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**Guam Election Commission**

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Guam Election Commission Staff resolve issues with ballots after each election.

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**GEC Members**

- Johnny P. Taitano (R), Chairman  
 Alice M. Taijeron (D), Vice Chairperson  
 Robert Cruz (I)  
 Joseph F. Mesa (R)  
 Martha C. Ruth (R)  
 Joshua F. Tenorio (D)  
 John Terlaje (D)  
 (I) =Independent, (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 not be confined to a mental institution.
- ✓ Must not be judicially declared insane.
- ✓ Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment.
- ✓ Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- ✓ Must be 18 years of age by the day set for an election.
- ✓ Must be a resident of Guam.

Primary Election	2010	2008
Registered voters	50,033	48,424
Total voted	29,135	20,948
% Voted	58%	43%
Failed to vote	20,898	27,476
% Failed to vote	42%	57%

**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 goals and objectives of the Guam Election Commission are:

- to provide the citizens of Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process;
- to ensure complete election returns of issues/questions and public offices.

Administrative responsibilities include the recruitment of District and Volunteer Registrars, Precinct Officials, Poll Maintenance Workers and Ballot Operators/Tabulators. This process includes advising “officials” of the Public Officials Financial Disclosure Act and candidate’s requirement to file election Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report.

**Guam Election Commission (GEC)**

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 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 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, John Blas, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission. Including the Executive Director, GEC’s full-time staff consists of six 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	6
Polling places	21
Precincts	58
Temporary employees	10
Temporary Hires (estimated)	42
Precinct officials	276

# 2010 Primary and Special Election Results



Guam voters are eager to cast ballots.



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



Guam Election Commission Acting Chairperson reviews ballots into the early morning hours.

## 2010 Special Election

Senatorial Candidates	Votes
Ada, V. Anthony (R)*	3,358
Thomas-Nededog Sarah (D)	1,503
Sarmiento, William Q. (R)	749
Benavente, Martin C. (D)	704
Aguon, Roque A. Jr. (D)	688
De Oro, Arthur A. (D)	535
Write-in	68

\*V. Anthony Ada was elected in a special election held on March 20, 2010. Senator Ada was sworn in on March 22, 2010 to the Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan taking the seat vacated by Senator Matt Rector who resigned in February 2010.

## 2010 Special Election Voters

Registered voters	45,893
Total voted	7,666
% Voted	17%
Failed to vote	38,227
% Failed to vote	83%

Gubernatorial (Democrat)	Votes	Gubernatorial (Republican)	Votes
Gutierrez, Carl T.C./ Aguon Jr., Frank Blas	8,140	Calvo, Edward J.B./ Tenorio, Raymond S.	9,221
		Cruz, Michael W., M.D. / Espaldon, James V.	6,459
Write-in	86	Write-in	7

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

Senatorial (Democrat)	Votes	Senatorial (Republican)	Votes
Won Pat, Judith T., Ed.D.*	6,284	Ada, V. Anthony *	10,348
Muna-Barnes, Tina Rose *	6,149	Blas, Frank Flores, Jr. *	10,011
Respicio, Rory J. *	5,991	Yamashita, Dr. Aline	9,720
Ada, Thomas C. *	5,981	Taijeron, Mana Silva	9,140
Gutierrez-Ludwig, Corinna	5,500	Dueñas, Christopher M.	8,599
Guthertz, Dr. Judith P. *	5,442	Taitague, Telo T. *	8,193
Cruz, Benjamin J.F. *	5,421	Moylan, Doug B.	7,702
Pangelinan, Vicente C. *	5,402	Haddock, Ray Cruz, Esq.	7,495
Rodriguez, Dennis G., Jr.	5,386	Mabini, Shirley A.	7,323
Palacios, Adolpho B., Sr.*	5,118	Guerrero, Steven G.	6,977
San Agustin, Joe Shimizu.	5,087	Gaza, Vic	6,601
Thomas-Nededog, Sarah M.	4,377	Benavente, John B.	5,977
Dierking, Steven A.	4,364	Taitague, William U.	5,877
Torres, Trini Taitingfong	3,719	Sarmiento, William Quan	5,861
Diaz, Jonathan Blas	3,646	Harper, Dr. Velma	5,796
Cruz, Phillippe J.	3,335	Borja, Dennis T.	5,351
Carriaga, Jonathan Q.	3,107	Reyes, Paul Leon Guerrero	4,574
Fejeran, Tomas Megofna	2,897	Taitano, Margarita Q.	4,418
Benavente, Robert L.G.	2,800	Dominguez, Armando S.	3,832
Write-in	104	Write-in	317

\*Designates Incumbent

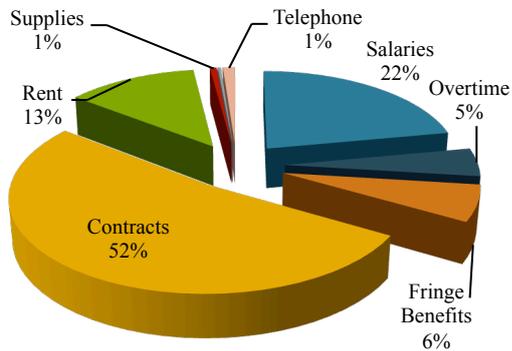
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Democrat	Votes	Republican	Votes
Hills, Derrick Baza	297	Quintanilla, Agustin G.	559
Write-in		Salas, Joseph Nededog	329
		Write-in	4

