



The Vigilance Committee

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2.) When was the last time you were concerned about transparency with our government?

CANDIDATE RESPONSES

ADA, Vicente Anthony Borja (R) Tony Ada (Daso/Bodig)	The public has been given very limited information regarding Covid clusters that we deserve to know. Often, we get the information from the affected facilities or informed residents rather than from the government. This happened again just this morning
ANANICH, John Albert, II (D) Perez Aguon	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
ARMENTA, Michelle Lynn (R) Familian Dasu	My greatest concern was when the Governor suspended the Open Government Law.
BLAS, Frank Flores, Jr. (R) Dero Jeje Papa	Today
BORDALLO, Fred E., Jr. (D) Kotla Queto	I have always been concern about the Government's efforts of being transparent in the manner of how agencies update their webpages with budgeting information and job announcements.
BORJA, Vincent A.V. (R) Dasso & Karabao	Today
BROWN, Joanne M. (R)	I have been very concerned about the lack of transparency with the current pandemic situation affecting our island and how decisions are being made and how funds to include federal funds under the Cares Act are being spent. We hear the administration talk about the advice that they are receiving from the Physicians Advisory Group but aside from tv commercials of the doctors encouraging our people to follow safe practices, I don't know how decisions are being made or by whom. It was a bit confusing a few weeks ago when the Chairman of the Advisory Group stated publicly in the media that he didn't recommend the extended shutdown to prevent people from going to the parks and exercising which he stated was a healthy thing to do, yet, the administration closed the parks down and announced that citations would be issued if people were in the parks exercising. As there doesn't appear to be any formal records of these Advisory meetings, the public is still in the dark in knowing who is really making decisions and how decisions are made on their behalf that impact their civil liberties when public contradictions such as the example I have referenced comes to light.
CARILLO, Christopher L. (D) Chris	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".

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<p>CRUZ, Joseph Iglesias (R) JI Cruz / Familian Lazaro</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>
<p>DUENAS, Christopher M. (R) Chris</p>	<p>In the last year and a half at least two incidents have caused me great concern. One is the debacle with regard to the emergency procurement of quarantine facilities for inbound passengers during this Covid 19 pandemic. The second is the questionable authority to conduct check points on the rights of way, on routed roads on island, also during this pandemic.</p>
<p>DUENAS, David Ralph (D) Dave Inchick</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>
<p>EDQUILANE, Don Antonio Ada (R) Balaku Atdot Sam Clara</p>	<p>Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>
<p>HERNANDEZ, Dominic Joaquin (R) The Informant</p>	<p>There are several answers I can give but one of the biggest issues of transparency going on is the quarantine sites. 1. When the quarantine sites first began there was issues with contract being legit due to the fact the director of public health at that time noted that the electronic signatures was hers but she was not aware her electronic signature was used. When the government was questioned on the issue of how this happened, why it happened, and why were we still required to pay the amount requested on the contract even though the legitimacy of the contract was questioned. Further more, when questioned about how the contracts were awarded the government never came clear on the process. After I completed research on my own, during one of the public hearings about transparency from our government I reported that doing a simple google search I had found several hotel sites who were offering deals on their rooms available for any person who wishes to stay at their hotel below or around \$100 per night. Yet despite this report during the public hearing, still up to this day I questioned how the process is conducted to procure a contract for a quarantine site. 2. Recently individuals who have been put through the quarantine sites have been challenging the process of why they must quarantine at those sites versus in their own home. The courts have ruled more often than not, that most individuals should be tested out and sent home. When the order first came out about the "voluntary quarantine" I questioned how it was "voluntary" when the individual was told to either accept it or face punishments of fines no more than \$1000 and/or imprisonment of no more than 1 year. This example shows how non-transparent our government actually is. Why state it is "voluntary" but within the order itself state if they refuse to compel they can be punished? There are many other examples of how non-transparent our government truly is and because of the crisis the true colors have shown.</p>

