



# The Vigilance Committee

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## 3.) What have you, personally, done to ensure openness and transparency in our government?

### CANDIDATE RESPONSES

ADA, Vicente Anthony Borja (R) Tony Ada (Daso/Bodig)	During my time as a senator, I wrote five laws that deal with government transparency. PL 31-34 Requires autonomous agencies to post their staffing patterns online. PL 31-138 Provides "whistle-blower" protection for all government of Guam employees PL 31-114 Requires justification reports for all government funded non-employee travel. PL 31-91 Requires achievement reports on DOE management audits. PL 31-52 Prevents restrictions by government officials on the recording of public meetings.
ANANICH, John Albert, II (D) Perez Aguon	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
ARMENTA, Michelle Lynn (R) Familian Dasu	I have had the privilege of becoming a member of the Vigilance Committee pushing for openness and transparency in our government by offering recommendations to strengthen openness and transparency within the current laws. I have also made many requests for any and all public records pursuant to the authority granted by the Freedom of Information Act and shared all information given and not given to me with the public.
BLAS, Frank Flores, Jr. (R) Dero Jeje Papa	I have called to inquire about the process that was being utilized to decide on recurring restrictions.
BORDALLO, Fred E., Jr. (D) Kotla Queto	I had the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police, and Director of Veterans Affairs, and I have directed that budget financial reports and policies be inserted in our agency webpage. I've complied with all Freedom of Information act Request. I've attended meetings with community to share information about agency activities.
BORJA, Vincent A.V. (R) Dasso & Karabao	filed my petition for candidacy for the 36th Guam Legislaturea
BROWN, Joanne M. (R)	I became a founding member of the Vigilance Committee. I have since stepped down as I am seeking a seat in the 36th Guam Legislature.

BROWN, Joanne M. (R) (cont'd)	In addition, during my previous service in the Guam Legislature, I sponsored the legislation that became law that requires the 5 day public notice for government meetings and a second publication notice 2 days before the meeting so our people can be informed and attend and participate should they choose to. I would support amending the law to expand the inclusion of information referenced here.
CARILLO, Christopher L. (D) Chris	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
CRUZ, Joseph Iglesias (R) JI Cruz / Familian Lazaro	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
DUENAS, Christopher M. (R) Chris	As a senatorial candidate for the 36th Guam Legislature I have proposed a bill that would require the Governor of Guam to have approval of the Guam Legislature to extend any emergency by executive order more than 30 days. Currently it's open ended and after ten months, during this current pandemic, seems excessive. Under this legislative change the people of Guam will be provided a seat at the table in the "Peoples House" to express any concerns and the chief executive must make a compelling case for the continuance.
DUENAS, David Ralph (D) Dave Inchick	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
EDQUILANE, Don Antonio Ada (R) Balaku Atdot Sam Clara	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
HERNANDEZ, Dominic Joaquin (R) The Informant	I currently run and own the Facebook page "The Informant." It began in March and has been fully operational since then. During the entirety of the page I have always stated that everyone is welcome to speak freely on my page without any consequences or actions taken against them. Even if the comment itself goes against me politically or in any form the comment will be allowed to stay up for public view. As well I kept up with the latest news, data, and information going on about many issues as much as possible. Keeping an open channel through the chat services on Facebook for anyone to message me for any concerns, questions, or issues anytime of the day. It will continue to be that way even if I am elected into office. In fact I plan to utilize the social media page as a way to speak with the public directly about issues or concerns on a one on one basis as well as a mass public basis. I'm hoping by setting this example other candidates or even government agencies their selves will see how important it is to keep this clear line open with the public and utilizing tools such as my Facebook page "The Informant" as a way to be transparent to the public.

