

Do not forget that our form of government is a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

You do not own the government. You are merely occupying the position you are in and you are elected to serve the people.

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2-plebiscite solution should be considered

Robert Statham's recent opinion article in the Pacific Daily News on the upcoming

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political status plebiscite rests on the understanding of two premises: practice (procedure of self-determination) and theory (principle of equality).

Statham echoes Justice Kennedy's opinion in *Rice v. Cateyano* that "ancestry can be a proxy for race." The law (i.e. procedure) cannot be used as a tool that undermines the very principles upon which it is founded.

Statham offers the practical solution for full inclusion (two plebiscites) that links theory to practice without undermining democratic principles.

Besides family, only two institutions have consistently secured the traditions of the Chamorro people and promote the development of our community, the Church and the university.

While the Church continues to break the barriers of irreconcilable differences and foster the understanding of community, the University of Guam, conversely, has been suspect to its means and ends.

UOG remains politically vulnerable to the appetites of destruction that Michael

San Nicolas promotes. San Nicolas promotes the crisis of legitimacy.

Hitler, Pol-Pot, and Stalin have echoed San Nicolas' words. The late Anthony Quan reminded his students to recognize these fallacies of reasoning, without engaging in repetition. His words resonate now more than ever.

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Statehood is first step for Guam

Every endeavor begins with a first step. Statehood is the first such step. Do vote. I am amenable to a selective ethnic vote although it sounds un-American. I'm not a Chamorro, but my kids are.

In my view, the United States is the best country to follow to avoid the pitfalls inherent in independence and free association.

A modified Organic Act is a good basis for a new state constitution. Land and population size don't preclude statehood.

I hope that statehood or integration with an existing country receives preference