

PBBM TO GOVS:

# Expose anomalies in gov't projects

**M**ANILA -- “Kaya’t hinihikayat ko kayo: Paglingkuran natin nang buong katapatan ang sambayanan; tiyakin natin nasa wasto ang mga proyekto na ipinapatupad ng pambansang pamahalaan at ng lalawigan; at isiwalat natin kung may makikitang taliwas.”

Thus, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. exhorted on the newly inducted officials of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) to serve with integrity and to actively expose any irregularities in projects implemented by both national and local governments. This, in the wake of the mounting controversies on flood control projects.

Marcos Jr. made his

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PRES. MARCOS JR.

## NHCP unveils historical marker on Pampanga’s first bishop

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The 69th anniversary of the canonical coronation of the Virgen de los Remedios, patroness of Pampanga, on Sept. 8, assumed greater significance, in the historical sense, with an official recognition of its founding proponent.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines unveiled the historical marker, “Obispo Cesar Ma. Guerrero” on Monday morning at the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary here, some four hours before the coronation commemoration rites at the Capitol.


NHCP chair Regalado Trota Jose Jr.

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**RAINED-ON CELEBRATION, UNDAMPED DEVOTION**  
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Rains failed to dampen even but a bit the depth and breadth of the devotion of the Kapampangan faithful to the Virgen de los Remedios, the patroness of the province, during the celebration of the 69th anniversary of the canonical coronation of the image on Sept. 8 at the Capitol grounds. **PUNTO NEWS TEAM/PHOTOS: PAMPANGA PIO**



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**SANDIGANBAYAN**  
Quezon City

SECOND DIVISION

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Plaintiff,

-versus-

TEDDY CANLAS TUMANG,  
LUCILA MARIANO AGENTO,  
PERLITA TRONO LAGMAN,  
JESUS SANCHEZ PUNZALAN,  
ROMEO MANALILI RAZON,  
LUZ CANDA BONDOL,  
MARLON DE LEON MANIACUP,  
and WILLIAM BONUS COLIS,  
Accused.

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Criminal Cases Nos.  
SB-23-CRM-0080 to  
SB-23-CRM-0143  
For: Violation of  
Section 3(e) of R.A.  
No. 3019

Criminal Cases Nos.  
SB-23-CRM-0144 to  
SB-23-CRM-0150  
For: Violation of  
Article 217 of the  
Revised Penal Code

Present:  
ECONG, P.J., Chairperson  
CALDONA, J.  
MALABAGUIO, J.

Promulgated:  
September 2, 2025

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RESOLUTION

Per Curiam:

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\*Accused in Criminal Cases Nos. SB-23-CRM-0121 to SB-23-CRM-0150 only

## Sandigan junks 71 graft charges against Tumang

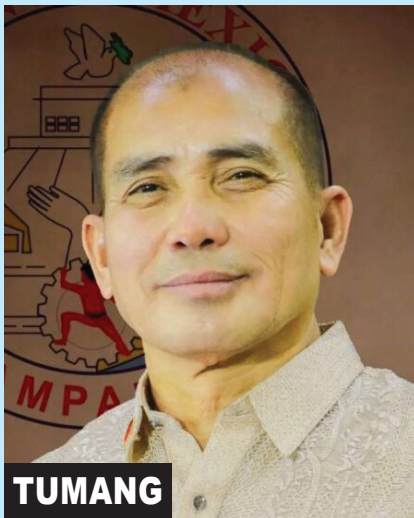
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Ousted from office by the Ombudsman in 2023, former Mexico, Pampanga Mayor Teddy Tumang, along with seven co-defendants, has been acquitted by the Sandiganbayan of 64 counts of violating the RA 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) and seven charges of malversation of public funds.

The 32-page per curiam decision

(unanimous agreement) promulgated on Sept. 2, 2025 was signed by Presiding Justice Geraldine Faith Econg and Associate Justices Edgardo Caldon and Arthur Malabaguio.

The anti-graft court's Second Division granted the defendants' demurrer to evidence challenging the sufficiency of documents and

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TUMANG



# EO: Unclaimed impounded vehicles in AC sold after 90 days

ANGELES CITY – Wanting more space in its impounding areas already overcrowded with unclaimed vehicles, some over a decade there, the city government has come out with a measure for the proper disposal of the same.

Mayor Jon Lazatin on Sept. 3 issued Executive Order 14 Series of 2025 – Promulgating Implementing Rules and Regulations for Impounded Vehicles in Angeles City – to “provide clear guidelines to the management, disposition and auctioning of impounded vehicles in compliance with national regulations.”

Cited as basis for the IRR was Section 72 of Ordinance No. 609-S-2021 to address the disposal of unclaimed impounded vehicles.

Under the EO, impounded vehicles unclaimed after 90 days will be categorized by public auction to be preceded by a notice to be published in local

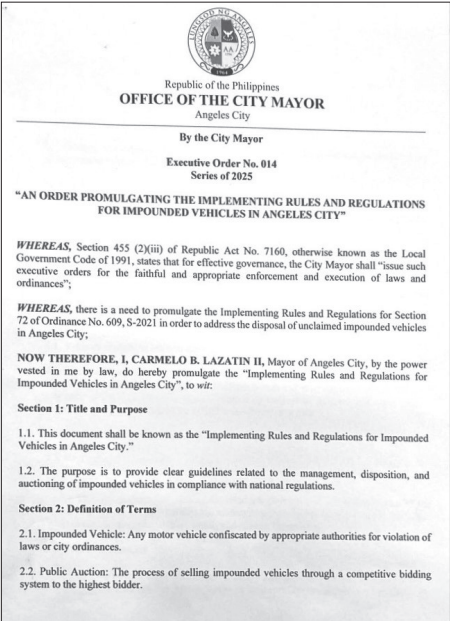
newspaper of general circulation, on the city’s official website, and in bulletin boards in public places such as the market, city hall, among others.

The city general services office shall set the minimum price per vehicle after an ocular inspection. It shall also receive undertake the registration of interested bidders.

Auction will be by open bidding, with the highest bidder declared as the winner who has to pay the total bid amount within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in disqualification, with the next highest bidder winning the vehicle.

All proceeds from the auction will be properly accounted for per regulations of the Commission on Audit.

To ensure transparency, the city treasurer’s office will render a report of all the auction transactions. **Punto News Team/ Photos: ACIO**



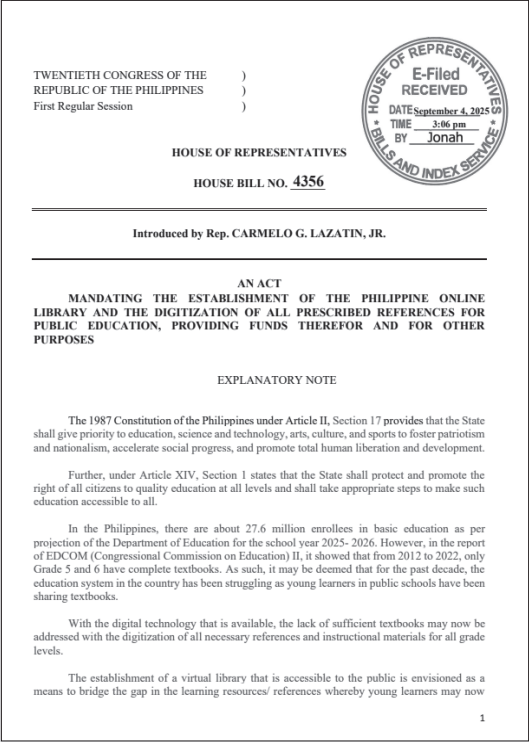
## Cong Pogi pushes for free national online library

ANGELES CITY -- Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr., on Sept. 4 filed a bill mandating the establishment of the Philippine Online Library and the digitization of all prescribed references for public education.

Under House Bill No. 4356, to be known as the “Establishing the Philippine Online Library and Digitization of Public School References Act,” the Department of Education, in coordination with the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), shall be responsible for the creation of digitized copies of all prescribed textbooks and essential reference materials for each year level in elementary and secondary school.

The digitized copies of textbooks and reference materials will be made available through a national online library that shall be managed jointly by the NLP and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

The Philippine Online Library shall be accessible to the public, free of charge, through an online platform that may be accessed by students with internet access.



As per the projection of the DepEd for school year 2025 to 2026, there are about 27.6 million enrollees in basic education; however, according to the report of the Congressional Committee on Education, from 2012 to 2022, only Grades 5 and 6 have complete textbooks.

“This data suggests that for the past decade, the Philippine education system has been struggling since our young learners in public schools have been sharing textbooks,” Lazatin said.

“The digitization of textbooks and other essential references, and making it freely available online, will give more students access to the learning materials that they need,” Lazatin added, “We shouldn’t gatekeep knowledge; it should be made available to anyone who wants to learn.”

The Philippine Online Library is envisioned as a means to bridge the gap in the learning resources whereby learners may be able to access a whole range of materials in their own spaces or homes.

It can be recalled that during his time as Angeles City mayor, Lazatin led the renovation of the three-storey Angeles City Library and

Information Center (ACLIC) into a modernized, state-of-the-art facility, which was formally inaugurated on March 19, 2024.

The renovated ACLIC boasts of a broad range of resources, spacious and comfortable reading and seating areas, and computer working stations.

As district representative, Lazatin is also set to request P200 million to fund the construction of computer labs in 19 public high schools in the First District in 2026.

Under the project, a state-of-the-art computer laboratory will be constructed in six public high schools in Magalang Municipality, 12 public high schools in Mabalacat City, and in Francisco G. Nepomuceno Memorial High School (FGNMHS) in Angeles City.

Each laboratory will be equipped with 50 computers – with five printers for every 10 computers; two air-conditioners; and one 55-inch smart TV. **Team Lazatin PR**

## 1,983 solo parents get AKAP assistance

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A total of 1,983 solo parents from various towns in Pampanga received aid through the Department of Social Welfare and Development’s “Ayuda para sa Kapos Ang Kita Program (AKAP) program, in partnership with the Alagang Nanay Partylist and the Provincial Government of Pampanga.

