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The Democratic Party's Blue Banquet

On Saturday, July 2, 2022, Democrats from across the Northern Mariana Islands gathered for a signature event, the Democratic Party's first Blue Banquet. NMI Democrats celebrated in style while honoring its leaders, reflecting on its past, and looking towards its future.

Democratic Party Chair Jonathan P. Cabrera welcomed the revelers and reminded them that voting blue in November meant that they would be voting for Democratic integrity, solutions, transparency, and accountability. Cabrera asserted that, "In the Northern Marianas and across the nation, Democrats are committed to uniting and healing our communities, to rebuilding an economy that promotes shared prosperity, and to restoring public trust in government."

At the event, Party officers recognized members of the Central Executive Committee, recognized those who ran with the Party in 2020, and honored those elected to office with a special plaque of appreciation for the work they do every day for the people of the CNMI.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of former Governor Dr. Carlos Sablan Camacho (represented at the event by his wife Mrs. Lourdes P. Camacho), Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, and Mr. Efrain F. Camacho. The Party thanked them for their leadership, integrity, and commitment to the ideals of the Democratic Party.

Ken Martin, Chairman of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party, President of the Association of State Democratic Committees, and a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee, shared a special message with NMI Democrats via video. He said, "State parties are so critical because we are the institution that remains after every election. We do the critical work of building the infrastructure for the future. We're focused on building our party to win in this upcoming election but also to last." He concluded his message by encouraging CNMI Democrats to "get out there and organize and energize, and let's make sure we win and do great things for people."

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When Rep. Celina Roberto Babauta accepted her plaque, she thanked those gathered for electing women to the House of Representatives from every precinct in Saipan. Rep. Christina Marie E. Sablan, for her part, reminded those gathered that the problems our community faces are not insurmountable, that working together, we can make the Northern Mariana Islands a place where all can prosper, where all can thrive. Del. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan thanked the party for the special recognition and was quick to remind everyone to vote for his Democratic colleagues up and down the ballot.

In a little over a hundred days, voters will head to the polls, and the Democratic Party trusts that people will Vote Blue in 2022. When they vote blue in November, they will be voting against Republican corruption and voting for Democratic integrity. They will be voting against Republican intransigence and voting for Democratic solutions. They will be voting against Republican obstruction and voting for Democratic transparency. They will be voting against Republican excuses and voting for Democratic accountability.

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