

March 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m. 34th Guam Legislature Public Hearing of Resolution No. 51-34 (LS) and 52-34 (LS)

Oral Testimony

[1:00:45]V.S. TMT Saina Ma'ase. I would like to also recognize the presence of Senator Joe San Agustin. Vicente Garrido.

Vicente Garrido

Buenas. Guahu si Vicente Garrido. Saludu para hamyu todun ni man senadot pago ni man presente yan eye man mapos na tiempo. Hunggan gof supputi esti na bill. Hu gof supputi.

Para guahu i opinuhu ni banda, i ruling by Judge Gatewood on his pleblecite to me is terrible and insulting to the Chamorro people. It's totally a slap in the face for the Chamorro people. And it's also a sad month, for the Chamorro people. Knowing that this month is Mes Chamoru and the Chamorro is also celebration Guam history and Chamoru heritage. Matu de mafa sineksi esti.

Dave Davis, and I don't care whether he is here or not. I don't care. He's listening. Dave Davis is a racist. He is a pure white man racist. He is an interloper. And if you don't know what an interloper mean? Interloper? The one that interfere in somebody's business or personal business [nai].

Ume entilu na bisnis na Chamoru ni put esti yun niha ni put pleblicite. Si Dave Davis ti ma colonized na taotao. Hita ni Chamoru na man colonized. Ahe ti guiya. Kon todun eyu siha i man matu magu ni put fanaga guini yan pon fan chelu i oppotunitidot guini gi islata. Ti man ma colonized enao siha. Ha tunguha si Dave Davis na taya bisnisna para halom na pon fan bota gini pleblecite.

Pues para guahu Judge Gatewood, I believe is confused about this pleblecite, Chamorro only vote. That's the way I see it. That's my opinion. I am not a lawyer. And I also, Judge Gatewood says, this pleblecite is a public issue. It's not a public issue. This is not a public issue. The pleblecite for Self-Determination is a Chamorro sentiment, it's a human rights issue. Human rights issue.

[1:04:12] Hafa un na para public issue? Hita ni Chamoru man ma colonized guini gi islata. If Judge Gatewood is so hot shot about the 14th and 15th Amendment in the Constitution. How come he's isn't saying, that we are supposed to become U.S. citizens and we cannot even vote for the United States president? How come she's not saying that? But she went on and agreed to support a racist person, who come here and make Guam their home? And this is the same guy, Dave Davis, who is trying to destroy us on the Chamorro Land Trust. Lanya. I know that for a long time. I know it. [1:04:49]

I'm a member of Nacion Chamoru. I'm a former Ma'ga'la'hi of Nacion Chamoru. Also, a veteran of the enlisted Army, Infantry, Combat Veteran. I've been around. I've been around. I've been through hell. And I know what it's like. But this is another hell for me here on this island.

Chamorros must stand up gachong. I heard some of the senators say, 'Oh, we're already here,'. Esta man dadanahit guini. Hunggan nai man dadanahit lo ti man hihita. Ti man hihita! Ti man hihita, umbre. Todu lai napiniti lai. Napiniti.

Wow, man, when I see the headline, "*Pleblicite Law Unconstitutional*," taya yuta constitution [1:05:54]. hafa na para, munggi i constitution? We don't even have a constitution.

Pues ta'lu, you know, Judge Gatewood's decision, really, is a true example of what it's like to be a colonized judge. Let's face it, lai. Let's face it, and make no mistake, that Guam's government is nothing more but a puppet government. A puppet government being ruled by a foreign power, the United States federal government. [1:06:33]

And another thing that Judge Gatewood said, 'Oh, I can understand the people, they colonized, for their desire to decolonize themselves.' And we must recognize the people who are giving me pas...now. I think it should be the opposite. I think Judge Gatewood should say that the people who come to this island should respect us and recognize ourselves.

Siha debri du respeta. Hafa. Lannga matu hao magi gi I tano'hu' des pues para bai, siguihamu respeti ti respetai hao? You kidding me? Lao I'm sorry, but that's the way I see it. I support in this appeal and I hope, Judge Gatewood, because, like I said, the decision on this plebiscite that Judge Gatewood is terrible [1:07:38] and is insulting to the Chamoru people.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase. [1:07:43]