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

Source: Office of the Guam Election Commission

# Guam Election Commission's Finances

## Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations

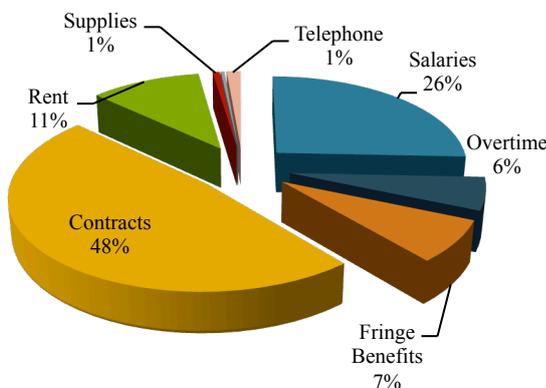


Appropriations	2010	2009	% Change
Salaries	\$ 177,508	\$148,038	19.9%
Overtime	39,875	17,314	130.3%
Fringe Benefits	51,111	72,164	-29.2%
Contracts	0	645	-100.0%
Travel	420,644	368,813	14.1%
Rent	100,119	331,713	-69.8%
Supplies	5,102	2,034	150.8%
Equipment	0	454	-100.0%
Drug Test	38	0	100.0%
Miscellaneous	2,400	4,500	-46.7%
Telephone	9,367	6,739	39.0%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$ 806,163</b>	<b>\$952,413</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>

\* Amounts may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Guam Election Commission

## Fiscal Year 2010 Expenditures



Expenditures	2010	2009	% Change
Salaries	\$177,507	\$149,553	18.7%
Overtime	39,874	0	100.0%
Fringe Benefits	51,111	51,591	-0.9%
Contract	381,592	302,208	26.3%
Rent	84,339	331,711	-74.6%
Supplies	5,102	1,151	343.2%
Drug Testing	38	0	100.0%
Miscellaneous	2,400	1,850	29.7%
Telephone	9,367	6,247	50.0%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$751,329</b>	<b>\$844,312</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>

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Source: Guam Election Commission

## Significant Changes for FY 2010

- In FY 2010, total appropriation decreased by 15.36% from FY 2009, which was primarily driven by GEC securing a leasehold contract term for its office with GCIC. In FY 2009, GEC was under a month-to-month basis evidenced by the 2010 building rent expense decrease by 69.81% from 2009.
- Appropriation for contracts increased by 14.05% in anticipation of the hiring of 2010 primary election precinct officials and procuring legal services from Cabot Mantanona LLP for pending litigations.
- In FY2010, total expenditures decreased by 12.39% from FY2009, which was primarily driven by the decrease in building rent expense.
- The increase in overtime salaries was due to the primary and special elections held on March and September 2010.

# Future Outlook and Challenges

## 2010 General Election

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

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



## Primary Election

Saturday, September 1, 2012

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

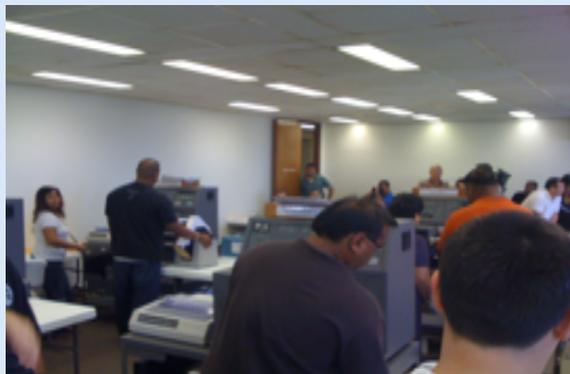
## General Election

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
- ✓ I Mina'trentai dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (15 Seats)
- ✓ Mayors (19 villages) and Vice-Mayors (7 villages)
- ✓ Public Auditor
- ✓ Consolidated Commission on Utilities (2 Seats)
- ✓ Guam Education Board (at large) (6 Seats)



*Guam Election Commission tabulators at work.*

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## Looking Forward

- ✓ The GEC is currently working on getting the Centralized Voter Registration System (CVRS) operating. With the CVRS system, the GEC will be able to provide a higher quality of service to our voters, as well as increase our efficiency in processing registrations and applications.
- ✓ 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 2011 General Election and 2012 Primary and General Elections ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, efficient, and unbiased manner.
- ✓ Managing and ensuring that the political status plebiscite projected for 2014 is fair and transparent.
- ✓ Determining how the impending military build-up will affect the GEC's operations.
- ✓ Determining how to maintain fair and transparent elections within Guam's dynamic social and political environment.

**Your VOTE is your voice**  
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