

**Kumision Ileksion Guåhan**

“Bota ya un ma kuenta.”



**Guam Election Commission**

“Your Vote is your voice.”

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**Who qualifies to register?**

An individual must meet the following qualifications as provided in 3GCA §3101 to be a registered voter on Guam:

- ✓ Must be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Must be a resident of Guam
- ✓ Must be 18 years of age by the day set for an election
- ✓ Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment
- ✓ Must not be confined to a mental institution
- ✓ Must not be judicially declared insane

**Commissioners**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Alice M. Taijeron       | (D) Chairperson    |
| Jennifer Calvo-Quitugua | (R) V. Chairperson |
| Joaquin Perez           | (D) Member         |
| Joseph P. Mafnas        | (D) Member         |
| Michael J. Perez        | (R) Member         |
| Jadeen Tuncap           | (R) Member         |
| G. Patrick Civile       | (I) Member         |

(D) = Democrat, (R) = Republican, (I) = Independent

**2016 GEC Demographics**

Registered Voters (11/1/16)	51,713
Full-Time Employees	17
District Voter Registrars	23
District Decolonization Registrars	44
Telephone Operators* (Election Day)	14
Tabulators*	29
Poll Maintenance Workers	22
Precinct Officials**	335
Precincts	67
Polling Sites	22

\*Phone operators become tabulators later on Election Day.

\*\*Precinct Officials are temporarily hired for 2 days (Primary & General Elections).

**Mission**

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to conduct elections in accordance with Guam and Federal laws with an efficient and effective voting process.

**Goals and Objectives**

The Guam Election Commission strives to provide the citizens of Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process and ensure complete election returns of issues/questions and public offices.

**Who We Are**

The GEC is an autonomous and independent commission of the Government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. I Maga'låhen Guåhan (Governor of Guam) appoints six members, three from each political party through recommendations made by the Democrat and Republican parties. The seventh member, who is independent is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two-year term. Executive Director Maria I.D. Pangelinan, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission, manages the Guam Election Commission's administrative team.

**Guam Demographics**

Guam Population	162,741
Guam Labor Workforce (3/2016)	
Private and Federal	51,390
Government	11,790

# OUR PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	%CHANGE	
% of voter turnout	44%	72%	49%	(31.94%)	↓
<b>No. of Voters</b>					
In-person	49,110 ('14 PE)	51,975 ('14 GE)	49,163 ('16 PE)	(5.41%)	↓
Online	*	*	200+	-	-
No. of registered voters	49,110 ('14 PE)	51,975 ('14 GE)	49,363 ('16 PE)	(5.03%)	↓
<b>No. of Registered Native Inhabitants</b>					
In-person	8,032	9,089	13,182	45.25%	↑
Online	*	*	20+	-	-
No. of Registered Native Inhabitants	8,032	9,004**	13,202***	46.62%	↑
No. of Polling Sites/Precincts	58	58	67	15.52%	↑
No. of District Voter Registrars	36	36	36	-	-
No. of Precinct Officials	290	290	335	15.52%	↑
No. of Agenda Posted on Webpage	38	17	32	88.24%	↑
No. of Candidate Workshops	10	10	15	50.00%	↑
No. of Public Hearing notices submitted to media	24	24	26	8.33%	↑

\*inactive until 2016    \*\*as of July 2015    \*\*\*as of December 31, 2016    PE = Primary Election    GE = General Election

GEC has solved election-day overcrowding issues by increasing the number of precincts. As a result of the 9 new precincts, GEC employed 45 more precinct officials for the 2016 elections.

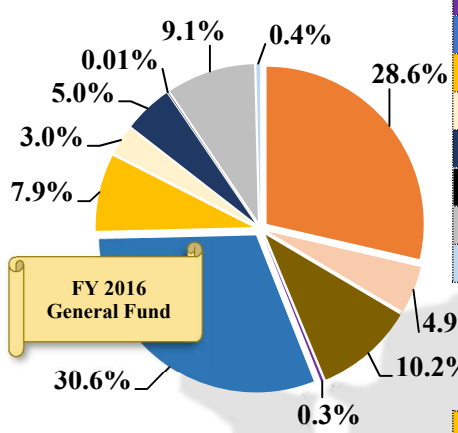
GEC has implemented an online voter registration in 2016 for the convenience of the citizens. Over 200 citizens have utilized this form of registration.

