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Arnold I. Palacios

Arnold I. Palacios (independent) is the Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands. He assumed office on January 9, 2023. His current term ends on January 11, 2027.

Palacios (independent) ran for election for Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands. He won in the general runoff election on November 25, 2022.

Arnold I. Palacios

Independent

Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands

Tenure
2023 - Present
Term ends
2027
Years in position
0
Predecessor
Ralph Torres

Prior offices
Lieutenant Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands
Successor: David Apatang

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Education
Bachelor's Portland State University

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Biography

Arnold I. Palacios earned a B.S. in business administration from Portland State University. Palacios' career experience includes working as the director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.[1][2]

Elections

2022

See also: Northern Mariana Islands gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial election, 2022

General runoff election

General runoff election for Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands

Arnold I. Palacios defeated incumbent Ralph Torres in the general runoff election for Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands on November 25, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	Arnold I. Palacios (Independent)	54.0	7,077
	Ralph Torres (R)	46.0	6,017

Total votes: 13,094

Incumbents are bolded and underlined. Source 1 Source 2
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General election

General election for Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands

Incumbent Ralph Torres and Arnold I. Palacios advanced to a runoff. They defeated Christina Sablan in the general election for Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands on November 8, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓	Ralph Torres (R)	38.8	5,726
✓	Arnold I. Palacios (Independent)	33.2	4,890
	Christina Sablan (D)	28.0	4,132

Total votes: 14,748

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2022

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Ralph Torres did not complete Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection survey.

Campaign website

Palacios' campaign website stated the following:

> **Issues & Priorities**
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> The phenomenon we are currently experiencing, is difficult to tackle, and at the same time a problem we cannot afford to ignore.
>
> This problem affects the economy and social vitality of our Commonwealth.
>
> It erodes trust in our public agencies and processes and undermines the healthy functioning of markets and competition.
>
> It negatively affects already limited public budgets and helps organized crime groups do their dirty work.
>
> Recent events have made it clear that the scale of the problem is serious.
>
> Our determination to seek a higher public office is guided by our philosophy of serving others with honesty, integrity, and transparency, and putting the leadership skills we have gained throughout our careers to work in the service of others.
>
> Our combined years of service to our CNMI community has given us the opportunity to personally

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Footnotes

1. ↑ *Rebuilding Trust: Arnold and Dave 2022*, "Meet Arnold & Dave," accessed December 1, 2022
2. ↑ *CNMI Office of the Governor*, "Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios," accessed December 1, 2022
3. ↑ *Note: This text is quoted verbatim from the original source. Any inconsistencies are attributable to the original source.*
4. ↑ *Rebuilding Trust: Arnold and Dave 2022*, "On the Issues," accessed October 12, 2022

Political offices		
Preceded by **Ralph Torres** (R)	**Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands** 2023-Present	Succeeded by -
Preceded by -	**Lieutenant Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands** 2019-2023	Succeeded by **David Apatang**

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