The distribution was held at the Kingsborough International Convention Center and led by Alagang Nanay Partylist Rep. Florabel Yatco, together with Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda.

Each solo parent received P5,000 in cash assistance from DSWD, grocery packs from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, personal care kits from the partylist, and lifetime pneumonia vaccines.

“Solo parents play the role of both mother and father. We hope this program helps them in some way,” said Yatco. Vice Governor Pineda thanked the partylist for including Pampanga in the program and recognizing the needs of solo parents in the province.

Present during the event were board members Fritzie David Dizon, Atty. Claire Lim, Sajid Eusoof, Cherry Manalo, and Christian Halili, Alagang Nanay Partylist Secretary General Atty. Nicolette Henson, consultant and former board member Ananias Canlas Jr., and chief of staff to the vice governor Angelina Blanco. The program is part of ongoing efforts to support solo parents through financial and health-related assistance.

**Pampanga PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina, Patricia Cabungcal**



## Cancer patients receive food, cash aid from Pineda family

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Thirty-two 32 cancer patients here were provided with financial assistance and food packs by Familyang Pineda on Sept. 7.

Representing her family, former board member Mylyn Pineda-Cayabyab led the distribution to each beneficiary of two-month

supply of rice, milk, and other food items, along with cash to help support their ongoing treatment and daily needs.

Pineda-Cayabyab said their family remains committed to extending help to Fernandinos battling cancer, assuring them that the support is not limited to

relief but also extends to medical needs whenever possible.

“Our family is always open to helping the patients, even in their medical needs,” she said, affirming their continued dedication to health-related initiatives in the community. **Punto News Team/Contributed photos**





"WE WANT to associate the silver anniversary of Lakeshore with the Glow Christmas Park concept. We want to share to the community the spark of joy and hope that the season brings. Everyone is welcome here from different walks of life, having different colors and views. During the darkest times, we want to give light, give hope through Glow Christmas Park," shared Architect Brian John Mangio, EVP and COO of Central Country Estate Inc.

Aside from the exciting Glow Island light show by the lake, Lakeshore Christmas Park has the largest food park with 40 food stalls offering different

cuisines from street foods, barbecue to rice meals, desserts and coffees!

Shimmering bright Christmas giant glow balls, decors and installations are all set for your selfie or groupie.

And the surprises continue with the yearly raffle draw, for every purchase of admission ticket the park goer will have the chance to win the grand prize of P 250,000 cash.

The Lakeshore Philippines GLOW Christmas Park is now officially open  
• P70 for adults | P60 for kids

• Open daily, 4PM - 12MN

Lakeshore, Mexico, Pampanga. **Punto Lifestyle Team.**



# Bigger, merrier Christmas at Lakeshore

## Glow Island, more food choices, chance to win 250k cash



# Gift-giving, Christmas tree lighting at Robinsons Starmills kick off GLF 2025

BY GERALD GLOTON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO— The spirit of Christmas came alive early in the country's Christmas capital as the Giant Lantern Festival (GLF) 2025 officially kicked off with a spectacular lighting ceremony and a touching gift-giving program for children battling cancer.

Held at Robinsons Starmills, the event gathered city officials, festival organizers, and Kapampangans in a festive celebration led by Mayor Vilma Caluag, together

with Vice Mayor Aurelio Brenz Gonzales, GLF 2025 chairperson Engr. Noel Gomez, and Robinsons Land Corp. external affairs director Irving Wu. The centerpiece of the evening was the towering Christmas tree that illuminated the mall, marking the beginning of the world-renowned festival.

But beyond the dazzling lights, the highlight of the program was the heartfelt distribution of gifts to young cancer patients, whose smiles brought warmth to the celebration.

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# Taste the thrill at SM Supermalls' Food Fest this September

FOR FILIPINOS, food is an experience. It is the laughter shared over steaming bowls of soup, the thrill of discovering bold flavors, and the joy of chasing the latest food craze. This September, SM Supermalls turns up the heat with the Food Fest at SM—a month-long celebration of flavors, fun, and unforgettable moments!

With this year's unbeatable dining deals and fresh food discoveries to vibrant markets, giant foodie installations, live music, regional cuisines, and even a paw-ty for pets, Food Fest at SM definitely serves up something for everyone to savor and celebrate.

**Get first dibs on the best dining deals**  
From exclusive SMO Swipe



Deals to group dining offers from your favorite restaurants, the SM Food Fest promises scrumptious promos that you and your barkada will not want to miss. Whether you are indulging in your comfort food favorites or discovering bold new tastes, a deal is waiting for you!

**Discover new food trends at the Food Market**  
Craving the next big thing in food? Head to the Food Market

where MSMEs and food tenants bring exciting new concepts to life. Get a taste of tomorrow's food craze today with viral street eats and artisanal specialties you can only find here!

**Snap, share, and savor at the Foodie Snaps Village**  
Feast your eyes as much as your taste buds! The Foodie Snaps Village features larger-than-life food installations perfect for your next Instagram

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# To the Point

## Isang Bayan, Isang Laban Tapusin ang Katiwalian

KAMAKAILAN, KAYO po ay nagkaisa sa isang pagpupulong upang ipahayag ang inyong pangako sa good governance. Ito po ay isang mahalagang hakbang na nagbibigay pag-asa sa mamamayan ng Pampanga.

Ngunit malinaw sa lahat: ang pangako po ay walang saysay kung hindi ito isinasabuhay. Dahil dito, kami po —ang Concerned Citizens of Pampanga—ay naghahain po ng panukala sa inyo:

1. Huwag tumanggap ng komisyon mula sa anumang infrastructure projects na ipapagawa gamit ang 20% Development Fund ng bayan o lungsod ninyo.

Paalala din bawal na ilagay ang mukha ninyo at pangalan sa mga billboards ng ginagawang proyekto. Mas magandang basahin kung ang nakasulat ay “Proyekto Galing Sa Buwis ng Taong Bayan.”

2. Huwag tumanggap ng komisyon o “kickback” mula sa pagbili ng gamot, gamit, at iba pang supply para sa munisipyo ninyo.

3. Huwag mag-hire ng ghost employees o JO (job order) na hindi naman totoong nagtatrabaho.

4. Huwag gamitin nang personal ang mga service vehicles ng gobyerno na may red plates kung hindi sa totoong “For Official Use Only” para maiwasang makita ang mga nasabing government vehicles sa mga malls tuwing weekends at holidays.

Pakiusap lang na huwag ilagay ang mukha ninyo at pangalan sa mga sasakyan ng gobyerno, dahil alam niyo naman na hindi ninyo pera ang ginamit na pambili sa mga sasakyan, pera ng taong bayan yan galing sa dugo at pawis nila.

5. Huwag makipagsabwatan sa mga mambabatas upang tumanggap ng “bribes” kapalit ng mga proyekto. Ang ganitong kalakaran ay ugat ng katiwalian na nagpapahirap sa mamamayan.

6. Itakwil ang lahat ng gawaing katiwalian, maliit man o malaki, upang maibalik ang tiwala ng taumbayan.

Alam po namin na ang laban kontra katiwalian ay hindi madali. Ngunit dito po

masusubok ang tunay na katatagan at malasakit ninyo. Hindi po sapat ang salita—ang Lalawigan ng Pampanga ay naghihintay ng kongkretong patunay.

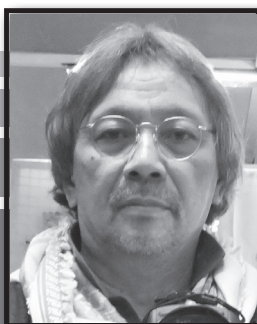
Kaya’t kami po ay nag-aanyaya sa inyong lahat:

-Dumalo at makiisa sa darating na Misa at People’s Rally laban sa Katiwalian na inorganisa ng Concerned Citizens of Pampanga. Para marinig ninyo ang boses ng ordinaryong Kapampangan galing sa ibat ibang sektor ng lalawigan.

-Ipakita, hindi lamang sa salita kundi sa gawa, na kayo ay tunay na kakampi ng mamamayan sa laban para sa malinis at tapat na pamahalaan.

Ang kasaysayan at ang sambayanan ang huhusga po sa inyo, kung kayo ba ay naging mga lider na tumayo sa panig ng inyong bayan at mamamayan, o bahagi lamang ng sistemang matagal nang sumira sa tiwala ng mamamayan.

**(Isang bukas na liham sa Punongbayan ng Pampanga mula sa Concerned Citizens of Pampanga, 7 Setyembre 2025)**



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### Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

## Cruzada perpetua

*AQUI EN la Pampanga hay mucha piedad pero poca caridad.*

It has been seventy-three years, this 2025, since that lamentation over the “wealth in piety but poverty in charity” expressed by Bishop Cesar Ma. Guerrero, the first to occupy the bishopric of San Fernando, noting “the stark class differences between the rich and the poor, the strife between the landlords and the tenants, and a deteriorating socio-political-economic situation bordering on socialism.”

These were manifest situations of the imperative of revolution in his See. And a revolution did indeed obtain then in Pampanga, with the Huks already “at the very gates of Manila.”

Marked as apostates pursuing the establishment of a “godless” society, the Huks naturally had to be stopped, and their ideology uprooted to “save the country and preserve Mother Church.” A strategic policy of the Cold War placed the Church at the bulwark of the war against communism.

It was at the very cauldron of that simmering social ferment that Bishop Guerrero organized the Cruzada de Penitencia y Caridad – the Crusade for Penance and Charity – in 1952.

In revolutionary praxis, the Cruzada served the ends of a counter-revolution. The conscientization of the oppressed masa that was the spark to start the inevitable prairie fire, doused by the sprinkle of holy water, the heart soothed by hymns and prayers, the soul seared with the promise of redemption, of eternal bliss in the hereafter. So long as the hardest of toils, the worst of privations, indeed, all injustices and oppression be borne as Christ did with His cross.

Unrepentant communists would readily see it as the affirmation of that Marxist dictum: “Religion is the opium of the people.”

Images of the Virgen de los Remedios and Santo Cristo del Perdon were taken all around the Pampanga parish churches and capillas where they stayed for days, the faithful seeking their intercession and intervention through nonstop prayers and nightly processions.

