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#### **Senator Perez Supports Guam Green Growth Working Group**

*Guam, January 30, 2020* – Today, the Guam Green Growth (G3) Working Group convened for the first time. Senator Sabina Perez expresses her support for the G3, and has been appointed as Co-Lead Coordinator for the working group's Team 6 subcommittee.

"I'm honored to be appointed by the Governor to co-lead Team 6 of the G3 Working Group, and thank her for promoting a shared vision toward a sustainable future for Guam," said Senator Perez

The Team 6 subcommittee will focus on developing policies addressing climate change and promoting low-carbon economic development. Along with Senator Perez, Team 6 will be co-lead by Vangie Lujan, who is Chair of the Governor's Commission on Climate Change Resiliency. Joining them on the team are Dr. Romina King of Guam's Climate Change Advisory Committee and Kayle Dahilig, President of the UOG Green Army. Team 6 is one of eight teams comprising the G3 Working Group, which together aim to develop solutions that will prepare our island community for climate change challenges of the future.

"I look forward to working with leaders in our island's political, scientific, and environmental communities to tackle the threats facing our island," said Senator Perez. "Climate change is the defining challenge of the coming century. But I'm heartened by the commitment of my fellow members to developing a sustainable, circular economy for Guam. By collaborating to develop smart, localized solutions, we can implement changes that benefit our community economically while also protecting us from the dangers of climate change," she added.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations to achieve by 2030. "There are no quick fixes when tackling climate change. As leaders, we need to embrace a long-term view when developing policy solutions. It's imperative that we take action now to lay the foundation for solutions that can protect our island for generations to come," said Senator Perez.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2018 Special Report Findings show that the effects of climate change are expected to worsen in the coming century, at rates worse than previously estimated. If mean surface temperatures rise more than 1.5 degrees by 2030, impacts will include widespread population displacement, rapid species extinction, and irreversible environmental damage. The resulting economic, societal, and environmental damage will be catastrophic. However, on a local level, these dangers may be mitigated if proper planning and investments are made.

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