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NEWS RELEASE

PAG Meets with Rota Senator

Piti, Guam, June 24, 2021: Port Authority of Guam management met today with Rota Senator Paul Atalig Manglona to discuss the ongoing matter involving commercial cargo being shipped to Rota that is taking place at the Hagåtña Marina.

The Port has been implementing strict procedures for commercial cargo at the Marinas to ensure the facility's safety, marina users, and the security of our borders. Manglona requested the meeting to ensure that those shipping goods to Rota can safely bring their shipments in and out of the Hagåtña Marina.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio explained to Sen. Manglona (IND-Rota) the Port's steps to ensure the boaters are following all safety plans and properly registering as cargo vessels. Respicio informed Sen. Manglona that the Port has been meeting with local and federal law enforcement entities, seeking their assistance with this matter to ensure full participation of all agencies when these boats carrying commercial cargo arrive and depart the Hagåtña Marina.

Respicio was joined by Deputy General Managers Dominic Muna and Luis Baza and Corporate Services Manager Vivian C. Leon. The Port is working with the Coast Guard and all other law enforcement entities to secure all points of entry into Guam.

"I truly believe that all parties are working together to ensure the goods that the people of Rota need are still delivered, but done following all rules, regulations, and statute," Manglona said.

"We thanked Sen. Manglona for the meeting and assured the senator and many others that Governor Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Tenorio, and our Board recognize that this activity is a vital lifeline for the people in the Marianas. In the spirit of One-Marianas, we are working with all affected vessel operators so that our procedures enhance all federal and local law enforcement efforts to securing and protecting our borders," said Respicio.

The Port is in the final draft phase of publishing and adopting a policy on Loading and Unloading commercial cargo at the Marinas.

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PAG Meeting with Senator Manglona: Senator Paul A. Manglona left discusses issues regarding commercial cargo being shipped to Rota from the Hagåtña Marina with Port Deputy General Manager Dominic Muna and Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio on Thursday June 24, 2021.

Group Photo with Senator Manglona: Port Authority of Guam management met with Rota Senator Paul Atalig Manglona on Thursday June 24, 2021 to discuss the ongoing matter involving commercial cargo being shipped to Rota that is taking place at the Hagåtña Marina. Left to right is Port Deputy General Manager Dominic Muna, Port Corporate Services Manager Vivian C. Leon, Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio, Senator Paul Atalig Manglona and Port Deputy General Manager Luis Baza.