A hymn to the virgin was composed with peace as recurrent refrain: “...ica’ng minye tula ampon capayapan / quing indu ning balen quequeng lalawigan / uiling calimbun mu caring sablang dalan / ding barrio at puruc caring cabalenan / agad menatili ing catahimican...” (...you gave us joy and peace / to the mother of our province / when taken in procession / in all the barrios in the towns / peace descended upon them...) Forgive the poor translation.

The charity end of the crusade – lamac – was institutionalized – all the barrio folk, even the poorest of them, contributed some goods that would accompany the images to their next destination and

shared with the neediest there.

The Cruzada in effect became an equalizing and unifying factor among the faithful, regardless of their socio-economic situation. And relative peace did come to the province. For a time.

The breadth and depth of the devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios of the Capampangan moved Pope Pius XII to approve her canonical coronation as the patroness of Pampanga on September 8, 1956.

Since then, without fail, no matter the rains and high water, the Capampangan faithful flock to the annual commemoration of the canonical coronation. (Covid-19 made the exception in 2020, and limited attendance in 2021 though). In a ritual of renewal of faith in their Lord of Pardon, of rededication to their Indu ning Capaldanan (Mother of Remedies), in celebration of their Tula ding Capampangan (Joy of the Capampangan).

Seventy-three years hence, that “deteriorating socio-political-economic situation bordering on socialism” may have been arrested – the communist insurgency virtually as dead as Marx and Mao, Joema Sison too, if not deader.

“The stark class differences between the rich and the poor, the strife between the landlords and the tenants,” though still obtain. In various manifestations, in the farms and factories, in the mills and in the malls – as much the wages of sin, as the sin of capitalism – from workers’ exploitation to farmland-grabbing, from contractualization to union-busting.

So, did the good Bishop Guerrero’s Cruzada of peace through charity and prayers fail?

So, we do still come in prayerful celebration every Sept. 8, in thanksgiving, in supplication.

O Virgen de los Remedios / damdam ca qng quequeng aus / ilitas mu que’t icabus / qng sablang tucsu at maroc / ibie mu ing quecang lunos / ‘panalangin mu que qng Dios. (O Virgin... / hear our pleas / free and save us / from all temptation and evil / grant us your compassion / pray to God for us).

The Cruzada can only continue.

**(Updated piece on Pampanga’s patroness, the Virgen de los Remedios, first published in the now long defunct Pampanga News, July 6-12, 2006)**



### Shepherd’s Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

## Kamuhian?

NAPAKALAKAS NG dating ng salitang ginamit ni Hesus sa Ebanghelyong narinig natin: ang salitang “kamuhian.” Sabi ni Hesus: “Na kung ibig daw nating maging alagad niya, maging handa daw tayong kamuhian ang ama’t ina, asawa’t mga anak, kapatid, at maging sa sariling buhay.” Nakakagulat, hindi ba? Paano ba mai-rereconcile ito sa mga turo ni Hesus tungkol sa pag-ibig sa Diyos, sa kapwa at maging sa namumuhi sa atin?

Mahusay ding gumamit si Hesus ng mga paraan ng pananalita na may halong biro, sarcastic ang dating o nang-aasar. Kung minsan, nilalagyan ng quotation marks ang salitang “kamuhian” dahil galing ito sa paratang ng mga namumuhi noon sa mga sinaunang Kristiyano. Kung anu-ano ang itinawag noon sa kanila para siraan sila: rebelde laban sa gobyerno, mga panatiko, mga baliw, kanibal sa kumakain ng katawan at dugo ng kanilang iniidolo. Tinawag din silang mga “taga-wasak ng pamilya” dahil marami sa kanila ang itinakwil ng pamilyang Hudyo. Ang punto niya ay ganito: handa ba kayong humarap sa pagsubok? Magdusa at magsakripisyo? Di ba may kantang ganito: “I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden.” Nililinaw niya: ang makipagkaisa sa buhay niya at misyon ay hindi hindi madali; may kaakibat na sakripisyo.

At dito pumapasok ang tanong ng Salmo 90: “Ituro mo sa amin na bilangin ang aming mga araw nang tama upang kami’y magkaroon ng karunungan ng puso.” Maikli lang ang buhay. Parang damo sa umaga, nalalanta sa gabi. Hindi ang haba ng buhay ang sukatan, kundi kung paano natin isinabuhay ito. Si Hesus, tatlumpu’t tatlong taon lang nabuhay sa lupa, tatlong taon lang nangaral at nagmisyon, pero hanggang ngayon, dalawang libong taon na, patuloy pa rin ang Kanyang impluwensiya sa buong mundo.

Minsan, kailangan nating matutong manahimik at maghintay. Tulad ng imahen ng Birhen ng Nieva na minsang itinago sa ilalim ng lupa habang dumaraan ang kaguluhan sa Espanya. Tulad ni Elias na naghintay hanggang lumipas ang bagyo at lindol

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# Punto!

PANANAW NG MALAYANG PILIPINO!

## Central Luzon

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## Opinion

### The Public Space

Jun Sula

## It's a dystopic truth, maybe even ectopic, too

It times of deceit, the British author George Orwel said, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

We are in in that crucial or critical time, a revolutionary time as part of the truth telling in our society. It's a crazy time, nobody knows if passing or failing the lie detector test will help in resolving the grand infection called corruption that has contaminated at least two-thirds of the government – the legislative and the executive.

The judiciary's skin, by the nature of its separate and unique role, is not in the game of the overwhelming rot of the time. It doesn't build roads or bridges, much less engages in flood control. Alas and alack, the Supreme Court has a nagging issue, too and is adding cortisols, literally and figuratively, to the nation's health.

It's been a long time when the SC has been found to have factually erred in coming with a legal ruling on a political issue based on a non-existent news report. Why it is taking so long to issue a new ruling on the same issue is not known. Suffice it to say, that the SC word is final and is, therefore, infallible. Period.

The nation, given its circumstances, needs greater assurance of certainty and fairness.

Times like this call for a precision surgery to excise the tumor that has been the cause of a malevolent, debilitating disease of the nation. In political lingo, there's a need for a Machiavelian leadership and decision.

Unfortunately, according to the second highest official of the land, now on a world tour of some sort, that political quality is mothballed at the top. What we have, so the world would or should know, is a president who doesn't know how to do his job.

So what happened, it turned out that the executive secretary appeared to have more cojones than the principal and called a branch of government, namely the House of Representatives, to clean up its own house, a mantra if not a metaphor of what's taking place or hidden in plain sight among some, maybe many, of its members.

In another feeble attempt at public relations, the president was portrayed as being teary-eyed at the extent of corruption in government. He should have wept. It's doubtful if Machiavelli was in the

same emotional high or low when he wrote The Prince. Maybe the president simply, habitually romanticized about it but could not bring himself to act the way his idol acted.

As things are, or as a veteran senator spilled AND REBUKED it in privileged speech, a top government executive has been engaged in a questionable ethical practice. The president is supposed to have sufficient intelligence fund to know what's secretly taking place in his neck of the woods.

In fairness, the President wants a better result in his investigation of the horrendous and massive anomalies that have flooded the agencies of government, leaving many in flooded areas wet and wild while holding on sandbags.

It seems he needs a few good private sector people, not anyone in government, to do and honest-to= goodness job. He even turned down a sincere offer by a local government executive to help in the pursuit of the crooks, the bad and the ugly in public service. Apparently, all in government has fallen short of his standard to qualify for the task at hand. He has three years more to go and too early to say he has reached his lameduck status as a president-politician. Besides, he's eyeing a graceful exit in 2028. As of this writing, the President is yet to announce his impeccable choices.

As far as we are concerned, John Stuart Mills' idea that our representative government will be hobbled by dumbs is way off the mark. In fact, it's the other way around, given how creative politicians, government engineers and other bureaucrats have created a web of deceitful ways to build ghosts flood projects, pay them under the noses of supposed to be nosy bean counters over and over, and

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## Opinion

### Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

## And the FAMAS goes to...

WHAT A touching drama we have all been cursed to witness over the past week. Our honorable senators crying live on national television during a Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearing. No, it's not about a most recent national tragedy or a calamity of global proportions. They're weeping over a scandal they've known about for years: the multi-billion-peso corruption in flood control projects.

Their acting? Flawlessly cringy. And their sincerity? As real as a totally inexistent DPWH contractor's project completion report.

So, here goes our nominees. Senator Bato dela Rosa for "A Date to Remember." His delivery of "Please make sure of your answer. 2016?" could very well rival the La Aunor classic, "My brother is not a pig!"

Once again, he brought his full emotional arsenal on the Senate floor. The former tough-talking PNP chief became everyone's tearful telenovela tit, choking up in disbelief – as if corruption in the Department of Public Works and Highways was some kind of a new drug on the street.

Then there's Senator Bong Go for the movie "In the Name

of the Father." His role of an amnesia-stricken dutiful son now claims innocence of his involvement on how his father's construction company cornered large-scale flood control projects in Davao City. Move over Pen Media, here is a lawmaker who knows when to be in the frame and when to disappear completely – especially when things get messy. It's the classic Go move: be seen when it's clean, vanish when it's dirty.

Enter Senator Joel Villanueva for a remake of the Maria Saret 1995 movie, "Bocaue Pagoda Tragedy." In a scene-stealing performance, he seemed deeply moved – perhaps by the Spirit, perhaps by the billions missing. The "TESDAMan" turned moralist decied the injustice as though he's spent the last decade living

in a prayer room instead of the Senate.

Let us not even forget Senator Chiz Escudero for the only nominated comedy film "Kilay is Life." The ever sharp-tongued intellectual who gave a new defecation to the word forthwith, now delivered a stirring lecture on good governance like he wasn't married to someone whose beauty masks an even more glamorous obliviousness to graft.

