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# NEWS RELEASE

## Statement from Board Chair Francisco G. Santos

**Piti, Guam, November 29, 2021:** The following is a statement from Port Board Chairman Francisco G. Santos:

"I looked at the past board meeting minutes and to my recollection the board only approved her performance evaluation and never approved any retroactive salary pay raises.

Now that we are aware that retroactive salary pay raises for unclassified employees are illegal, the only remedy is for Joanne Brown to pay it back. Now that we are told by the Attorney General and the Port Counsel that the retroactive raises are illegal, I respect those decisions and supported the resolution in order to recover the illegal payments made to JoAnne Brown.

As the Board Chairman, I expected that the former General Manager would have followed all the laws and rules and regulations. As her former boss I am deeply disappointed in her response."

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