



Questions for the Candidates (Incumbents)

Response for: Anonymous

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- 1 **Public Law 1-35 (originally Bill 4-35) corrected language to increase the property taxes on those improvements valued at \$1,000,000 "or more". The increase in property taxes hurt our economy through higher rental amounts for renters. How did you vote on Bill 4-35?**

Answer

I voted Yes

I voted No

- 2 **Given our current economic situation, the rollback of this increase (property taxes of improvements valued at \$1,000,000 "or more") is an important part of reducing expenses. If re-elected, will you support the rollback of these property taxes?**

Answer

Yes

No

- 3 **Resolution 164-35 introduced in 2019 called for "A pause to the clearing, pre-construction, data recovery, and construction activities related to the U.S. Department of the Navy's proposed Live-Fire Training Range Complex at Northwest Field adjacent to Ritidian in order to ensure the protection of the environment and the historic and cultural resources of Guam." How did you vote on Resolution 164-35?**

Answer

I voted Yes

I voted No

- 4 **Our economy is supported by 2 pillars, tourism, and the military. Our tourism industry is at a standstill with recovery projected to take 2 years. The only viable economic activity is the military. Given this, do you support resuming the military activity to stimulate economic activity?**

Answer

Yes

No

- 5 **During the discussions on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Bill in August 2019, there was an amendment proffered to reduce the Business Privilege Tax from 5% to 4%. How did you vote on the amendment?**

Answer

I voted Yes

I voted No

- 6 **If re-elected, will you support the rollback of the Business Privilege Tax from 5% to 4%?**

Answer

Yes

No

- 7 **Guam has experienced a serious economic downturn since the pandemic reached our shores at the start of the year. Since March 2019, "stay at home" measures, which have negatively impacted businesses and employees. Over 35,000 of our people are unemployed and as businesses continue to close, there are limited opportunities for them to get their jobs back. What actions did you propose as a Senator to help improve our economic conditions since the start of this pandemic and what will you do to help these people if re-elected? Please provide a short paragraph with no more than 4 sentences.**

Use of excess revenues to help families & retroactively apply 3% BPT to January 1, 2020 for eligible small businesses. I will continue supporting a BPT rollback, and will focus on policies and apprenticeship programs that will help retrain unemployed Guamanians for new occupations in healthcare, construction, agriculture and aquaculture, and IT.

- 8 **Bill 265-35 was introduced earlier in the year and proposes a "Citizen's Legislature" or basically a Part Time Legislature. What is your position on a Part Time Legislature? Please provide justification for why your either support or do not support one.👉**

Answer

- I support a Part Time Legislature
 I do not support a Part Time Legislature

- 9 **What have you proposed to Reduce or Right Size the Government of Guam this term, and if re-elected into the 36th Guam Legislature, what actions would you pursue to reduce or right size the Government of Guam? Please provide a short paragraph with no more than 4 sentences.**

BPT reduction measures and bills to eliminate special retirement for elected officials; reduce political positions in the legislature through classified appointments; and restrict the use of excess revenues without legislative approval. I'll work on consolidating agencies and outsourcing/replacing certain operations using technology.

- 10 **What have you proposed to promote greater government transparency this term, and if re-elected into the 36th Guam Legislature, what actions would you pursue to promote greater government transparency? Please provide a short paragraph with no more than 4 sentences.**

I've pushed for the governor to report use of local and federal resources for COVID response, and have consistently sought info on excess revenues, War Claims reimbursements, and the release of financial audits before budget and policy decisions are made. I will continue seeking timely and accurate accounting of taxpayer funds.

- 11 **Regarding the Military Buildup, do you support the present Data Collection process for the preservation of Historical Artifacts? If not, what process would you support, and would this recommendation create any further delays for the ongoing buildup? Please select a YES or NO answer, followed by your thoughts with no more than 4 sentences.**

Answer

- Yes
 No

Comment: As stated regarding Resolution 164, the buildup must be good for those inside and outside the fence. I urge military and federal authorities to consider the lens through which a group of Guamanians are seeing this huge development take place. Ignoring concerns related to the destruction of cultural sites and human remains doesn't help promote goodwill on the part of the military 👉 and makes it even more difficult to convince more of our local community to support the buildup going forward.

- 12 **If re-elected into the 36th Guam Legislature, what ideas will you propose to help resurrect our economy? Please provide a short paragraph with no more than 4 sentences.**

New bills for additional investments in aquaculture, agriculture, and IT, including policies for more submarine cable connections and data centers through public-private partnerships involving unused gov't land and tax incentives. Responsible use of public property for these industries is good for our economy and helps address food security.

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