

# NEWS: Decolonization Commission invites residents to village discussions

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Hagatna — There will be three village discussions on Guam’s political status in north, south and central Guam in the next few weeks.

The Commission on Decolonization, to include task forces representing the three status options, will present information on:

1. Self-determination: “What Is It?” and “What Does It Mean?”
2. The importance of determining Guam’s political status.
3. What are the three status options and what do they mean for Guam?

Representatives from the three task forces and the Commission will be at each discussion to answer questions on the options: independence, statehood and free association.

The village discussions will be held at 6 p.m. on the following days and locations:

1. December 14: Dededo Community center
2. December 16: Merizo Senior Citizen Center
3. December 19: Barrigada Community Center

***“The Commission is inviting all Guamanians to this meeting because it is important that we all understand what the self-determination movement means,”*** said Decolonization Commission executive director Ed Alvarez.

***“These discussions follow high school debates, gatherings and other village discussions. I want to thank Commissioners and the task forces, the Governor and Lt. Governor and their staff for their support and work to move this issue forward. It’s about time that the native inhabitants of Guam had a voice in determining their future.”***