

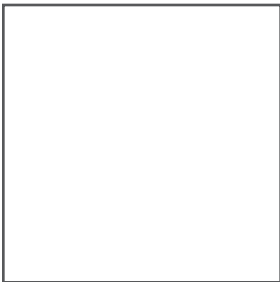
*“As both a concerned citizen and a first-term member of the CNMI House of Representatives, I have sought to remain true to my commitments to push for greater transparency and accountability in government; to encourage active and informed public participation in government; to promote the frugal and prudent expenditure of public funds; to prioritize the basic needs and long-term interests of the community; and to assist in the creation of an enduring vision of good governance and prosperity for the Commonwealth. Progress has been made on all these fronts, and there is still much more work to do.”*

## Questions? Concerns? Want to Help?

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## *for Senate*

INDEPENDENT  
NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT



# BACKGROUND

Currently serving first term in the CNMI House of Representatives, with memberships in the Committees on Commerce & Tourism and Federal & Foreign Relations. Previous work experience in environmental outreach and education. Holds a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Science.

## ON TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- Worked with other citizens to place the popular initiative to apply the Open Government Act to the Legislature on the ballot this year.
- Prevailed in Open Government Act lawsuit to reveal sources and expenditures of public funds for federalization litigation.
- Introduced House Resolution 16-74, to open a special legislative investigation of allegations of public corruption against the Lt. Governor.
- Supported the Attorney General Confirmation Act (Senate Bill 16-51, SD1).
- Voted against confirmations of board appointees of whom there had been no formal vetting.
- Sent regular legislative updates to the media and email list, and posted on [www.tinasablan.com](http://www.tinasablan.com).
- Introduced House Resolution 16-9, to amend House rules to provide public notice of all House sessions and meetings, and to improve public access to legislative records.
- Convened public forums on the state of the Legislature and CUC, and sunrise and sunset meetings to develop a long-term vision for the CNMI.

## ON FISCAL PRUDENCE

- Managed own office operational funds frugally, spending total of \$615 from Jan. 2008 to date.
- Introduced House Bill 16-266 to establish stricter guidelines for expenditures from legislators' operational accounts.
- Supported the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Act (now Public Law 16-32).
- Supported the Government & Public Deposit Safety Act (House Bill 16-4, HD1).
- Supported initiative to prohibit withdrawals from the General Fund without appropriations made by law (House Legislative Initiative 16-11).
- Supported initiative to create a part-time and downsized legislature (House Legislative Initiative 16-11).
- Supported initiative to prohibit new legislative increases in retirement fund benefits until government obligations to the fund are satisfied (House Legislative Initiative 16-13).
- Opposed initiatives to authorize \$200M pension obligation bond.

## ON LABOR & IMMIGRATION REFORM

- Supported the application of federal immigration and minimum wage laws to the CNMI.
- Introduced House Bill 16-86, to create a new 5-year immigration category for qualified long-term foreign nationals.
- Introduced House Bill 16-277, to protect the due process rights of workers affected by the Commonwealth Employment Act (PL 15-108).
- Advocated for U.S. permanent residency status for immediate relatives, CNMI permanent residents, and long-term foreign workers.

## ON LAND REFORM

- Supported initiative to extend the terms permitted for leaseholds on private lands.
- Voted against two major and questionable commercial leases of public land to corporations that could not show proof of financing.

## ON STABILIZING CUC

- Co-sponsored House Bill 16-79, to reverse previous legislatively imposed electric rate to allow CUC to stabilize financial condition.
- Co-sponsored House Bill 16-191, to provide clearer guidelines for gubernatorial declarations of emergency.
- Commenced preliminary oversight investigation on CUC in collaboration with Office of the Public Auditor.
- Ongoing research and discussions to develop legislation to improve long-term governance at CUC.
- Participate in the interagency CNMI Energy Steering Committee, to develop comprehensive CNMI plan for a sustainable energy future.



## ON THE ENVIRONMENT

- Introduced House Bill 16-200, to clarify and strengthen the Phosphate Detergent Act for improved protection of marine and ground water quality.
- Introduced House Bill 16-267, to create a new Marpi Protected Area.
- Introduced House Bill 16-267, to clarify and strengthen the Litter Control Act.
- Co-sponsored House Resolution 16-100, in support of the proposed Beach Road Corridor Improvement Plan.
- Supported the creation of a national marine monument in the Northern Marianas.

## ON PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

- Supported Healthcare Corporation Act (House Bill 16-9, HS1).
- Supported Smoke Free Air Act (now Public Law 16-46).

## PRIORITIES FOR THE SENATE

- Continue advocating for the passage of a balanced budget that prioritizes the basic needs of the CNMI and the government's obligations to the Retirement Fund and its other debts.
- Enact legislation to support and facilitate the restructuring and streamlining of local government, working cooperatively with the Executive Branch.
- Improve local governance and create a more stable business environment by reviewing, clarifying, and updating enabling statutes and management structures for critical government agencies, and by formalizing the legislative confirmation process.
- Apply the Open Government Act to the Legislature and assist in the development of rules and procedures to ensure compliance with the law.
- Continue advocating for U.S. permanent residency status for immediate relatives, CNMI permanent residents, and long-term foreign workers.
- Enact legislation to protect and enhance public health and the environment, including creation of a Marpi Protected Area, improved enforcement of the Litter Control Act, stricter prohibitions on phosphate detergents, and a simpler, more flexible zoning code.
- Enact legislation to support and facilitate development and implementation of a comprehensive energy plan.
- Continue building a long-term vision for the CNMI, and encouraging honest and progressive citizens to enter into public service.

*"These are serious and challenging times for us all. We need trustworthy and forward-thinking leadership as much as we need caring, well-informed, and active citizens who will voice their concerns, hold public officials accountable, and get involved in the effort to make this community a better place to live and visit. For my own part, I remain committed to realizing our collective vision for a just, prosperous, and sustainable CNMI now and in the years to come."*