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Gumataotao: Transform Neglected Ligan Park into a Safe and Accessible Community Sports & Recreational Area

Bill prioritizes development of football (soccer) pitch and other sports facilities in Guam's most populous village

Senator Shawn Gumataotao, Vice-Speaker V. Anthony Ada, and Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane introduced Bill 336 prioritizing unused public land in Ligan, Dededo for much-needed community sports facilities. Also known as Ligan Park, public access to the area is restricted, light fixtures are inoperable or unavailable, and the land could definitely use some help against illegal dumping.

“The measure builds on similar proposals that I’ve put forward seeking to turn unused and underutilized government land in *Hagåtña* and Barrigada Heights into safe and accessible community sports and recreational areas,” Senator Gumataotao stated. “Collectively, these measures recognize the successful public-private partnership which led to the development of the Guam Football Association’s (GFA) National Training Facility in Harmon.” According to GFA, their programs serve thousands of participants annually, including youth leagues, school competitions, recreational programs, women’s football initiatives, coach education courses, referee development, and community outreach activities.

“I thank Mayor Peter John Benavente for working with me on Bill 336 which directly impacts the health and safety of our citizens,” Senator Gumataotao added. “I also appreciate GFA President Tino San Gil and his team for offering their expertise and resources to developing critical sports and recreational facilities which our children and families will enjoy for years to come.”

According to the 2020 Census, approximately 10% of Dededo’s nearly 45,000 residents live in Ligan. If approved, the sports facilities envisioned by Bill 336 will be located directly across from Ligan Elementary School. Around 400 students attend the Dededo school as of School Year 2025-2026.

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