

THE EXTRA POINT

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85 The Job Interview for Legislative Candidates

If you were to treat the upcoming election for the Guam Legislature as a job interview, what questions would you ask? I'm Jerry Roberts and let's get our hiring hat on, next, on The Extra Point.

Some questions should relate to specific job issues and what results we want; and others should deal with general workplace and behavioral matters. Let's get started.

1. Healthcare costs continue to rise and most health problems stem from lifestyle choices. How can you attack this problem?

2. What changes would you immediately implement to benefit our educational system?

3. Guam's crime rate is growing and we're seeing an increased level of violent acts. How will you combat this?

4. Guam has a housing crisis. How would you solve these three issues: reducing the homeless population, fixing the Chamorro Land Trust Commission problems, and creating truly affordable housing for middle and lower income families?

5. The federal government still hasn't paid Guam all the compensation it owes us under the Compact Impact agreement. What measures should GovGuam take to correct this situation?

6. What are the first three bills you will introduce upon election?

7. If you were an animal, what animal would you...kidding.

7. Name a law you would knock off the books if you could?

8. Senators too often maintain party lines in their voting. How do you feel about party-first

politics and will you guarantee that you won't play that game?

9. What do you see about the current legislature that needs to change?

10. Senators need to get along with each other to make progress. What is your personality style and how has it both worked for you and against you in your career?

11. In a sentence, describe your negotiating methods and give an example of how you have successfully used it.

12. What was your biggest career mistake, what did you learn from it, and how will that help you if elected to the legislature?

13. Give a specific example of when you took on an issue and your leadership was successful in delivering a positive result.

14. What do people not understand about you and what you're looking to accomplish?

15. What one issue in your campaign is non-negotiable — that you intend to pursue no matter what anyone says?

Do you have better questions for the folks running for the legislature? Good, Mr. Gibson is waiting for them by Whatsapp, by email, on his live Facebook feed, or at 888-8255, right now. What would you ask the candidates?

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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