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Guam Election Commission
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to ensure that elections are conducted in accordance with Guam and Federal laws, to administer an efficient voting process, to maintain an accurate voter registration database, and to promote voter education.

Goals and Objectives

The Guam Election Commission strives to:

- provide a fair, honest, and orderly election process, and
- ensure timely election returns and resolutions on issues/questions.

Administrative responsibilities include processing the certification of candidates, voter registration, setting up twenty-one polling places and the Election Return Center, the recruitment of Volunteer and District Registrars, Precinct Officials, Poll Maintenance Workers and Ballot Machine Operators/Tabulators. The GEC is also mandated to advise “officials” of the Public Officials Financial Disclosure Act and candidates’ requirement to file Election Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report.

Guam Election Commission (GEC)

The GEC is an autonomous and an independent commission of the government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. *I Magsaláhen Guåhan* (Governor of Guam) appoints six members, three from each political party through recommendations made by the Democrat and Republican parties. The seventh member is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two-year term.

The Guam Election Commission’s administrative arm rests with the Executive Director, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission -- John Blas (to Feb. 2011) and Maria Pangelinan (from Apr. 2011). Including the Executive Director, GEC’s full-time staff consists of seven employees. Precinct Officials and temporary employees are hired to work the elections. Guam has nineteen voting districts and fifty-eight precincts within the districts.

Demographic Information

Full-time employees	7
Polling places	21
Precincts / Precinct Officials	58 / 286
Poll Workers / Tabulators	42
Temporary Hires / Telephone Operators	10

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GEC Members

- Alice M. Taijeron (D) Chairperson
 Martha C. Ruth (R), Vice Chairperson
 Johnny P. Taitano (R)
 Joseph F. Mesa (R)
 Joshua F. Tenorio (D)
 Donald I. Weakley, Sr. (D)
 (R) =Republican, (D) =Democrat

Who qualifies to register?

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

- ✓ Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- ✓ 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.

Voter Participation

General Election	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000
Registered Voters	52,821	50,806	55,311	54,940	61,052	53,318
Total Voted	40,616	35,092	40,616	35,092	40,220	36,678
% Voted	77%	69%	73%	67%	74%	73%

2010 General Election Results



Local patriot casts his ballot early at the Hagåtña Guam Election Commission Office.

Gubernatorial Democrat	Votes	Gubernatorial Republican	Votes
Gutierrez, Carl T.C./ Aguon Jr., Frank Blas	19,579	Calvo, Edward J.B./ Tenorio, Raymond S.	20,066
Write-In	Total	284	

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representative (Democrat)	Votes
Bordallo, Madeleine Z.	7,633
Write-in	811

Guam Legislature					
DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES			REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES		
		Votes			Votes
1	ADA, Thomas C.	22,082	1	YAMASHITA, Dr. Aline	19,856
2	WON PAT, Judith T.	21,780	2	ADA, V. Anthony	18,598
3	MUNA BARNES, Tina Rose	21,149	3	BLAS, Frank F. Jr.	18,380
4	PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	21,114	4	TAIJERON, Mana S.	17,176
5	RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G. Jr.	19,677	5	DUENAS, Christopher M.	16,054
6	RESPICIO, Rory J.	19,181	6	MABINI, Shirley A.	16,038
7	PALACIOS, Adopho B. Sr.	18,205	7	HADDOCK, Ray C.	15,960
8	GUTHERTZ, Dr. Judith P.	17,528	8	TAITAGUE, Telo T.	15,900
9	CRUZ, Benjamin, JF.	16,542	9	MOYLAN, Douglas B.	13,844
10	GUTIERREZ-LUDWIG, Corinna F.	15,042	10	GUERRERO, Stephen J.	13,498
11	SAN AGUSTIN, Joe S.	14,727	11	GAZA, Vic	11,613
12	DIERKING, Steven A.	14,261	12	HARPER, Dr. Velma R.	10,971
13	THOMAS-NEDEDOG, Sarah M.	14,122	13	SARMIENTO, William Q.	10,250
14	DIAZ, Jonathan B.	10,423	14	TAITAGUE, William U.	9,882
15	TORRES, Trini T.	9,882	15	BENAVENTE, John B.	9,717
	Write-ins	420		Write-ins	420

*Designates Incumbent

Agat Vice-Mayor			
Democrat	Votes	Republican	Votes
Hills, Derrick Baza	788	Quintanilla, Agustin G.	984