<p>LEON GUERRERO, Frank G. (D) Nacha / Liberato</p>	<p>Based on my prior employment with the government of Guam, I had never had an issue providing answers to people requesting for information. If a (criminal) case is active, there could be some restrictions in releasing sensitive information for obvious reasons. You should also understand that an individual's release of information is subject to each agencies policies in releasing information.</p>
<p>LEON GUERRERO, Joaquin Vicente (R) Ken Leon Guerrero</p>	<p>I have issued dozens of FOIA Requests, and successfully prosecuted the CCU for failing to respond as required by law, and sued the government four time as a community advocate on violations of Guam Law.</p>
<p>MARSH, Kelly G. (D) (Incumbent) Taitano Kaluu</p>	<p>The steps toward this are many. I work to ensure that boards are oriented and conduct their meetings according to the open government law. I meet regularly with agencies in my oversight, I attend their board meetings or assign staff to, I carry out informational and oversight hearings to work towards staying on top of their activities. Aside from carrying out FOIAs and a subpoena this term, I have also been working on a bill that updates some of the open government law requirements. I have also supported bills and amendments on the session floor that call for increased reporting, accountability, and transparency.</p>
<p>MENO, Franklin J. (D) Bunker</p>	<p>Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>
<p>MOYLAN, James C. (R) (Incumbent) Jim Camacho Aragon Jeju</p>	<p>My office has been an open book, and I make sure to maintain a regular communication base with the media. We have also been very welcoming to inquiries from the public and believe that a transparent government entity builds the trust and confidence of its constituency. As for policies, I have introduced several measures (bills and amendments alike) to promote transparency, whether it relates to government travel, to actions the Governor has pursued throughout this pandemic. These can be viewed at the Guam Legislature's website. If given the opportunity to serve another term, these activities shall continue.</p>
<p>MUÑA BARNES, Tina Rose (D) (Incumbent) Pungco/Che/Inda</p>	<p>Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>

<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, Cabesa</p>	<p>As a Chairperson of the Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement, I have exercised oversight power regarding the contracting of quarantine facilities. As a result of the oversight, I have proposed meaningful procurement reform by introducing legislation to close gaps between the Emergency Health Powers Act (EHP) and Guam Procurement Law so that procurement laws apply under the EHP.</p> <p>Additionally, I have fought to protect the integrity of the Recycling Revolving Fund during recent budget discussions. Although I did not get the support of the majority of my colleagues to prevent the raid, I was successful in placing an accountability measure that all applicable rules apply and requiring GEPA Board approval prior to access of funds by UOG Center for Island Sustainability's G3 initiative.</p>
<p>RIDGELL, Clynton E. (D) (Incumbent) Clynt Ridgell</p>	<p>As a journalist for many years I fought for information and transparency. As a Senator I have done my best to be as open and as transparent as possible.</p>
<p>SAN AGUSTIN, Joe Shimizu (D) (Incumbent)</p>	<p>Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".</p>

SEAU, Sandra Reyes (R) Familiar Tung & Kinto	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
SHELTON, Amanda (D) (Incumbent) Familiar Carabao	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".
TAITAGUE, Telo Teresa (R) (Incumbent) Tell it to Telo	I respond to inquiries and requests for information submitted by the media. Moreover, I make it a point to summarize via social media weekly meetings and activities that I'm involved in. People expect senators to account for their time and the initiatives we're focused on, and to demonstrate that public servants aren't at work only during an election year.
TERLAJE, Jose Toves (D) (Incumbent) Jose "Pedo" Toves Terlaje	The public live streaming and video recording of all government meetings is a priority for me.
TERLAJE, Therese M. (D) (Incumbent) Attorney	I led the override of a veto to ensure reporting of expenditures of federal funds and included reporting requirements in the FY2021 and prior budget laws. I passed a law mandating Superior Court opinions are promptly published on the Compiler's website, and that Executive Orders must be received by the Legislature and Compiler before taking effect. I also passed two laws that strengthened the Administrative Adjudication Law by requiring a preliminary cost impact assessment be made available prior to any required hearings on proposed agency rules and regulations and by requiring the Legislature to conduct an additional public hearing prior to the default adoption of agency rules and regulations. I urged the new AG to conduct Open Government training for all boards and commissions, lawmakers, and directors at the beginning of the new gubernatorial and senatorial terms. I am the only senator that consistently publishes the agenda for committee hearings in the newspaper 5 days and 2 days in advance of all committee hearings and conducted more oversight hearings than any other senator this term, questioning directors, finance officials, and other officials under oath.
TORRES, Mary Camacho (R) (Incumbent) MARY- Your Voice	Candidate <b>did not respond</b> to the "non-partisan survey promoting openness and transparency in government".