

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GUAM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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In just a few days, America will celebrate its 250th Birthday. We, as an American community on Guam, also have much to celebrate. 76 years since the signing of our Organic Act of Guam, this particular celebration speaks to a democracy that continues to thrive in 2026.

The ideas and resilience of the last four generations of our representative government have allowed economic expansion, job creation and modern healthcare to guide decision making from Dededo to Talofofo.

These things are all courtesy of the right to vote. The vote is the cornerstone of our American democracy. When I think of civic responsibility, I believe this is our important task as a member of this island community. Whether it was the first election here in 1950 to the first vote for Governor in 1970 to each general election since, the vote has directed public policy and our way of life since the very beginning.

As we reflect on our Nation's special birthday, we should continue to honor our past generations by exercising the important right today. Celebrate the vote. Keep fighting for the full vote.

America was built on courage, imagination and determination to do the right thing for all our people. Our ancestors welcomed positive change with open hearts.

In the spirit of hope, in 1668 Maga'låhi Kepuha said to Saint Diego Luis de San Vitores, "You please us, Fathers, and you bring us good news which will cause joy to our entire nation, for we have wanted you here for a long time." I pray that God guide us in this effort.

Let's take this lesson and the other lessons from this Semiquincentennial to build Guam in the years to come by voting on August 1, 2026 in the Primary Election and in the Guam General Election on November 3, 2026.

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