

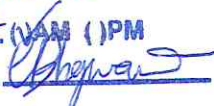
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April 7, 2020

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

The Honorable Tina Rose Muna Barnes
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35th Guam Legislature
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RE: LETTER DATED 4/6/20 REGARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BANKS

Hafa Adai Speaker Barnes,

Thank you for your call yesterday and your letter summarizing our discussion.

The members of the GBA met earlier today and discussed the private sector proposal offered by Congressman San Nicolas. As you are aware, none of the banks on island was asked for any input prior to the announcement.

That said, while we respect and applaud the initiative taken by Congressman San Nicolas to expedite the issuance of the stimulus checks to our island residents, all member banks agree that it is not feasible. Aside from what we can only imagine would be an enormous infrastructure buildout and undertaking, the banks are presently expending all its resources on the following:

1. Ensuring the continued service and safety for all our customers and staff.
2. Assisting hundreds of customers with deferral requests for consumer, residential, auto loans, as well as credit cards; and,
3. Assisting numerous businesses with their SBA applications to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program so they can keep their staff employed. As you may know, this is on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that all member banks are working to help our island community and residents in every way possible. While are willing to discuss other potential options that you or the Congressman may have, we want to assure you that we stand together in working to sustain and rebuild our island economy.



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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 475-7856.

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