

# Kumision Ileksion Guåhan

*“Bota ya un ma kuenta.”*



# Guam Election Commission

*“Your Vote is your voice.”*

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In July 2021 Public Law 36-41 was passed implementing permanently early in-office voting as a step forward in assuring access and ease of voting is available to all eligible voters. Through the competitive bid process, the Mezzanine at the Westin Resort was selected for the 2022 Vote Center. Additionally, for the General Election, the Guam Election Commission (GEC) established three (3) satellite Vote Center locations, first in Dededo, then Mangilao, and finally in Malesso’ on a Saturday before the November General Election. Together with our partners, the GEC successfully serviced over 12,000 voters during the early voting period for the Primary and General Elections. Although this report does not cover the 2022 General Election, preparations were made during Fiscal Year 2022.

## Who We Are

The GEC is an autonomous and independent commission of the Government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. With recommendations made from the Democrat and Republican parties, *I Maga’låhen Guåhan* appoints six members, three from each political party. The seventh member, an independent, is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two- year term. Executive Director Maria I.D. Pangelinan serves at the pleasure of the Commission and manages the GEC’s administrative team.

## Mission

The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to conduct fair, honest, and orderly elections in accordance with local and federal laws.

## Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the GEC are to provide fair and ample access for qualified individuals to register to vote; to maintain an accurate voter registry; to hire & train election officials; to conduct fair, honest, and orderly elections; and to perform all administrative duties enumerated in Title 3 and other applicable sections of the Guam Code Annotated.

## History

The Guam Election Commission, as it exists today, was created with the passage of P.L. 11-202 on December 12, 1972 and was comprised of members appointed by the Governor from each of the recognized political parties, with the Chief Commissioner serving as Chairman. On March 1973, the Commission held their first meeting and appointed an Executive Director and an assistant in September of that year. In October 1973, the Commission moved into its office in the GCIC building in Hagåtña.

## Commissioners

Alice M. Taijeron	(D) Chairperson
Gerard C. Crisostomo	(R) Vice Chairman
G. Patrick Civile	(I) Commissioner
Joseph P. Mafnas	(D) Commissioner
Antonia R. Gumataotao	(R) Commissioner
Carissa E. Pangelinan	(D) Commissioner
Benny A. Pinaula	(R) Commissioner

*(D) = Democrat, (R) = Republican, (I) = Independent .*

## Who qualifies to register?

An individual must meet the following qualifications as provided in 3 GCA § 3101 to be a registered voter on Guam:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be a resident of Guam;
- Must be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election;
- Must not be committed under a sentence of imprisonment;
- Must not be confined to a mental institution; and
- Must not be judicially declared insane

## 2022 GEC Demographics

Registered Voters (as of Sept. 30, 2022)	58,152
Full-Time Employees	14
District Voter Registrars	38
Precinct Officials	335
Precincts	67
Polling Sites	21
Early Vote Center	1
Satellite Vote Center	3

# OUR PERFORMANCE

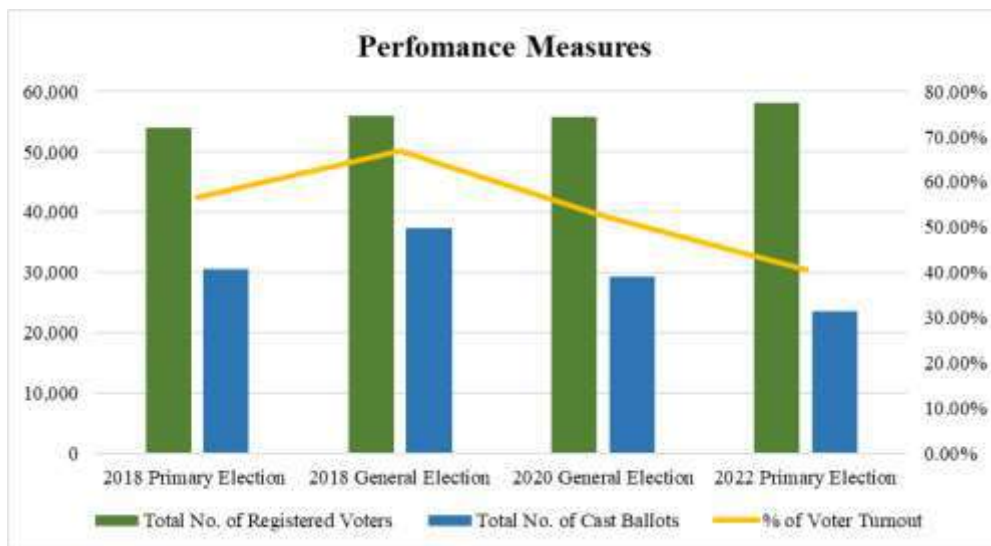
PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2019 2018 General	FY 2021 2020 General	FY 2022 2022 Primary	% Change	
Total No. of Cast Ballots	37,386	29,377	23,679	(5,698)	↓
% of Voter turnout	66.83%	52.57%	40.71%	-22.56%	↓
<b>No. of Voters</b>					
Registered Online		1,016	1,835	80.61%	↑
Motor Voter		3,057	5,978	95.55%	↑
Total No. of Registered Voters	55,941	55,880	58,152	4.07%	↑
<b>Absentee Voters</b>					
Off-Island	288	173	108	-37.57%	↓
Homebound	613	686	460	-32.94%	↓
In-Office	<u>1,042</u>	<u>12,227</u>	<u>5,291</u>	-56.73%	↓
No. of Absentee ballots counted	1,943	13,086	5,859	-55.23%	↓
<b>Outreach/Trainings</b>					
No. of Candidate Workshops	0*	0*	14	100%	↑
No. of Volunteer Registrars		0**	134	100%	↑
No. of Precinct Officials	335	335	335		↔
No. of Notary Officials	13	14	13	-7.14%	↓

