Chairperson
PAG Board of Directors

April 1, 2025

Senator Jesse A. Lujan
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation, Tourism,
Customs, Utilities, and Federal and
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Hagatna, GU 96910

Re: Re-Confirmation Hearing for Conchita SN Taitano
Member of Board of Directors Port Authority of Guam

Hafa Adai Senator Lujan,

I am writing this testimony in enthusiastic support of Conchita Taitano's re-nomination to serve on the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam. I have worked with Conchita for over 18 years in her capacity as Air and Land Administrator for Guam EPA. During that time, she proved to be very dedicated to the mission of the agency and to protecting the environment for the people of Guam. Her love of the island was well demonstrated in decisions she made as a steward of Guam's environment. Her decisions and leadership demonstrated a keen intellect, understanding and appreciation for the function of government in making things better for all that live on Guam. Conchita was a founding member of the SWANA Pacific Basin Chapter where she also served as its first president. By helping to create and steer this solid waste organization, this has kept Guam at the forefront of the discussions on solid waste and recycling management regionally. She has made many personal sacrifices to serve the people of Guam. I believe she will continue with this exemplary service in the future and will continue to look out for the interest of the people of Guam should she be confirmed to another term as a member of the Port Authority Board of Directors. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or via email at raperron@mrrubbishman.com. Thank you for this opportunity to speak in favor of MS Taitano's re-confirmation.



Robert Perron
Guahan Waste Control
Past Chairman of the Board Guam EPA

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Jesse A. Lujan
Senator, 38th Guam Legislature
Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and
Foreign Affairs
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Letter of Support for Conchita SN Taitano's Reconfirmation to the Jose D.
Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors

Dear Chairman Lujan,

Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'åse for this opportunity to submit my letter of support for the nomination of Ms. Conchita San Nicolas Taitano to the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors.

Having served as Governor of Guam from 1987 to 1995, I understand the critical importance of appointing talented, qualified individuals with technical expertise, professional experience, a commitment to improving the lives of our island community, and dedication to sustainable development. As many of you may recall, the Ada-Blas Administration prioritized infrastructure modernization as the foundation for Guam's economic growth and resilience. The Port Authority of Guam was, and remains, a vital infrastructure component, serving as our island's lifeline for commerce, trade, and economic opportunity.

Ms. Taitano, a daughter of Guåhan, began her career after successfully completing a Master's degree in Environmental Science at the University of San Francisco. Hired under the Ada-Blas Administration through the Pro-Tech scholarship program, an initiative designed to build our local capacity by providing opportunities for our young people to obtain the skills, training, and education necessary to move Guåhan into the future, Ms. Taitano served at Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA).

Over 33 years at GEPA, she built a successful career in the area of *Sustainable Waste Management and Solid Waste* and was dedicated to protecting our island environment. She established a reputation as a tenacious vanguard of Guåhan's environment and its residents. Her professional and technical expertise was, and remains, proven and unmatched.

Ms. Taitano's professional accomplishments did not go unnoticed. She handily led large-scale projects such as the *Zero Waste Plan*, which became the foundation of recycling in Guam. Because of her commitment to public service, Ms. Taitano voluntarily took on various roles

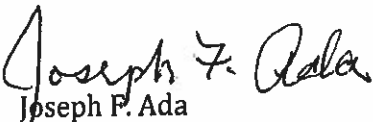
in environmental protection endeavors locally, regionally, and globally over three (3) decades.

Her professional experience and technical expertise were so highly sought after that between 2019-2020, she served as the 45th President of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO). Ms. Taitano was the first individual from the Territories, the first CHamoru, and the first CHamoru woman to hold the highest position of responsibility and prestige in the organization's history. Her dedication to public service is also proven and beyond reproach.

The combination of environmental expertise and commitment to public service is critical for the Port Authority of Guam. As our island continues to develop its maritime infrastructure, we must do so with careful consideration of environmental impacts and sustainability. Ms. Taitano's professional experience, educational background, and demonstrated commitment to Guam qualify her to help guide the Port Authority of Guam toward a future that honors our economic needs and environmental responsibilities, and ensures that economic development and environmental stewardship will be viewed not as competing interests but as complementary goals that can and must be achieved simultaneously.

Please reconfirm Ms. Taitano's appointment. Allow her to contribute her much-needed technical skills and expertise, knowledge, and insights to Guam's continued economic development through service on the Port Authority Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Joseph F. Ada

Former Governor of Guam (1987-1995)

The Honorable Joseph F. Ada

Governor of Guam (1987-1994)



April 1, 2025

The Honorable Jesse A. Lujan
Mina'Trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Majority Leader
Chairman, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs,
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259 Martyr St.
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RE: Testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Conchita Taitano to the Port Authority of Guam

Håfa Adai Senator Lujan and Members of the Committee ,

It is with great pleasure that I stand in support of the confirmation of Ms. Conchita Taitano as Board of Director to the Port Authority of Guam.