Next is Senator Raffy Tulfo for the hit movie "A Family Affair." His acting brand is righteous fury, except when the heat is too close to home. Remember the 2023 DOT sponsorship scandal under his sister, then-Tourism Secretary Wanda Teo? That little matter of PhP 60 million in government ads funneled to a Tulfo family-owned media

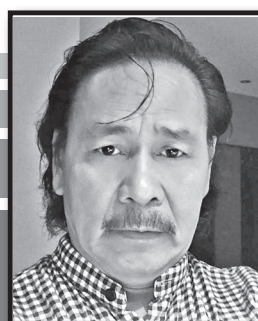
company? So, when Raffy rails against corruption on-air or on the Senate floor, just remember: sometimes, the angriest voices are just protecting the family business.

And finally, good old Senator Jinggoy Estrada for the movie "Anak ni Asiong Salonga". The man who once faced plunder charges now sheds tears for corruption victims like a seasoned actor returning to his signature role. It's giving a reboot vibe – same cast, same storyline, different season. Only this time, we're flooded literally and figuratively.

Finally for god measure, let us all take a bow – or maybe a sob – for President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. in the movie "Iginuhit ng Tadhana," a remake of his father's

propaganda movie. He managed to choke up during a podcast with Vicky Morales on September 7, 2025, lamenting how "ordinary Filipinos ... don't deserve" this suffering. Can somebody remind our dear president of the countless Filipinos who suffered unimaginable ways during his father's dictatorial regime? And can someone from the Bureau of Internal Revenue tell him that if truly concerned, he might want to actually pay his family's P203-B estate tax.

To our dear President and senators, sure you can cry for the cameras, sob for the headlines. Just don't expect the rest of us to hand you tissues – our hands are too busy making makeshift bridges, and manually "pumping" floodwater from our living rooms right now.



### Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

## Isang Bayan, Isang Laban People's Rally Laban sa Katiwalian

1.

Ang mga lead convenor ng PAMPANGA CONCERNED CITIZEN

ay mayroong panawagan sa ating mga KABALEN sa lahat ng may facebook at mga aktibong NETIZEN let us all join and be a part on 18th day of September of the LABAN PEOPLE'S RALLY which will start at 2:00 pm at SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL beside old Pampanga Hotel

2.

Ang kanilang panawagan ay hayag at NAKATUON sa mga taong SANGKOT sa mga dinayang flood control mga substandard project, mga ghost at mga na-CLONED na kung saan nakurakot pondong daan-daang BILYON ang pangunahing layunin nitong mga LEAD CONVENOR magkaroon ng malaya't masusing IMBESTIGASYON

3.

Labing limang contractors daw NAGPAKASASA sa pondo dahil sila'y kumukubra ng halos BEINTE PORSYENTO 545 billion na halaga ng proyekto sinasabing napondohan mula pa 2022 at yan ay ghosts at cloned projects, SUB STANDARD na trabaho kontratang paulit-ulit pare-pareho ang presyo

4.

May ibang mga datos pa na iniulat ng COA ayon na rin sa pahayag nitong CC of Pampanga nasa 5.7 billion ang kabuuang halaga na pondo ang diumano'y sa ghost project lang NAPUNTA may depektibong proyekto namang nagkakahalaga ng 343 M ayon sa aking nabasa

5.

Korapsiyon sa ating bansa ay ganyan na katalamak dahil ang ilang kawani ng gobyerno'y MANDURUGAS pati pondo sa flood control ay hindi rin nakaligtas sa lahat ng mandarambong na kung MAGNAKAW ay wagas mga pulitikong sangkot ay PANGALANAN na lahat at patawan ng parusa na naaayon sa BATAS

6.

SOBRA NA! TAMA NA! kaya, kailangan ng WAKASAN ang talamak na korapsiyon sa'ting bayang sinilangan Pampanga conerned citizen ay ganyan ang panawagan ISANG BAYAN! PEOPLE'S RALLY Laban sa katiwalian ito'y HINDI PAG-AAKLAS, laban sa pamahalaan kung hindi PAGPAPAHAYAG, ng damdami't kasawian

7.

Pagkasawi't kaapihan, sa lahat ng MANDARAMBONG na kawani ng gobyerno at abusadong CONTRACTOR dahil sa mga GHOST PROJECT di nabigyan ng solusyon ang malawakang pagbaha sa buong isla ng LUZON ako ay KAISA ninyo sa inyong isinusulong na wakasan sa'ting bansa ang talamak na KORAPSIYON







