

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GUAM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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The campaign signs are going up, the advertisements are starting to be seen in newspapers, and soon you will see the commercials on broadcast television, radio and all across social media. These images and messages are telling you something about a candidate for public office. The colors across the mediums represent patriotism or maybe just the candidate's favorite color. A face with a smile. A slogan that is simple or catchy is there too. Importantly, these candidates for public office are asking for your vote. They are not just asking for the vote, but confidence that you cast your ballot in August and November.

Candidates are committing to address the myriad of issues facing Guam that can be worked on or in some cases be addressed when the inauguration is complete in January of 2027. The ask is one that will challenge your point of view. Maybe the ask does nothing like that at all. Voting in a Guam election is so very important that its value transcends all the marketing that a candidate puts in and you make a decision in the voting booth.

There are plenty of familiar faces running in 2026. Research their collective jobs to date and vote for them if you feel that they did their jobs to the best of their abilities. Also, there are new faces with new ideas for public policy. It is this combination of factors that will ensure that the executive branch changes hands, the legislative branch of the Government of Guam either keeps on working or changes direction and the federal policy advocate for our American community is ready for the ever-changing policy landscape in Washington DC.

Keep an eye and ear out for these folks asking for your vote. When all is done in the hours after November 4, 2026, Guam will see new representative government and the work will only just be getting started.

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