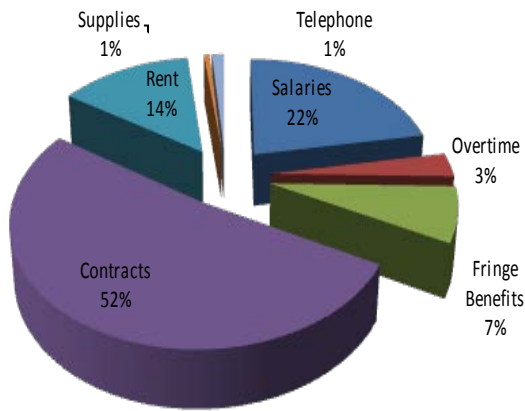
Consolidated Commission on Utilities (Non-Partisan)	
Candidates	Votes
HARA, Eloy P.	17,819
PALOMO, Benigno M.	20,650
SANCHEZ, Simon A. II	24,864
WRITE-INS	749

Attorney General (Non-Partisan)	
Candidates	Votes
Rapadas, Leonardo M.	15,121
Gumataotao, Gary W.F.	8,913
Bischoff, William C.	3,124
Write-in	170

Judicial Retention Questions			
SHALL JUDGE ANITA SUKOLA OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?		SHALL JUSTICE F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO OF THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?	
YES	28,032	YES	28,609
NO	6,941	NO	5,654

Guam Election Commission Finances

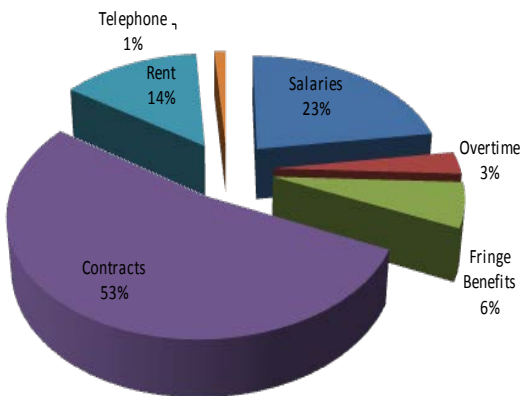
Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations



Appropriations	2011	2010	% Change
Salaries	189,554	177,508	7%
Overtime	27,644	39,875	-31%
Fringe Benefits	63,493	51,111	24%
Contracts	442,568	420,644	5%
Travel	-	-	-
Rent	117,520	100,119	17%
Supplies	5,100	5,102	0%
Equipment	-	-	-
Drug Test	-	38	-
Miscellaneous	2,419	2,400	1%
Telephone	10,923	9,367	17%
Total*	859,221	806,163	7%

* Amounts may not add up due to rounding.

Fiscal Year 2011 Expenditures



Expenditures	2011	2010	% Change
Salaries	189,554	177,507	7%
Overtime	25,748	39,874	-35%
Fringe Benefits	51,485	51,111	1%
Contracts	442,568	381,592	16%
Rent	117,520	84,339	39%
Supplies	2,931	5,102	-43%
Drug Testing	-	38	-
Miscellaneous	1,938	2,400	-19%
Telephone	9,791	9,367	5%
Total*	841,535	\$751,329	12%

* Amounts may not add up due to rounding.

Significant Changes for FY 2011

- In FY 2011, total appropriation increased by 7% from FY 2010 for the 2010 General Election.
- Total Fiscal Year 2011 expenditures increased by 12% from FY2010. A new lease agreement was signed in Feb. 2011.
- A new Executive Director was hired by the Guam Election Commission April 2011.

GEC is part of the GovGuam audit. GovGuam received an unqualified (clean) opinion. The Office of Public Accountability released the GovGuam audit on June 29, 2012. For more information, please visit <http://gec.guam.gov>.

Future Outlook and Challenges

2012 Elections

Primary Election

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

General Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Offices Up for Election

- ✓ Non-Voting Delegate to the House of Representatives
- ✓ U.S. President (poll)
- ✓ I Mina'trentai dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (15 Seats)
- ✓ Mayors (19 villages)
- ✓ Vice-Mayors (7 villages)
- ✓ Public Auditor
- ✓ Consolidated Commission on Utilities (2 Seats)
- ✓ Guam Education Board (at large) (6 Seats)

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Looking Forward

- ✓ Guam Public Law 31-61 requires the Guam Election Commission to review and update the Election Laws of Guam, Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated.
- ✓ In addition to the regular elections, the GEC is also expected to prepare for a political status plebiscite – a very significant event that may affect the international relations and foreign policies of the United States, and Guam regional partners.

Challenges

- ✓ Overseeing and managing the implementation of the new CVRS system as it is a new technology.
- ✓ Preparing for the 2012 Primary and General Elections ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, efficient, and unbiased manner.
- ✓ Determining how to maintain fair and transparent elections within Guam's dynamic social and political environment.
- ✓ Managing and ensuring that the political status plebiscite projected for 2014 is fair and transparent.

Guam Election Commission Functional Chart