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| <div>Republic of the Philippines<br/><b>REGIONAL TRIAL COURT</b><br/>Third Judicial Region<br/><b>BRANCH 46</b><br/>City of San Fernando, Pampanga<br/>E-mail Address: rtc1stsp046judiciary.gov.ph<br/>Contact Number: 09171526292</div>   |  |  | issuance, cancellation, and other transactions involving titles to real properties and it may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court at the Register of Deeds of San Fernando City, Pampanga.   |  |  |
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| ROMMEL B. DUE and PERCY D. DUE, THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA, Respondents.   |  |  | 10. On January 24, 2014 the Honorable Metropolitan Trial Court of City of San Juan Branch 57 (for brevity: MTC Br. 57), issued an Order with dispositive portion of which read as follows;   |  |  |
| x-----x  |  |  | "Accordingly, let Judgment be rendered in this case based on the said Compromise Agreement which shall be deemed final and binding between the contracting parties and immediately executory upon breach of the terms and conditions thereof".   |  |  |
|  |  |  | SO ORDERED.<br>City of San Juan. January 24, 2014.   |  |  |
| Copy of the Certified True/Xerox Copy of the Order dated January 24, 2014 is hereto attached as ANNEX "D" and made integral part hereof.   |  |  | 11. Upon finality of the aforesaid Order, on November 10, 2014 plaintiff John Tan filed a Motion for Execution dated November 5, 2014. Copy the Certified True/Xerox Copy of Motion for Execution dated November 5, 2014 is hereto attached as ANNEX "E" and made integral part hereof.  |  |  |
| 12. On January 20, 2015 the MeTC Br. 57 of City of San Juan issued a Writ of Execution to enforce the said judgment against the respondents in a manner provided by law. Copy of the Writ Of Execution dated January 20, 2015 is hereto attached as ANNEX "F" and made integral part hereof.   |  |  | 13. On November 16, 2015, Sheriff III, Johni Glenn D. Runes of MeTC-Branch 57 of San Juan City issued a Sheriff's Notice of Sale on Upon Real Property giving notice to all the parties and the public in general that on December 16, 2015 at 10:00 in the morning or soon thereafter infront of the Office of the Clerk of Court 2nd Floor, PNP Bldg., Santolan Road San Juan City that the TCT No. 678366-R will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Copy of the aforesaid Sheriffs Notice of Sale Upon Real Property dated November 16, 2015 is hereto attached as ANNEX "G" and made integral part hereof.   |  |  |
| 14. The aforementioned Sheriffs Notice of Sale Upon Real Property was published in Midday Monitor a newspaper of general circulation, on December 2 and 9, 2015. Copy of the Affidavit of Publication of Elvira P. Tagapugen dated December 9, 2015 is hereto attached as ANNEX "H" and made integral part hereof.   |  |  | 15. The Public auction proceeded on December 16, 2015 at MeTC Branch 57, San Juan City, where the subject property was sold to the petitioner JOHN CO TAN, being the highest bidder for the sum of <b>One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00)</b> , Copy of the Certified True/Xerox Copy of Certification/Certificate of Sale dated December 16, 2015 is hereto attached as ANNEX "I" and made integral part hereof.   |  |  |
| 16. The Certification/Certificate of Sale was duly annotated/registered on TCT No. 678366-R on the 5th page of the subject land title on May 27, 2016 as Entry No. 2016007762 as well as the Notice of Levy Execution on November 6, 2015 under Entry No. 2015015125. Copy of the said Annotation/Registration in the 5th page of the subject land title is hereto attached and marked as ANNEX "J".   |  |  | 17. Sheriff III, Johni Glenn Runes issued a Sheriffs Final Deed of Sale with dispositive portion of which read as follows;   |  |  |
| WHEREAS, the period to redeem the said property given by law was already expired and that the above-mentioned defendant failed to/has not been able to redeem the above-mentioned property despite the laps of more than one (1) year.   |  |  | IN VIEW WHEREOF, a FINAL DEED OF SALE is hereby issued in favor of the plaintiff Mr. John Tan, under the guarantees as prescribed by law. The Registry of Deeds of San Fernando, Pampanga is hereby order to null and void owners copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 561094-R and TCT No. 678366-R and issued a new title in favor of Plaintiff JOHN TAN.   |  |  |
| Copy of the said Sheriffs Final Deed of Sale is hereto attached as ANNEX "K".  |  |  | 18. Petitioner paid the corresponding administrative fees and dues with the Registry of Deeds of San Fernando City, Pampanga, for total sum of PHP 1,983.28. Copy of the Official Receipt dated May 27, 2016 is hereto attached as ANNEX "L", and made an integral part hereof.  |  |  |
| 19. Petitioner has made his best efforts to contact the respondents Sps. Romel B. Due and Percy B. Due in order for the latter to surrender the owner's duplicate copy of TCT No. 678366-R to the petitioner but to no avail.  |  |  | 20. As such, petitioner has to exercise his legal options defined under P.D. 1528 otherwise known as Property Registration Decree, which particularly states that;   |  |  |
| Sec. 107. Surrender of withheld duplicate certificates. — Where it is necessary to issue a new certificate of title pursuant to any involuntary instrument which divests the title of the registered owner against his consent or where a voluntary instrument cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title, the party in interest may file a petition in court to compel surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. The court, after hearing, may order the registered owner or any person withholding the duplicate certificate to surrender the same, and direct the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender. If the person withholding the duplicate certificate is not amenable to the process of the court, or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate. |  |  | 21. As per Sheriff Final Deed of Sale (see: Annex K) issued to petitioner John Co Tan, it has been declared that the subject real property covered by TCT No. 678366-R is SOLD, TRANSFERRED AND CONVEYED to petitioner JOHN CO TAN.  |  |  |
| 22. Respondent, Sps. Romel B. Due and Percy D. Due has until May 27, 2017 to redeem the said real property (TCT No. 678366-R) but failed to redeem after a year from date of entry or registration (May 27, 2016) of the Certificate of Sale. Up to the filing of herein Petition, respondents Sps. Due failed to redeem the property one (1) year from the time the Certificate of Sale was entered, annotated and registered (Entry No. 2016007762) in the TCT No. 678366-R of the said real property. As such, respondent Sps. Due have deemed waived and lost whatever residual rights accorded to them by law -the right of redemption within a year from the date of the registration of the certificate of sale. By virtue of the expiration of the redemption period, the title or right of the respondents Lim on the subject property (TCT No. 678366-R) have been legally divested.   |  |  | 23. Moreover, on March 1, 2024, the petitioner sent a formal Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 to the respondent spouses via LBC demanding them to surrender the subject title. Copy of the Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 and copy of the LBC Receipt are hereto attached and marked as ANNEXES "M and N", respectively.   |  |  |
| 24. But despite the receipt of the said formal demand letter on March 2, 2024, the respondent spouses still failed to surrender the said title and just the same. Copy of the LBC Tracking Status is hereto attached and as ANNEX "O";   |  |  | 25. Being so, Petitioner had the right to the issuance of a new certificate of title and if the same cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate of title, the petitioner, being a party in interest, may file a petition in court to compel the surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. In the event of failure to surrender the same or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the Honorable Court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate.  |  |  |
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| 28. While respondent <b>REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA</b> is being impleaded herein, being the government agency tasked with the duties of keeping the records of titles to real properties in the City San Fernando, Pampanga, cause the issuance, cancellation, and other transactions involving titles to real properties and it may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court at the Register of Deeds of San Fernando City, Pampanga.  |  |  | 29. As per Sheriff Final Deed of Sale (see: Annex K) issued to petitioner John Co Tan, it has been declared that the subject real property covered by TCT No. 678366-R is SOLD, TRANSFERRED AND CONVEYED to petitioner JOHN CO TAN.  |  |  |
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| 9. Petitioner, John Co Tan filed a Complaint against the respondent Sps. Romel & Percy Due for Collection of Sum of Money before Metropolitan Trial Court (Branch 57) of San Juan Manila City, and same was docketed as Civil Case No. 0278-SC. In the course of the proceedings, the parties entered in a Compromise Agreement agreeing among others of the terms and conditions set forth therein:   |  |  | "A parcel of land (Lot 3648-G-8 of the subd. plan Psd-03-127752 being a portion of lot 3648-G (LRA) Psd-372185(LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Manga Polacion, San JuanBano, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pamp. Bounded on the SW.along line 1-2 by lot 3648-G-4, on the N., along line 2-3-4 by lot3648-G-5; along line 3-4 by lot 3648-G-7; on the E.along line4-5 by lot 3648-G-9 all of the subd. plan; on the S. along line 5-1 by lot 3648-I (LRC) Psd-372185. Bag. At a pt. marked "1" onplan being S. 87 deg. 29'E., 64.45 m. from BBM 4, Arayat Cad.thence N.4 deg. 12'W., 17.08 m. to pt. 2; thence 77 deg. 20'E., 2.14 m. to pt. 3; thence N. 86 deg. 10'E., 11.96 m. to pt. 4;thence S. 2 deg.30'W., 15.79 m to pt. 5; thence S. 77 deg.18'W., 9.37 m. to the point of beg.;Containing an area of One HundredNinety Two (192) Square Meters. All pls. referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS.cyl.conc. mons 15 x 40 cms., Bearings true, date of the orig. survey, May 1927-May 1927 and that of the subd survey, March 20, 2003 and was approved on May6, 2003.  |  |  |
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| 5. Through this Petition, the petitioner seeks that the aforesaid owner's duplicate TCT No. 561094-R be surrendered to him, and in case of non-compliance, the same be ordered cancelled or order the annulment of the same (TCT No. 561094-R) and in lieu thereof to cause the issuance of a new certificate title in the name of the herein petitioner John Co Tan.  |  |  | 5. Through this Petition, the petitioner seeks that the aforesaid owner's duplicate TCT No. 561094-R be surrendered to him, and in case of non-compliance, the same be ordered cancelled or order the annulment of the same (TCT No. 561094-R) and in lieu thereof to cause the issuance of a new certificate title in the name of the herein petitioner John Co Tan.  |  |  |
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| PETITION   |  |  | PETITION   |  |  |
| Petitioner, JOHN CO TAN, by the undersigned counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully allege THAT:   |  |  | Petitioner, JOHN CO TAN, by the undersigned counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully allege THAT:   |  |  |
| NATURE OF THE PETITION AND JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS  |  |  | NATURE OF THE PETITION AND JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS  |  |  |
| 1. This Petition for the surrender of owner's duplicate of title is being filed in accordance with Sections 107 and 75 of P.D. 1529 otherwise known as Property Registration Decree which states that;   |  |  | 1. This Petition for the surrender of owner's duplicate of title is being filed in accordance with Sections 107 and 75 of P.D. 1529 otherwise known as Property Registration Decree which states that;   |  |  |
| Sec. 75. Application for a new certificate upon expiration of redemption period.   |  |  | Sec. 75. Application for a new certificate upon expiration of redemption period.   |  |  |
| — Upon the expiration of the time, if any, allowed by law for redemption after registered land has been sold on execution, or taken or sold for the enforcement of a lien of any description, except a mortgage lien, the purchaser at such sale or anyone claiming under him may petition the court for the entry of a new certificate of title to him. Before the entry of a new certificate of title, the registered owner may pursue all legal and equitable remedies to impeach or annul such proceedings.  |  |  | — Upon the expiration of the time, if any, allowed by law for redemption after registered land has been sold on execution, or taken or sold for the enforcement of a lien of any description, except a mortgage lien, the purchaser at such sale or anyone claiming under him may petition the court for the entry of a new certificate of title to him. Before the entry of a new certificate of title, the registered owner may pursue all legal and equitable remedies to impeach or annul such proceedings.  |  |  |
| In relation thereto, Section 107 thereof provides:   |  |  | In relation thereto, Section 107 thereof provides:   |  |  |
| Sec. 107. Surrender of withheld duplicate certificates. — Where it is necessary to issue a new certificate of title pursuant to any involuntary instrument which divests the title of the registered owner against his consent or where a voluntary instrument cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title, the party in interest may file a petition in court to compel surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. The court, after hearing, may order the registered owner or any person withholding the duplicate certificate to surrender the same, and direct the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender. If the person withholding the duplicate certificate is not amenable to the process of the court, or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate. |  |  | Sec. 107. Surrender of withheld duplicate certificates. — Where it is necessary to issue a new certificate of title pursuant to any involuntary instrument which divests the title of the registered owner against his consent or where a voluntary instrument cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title, the party in interest may file a petition in court to compel surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. The court, after hearing, may order the registered owner or any person withholding the duplicate certificate to surrender the same, and direct the entry of a new certificate or memorandum upon such surrender. If the person withholding the duplicate certificate is not amenable to the process of the court, or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate. |  |  |
| 21. As per Sheriff Final Deed of Sale (see: Annex K) issued to petitioner John Co Tan, it has been declared that the subject real property covered by TCT No. 678366-R is SOLD, TRANSFERRED AND CONVEYED to petitioner JOHN CO TAN.  |  |  | 21. As per Sheriff Final Deed of Sale (see: Annex K) issued to petitioner John Co Tan, it has been declared that the subject real property covered by TCT No. 678366-R is SOLD, TRANSFERRED AND CONVEYED to petitioner JOHN CO TAN.  |  |  |
| 22. Respondent, Sps. Romel B. Due and Percy D. Due has until May 27, 2017 to redeem the said real property (TCT No. 678366-R) but failed to redeem after a year from date of entry or registration (May 27, 2016) of the Certificate of Sale. Up to the filing of herein Petition, respondents Sps. Due failed to redeem the property one (1) year from the time the Certificate of Sale was entered, annotated and registered (Entry No. 2016007762) in the TCT No. 678366-R of the said real property. As such, respondent Sps. Due have deemed waived and lost whatever residual rights accorded to them by law -the right of redemption within a year from the date of the registration of the certificate of sale. By virtue of the expiration of the redemption period, the title or right of the respondents Lim on the subject property (TCT No. 678366-R) have been legally divested.   |  |  | 22. Respondent, Sps. Romel B. Due and Percy D. Due has until May 27, 2017 to redeem the said real property (TCT No. 678366-R) but failed to redeem after a year from date of entry or registration (May 27, 2016) of the Certificate of Sale. Up to the filing of herein Petition, respondents Sps. Due failed to redeem the property one (1) year from the time the Certificate of Sale was entered, annotated and registered (Entry No. 2016007762) in the TCT No. 678366-R of the said real property. As such, respondent Sps. Due have deemed waived and lost whatever residual rights accorded to them by law -the right of redemption within a year from the date of the registration of the certificate of sale. By virtue of the expiration of the redemption period, the title or right of the respondents Lim on the subject property (TCT No. 678366-R) have been legally divested.   |  |  |
| 23. Moreover, on March 1, 2024, the petitioner sent a formal Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 to the respondent spouses via LBC demanding them to surrender the subject title. Copy of the Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 and copy of the LBC Receipt are hereto attached and marked as ANNEXES "M and N", respectively.   |  |  | 23. Moreover, on March 1, 2024, the petitioner sent a formal Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 to the respondent spouses via LBC demanding them to surrender the subject title. Copy of the Demand Letter dated March 1, 2024 and copy of the LBC Receipt are hereto attached and marked as ANNEXES "M and N", respectively.   |  |  |
| 24. But despite the receipt of the said formal demand letter on March 2, 2024, the respondent spouses still failed to surrender the said title and just the same. Copy of the LBC Tracking Status is hereto attached and as ANNEX "O";   |  |  | 24. But despite the receipt of the said formal demand letter on March 2, 2024, the respondent spouses still failed to surrender the said title and just the same. Copy of the LBC Tracking Status is hereto attached and as ANNEX "O";   |  |  |
| 25. Being so, Petitioner had the right to the issuance of a new certificate of title and if the same cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate of title, the petitioner, being a party in interest, may file a petition in court to compel the surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. In the event of failure to surrender the same or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the Honorable Court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate.  |  |  | 25. Being so, Petitioner had the right to the issuance of a new certificate of title and if the same cannot be registered by reason of the refusal or failure of the holder to surrender the owner's duplicate of title, the petitioner, being a party in interest, may file a petition in court to compel the surrender of the same to the Register of Deeds. In the event of failure to surrender the same or if for any reason the outstanding owner's duplicate certificate cannot be delivered, the Honorable Court may order the annulment of the same as well as the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof. Such new certificate and all duplicates thereof shall contain a memorandum of the annulment of the outstanding duplicate.  |  |  |
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| 28. While respondent <b>REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA</b> is being impleaded herein, being the government agency tasked with the duties of keeping the records of titles to real properties in the City San Fernando, Pampanga, cause the issuance, cancellation, and other transactions involving titles to real properties and it may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court at the Register of Deeds of San Fernando City, Pampanga.  |  |  | 28. While respondent <b>REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA</b> is being impleaded herein, being the government agency tasked with the duties of keeping the records of titles to real properties in the City San Fernando, Pampanga, cause the issuance, cancellation, and other transactions involving titles to real properties and it may be served with summons and other processes of the Honorable Court at the Register of Deeds of San Fernando City, Pampanga.  |  |  |
| <b>MATERIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE ALLEGATIONS<br/>IN SUPPORT OF THE HEREIN PETITION</b>  |  |  | <b>MATERIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE ALLEGATIONS<br/>IN SUPPORT OF THE HEREIN PETITION</b>  |  |  |
| 9. Petitioner, John Co Tan filed a Complaint against the respondent Sps. Romel & Percy Due for Collection of Sum of Money before Metropolitan Trial Court (Branch 57) of San Juan Manila City, and same was docketed as Civil Case No. 0278-SC. In the course of the proceedings, the parties entered in a Compromise Agreement agreeing among others of the terms and conditions set forth therein:   |  |  | 9. Petitioner, John Co Tan filed a Complaint against the respondent Sps. Romel & Percy Due for Collection of Sum of Money before Metropolitan Trial Court (Branch 57) of San Juan Manila City, and same was docketed as Civil Case No. 0278-SC. In the course of the proceedings, the parties entered in a Compromise Agreement agreeing among others of the terms and conditions set forth therein:   |  |  |
| 1. The Defendants in buying peace shall pay the above-mentioned plaintiff the amount Of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Pesos (Php132,000.00) representing their total obligation with the latter.   |  |  | 1. The Defendants in buying peace shall pay the above-mentioned plaintiff the amount Of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Pesos (Php132,000.00) representing their total obligation with the latter.   |  |  |
| 2. The defendants shall pay the said amount in installments at Php2,000.00 every 30th day of the month   |  |  |  |  |  |





