DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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The Northern Mariana Islands, which is part of Micronesia, comprises the former Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

It consists of three main islands—Saipan, Tinian, and Rota—and several small islands and atolls.

Citizens of the CNMI elect a governor and lieutenant governor, a 20-member House of Representatives, a 9-member Senate, and a non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

CNMI Democrats are on the move! CNMI Democrats are proud to stand with Democrats all across the country fighting at every level of government for transparency, accountability, equity, and good governance. We value our federal partners and endeavor to continue learning from one another, sharing resources, and electing MORE Democrats up and down the ballot. Our candidates worked hard, met with many constituents this past election campaign, and one recurring theme arose in all the conversations they had with constituents: people are hungry for change. Our recent election demonstrated that very fact, and as a result, CNMI Democrats remain committed to electing Democrats, holding our leaders accountable, and agitating for the kinds of changes we need at the local level to ensure all the people of the CNMI can prosper. Together, we will build a safe, healthy, beautiful, sustainable, and truly inclusive Northern Marianas.

Jonathan P. Cabrera
Chairman

THANK YOU CNMI

Jonathan P. Cabrera
Chairman

Luella I. Marciano
Vice Chair

Melia K. Johnson
Secretary

Shawna E. Indalecio
Treasurer

Nola K. Hix
Executive Director

A YEAR IN REVIEW: TOP 22 IN 2022

22 **January 12, 2022.** CNMI Republican Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres is impeached by the 22nd CNMI House of Representatives for alleged felony, neglect of duty and corruption, including living a lavish lifestyle on the taxpayer's tab amid a super typhoon and a pandemic.

21 **Jan 26, 2022.** The Democratic Party of the NMI formally announces their candidates for Governor, & Lieutenant Governor with Democratic NMI US Delegate Kilili Sablan also endorsing the ticket. History was made as Tina Sablan and Leila Staffler became the first female tandem Gubernatorial Candidates in the NMI, and one of two in the country.

20 **March 10 – 11, 2022.** For the first time in DNC History a committeeman from the territories was elected to serve on two DNC Councils, the Seniors and Climate Councils. Our National Committeeman Michael White was also elected to an At-Large position within the DNC's Western Caucus. Go Mike!

19 **March 17, 2022.** Chairwoman Nola K. Hix steps down from the party and is named Executive Director. Hix was elected in 2018 before relocating to Guam in 2019. With the unanimous support of the party she chose the new officers and her successor, Chairman Jonathan P. Cabrera, Vice Chair Luella I. Marciano, Secretary Melia K. Johnson, and Treasurer Shawna E. Indalecio.

18 **April 8, 2022.** The CNMI Office of the Attorney General files criminal charges against Republican Governor Ralph Torres. The charges filed were 12 counts of misconduct in public office, one count of theft, and one count of contempt for failure to appear in compliance with a subpoena.

17 **April 16, 2022.** Outreach towards our Filipino voters began with our first ever Kababayan Evening Forum Event held at the Island Hotel, Rooftop in Garapan.

16 **April 28, 2022.** An Open House was held for the unveiling of our new headquarters "The People's Office" conveniently located on Quartermaster, Middle Road Saipan.

15 **May 18, 2022.** The CNMI Senate voted to acquit Republican Governor Ralph Torres of all six articles of impeachment against him, following a Senate impeachment trial that involved no prosecutors or CNMI House of Representatives evidence because of senate rules.

14 **June 3, 2022,** NMI Democrats were OUT & PROUD with their first ever PRIDE roadside wave and mixer held at the headquarters. Queer Representation is important and for the first time ever we are proud to include our newly elected officers Chairman Jonathan Cabrera, and Treasurer Shawna Indalecio who are also members of our LGBTQIA+ community.

13 **July 2, 2022.** The Blue Banquet - our party's first annual fundraising event of the year was a successful evening that celebrated our leadership, while honoring our party's past, present, and future.

12 **July 8, 2022.** We bid farewell to a former judge, public defender, hearing officer, and attorney general. +Herb Soll was a True Blue Democrat, Statesman, and long-time member of our party's Central Executive Committee.

11 **Aug 5, 2022.** Making history! Our Democrats filed their candidacies with the Commonwealth Election Commission.

10 **Aug 19, 2022.** NMI Democrats Launch their first ever CARE Event with a Back to School Supplies Drive.

9 **Aug 21, 2022.** We said goodbye again and this time to one of the friendliest people on Rota. +Martin Atalig was also a kind supporter, and generous man who assisted with the party's campaign logistics.

8 **Aug 25, 2022.** All 13 candidates running under our banner were officially certified by the Commonwealth Election Commission. A certification presentation with the media was held at our headquarters to introduce our Democratic Slate.

19275
Total Registered Voters as of September 14, 2022

1625
Total Registered Absentee Voters as of October 26, 2020

72
Percent voted in Election 2020

7 **Sept 14, 2022.** 19,275 was the number of voters registered to vote in the general election. The highest voter turnout in CNMI history.

6 **Sept 20, 2022.** The Humane Society of the United States honors, Democratic NMI US Delegate Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with one of four "Legislator of the Year" awards for his bipartisan work on one of the most urgent animal protection measures in Congress, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act.

5 **Oct 20, 2022.** Guam Media and NMI Democrat Supporters, Kandit News joins us for a fun-filled adventure on Saipan with an island-hop to Tinian as well right before the election.

4 **Nov 1 – 8 2022.** From Nov 1st through Nov 7th Early Voting began on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, & Rota. The General Election was held on Nov 8th with NMI Democratic incumbents Edwin K. Propst, Vicente C. Camacho, Denita K. Yangetmai, and newcomer Vincent F. Camacho all elected to serve in the 23rd CNMI House of Representatives. Former incumbent Representative Celina R. Babauta was also elected to serve in the Senate with their colleague and House Majority Caucus member, former Representative Donald M. Manglona from the island of Rota. NMI Democrat and US Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Camacho Sablan was also re-elected and ran unopposed.

3 **Nov 8, 2022.** The race for 50% + began with Gubernatorial Candidates Governor Ralph Torres & Senator Vinnie Sablan (REP) coming in first with 5,728 votes, Lieutenant Governor Arnold Palacios, & Mayor David Apatang (IND) in second with 4,890 votes, and Representative Tina Sablan & Representative Leila Staffler (DEM) in third with 4,132 votes. The tandems of Torres/Sablan (REP) and Arnold/Dave (IND)would advance to compete in the runoff election on Nov 24.

2 **Nov 16, 2022.** Gubernatorial Candidates Tina Sablan and Leila Staffler (DEM) met with Lieutenant Governor Arnold Palacios and Mayor Apatang (IND) for the historic signing of their UNITY pledge. Tina and Leila also endorsed Arnold and Dave while publicly requesting that all of their voters and supporters vote for Arnold and Dave in the upcoming runoff election. All candidates running under our Democratic banner also vowed to vote for change while encouraging their friends, families, and supporters to vote again on Nov 24.

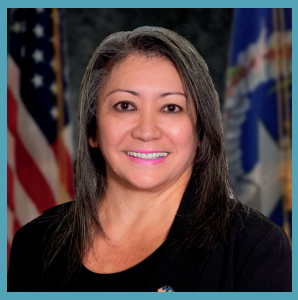
1 **Nov 24, 2022.** With effective outreach and encouragement from our NMI Democrats along with supporters near and abroad Lieutenant Governor Arnold Palacios and Mayor Apatang (IND) defeated Governor Ralph Torres, and Senator Vinnie Sablan. It was a landslide victory of 7,394 votes versus 6,263 votes for a voter turnout of 13,657.

ELECTED NMI DEMOCRATS in the 118th United States Congress & 23rd Commonwealth Legislature

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman
Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan
Northern Mariana Islands

CNMI SENATE



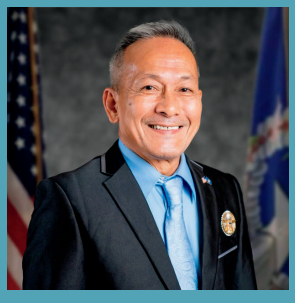
Sen. Edith Deleon Guerrero
Saipan

Sen. Celina R. Babauta
Saipan

CNMI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Diego Vincent F. Camacho
Precinct 1

Rep. Edwin K. Propst
Precinct 1



Rep. Vicente C. Camacho
Precinct 3

Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai
Precinct 3