The 4,198 increase in Registered Native Inhabitants is attributed to the support of the Governor's Office, which proclaimed May 2016 as Decolonization Registry Month.

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# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES



APPROPRIATIONS	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	%CHANGE
General Fund	\$1,361,908	\$1,453,710	\$2,221,110	52.8% ↑
Federal Fund	100,000	6,109	94	(98.5%) ↓
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,461,908</b>	<b>\$1,459,819</b>	<b>\$2,221,204</b>	<b>52.2%</b> ↑

EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	%CHANGE
<b>General Fund</b>				
Regular salary	\$395,177	\$457,076	\$516,232	12.9% ↑
Overtime	71,488	55,513	88,388	59.2% ↑
Fringe benefits	149,012	173,700	184,436	6.2% ↑
Travel	-	15,734	4,651	(70.4%) ↓
Contracts	254,401	271,230	552,431	103.7% ↑
Building rent	133,679	153,128	142,138	(7.2%) ↓
Supplies	55,667	9,001	54,770	508.5% ↑
Equipment	9,741	20,394	89,927	341.0% ↑
Drug testing charges	240	40	200	400.0% ↑
Miscellaneous	121,330	155,861	163,990	5.2% ↑
Telephone	6,187	6,303	7,035	11.6% ↑
Sub-Recipient/Grant	15,709	12,800	-	(100.0%) ↓
Capital	123,450	-	-	-
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,212,630</b>	<b>\$1,330,779</b>	<b>\$1,804,198</b>	<b>35.6%</b> ↑

<b>Federal Fund</b>				
Contracts	\$14,937	\$70	\$70	-
Supplies	13,655	4,536	24	(99.5%) ↓
Equipment	51,000	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	7,959	-	-	-
Sub-Recipient/Grant	816	-	-	-
Capital	11,563	-	-	-
<b>Total Federal Fund</b>	<b>\$99,930</b>	<b>\$4,606</b>	<b>\$94</b>	<b>(98.0%)</b> ↓
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,312,559</b>	<b>\$1,335,385</b>	<b>\$1,804,292</b>	<b>35.1%</b> ↑

## REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- The increase in appropriation and expenditures in fiscal year 2016 were to fund the 2016 Primary Election and make payments on prior year obligations. GEC received a supplemental appropriation of approximately \$605K of which \$427K was expended and obligated for contracts, supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous.
- The increase in salary expenditures was mainly due to the increase in personnel from 14 to 17 in fiscal year 2016.
- The increase in supplies expenditures was due to the purchase of the ballot-stock for the 2016 election.
- The increase in equipment expenditures was due to the purchases of 70 voting booths for \$70K.
- There were no expenditures for Sub-Recipient/Grant and Capital in fiscal year 2016.

# FUTURE OUTLOOK & CHALLENGES



## Upcoming Elections

### 2016 Election

#### General Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### 2018 Elections

#### Primary Election

Saturday, August 25, 2018  
Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

#### General Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2018  
Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

## Looking Forward

In anticipation of future elections, the GEC continues to strive in:

- Preparing the upcoming 2016 General Election, ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, efficient, and effective manner.
- Continuing efforts to register Native Inhabitants for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

## Challenges

The GEC confronts issues and barriers with:

- Populating the Decolonization Registry.
- Increasing the number of registered voters and voter participation.
- Validating the voter registry.
- Addressing administrative complaints and problems.
- Addressing issue on one tabulation machine that was inoperable.
- Hiring 335 precinct officials; 22 poll maintenance workers; 14 telephone operators; and 29 tabulators.
- Opening 9 additional precincts.



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