Republic of the Philippines  
City of Angeles  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
19th Council

ORDINANCE NO. 733, S-2025  
(PO-443-02-25)

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE IN THE ANGELES CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Presidential Executive Order No. 66, dated October 29, 2018, states that “all government entities and LGUs shall formulate and adopt their respective Drug-Free Workplace Programs, and conduct Authorized Drug Testing among their respective officials and personnel, in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 9165 and relevant issuances and circulars of the DDB and the Civil Service Commission;”

**WHEREAS**, Board Regulation No. 13, s-2018, issued by the Dangerous Drugs Board provides for the establishment and institutionalization of Drug-Free Workplace Policies in all government offices, including the conduct of authorized drug testing for elective local officials and appointive public officers;

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2023, the Office of the Mayor issued Executive Order No. 03, S-2023, implementing a Drug-Free Workplace Policy in all departments and offices of the Angeles City Local Government Unit (LGU), including random and mandatory authorized drug testing for all Angeles City Government Employees;

**WHEREAS**, since the issuance of Executive Order No. 03, s-2023, the City Government has conducted random and mandatory authorized drug testing for various offices of the Angeles City LGU and there is now an apparent need to institutionalize the Drug-Free Workplace Policy of the Angeles City LGU;

SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

City Ordinance No. 733, Series of 2025 shall be known as the “Drug-Free Workplace Ordinance of Angeles City.”

SECTION II. OBJECTIVE

This Ordinance aims to maintain a Drug-Free Workplace in all departments and offices of the Angeles City LGU.

SECTION III. SCOPE

This Ordinance covers all employees of the Angeles City LGU, regardless of appointment status, as well as hired Contract of Service Providers / Job Orders.

SECTION IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following shall be defined as follows:

**a. Authorized Drug Testing** – the testing done by drug testing laboratories accredited by the Department of Health (“DOH”). It shall employ, among others, two (2) testing methods, the Screening Test, which will determine the positive result, as well as the type of the drug used, and the Confirmatory Test, which will confirm a positive Screening Test.

**b.Challenge Test** – a drug test conducted as a result of a challenge filed by a public officer who tested positive for drug use in a confirmatory test in an authorized drug testing activity.

**c. Confirmatory Test** – an analytical test using a device, tool, or equipment with a different chemical or physical principle that is more specific, which will validate and confirm the result of the screening test.

**d. Dangerous Drugs** – include those listed in the Schedules annexed to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and in the Schedules annexed to the 1971 Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances, as enumerated in Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended.

**e. Drug Dependency Examination** – refers to the examination conducted by a physician accredited by the DOH to evaluate the extent of drug use of a person and to determine whether he/she is a drug dependent or not, which includes history taking, intake interview, determination of criteria for drug dependency, mental and physical status, and the detection of dangerous drugs in body specimens through laboratory procedures.

**f. Mandatory Drug Testing** – compulsory submission of a government employee or an elective or appointive official to drug testing.

**g. Non-Compliant Employee** – for the purposes of this Order, this shall refer to employees of the Angeles City Local Government Unit who have failed to appear for both the random and the rescheduled mandatory authorized drug testing for all Angeles City Local Government Employees.

**h. Screening Test** – a rapid drug test performed to establish potential or presumptive positive result. It refers to the immunoassay test to eliminate a “negative” specimen, i.e. one without the presence of dangerous drugs, from further consideration and to identify the presumptively positive specimen that requires confirmatory test.

**i. Substance Use Disorder (“SUD”)** – term used in Diagnostic Manual 5 which combines categories of substance use, abuse and dependence into a single disorder measured on a continuum from mild to severe. Each specific substance is addressed as a separate disorder (e.g. alcohol use disorder, shabu use disorder) and are diagnosed based on the same overarching eleven (11) behavioral criteria. Clinicians can also add “in early remission,” “in sustained remission,” “on maintenance therapy,” and “in controlled environment” in describing their diagnosis which could either be the following:

- 1. Mild SUD** – a minimum of two (2) to three (3) criteria has been met. Similar to experimental and occasional users;
- 2. Moderate SUD** – four (4) or five (5) criteria met which would be similar to regular and habitual users; and
- 3. Severe SUD** – if six (6) or more symptoms/criteria have been met, which is about the equivalent to an abuser and substance dependent individual.

SECTION V. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ANGELES CITY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL (ACADAC)

The Angeles City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ACADAC) shall have the following responsibilities under the Drug-Free Workplace Ordinance:

a. Ensuring the implementation of continuing and sustainable substance abuse awareness and prevention programs and informing all officials and employees about the following:

1. The Drug-Free Workplace Ordinance of Angeles City;
2. The medical and social risks associated with drug use;
3. The administrative and criminal sanctions with respect to drug use and violations of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002; and
4. The availability of the Employee Assistance Program.

b. Conduct of random mandatory drug testing, in coordination with the City Health Office (CHO) and the City Human Resource Management Office (CHRMO);

c. Creation of a Drug-Free Workplace Committee, composed of the following:

1. City Mayor
2. Officer-in-Charge, ACADAC
3. City Human Resources Management Officer
4. City Health Officer
5. City Social Welfare and Development Officer
6. City Legal Officer
7. President, Association of Government Employees for a New and Dynamic Angeles City (AGENDA)

The Committee shall assist in the implementation of the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and ensure the creation of a sustainable Employee Assistance Program, which shall provide resources for and/ or referrals to medical interventions for government employees requiring the same.

The Committee shall also create an Assessment Team composed of personnel with educational and training backgrounds on medicine, psychology, social work, and human resources administration that shall assist in the conduct of substance abuse awareness and prevention programs and in the implementation of the Employee Assistance Program.

SECTION VI. PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING

Mandatory drug testing shall remain a requirement for initial entry to government service (career and non-career service). Any applicant found positive for drug use shall be denied entry to government service.

SECTION VII. GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF AUTHORIZED DRUG TESTING

The Drug–Free Workplace Policy of the Angeles City LGU shall include the conduct of authorized drug testing, the purpose of which is to prevent the entry of dangerous drugs in government offices and use of dangerous drugs among government employees.

Said authorized drug testing shall be carried out in accordance with the following guidelines:

A. All employees of the Angeles City Local Government Unit, regardless of status of appointment, including the hired Contract of Service Providers / Job Orders, shall be subject to the conduct of a mandatory, random, and suspicionless authorized drug testing;

B. All results of authorized drug testing activities shall be strictly confidential. Only the Head/Officer-in-Charge of the ACADAC, the City HRM Officer, and the City Mayor shall have access to such results;

C. All drug test results and records shall strictly be held confidential, which shall be formally endorsed directly to the City HRM Officer for attachment to the 201 Files of all employees;

D. Authorized drug testing shall be conducted only by a drug testing laboratory accredited by the DOH;

E. A positive drug test result from the confirmatory test shall immediately be known to the Head/Officer-in-Charge of the ACADAC, who shall notify the employee concerned. The employee shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice to challenge the result of the confirmatory test. Using the same specimen, a challenge test shall be conducted by a drug testing laboratory accredited by the DOH. All expenses incurred in the conduct of the challenge test shall be borne by the concerned employee;

F. A positive drug test result from the challenge test is deemed final and the employee shall be subjected to administrative proceedings. Failure to file a challenge within the prescribed period shall make the positive drug test result from the confirmatory drug test final. The City Government shall then take the appropriate action;

G. In case of negative drug test result, no further action is needed;

H. In case an employee fails to show up for the random and mandatory authorized drug testing for their department/office, they are required to:

1. Submit a written explanation addressed to the Office of the Mayor within forty-eight (48) hours after their initial drug testing schedule;

2. Appear for a rescheduled mandatory authorized drug testing. The time, date, and venue of the rescheduled mandatory authorized drug testing shall be announced by the Office of the City Mayor.