\* Candidate workshops are conducted January to June in even years.

\*\*Efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and abide by Executive Orders temporarily paused the Volunteer Voter Registrar program for the 2020 General Election. Voters were able to register to vote online or in person at GEC.

**NOTE:** Due to the spread of COVID-19, the 2020 Primary Election was cancelled by Public Law 35-96, two days before the election was to be held.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY2018 2018 Primary	FY2019 2018 General	FY2021 2020 General	FY2022 2022 Primary
Total No. of Registered Voters	54,033	55,941	55,880	58,152
Total No. of Cast Ballots	30,628	37,386	29,377	23,679
% of Voter Turnout	56.68%	66.83%	52.57%	40.71%



# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## MAJOR EXPENSES

- Personnel: Salaries, Overtime and Benefits are the majority of the GEC's expenses, making up 66 % of the fiscal year expenditures. As the Commission drew closer to the 2022 Primary Election, the recruitment of 18 temporary employees were necessary to carry out election activities and tasks
- Contracts: Contracts make up the second largest category of expenditures. \$328, 427 covers expenses such as Ballot Printing & Supply, Ballot Transportation Election Day site support, rental of necessary equipment, and other services that may be required for Election Day.
- Miscellaneous: This category makes up the third largest category of expenditures. \$194,843 covers expenses such as stipends for Precinct Officials, Deputized Homebound Officials, Polling Site Managers, and Poll Maintenance Workers; meals for Election Day workers.

Appropriations	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	% Change	
General Fund	\$ 1,634,769	\$ 1,630,235	\$ 1,803,910	10.65%	↑
Federal Fund	\$ 1,210,570	\$ -	\$ 603,921	100.00%	↑
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,845,339</b>	<b>\$ 1,630,235</b>	<b>\$ 2,407,831</b>	<b>47.70%</b>	<b>↑</b>
Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022		
<b>General Fund</b>					
Regular Salary	\$ 614,859	\$ 686,197	\$ 828,234	20.70%	↑
Overtime	\$ 154,072	\$ 141,926	\$ 286,934	102.17%	↑
Fringe Benefits	\$ 211,580	\$ 236,638	\$ 287,088	21.32%	↑
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Contracts	\$ 223,619	\$ 217,868	\$ 307,142	40.98%	↑
Rent	\$ 167,440	\$ 172,834	\$ 178,966	3.55%	↑
Supplies	\$ 10,433	\$ 2,287	\$ 18,744	719.59%	↑
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Drug Testing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Misc	\$ 45,057	\$ 155,727	\$ 194,843	25.12%	↑
Telephone	\$ 15,523	\$ 16,243	\$ 11,108	-31.61%	↑
Sub-Recipient/Grant		\$ -			
Capital		\$ -			
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,442,583</b>	<b>\$ 1,629,720</b>	<b>\$ 2,113,059</b>	<b>29.66%</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>					
Salaries	\$ 21,302	\$ 33,128	\$ -	-100%	↓
Overtime	\$ 9,489	\$ 24,370	\$ -	-100%	↓
Fringe Benefits	\$ 6,235	\$ 9,893	\$ -	-100%	↓
Travel	\$ 14,430	\$ -			
Contracts	\$ 34,688	\$ 117,931	\$ 21,285	-82%	↓
Rent	\$ 15,562	\$ 30,541		-100%	↓
Supplies	\$ 56,198	\$ 36,986	\$ 8,957	-76%	↓
Equipment	\$ 374,836	\$ -	\$ -	100%	↑
Drug Testing	\$ 400	\$ -			
Miscellaneous	\$ 9,882	\$ 217,959	\$ 445	-100%	↓
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$ 543,022</b>	<b>\$ 470,808</b>	<b>\$ 30,687</b>	<b>-93%</b>	<b>↓</b>

