

BRIEF CASE

Obama campaign opens office in Guam; Breakfast for Obama takes place

HAGATNA, — Guam Representatives of one of the frontrunners for the U.S. Democratic nomination for U.S. presidential candidate, will be occupying a 1,000 square-foot donated space in the Captain Real Estate Building in Hagåtña. W. Nicholas Captain, president of the Captain Real Estate Group of Companies and owner of the building, told the *Journal*, "My tenant is 'Obama for America.' They are only leasing the space through the election date in early May." The interest in Guam by Barack Obama's campaign becomes understandable in a close race that may see Guam's Democratic votes as super delegates a factor in whether



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Obama or Sen. Hillary Clinton get the nomination (See "Guam Caucus May 3: This time Guam matters," in the March 31 issue of the *Journal*.) It would seem the Obama campaign is taking no chances.

There are 796 super delegates, the "unpledged" delegates. Pledged regular delegates are determined by the result of a primary or caucus in a state. Guam's five super delegates include Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's delegate to Congress, a Democrat. Every Democratic member of Congress, every Democratic governor and all of the elected members of the Democratic National Committee (the majority of the super delegates) are each granted a vote. Guam's Caucus is set to

vote on May 3, and will be by registered Democratic voters in all the island villages, except for Inarajan, which will vote a week earlier on April 26, because of the Inarajan Fiesta. The Caucus will elect four regular delegates, each of which gets a half vote. Nationally, Guam's Caucus will come after Pennsylvania's on April 22 and before North Carolina's and Indiana's on May 6.

The *Journal* also learned of an organizational meeting of the Guam grassroots campaign for Obama on April 5. For a number of weeks the grassroots campaign has had its members at the Wednesday night market at Chamorro Village, speaking to potential supporters, and handing out bumper stickers. Attorney Mitchell Thompson, partner in the law firm of Maher & Thompson and a volunteer member of the grassroots campaign, told the *Journal*, "We have had a lot of people express interest."

Bordallo, who has not yet pledged her support, circulated a letter on April 9 from Clinton, who has laid out her plan