EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-06

RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GUAM FIRST COMMISSION
ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Governor of Guam is concerned with the ever-changing plans of the U.S. Government with regard to the relocation of the U.S. Marines in Okinawa to Guam – changes which have led to both a surge in the business climate in anticipation of the more than 70,000 new residents to the island, and, more recently, to the closure and withdrawal of many of these same businesses and companies when the “buildup” was unilaterally delayed by the U.S. Government; and

WHEREAS, the buildup’s timeline is a constantly moving target, with government officials and island residents relying upon the assurances that the move is a certainty, yet basic preparations including funding for the relocation, the fortification and improvement of the island’s infrastructure have still not begun, resulting in increased frustration and concerns as expressed by senators and other elected leaders; and

WHEREAS, in an exercise of his authority as the government’s Chief Executive, the Governor has determined that it is imperative that the island’s leaders speak with “One Voice” when expressing concerns relating the expansion of United States military forces on the island to the Congress and the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, this “One Voice” will be the sound of a community united in a singular purpose – to ensure that the residents’ current and future political, social, economic, environmental, and infrastructural concerns are satisfactorily addressed on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the goal of speaking in “One Voice” is only possible if community leaders can prioritize the needs and concerns of the island and its residents, both civilian and military.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J.B. CALVO, I Maga’lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

1. The creation of a “GUAM FIRST COMMISSION ADVISORY COUNCIL” (the Council) to serve as I Maga’lahen Guåhan’s primary advisory council for all matters relative to the Guam Buildup.

2. The Council shall be comprised of the following members:
(a) *I Maga’lahi* or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

(b) Three (3) members appointed by *I Maga’lahi*, of which one (1) shall be a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; one (1) shall be a senior citizen who is not an employee of the government of Guam or the U.S. Government at any time during his tenure on the Council; and one (1) shall be a member of the general public who is not an employee of the government of Guam or the U.S. Government at any time during his tenure on the Council.

(c) Four (4) members from *I Liheslatura*, of which one (1) shall be a member of and be selected by *I Liheslatura’s* minority; one (1) shall be the Chairperson of the standing committee with specific jurisdiction over federal affairs; one (1) shall be the Chairperson of the standing committee with specific jurisdiction over military affairs; and one (1) shall be appointed by the Speaker, who may appoint himself or herself.

(d) One (1) member from the Mayors Council, who shall be appointed by the President of the Mayors Council from among its membership.

(e) One (1) member appointed from among the qualified members of the Guam Youth Congress, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Youth Congress, who may appoint himself or herself.

(f) One (1) member from each from the following Chamorro rights organizations, selected by each organization from its membership: (i) Chamorro Tribal Council, (ii) Chamoru Cultural Development and Research Institute, (iii) Commission on Decolonization Task Force for Independence for Guam, and (iv) Taotaomona Native Rights.

(g) One (1) member from each of following community organizations, selected by the organization from among its membership: (i) a Guam chapter of Soroptimist International, (ii) *Fuetsan Famalao’an*, and (iii) the Filipino Community of Guam.

(h) The Guam Buildup Director.

(i) The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority, or his or her designee.

(j) The General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau, or his or her designee.

(k) Guam’s Delegate to the United States Congress, or his or her designee, who shall be an ex-officio non-voting member.

(l) The Chairperson of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, or his or her designee, who shall be an ex-officio non-voting member.

(m) The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, who shall be an ex-officio non-voting member.
3. The Governor shall choose a vice-chairperson from among the voting members of the Council. The Council may form subcommittees as necessary at its own discretion. A member of the Council shall chair each subcommittee.

4. Goals and Purposes of the Council. The Council shall:

   (a) Advise I Maga’laihi, pursuant to a "One Voice" approach, in all dealings with the U.S. Congress of the United States and the Department of Defense relative to the Guam Buildup and relations with the Armed Forces.

   (b) Assist in developing a plan that envisions Guam fifteen (15) years and more into the future. The plan should take into account the needed and necessary construction, upgrades and expansion of Guam's economy, infrastructure and government services. The plan shall include positions for negotiation, discussion and resolution with the U.S. Government on federal and local issues that the Council determines are of significant concern, including, but not limited to, the following:

   (1) Infrastructure and Utilities;
   (2) Public safety and homeland security;
   (3) Protecting the environment;
   (4) Public education;
   (5) Public health;
   (6) Economic development;
   (7) Political status;
   (8) Return of ancestral lands;
   (9) Chamorro self-determination;
   (10) Cleanup of environmental hazards;
   (11) Investigation of serious health problems possibly related to federal activity;
   (12) Immigration policies and controls;
   (13) Section 30 and Compact Impact funding;
   (14) Mass transit and public transportation; and
   (15) War reparations.

   (a) Conduct local scoping hearings and town meetings on each aspect of the Guam Buildup.

   (b) As required by the Chairman, meet with federal officials and representatives for discussions with the U.S. Government on the Guam Buildup.

   (c) Review federal funding and grants-in-aid to achieve the goals and objectives of the Council.

   (d) Recommend the scope of work for any award by the government of Guam associated with the Guam Buildup.

5. Coordination of Activities; Technical and Staff Support. I Maga’laihi may request government of Guam departments and agencies to cooperate and coordinate activities associated with the Guam Buildup with the Council. I Maga’laihi may request the Civilian-
Military Task Force, along with the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and the staff of the Guam Buildup Office, to provide technical and staff support to the Council.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 21st day of February, 2012.

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam