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SENATOR MOYLAN SHARES FRUSTRATION IN A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Hagatna – Last Friday, Senator James Moylan sent his third letter in as many weeks to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, with the intent of following up on any details the administration can share when it comes to addressing the public safety crisis. The latter two letters were follow-ups to the first inquiry, and the only response was an acknowledgment of receipt. While Senator Moylan was not asking for the complete plan, his inquiries included what steps the Executive Branch was pursuing in regards to hiring peace officers and if legislative activity was needed. Senator Moylan emphasized the introduction of Bill 245-35 several weeks ago, and if it could be considered as urgent to assist the administration in expediting the process, by relaxing certain Personnel Rules associated with processing candidates.

“In the past 10 days we have seen the celebratory hiring of two deputy directors, both of less critical agencies, yet other than general statements, we have not heard any details on how the administration will hire additional peace officers, considering the archaic hiring policies in the books,” stated Senator Moylan. *“Now we are hearing that any plans to address the public safety concerns from the town hall meetings will not be released until the end of the year. We are heading into a holiday season where crime numbers increase, and all our people ask for is optimism. That comes with an urgency in transparency in terms of how the government plans on addressing these problems,”* added Senator Moylan.

Senator Moylan asked in his latest letter that if Adelup chooses not to share the details with our office, that they share it with the public instead, but to please do so expeditiously. He has expressed that this issue should not be tangled in politics and instead should be about transparency. The executive branch, in conjunction with the Mayor’s Council of Guam, coordinated a series of town hall meetings over the summer, and the community is still awaiting some action as a result of the concerns and comments shared by the public. Senator Moylan has indicated that he will continue his village Town Hall meetings, with another one being scheduled in Dededo on December 12, as a means to find additional ways to address changes towards existing policies.

“Providing some details and displaying some action would go a long way towards building back the confidence of the community. If the same emphasis on prioritizing the placement of Christmas lights at Skinner Plaza would be applied towards addressing the public safety dilemmas, more of our residents would be able to sleep better at night.”

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