LEON GUERRERO, Frank G. (D) Nacha / Liberato	I personally have not experienced an issue or had a concern regarding obtaining information from any of the government agencies. I would probably have reasonable expectations for data processing and other matters.
LEON GUERRERO, Joaquin Vicente (R) Ken Leon Guerrero	Last week when the Administration refused to respond promptly to a FOIA I submitted on public health statistics for 2018 and 2019 that should be ready to send without delay.
MARSH, Kelly G. (D) (Incumbent) Taitano Kaluu	I am concerned about transparency with our government on a daily basis.
MENO, Franklin J. (D) Bunker	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
MOYLAN, James C. (R) (Incumbent) Jim Camacho Aragon Jeju	As a senator who prioritizes transparency, this pandemic has certainly elevated my concerns with government transparency, as I feel that the Executive Branch isn't sharing as much as it should when it comes to both how it spends taxpayer dollars, as well as when it comes to how they make their decisions. Most recently (a week ago), my concern was associated with Adelup's failure to address the question on how Section 30 monies will be spent, and if they intend on using the funds to pay out tax refunds as is historically the precedence.
MUÑA BARNES, Tina Rose (D) (Incumbent) Pungco/Che/Inda	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".

<p>NELSON, Telena Cruz (D) (Incumbent) Flores Torres Fungo</p>	<p>"Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson has always been a champion of transparency and accountability within our government. In this term alone and to ensure accountability, Vice Speaker Nelson has conducted numerous oversight hearings with agencies under her purview, including the Guam Department of Education, charter schools, and the Guam International Airport Authority. In late 2019, Nelson assumed temporary oversight of the Committee on Public Safety and oversaw two oversight hearings with the Department of Corrections after multiple inmates had been erroneously released. Nelson has gone as far as to oppose the confirmation of a government board member who had a controversial history with transparency and complying with Guam's Open Government Law. Through innumerable Sunshine Reform Act (FOIA) requests and letters to various government agencies, a host of oversight hearings and, in her capacity as a check and balance of the government, Vice Speaker Nelson has proved time and time again that transparency and accountability is of the utmost importance in our democracy. She has fought to protect an open government and one that is accountable to the people it serves, and has always pledged to uphold these values in service to the People of Guam. Currently, Vice Speaker Nelson is on active duty orders with the Guam National Guard and is unable to participate in this survey while she continues serving our island in a different capacity. This official response has been submitted on her behalf from The Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson."</p>
<p>PEREZ, Sabina E. (D) (Incumbent) Familian Gollo, Cabeza</p>	<p>As a legislator, I take transparency and accountability to the people very seriously and have worked to uphold these values throughout my tenure and expect my colleagues to do the same in the service of the people of Guam. The most recent example was during the public hearing for Bill 401-35 that took place on October 7th where I questioned the circumventing of public input for developing rules for granting of qualifying certificates for recycling companies. Public input in rule-making is an essential part of transparency and equal, fair access to opportunities for all.</p>
<p>RIDGELL, Clynton E. (D) (Incumbent) Clynt Ridgell</p>	<p>When the CCU and the PUC approved a multi-billion dollar contract with a company to build a new power plant. This same company operated the Cabras power plant that exploded and was found to be at fault for the explosion by the insurance company. The insurance company paid out the claim to GPA but sued the company that operated the Cabras plant when it exploded. This same company(along with a new partner) has now been awarded a contract to build a new power plant using some of the proceeds from the insurance payout. Even as a senator it was extremely difficult to obtain information surrounding this deal.)</p>

SAN AGUSTIN, Joe Shimizu (D) (Incumbent)	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
SEAU, Sandra Reyes (R) Familian Tung & Kinto	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
SHELTON, Amanda (D) (Incumbent) Familian Carabao	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
TAITAGUE, Telo Teresa (R) (Incumbent) Tell it to Telo	Among the issues I've raised involving calls for greater transparency include finding out the funding source used for advance War Claims and questions regarding the latest GHURA audit findings. I've also called for Adelup to be fully transparent and accountable for more than \$1 billion in federal COVID financial aid awarded to Guam for response efforts.
TERLAJE, Jose Toves (D) (Incumbent) Jose "Pedo" Toves Terlaje	Before the pandemic I proposed to the Governor have all government meetings video recorded and live streamed like we do for legislature public hearings and sessions.
TERLAJE, Therese M. (D) (Incumbent) Attorney	Always, including today and yesterday, which is why I attend public hearings and question directors under oath, conduct regular oversights, and work every day to increase transparency by amending the bills and amending laws to do exactly that
TORRES, Mary Camacho (R) (Incumbent) MARY- Your Voice	Candidate did not respond to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".