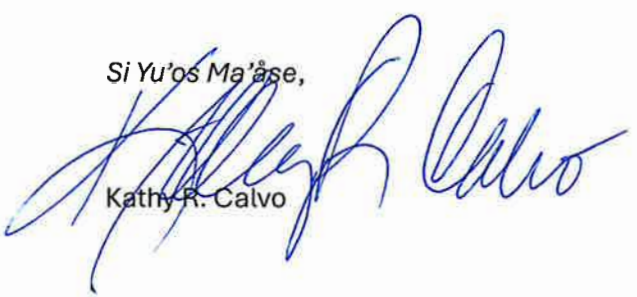
I was privileged to collaborate with Ms. Taitano on numerous projects throughout the years pertaining to recycling and sustainability efforts for our island. On a personal note, we are friends and share a passion for outdoor activities.

There is no doubt that Conchita is a hard-working, and intelligent individual who will always have the best interest of our island in the forefront of her decision-making. I believe she was extremely competent in her prior term as board member of the Port Authority. I'm confident she will continue to be an engaging and productive member of the Port Authority Board. Now more than ever, the port needs hard-working directors with the caliber of Ms. Conchita Taitano.

Thank you for your consideration.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

Kathy R. Calvo





COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Nomination of Conchita San Nicolas Taitano to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam, Board of Directors to serve a term of Three (3) Years from the date of Confirmation

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Senator Shelly Vargas Calvo <i>2nd Vice Chairperson</i>						
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/5/2025			X		
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/4/2025			X		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/5/2025			X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/5/2025			X		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/5/2025	X				
Senator Joe S. San Agustin <i>Member</i>	EVOTE 5/5/2025	X				
Senator William A. Parkinson <i>Member</i>						



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Sun, May 4, 2025 at 7:18 PM

To: jalcommittee@guamlegislature.gov

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Senseremente,

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

Sun, May 4, 2025 at 7:32 PM

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Sun, May 4, 2025 at 7:33 PM

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>

Mon, May 5, 2025 at 6:32 AM

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Mon, May 5, 2025 at 9:40 AM

To: Senator Shawn Gumataotao <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>

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Respectfully,



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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 **Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano** to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam's Board of Directors on **Tuesday, April 1, 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 **Tuesday, March 25, 2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Friday, March 28, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT

Jesse A. Lujan, Chairman

Christopher M. Dueñas, 1st Vice Chairperson

Frank F. Blas, Jr., Member

Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Member

Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Member

Legislative Secretary, Sabrina Salas Matanane, Member

D. Christopher Barnett

Telo T. Taitague

Therese M. Terlaje

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Donna Muña Quinata, President/CEO, Guam AutoSpot

Gerry S.A. Perez, Self

Rory J. Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam (PAG)

Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson, PAG Board of Directors

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Rory J. Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam (PAG)

Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson, PAG Board of Directors

Kimberly King-Hinds, Member of Congress

Robert Perron, *former* Chairman, Guam EPA Board

Joseph F. Ada, former Governor

Kathy R. Calvo, Self

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for the appointment of Mr. Mark B.C. Mendiola was called to order at [6:43PM](#).

COMMITTEE NOTE: Individuals who testified during the appointment hearing for Mr. Ho S. Eun also offered comments on the appointment of Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano. Accordingly, those statements have been placed in this digest.

The Chairman of the Committee permitted individuals to provide testimony on both appointees concurrently, given that the nominations pertain to the same board.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: We're back from recess. We'll now proceed with the hearing testimony again for the appointments of: Mr. Mark B.C. Mendiola and Ms. Conchita S. N. Taitano to the members of the Port Authority Board of Directors. Colleagues may I remind you that we have a five (5) minute rule, of course, the questions, the appointees, the panel before us, but before we proceed with questions from my colleagues, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of today's hearing. The appointment of the board member of the Port Authority of Guam is a matter of great significance as these individuals play a key role in setting the policies and direction of the agency. It is because of this responsibility that we must ensure appointees are prepared to address the challenges facing the Port Authority, including those that have recently come to the public attention. While I recognize that an ongoing investigation limits what can be discussed, it is my duty to ask how these nominees and the leadership

of the Port Authority plan to uphold the highest standards of governance, accountability, and workplace integrity. It is important to address a matter that is undoubtedly in the minds of many of my colleagues, including myself. As Oversight Chairman of the Port Authority, I have the responsibility of the people of Guam to ensure transparency and accountability, especially in light of the recent developments. With that, we have a few questions. Of course, we'll have questions from the senators here, but we'll go ahead and start off again with Ms. Dorothy Harris. Go ahead, identify yourself. I'd like to acknowledge also that Mr. Mediola's family, wife and kids have been here since before 2:00PM this afternoon. Thank you for that. And we apologize that it has taken this long, but thank you very much. What commitment. What a great dad! Great kids and family. Thank you very much for that. Ms. Harris, go ahead, please.