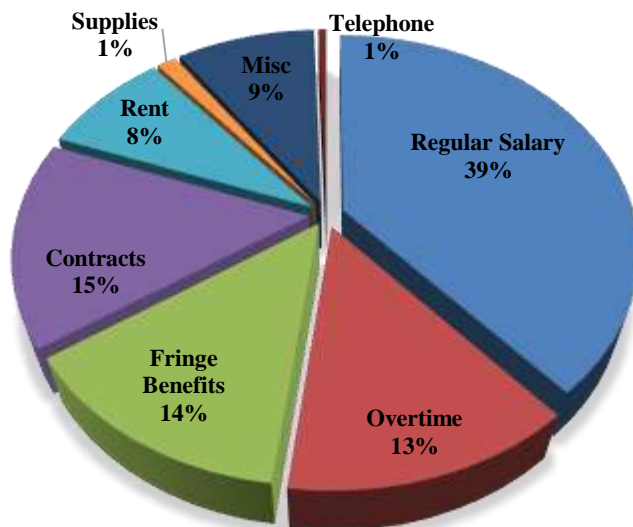
NOTE: FY2022 Accounts include continuing appropriations.

## HAVA Security Grant

The GEC received a total of \$603,000 in Security Grant funding for activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal Office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements. Funding authorized for:

- Replacing voting Equipment.
- Upgrade election related computer systems and security.
- Funding activities that will improve the security of elections for Federal Offices.

## FY 2022 Total Expenditures



# FUTURE OUTLOOK & CHALLENGES

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

### 2022 ELECTION CYCLE

**General Election**  
 Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
 Polls Open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- ▶ Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam (1 Seat)
- ▶ Members for the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature (15 seats)
- ▶ Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives (1 Seat)
- ▶ Attorney General of Guam (1 seat)
- ▶ Guam Education Board (6 seats)
- ▶ Consolidated Commission on Utilities (3 seats)

### 2022 ELECTION INFORMATION

- ▶ Candidate Packets for the 2022 Elections were released on January 7, 2022.
- ▶ Individuals interested in becoming volunteer voter registrars may apply by downloading the application at [gec.guam.gov](http://gec.guam.gov) and submitting it to [vote@gec.guam.gov](mailto:vote@gec.guam.gov)
- ▶ Qualified individuals may register to vote at the GEC Office in Tamuning, online at [gec.guam.gov](http://gec.guam.gov), at village mayor’s offices, with volunteer registrars in the community, or when renewing or applying for their ID or license at the DMV.

## Looking Forward

### The GEC continues to:

- Prepare for the 2022 General Election;
- Ensure that elections are conducted fairly, efficiently, and with transparency;
- Populate its voter registry;
- Upgrade equipment in line with industry standards to safeguard the security of the island’s elections;
- Review and propose updates to the Election Code of Guam as prescribed by 3 GCA § 2103(d)(1);
- Supervise campaign contributions and expenditures pursuant to 3 GCA § 17102;
- Notify, receive, and certify filings mandated by the Public Official Disclosure Act; and,
- Establish procedures that acknowledge Guam’s dynamic social and political environment.

## Challenges

### The GEC confronts issues and barriers with:

- Increasing the number of registered voters and voter participation;
- Streamlining the electoral process and Election Code;
- Modernizing the voter registry system; and,
- Obtaining secure access with the Division of License and Examination Branch, Division of Motor Vehicles for motor voter registration and online voter registration.



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**GEC-FY 2022 Citizen-Centric Report Submission Pursuant to 1 GCA §1922**

1 message

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Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 3:42 PM

To: Speaker's Office &lt;speaker@guamlegislature.org&gt;, admin@guamopa.com, mcruz@guamopa.com

Cc: Vote &lt;vote@gec.guam.gov&gt;

Hafa Adai,

In accordance with Title 1 Guam Code Annotated (GCA) Chapter 19 §1922(a), The GEC respectfully submits its FY2022 Citizen-Centric Report. Please know that a copy of this report can be found on our website at [www.gec.guam.gov](http://www.gec.guam.gov)

Thank you, if you have any questions please let me know

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