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## **Nola Kileleman Hix Appointed Regional Director for the U.S. Territories & Democrats Abroad by the Association of State Democratic Committees**

In a bold and historic move, the Association of State Democratic Committees (ASDC) hired Nola Kileleman Hix to serve as the first regional director for the U.S. Territories and Democrats Abroad. Though the territories will continue meeting with their respective regions—the Western and Eastern Caucuses of the ASDC-DNC—the creation of this position within the ASDC signals the importance of the territories to the ASDC and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and bolsters the partnership between the democratic parties in the territories and their counterparts in the fifty states. As the territories begin to utilize tools and programs that have heretofore been unavailable to them, they will rely on their very own regional director for guidance, collaboration, and training.

Ms. Hix has been a member of the DNC since 2016. She served as the Executive Director of the Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands (DPNMI) for three years, and in that role, she was responsible for party operations, fundraising, and federal relations with the ASDC and the DNC. Ms. Hix chaired the NMI Democratic Party from 2018–2022, the first woman to do so in the party's history. She worked with party officials and supporters to rebuild the party and was instrumental in the election of nine democrats across the CNMI House and Senate in 2020, creating a supermajority composed of democrats and independents in both chambers. In 2024, Ms. Hix worked to ensure the NMI Democratic Party registered with and received official recognition by the Federal Election Commission as an official state political party committee. Her leadership resulted in the first democratic party in any territory to achieve FEC recognition. Hix's private sector experience and volunteer work across various community organizations have earned her manifold accolades and the respect of friends and colleagues across the islands.

That the ASDC saw fit to create a new regional caucus and to hire a person from that region speaks to the importance of the territories to the ASDC and the DNC. This is a full circle moment for Ms. Hix as she founded the DNC's U.S. Territories Alliance in 2019 when she was Chair of the DPNMI. NMI Democrats wish Ms. Hix the very best in her new role and look forward to working with her in the months and years ahead as the party rebuilds, recruits candidates, coordinates with our federal partners, and readies itself for the election.

Patrick Ti'a Ried, Chair of the American Samoa Democratic Party:

"The American Samoa Democratic Party joins the U.S. Territories Alliance in congratulating Nola Kileleman Hix as the first ever Regional Director of the Territories and Democrats Abroad. Her leadership in organizing and being a voice for the Territories precedes this appointment and we are confident that she will bring increased visibility and action-oriented solutions to the challenges and opportunities in our respective communities."

Statement from the Democratic Party of Guam:

"The Democratic Party of Guam is excited by the recent creation of a new position within the Association of State Democratic Committees, a crucial step toward ensuring our distinct voices and vital needs are heard. Nola's appointment is not only a noteworthy achievement but also a testament to a broader national acknowledgment of our territories. This recognition is further exemplified by the appointments of Guam Vice Chair Rikki Orsini to the Project 2028 Committee, Guam Executive Director Stephanie Flores to the Training Committee, American Samoa Chair Patrick Reid to the Credentials Committee, and Puerto Rico Chair Luis Davila-Pernas to the Rules Committee. We extend our sincere appreciation to DNC Chair Ken Martin and ASDC President Jane Kleeb for their commitment to advancing the critical importance of territorial representation."

Luis Dávila Pernas, Chair of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico:

"On behalf of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Nola Hix on her appointment as the new Regional Director of the Territories and Democrats Abroad for ASDC. Her proven leadership and dedication to democratic values make her an exceptional choice to represent and unify our diverse communities across the territories and abroad. We look forward to collaborating with her to strengthen our party's presence and ensure that every voice is heard and valued."

Carol Burke, Chair of the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands:

"Creating the Regional Director position for the Territories and Democrats Abroad proves that the ASDC and the DNC leadership are committed to restructuring our organization to better address our needs. The selection of Nola Nix to serve in this capacity is equally fitting and timely, and the U.S. Virgin Islands supports the assignment and is prepared to move forward alongside her."

NMI Democratic Party Chair Annie Pickelsimer:

"Though we are losing our Executive Director, we are gaining so much more. Nola brings to her new role an energy for change and innovation that is unmatched, and a deep respect not only for the values of the Democratic Party but also for the values of our Refaluwasch and Chamorro communities of which she is a part. The gifts and talents she shared with the NMI Democratic Party she will now share with the ASDC and the DNC, and we are confident she will be a fierce advocate for the CNMI and our territorial and Democrats Abroad counterparts in all she does in her new role."

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