DOROTHY P. HARRIS, CHAIRPERSON, PAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am Dorothy Perez Harris. I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port. I am going to submit testimony in support of both nominees at this time.

[Ms. Harris reads into the record her submitted written testimonies which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Harris.
Senator (*former* - Mr. Respicio)?

RORY J. RESPICIO, GENERAL MANAGER, PAG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following the lead of our Chairperson, I also have written testimony that I'd like to quickly enter into the record for our Vice Chair, Conchita Taitano, Chairperson, Jesse Lujan, and members of the Committee.

[Mr. Respicio reads into the record his submitted written testimony for Ms. Taitano which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

The other testimony that we have is for the support of the confirmation of Mr. Mark Mendiola, also to serve on the Port Authority Guam Board of Directors

[Mr. Respicio reads into the record his submitted written testimony for Mr. Mendiola which has been appended to this Committee Report.]

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: Is that it?

RORY J. RESPICIO, GENERAL MANAGER, PAG: That concludes my testimony.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: I thought you were going to read something else.

RORY J. RESPICIO, GENERAL MANAGER, PAG: No.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Ms. Taitano go ahead.

MS. CONCHITA S.N. TAITANO, APPOINTEE, PAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Senator Lujan and Honorable members of the 38th Guam Legislature. For the record, my name is Conchita San Nicolas Taitano. Thank you for this opportunity. In May of 2022, I was here as a newly minted retiree from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency seeking your approval of my nomination to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors. Now, the makeup of any board should be diverse. You'll notice that as the general manager pointed out, that the port board is comprised of individuals who bring different professional backgrounds with the intent of providing well rounded perspectives that would enhance the management and operation of a critical marine port that serves Guam, CNMI and Micronesia. I would like to emphasize critical, because if you shut down the port, you shut down commerce to the region. So In May 2022, I made it clear that the Leon Guerrero Tenorio administration nominated me

primarily because of my strong environmental perspective, that I could bring that to the port and that has not changed. That is still my primary focus and I try to stay with what I know best. So, as I mentioned in my first Hearing I said, you know, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port is a pivotal regional hub as a critical economic and transportation infrastructure. Environmental challenges are expected as we modernize the facility. Now, during my term, I focused on making the port environmentally conscious in its activities, including pursuing federal grant opportunities beyond the U.S. Maritime Administration or MARAD. I emphasize this because they said, what can we take a look at the US EPA grants? As mentioned by both Dot and Rory. And we were very good, you know, we were very successful at that. I said, we pursued also funding from NOAA to remove the remaining derelict vessels at Apra Harbor and then lastly, work with the federal highways and DPW on an alternative on the management or rather the reuse of used plastics, single use plastics in road construction. I can tell, you know, of course, things are not quite settled. There is a new administration and we work with that. We know from NOAA that they've told us, well, everything is on hold right now. And we understand that we're told from Federal Highways that we are, you know, everything is, is on hold right now. But we were confident with our grant applications for both those other two entities because there was a callback, they said they were interested, they wanted to know, get more information. You don't get that from, you know, the grantor. In fact, for Federal Highways, they wanted to do more than just studying. They wanted to go into full implementation. So that was very encouraging. And where that is today, you know, we're waiting and we're very hopeful. So again, these grant opportunities, I was trying to encourage those grant opportunities to be more sustainable and climate change resilient. And I want to, before I continue, I'd like to pause momentarily and ask the senators to consider what environment means to them. It represents something more fundamental than the natural capital that we see. So please consider that the environment is where we live, where we sleep, where we work and where we play. And, and just, and I just, just, you know, keep that in mind before I continue. And I said, so with that said and something that the GM mentioned about funding from

