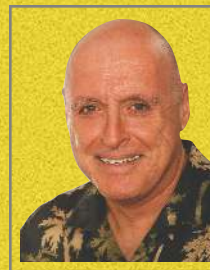


THE EXTRA POINT

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1053 Could your Number Two Lead Well – if Necessary?

Congressman Mike San Nicolas made his bid for governor official yesterday. His choice of a running mate had people talking. Is veteran journalist Sabrina Salas-Matanane ready to be Guam's lieutenant governor, and be just a heartbeat away from governor? I'm Jerry Roberts and let's chew this over, next on The Extra Point.

The second slot on a political ticket is no doubt important, and all candidates running for governor or president will eventually refer to their running mate as ultimately qualified to lead the government if fate intercedes and their leadership comes to an end.

It doesn't happen often, but America has seen the vice-president become president nine times following the death or resignation of the president.

There are still some among us who remember when Harry Truman took the oath following the death of Franklin Roosevelt. Many more recall the events of November 1963 when John Kennedy was assassinated, with Lyndon Johnson sworn in as president. Just over 10 years later, Richard Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford succeeded him.

Frankly, many people openly speculate that Joe Biden won't complete his current term, and Kamala Harris will become the 47th President of the United States. Is she qualified? There are plenty of people, Democrats included, who believe she is not.

In all cases of succession, there were questions as to what kind of leader the new president would be. While Guam hasn't seen a lieutenant governor become governor under similar circumstances, It's still a valid question to consider.

So, let's ask it. Are Josh Tenorio, Tony Ada, and Sabrina Salas-Matanane capable of being

the island's chief executive?

No doubt, how many people will answer that will depend on who they already support, and they'll shout that their candidate is superior to the other two.

Of course, Ada and Tenorio have documented experience in politics. So far as I know, Salas-Matanane's political know-how would come from having covered elections and politicians for some 25 years as a journalist.

Tony has been in business and served as a senator, and has been called upon to make decisions in both roles.

To be honest, I don't know where Josh fits into the decision making at Adelup, and maybe you don't know either. As for Sabrina, what decisions has she been required to make in her career that would translate to a strength as a possible governor? Again, I don't know.

The lieutenant governor's job is not well-defined, at least not for the general public to see. How much does Josh actually do? How much has any lieutenant governor actually done?

Obviously, if one of them had to take over as governor, the game changes.

If that were to happen, I'd hope that the new governor would bring to the job an open mind, a desire to ask for and receive help from a variety of sources, a hunger to develop their leadership skills and those of their team members, and would possess a true servant's heart.

Would any or all of the three lieutenant gubernatorial candidates fit that description? I hope so.

(Con't.)

Let me add that this entire discussion is also critical for the majority of businesses in Guam.

If the leader of your organization was no longer in the picture as of today, is there a solid number two truly ready to step in and perform at the level needed to survive...and hopefully thrive?

I'm just going to leave that right there, in case you feel it's a worthy topic of discussion in the very near future.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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