the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, which is OLDCC, and that's, that was the Office of Economic Adjustment and many of you have worked with Gary Kobara before. So OEA changed to OLDCC, same entity, but different name. And PAG received funding to do a zero waste study that audits the waste generated by the port and identifies areas that would establish the Recycling Enterprise Zone which was created by Public Law 28-092 back in December 2005. I might also add that that is was Senator Respicio's bill that became into law. And so one of the pursuits. Well okay, there's a law, we need to fulfill that and I've always said this is something we will take a look at. We were very fortunate to get this federal funding. So the second study was to audit the scope one and two emissions generated by port operations by the port. Why are these studies important? Okay, well the benefits can be multi-layered but more immediately we're looking at decreasing the amount of waste generated to the port going into the landfill. That saves money and reduces the impact to Layon Landfill. Decreasing air emissions leads to a healthier work environment for staff and a cleaner and cleaner air for residents from our host community, the municipality of Piti. The work was completed in December of 2024 and as the general manager pointed out as well as the chair, the board chairs that this study is part of the ports modernization plan. Now because of the data, like with anything, you can't move forward without data. So with the data from this work that's funded by OLDCC, the port was successful in its grant application to EPA to conduct a scope three assessment. So what is that? Right, Scope three emissions. These are emissions from sources not directly generated by the port but on port property. So these are emissions from the port users' operations and the vehicles that pick up the containers. There is also natural erosion on the shoreline of the port and sea level rise is evident. Therefore, this funding will also include a vulnerability assessment specific to the port. Because there was a vulnerability assessment done many years ago, but it was very general, not specific to the port. I'll explain why that's important. And that is when the port goes through modernization and they say well we need to retrofit our peers. Right? We need to do something to the seawall. How high is high? You need that vulnerability assessment to understand how much of sea level rise will be

impacting the port. So when you do invest in the infrastructure improvements, you know how high to build? Noh? It's just like a floor plan. If you're going to build a house, what are your needs? What's going in there? What's happening? So this is what this study will help us do. And then part of that study includes nature based solutions to protect not only the assets of the port but the shores of Piti Village. And yes, we were working already when the first study was done. The consultants were working with the Department of Agriculture, the forestry area, because, you know, we're looking for potential synergies. Noh? So, part of my portfolio, aside from what's been mentioned earlier by the chair and the general manager, includes working with the Guam Power Authority on their liquefied natural gas. The LNG infrastructure requirements at the port to support the *Ukudu* power plant fuel needs. They need a place for their LNG. My portfolio also includes strengthening the environmental component of the environmental, social, and governance. That's the ESG criteria to bolster investor confidence for bond investors. Again, thank you for this opportunity. My name is Conchita San Nicolas Taitano, and I'm seeking your approval of my nomination to serve on the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors. *Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'åse!*

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms. Taitano. Mr. Mendiola.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Mr. Mendiola addressed the Committee regarding his appointment. His statements have been included in its respective digest.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Mendiola. I've been hounding you actually for – I don't know how many months now to actually accept that position. But let me ask before, before we start, does this leave the... Should Conchita be one more?

RORY J. RESPICIO, GENERAL MANAGER, PAG: One more Mr. Chair.

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON: One more position. Right? And then you'll be fully boarded by then. (*Mr. Respicio nods*) Okay, thank you very much. So, colleagues, because we're combining the two (2), we're going to have ten (10) minutes instead of five (5). Okay. We're in agreement with that? (*Senators present agree*) Okay, thank you very much.

[Questions and Discussion] [*Begins at 34:14 and ends at 3:16:00*]

SENATOR JESSE A. LUJAN, CHAIRPERSON, BILL SPONSOR: Thank you very much. I think that's going to do it for this evening and of course thank you very much again. We're, we're all public servants here doing the people's work. This concludes today's public hearing on Bill of course 74 and the appointments of Mr. Ho, Mr. Mendiola and Ms. Taitano. The committee will continue to accept written testimony on these bills and also on the confirmations within seven (7) days from today which may be addressed to myself, Senator Jesse A. Lujan as Chairman of the committee and or mail to 163 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagåtña. You may also send your testimonies to senator.lujan@guamlegislature.gov. This public hearing is now adjourned and it is now 10:03pm.

[PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED]

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee *finds* that Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano has continually demonstrated a profound commitment to environmental sustainability and infrastructure modernization throughout her tenure on the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam. Her leadership in securing significant federal grants, such as for the Zero Waste Study and the Scope Emissions Studies, exemplifies her strategic approach to enhancing the Port's operations while addressing critical environmental concerns. Her efforts in pursuing funding from NOAA and the Federal Highways Administration highlight her proactive approach to improving port infrastructure and sustainability. Furthermore, her work on modernizing the Port's operations in alignment with climate resilience and reducing the environmental impact of port activities underscores her deep understanding of the interconnectedness of economic and environmental needs.

The Committee *concludes* that Ms. Taitano’s expertise in environmental management, her ability to secure funding for key sustainability projects, and her efforts to drive the Port Authority toward becoming a more climate-resilient and efficient operation have been instrumental in the Port’s progress. The ongoing studies and modernization efforts, particularly those addressing vulnerabilities due to sea level rise and erosion, are critical for the future viability of the Port and its role as a central economic and transportation hub for Guam, Siennami, and the broader Micronesian region.

The Committee therefore reports the confirmation hearing of Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano as heard with the recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY.**