I. Contract of Service Providers / Job Orders who fail to appear for both the random and the rescheduled mandatory authorized drug testing shall be considered ‘Non-Compliant’. The contracts of ‘Non-Compliant’ Contract of Service Providers / Job Orders shall be terminated immediately.

SECTION VIII. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

An employee, prior to the conduct of authorized drug testing, may seek proper intervention in coordination with the ACADAC, which shall provide referrals and additional services to the employee concerned. A drug dependency examination shall be conducted in order to determine the level of Substance Use Disorder and the applicable intervention.

Employees who tested positive in the confirmatory test will be subjected to drug dependency examination and rehabilitation. Employees who refuse to undergo rehabilitation will be charged with Grave Misconduct, as stated in Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13, series of 2017, and violation of Section 15 of RA 9165.

SECTION IX. SANCTIONS

A. An employee who refuses, without any valid reason, to submit himself/herself to authorized drug testing shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct.

B. Any employee found to have tampered the result of a drug test, interfered with the conduct of the drug test or in the release of drug test results, or violated rules of confidentiality of records shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct without prejudice to the filing of a case for violation of Section 32, Article II of R.A. 9165.

C. Any public officer who violated the provisions of Article II of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct or face disciplinary sanction under Section 60 of the Local Government Code, as the case may be,without prejudice to the filing of criminal charges under R.A. 9165 and other relevant laws.

D. For an employee who tested positive in the mandatory drug testing for a second time after undergoing rehabilitation, the provisions of Section 15, Article II of R.A. 9165 for second-time offenders shall apply. In the case of criminal charges being filed against the employee under R.A. 9165, the Chief Executive may impose a Preventive Suspension on the employee until such a time that the charges have been cleared. Should the employee be found guilty of said charges, the employee may be removed from service, in accordance with the rules of the Civil Service Commission.

E. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall cause the filing of cases for the local government units concerned. The Fact-Finding Committee for Administrative Cases shall hear the erring employees and hired service providers.

SECTION X. REPORTING

Should an employee test positive in the drug test, their name shall be forwarded to the relevant Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Philippine Anti-Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) for proper recording and documentation. The employee’s name shall be removed from the records of the BADAC, PNP, and PDEA after the employee has finished rehabilitation.

SECTION XI. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any person who, having official custody or access to all data and information relative to the conduct of the authorized drug testing, or anyone who, having gained possession of such data and information, reveals their content to any person not authorized to have access thereto, shall be prosecuted for violation of Section 32, Article II of R.A. 9165.

SECTION XII. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION XIII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION XIV. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect one (1) week following its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in Angeles City and after the adoption by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller**, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco and Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario

Seconded by Councilors Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu and Carlos P. Salvador

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu and Carlos P. Salvador Regular Session No. 06 held on March 4, 2025.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on **March 12, 2025.**

APPROVED:

**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**RAFAEL L. ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Mayor

**EMELY C. CAMPOS**  
Board Secretary IV





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19TH Council

ORDINANCE NO. 737, S-2025  
(PO-450-04-25)

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPENING OF THE PERIMETER FENCE ALONG DON JUICO AVENUE AND M.A ROXAS HI-WAY FOR THE EMERGENCE OF BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF ANGELES CITY, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, AESTHETICS, AND COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Atty. Arvin M. Suller)

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances intended to promote the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, as provided herein by Paragraph 1, sub paragraph II and Paragraph 5, sub paragraph V and VI under Section 458 of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of Philippines:

(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government, and in this connection shall:

(a) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of said ordinances.

(2) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of this code, and in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

(a) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire; designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use, regulate the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

(b) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachments of obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places.

WHEREAS, the local government body recognizes the need for the regulation of the perimeter fence along and M.A Roxas hi-way, within the bounds of the territorial jurisdiction of Angeles City, to adhere to standards that balance the requisites for security with the protection of public welfare, emergency access, and aesthetics and to improve vehicular access and public safety in the emergence of businesses;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of public safety and the well-being of the community to ensure that opening of the perimeter fence would be regulated well and accesses to be established in the future are appropriately designed and constructed to facilitate better movement of residents, visitors, and public services while maintaining order and safety on the public roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Angeles, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Perimeter Fence:** A barrier erected around a property or specified location that is designed to control or restrict access;
- Access/ Access Point:** Any opening or entrance to a property where vehicular or pedestrian movement is permitted;
- Emergency Access:** The ability of fire, police, medical, or other emergency vehicles or personnel to reach business premises or individuals in need of assistance quickly and safely;
- Business/es:** A plot of land or building used for commercial activities, including but not limited to retail stores, offices, and industrial establishments;

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the opening of the perimeter fence along Don Juico Avenue and M.A Roxas hi-way for the emergence of businesses within the territorial jurisdiction of Angeles City, establishing standards for public safety, aesthetics, and compliance with emergency management requirements for the benefit of public access, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS FOR OPENING OF THE PERIMETER FENCE

- The opening of the perimeter fence for the establishment of accesses shall only be done for public use, as such in cases of future emergence of businesses that would necessitate it;
- It should be properly regulated and upon the completion of necessary

infrastructure and safety measures, including but not limited to road signage, proper lighting, and secure barriers;

- The accesses to be opened will be subject to the approval and periodic inspections by the City Government of Angeles and Clark Development Corporation to ensure its functionality and safety.

**SECTION 4. RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.** The Angeles City Local Government and Clark Development Corporation, who has shared territorial jurisdiction on the future location/s of the to-be-opened portion/s of the perimeter fence along Don Juico Avenue and M.A Roxas hi-way, shall be responsible for the following:

- The construction, installation, and maintenance of the gates and surrounding infrastructure;
- Ensuring that all legal and regulatory requirements, including environmental and safety standards, are met before the opening of the two main accesses and one pedestrian passage.

SECTION 5. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

- The future opening/s of the perimeter fence will be subject to all relevant traffic laws and regulations;
- Speed limits, signage, and other traffic control measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of all road users;
- The Angeles City Local Government and Clark Development Corporation shall enforce traffic management to prevent misuse of the future opening/s of the perimeter fence.

**SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT.** Failure to comply with the terms outlined in this ordinance shall result in penalties, including fines, closure of the two main accesses and one pedestrian passage, or other actions as deemed necessary by the appropriate authority.

**SECTION 7. FUNDING** - The funds for the proper implementation of this ordinance may come from the General Fund of the Local Government of Angeles.

**SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Office of the City Mayor thru the City Engineer's Office and Angeles City Traffic and Development Office, along with the technical assistance of all other departments of the city government, may issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the strict implementation of the provisions of this ordinance within thirty (30) days following its approval. Such guidelines shall be reviewed periodically by the body every year from its implementation or whenever necessary.

**SECTION 9. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MAYOR.** – The City Mayor, upon consultation with the city departments, is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this ordinance. The city chief executive is also hereby granted to enter into agreements with Clark Development Corporation relating to the provisions of this ordinance upon the authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If for any reason any part of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All city ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY.** – This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller**, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola and Alexander P. Indiongco

Seconded by Councilors Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC.Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC. Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador Special Session No. 01 held on April 2, 2025.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on **April 8, 2025.**

APPROVED:

**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**RAFAEL L. ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Mayor

**ATTY. MARK PHILIP B. LUMBOY**  
City Secretary/Department Head II





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**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
19TH Council

**ORDINANCE NO.735, S-2025**  
**(PO-447-03-25)**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION OF PARCELS OF LAND OWNED BY ANGELES CITY EMERALD REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COVERED UNDER TCT NOS. 76068, 76069, 75759, 75760, 75761, 75762, 75763, 75764, AND 75767 WITH AN AGGREGATE AREA OF 6,279 SQUARE METERS FOR THE PROPOSED FIVE-STOREY EMERALD SUITES PROJECT LOCATED AT BARANGAY PAMPANG, ANGELES CITY FROM ARTICLE V, ZONE REGULATIONS, SEC. 12.4.1, USE REGULATIONS IN LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE OF ORDINANCE NO. 727, S-2024 KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE 2021-2030 OF ANGELES CITY.**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City in session assembled that:

**Section 1.** The application for exemption of parcels of land owned by Angeles City Emerald Realty and Development Corporation covered under TCT nos. 76068, 76069, 75759, 75760, 75761, 75762, 75763, 75764, and 75767 with an aggregate area of 6,279 square meters for the proposed five-storey Emerald Suites Project located at Barangay Pampang, Angeles City be exempted from Article V, Zone Regulations, Sec. 12.4.1, Use Regulations in Low Density Residential (R-1) Zone of Ordinance No. 727, S-2024 known as the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance 2021-2030 of Angeles City.

**Section 2. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication in newspaper of local circulation.

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Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller**, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola and Alexander P. Indiongco

Seconded by Councilors Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador

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UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador during Regular Session No. 08 held on March 18, 2025.


Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on **March 25, 2025.**

**APPROVED:**

  
**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

  
**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

**ATTESTED:**

  
**RAFAEL L. ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Mayor

  
**EMELY C. CAMPOS**  
Board Secretary IV





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19TH Council

ORDINANCE NO. 738, S-2025  
(PO-451-04-25)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 294, S-2011 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF ANGELES TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CITY COLLEGE OF ANGELES”, GRANTING ITS CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND PERTINENT GUIDELINES FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS THEREOF”

**WHEREAS**, it has been the declared policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in our society and the need to assist them in their full development;

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall promote and protect the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all,

**WHEREAS**, it is further believed that education is accorded with premier importance towards the full development of the human resource of the city in particular and the country at large;

**WHEREAS**, it is the firm belief of the Sangguniang Panlungsod that education is an effective tool in emancipating the underprivileged sector of our society from the bondage of poverty, therefore the implementation of any legislative undertaking such as the establishment of a local college/local higher learning institution will definitely transform deserving students with the desired competitive work knowledge, skills and values which are essential in their progressive living as individuals and members of community and society,

**WHEREAS**, based on the survey, it was found out that a significant number of families in the city failed to send their children for college education because of their inability to cope with the commercialized education in private higher learning institutions;

**WHEREAS**, the marginalized youth with the capability to pursue college education must be provided with equal rights for quality and affordable higher education;

**WHEREAS**, cognizant to the importance of college education as a strong foundation in arming the youth for community and nation building, the Honorable City Mayor through the Council’s Committee on Education proposed the establishment of the City College of Angeles that will offer different degree courses in the fields of sciences, arts, education, information technology, commerce, engineering and other relevant courses. It shall also undertake research and extension services, and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization;

**WHEREAS**, the aspects of budgetary/funding requirements of the operation of the City College of Angeles has been well deliberated and shall be shouldered by the City Government of Angeles;

**WHEREAS**, all sectors, both public and private, have expressed and confirmed their approval to the establishment of the college considering that this legislative undertaking shall serve as an important legacy in building a brighter life of our youth today and the future;

**WHEREAS**, the entire City of Angeles believes in the sayings that the future of the country is the youth and “is not in our boardrooms but in our classrooms”:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD OF CITY OF ANGELES IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:**

ARTICLE I -TITLE AND COVERAGE

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “CHARTER OF CITY COLLEGE OF ANGELES.”

Section 2. Administrative Provisions and Coverage.

a. This ordinance establishing the City College of Angeles and granting its charter providing for the rules, regulations and pertinent guidelines for its establishment and Government operations thereof shall be an exclusive undertaking and initiative of the City of Angeles through the cooperation and support of the Department of Education (DEPED), the Commission of Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and all elected and appointed officials of the city;

b. The City College of Angeles shall be provided herein of its rules, regulations and guidelines for its establishment and operation.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 3.** There is hereby established in the City of Angeles, within the powers and limitations hereinafter Angeles, which specified, a higher educational institution to be known as the City College of Angeles (CCA).

**Section 4.** The City College of Angeles shall be guided by the following fundamental principles:

a) That the local college shall support the community need for education through affordable, accessible, and high standard of collegiate and continuing education as well as skills training;

b) That the basic right for higher education of every capable individuals must be requested and be given equal opportunity for development in his/her chosen field of specialization;

c) That the local college will serve as a catalyst for human development, cultural convergence and unity;

d) That the local college will be a strong identity of Angeleños in their belief as a united people for education as an instrument for progress and development

Section 5. Vision, Mission and Objectives of the City College of Angeles

**Vision:** “An institution of hope, a thought leader in its area of operation and preferred provider of talents in the Metro Angeles Area.”

**Mission:** “City College of Angeles is committed to offer quality education for the holistic development of competitive and technically capable professionals with deep sense of excellence, resiliency, stewardship and patrimony.”

**Objectives:**

a. To provide degree and non-degree programs that are relevant to local and global demands and is in compliance with quality standards in education

b. To strengthen the natural capability of the College through continuous benchmarking, program evaluation, innovation and professional development of the administrators,

faculty and staff

c. To develop networks and linkages with local and international institutions to ensure quality education

d. To produce research, which will contribute to the efficient and effective management of the institution and to serve the community better

e. To develop and strengthen the moral values of administrators, faculty, staff and students

f. To develop a positive image of corporate social responsibility that will benefit the community

g. To serve as an active agent for the cultivation, promotion, preservation and appreciation of Kapampangan arts, culture, and heritage

Section 6. The College Seal

The seal of the College is a shield that contains the seal and symbol of the city as well as the year of foundation of the College.

The phoenix symbolizes triumph over tragedy. The man symbolizes every Angeleño.



The broken chains represent the capability of Angeleños to set themselves free from the bondages of man-made and natural disasters. The shield epitomizes dignity and respect for the self.

The olive green color signifies hope for a bright tomorrow. White is a symbol of purity of intentions to provide service to the community. The color gold represents how, like real gold, Angeleños are “tested in fire” of adversities and in the end emerge triumphant.

The Latin phrase “Totalis Humanae” summarizes the mission of the City College of Angeles towards man’s total human development.

ARTICLE III – GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS

**Section 7.** The administration and governance of the CCA is hereby vested to and shall be exercised by a Governing Board to be known as the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the CCA. The BOT shall be composed of the following:

- a. The City Mayor as Chairman
- b. The President of the City College of Angeles as Vice Chairman.
- c. The Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Sangguniang Panlungsod as Member
- d. President of CCA Student Council as Member
- e. ALCU Representative/Local College Chief Representative as Member
- f. President of CCA Alumni Association as Member
- g. President of a reputable business firm in the City of Angeles as Member
- h. Representative of the prominent citizen of the City of Angeles as Member
- i. President of CCA Faculty Association as Member
- j. CHED Representative as permanent resource person
- k. TESDA Representative as Member
- l. City Treasurer as Member
- m. City Accountant as Member

**Section 8.** The functions of the BOT as prescribed in this Ordinance are: Generally, the BOT is the highest policy-making body of the CCA , and as such, shall:

- a. Set the vision and strategic direction of the CCA, ensuring its alignment with the LGU's development agenda, higher education agenda, and the national government’s thrust;
- b. Establish an effective and efficient structure of the CCA;
- c. Ensure sound financial management; and
- d. Approve plans or policies related to the overall governance of the CCA.

**Specifically, the BOT shall have the following duties and responsibilities:**

a. Establish policy guidelines, rules, regulations and procedures not contrary to law and which are necessary to carry the purpose and function of the LUC, and ensure participative decision-making and transparency within the institution;

b. Approve academic arrangements for capacity building of the institution, with appropriate institutions and agencies, public or private, local or foreign, and to appoint experts/ specialists as consultants, or visiting or exchange professors, scholars, researchers, as the case may be, consistent with the provisions of the Transnational Higher Education Act (RA No. 11448), and other guidelines of CHED relative to such academic arrangements;

c. Approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic councils in accordance with the existing CHED Policies, Standards and Guidelines;

d. Set policies on admission, retention and graduation of students;

e. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of education, public service, arts, science and technology or in any field of specialization within the academic competence of the LUC, subject to the existing CHED guidelines, and to authorize the award of certificates of completion of non-degree and nontraditional courses, subject to existing CHED policies and guidelines;

f. Ensure the efficient management of non-academic services such as medical and dental, guidance and counseling, career and job placement, canteen, buildings, grounds, property maintenance and similar services;

g. Institutionalize and strengthen research and extension programs;

h. Recommend to the Local Chief Executive the appointment of President/Administrator or equivalent position of the LUC from the list of three (3) qualified candidate/s / applicant/s based on the search made under Section 12 of this CMO;

i. Recommend to the Local Chief Executive the appointment/designation of the vice presidents, deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty members and other officials and employees whose salaries and wages are wholly or mainly paid out of the local funds and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for under RA No. 7160, as well as those the Local Chief Executive may be authorized by law to appoint;

j. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges such as but not limited to matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as their respective boards may deem proper to impose after due consultations with the involved sectors subject to compliance with existing CHED policies, standards and guidelines;

k. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and school fees for greater access to poor but deserving student, if in case the LUC is not a recipient of a government subsidy;

l. Coordinate with the PCM's local Sanggunian to provide for the regular support for the development, operation, and maintenance of the LUC;



m. Recommend to the PCM's local Sanggunian policies on higher education and other related development legislation on effective governance and management;

n. Approve consortia and other forms of linkages with local government units, institutions and agencies, both public and private, local and foreign, in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the institution including its Internationalization initiatives;

o. Receive and appropriate budget as may be provided, to support of the institution in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, to carry out the purposes and functions of the LUC;

p. Receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds, to administer and dispose of the same when necessary for the benefit of the LUC, subject to limitations, directions and instructions of the donors, if any. Administer the same in the absence of specific directives of the donor. Such donations shall be subject to applicable laws on tax exemptions on donations and gifts, and all applicable laws;

q. Recommend to and implement the Local Government Unit-approved construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties including necessary supplies, materials and equipment. Purchases and other transactions entered into by the LUC through the GB shall be subject to applicable laws on tax exemptions on donations and gifts, and all applicable laws;

r. Approve salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees subject to the provisions of the revised compensation and classification system and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in accordance with the requirements of due process of law;

s. Approve the absorption/adoption of LGU acquired non-chartered tertiary institutions within their respective PCM in coordination with the CHED and other relevant agencies and to offer therein needed programs or courses, to promote and carry out equal access to educational opportunities mandated by the Constitution;

t. Establish chairs in the LUC and to provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;

u. Authorize, as may be needed, an external management audit of the institution to institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;

v. Approve the set up on the adoption of modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge through different teaching and learning modalities subject to CHED requirements;

w. Seek technical advice and updates from the CHED Resource Person pertaining to the LUC operations;

x. Institutionalize and strengthen programs that prioritize and support the LGU's development programs and capacity development needs;

y. Establish, maintain and institute mechanisms to share with the LGU and stakeholders, a knowledge-base of the LUC's experts and resources to support LGU governance and administration processes; and,

z. Delegate specific duties and responsibilities provided for hereinabove to the President /Administrator or equivalent position and/or other officials of the LUC as it may deem appropriate so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the LUC

Section 9. Secretary of the CCA BOT:

The BOT shall designate a secretary who shall serve as such for both the BOT and the CCA and shall keep all records and proceedings of the BOT. The Secretary shall communicate to each member of the BOT notice of meetings.

Section 10. Term of Office of the Board of Trustees. The members of the BOT shall have the following terms of office:

a. The Chairman. The incumbent City Mayor as Founding Chairman shall serve for a term that is co-terminus with the term of office of the City Mayor;

b. The President/Administrator or equivalent position shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term only

c. The term of office of the Chairman of the Committee on Education shall be co-terminus with his/her respective term of the office as member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

d. The other members namely: President of the Faculty Association; President of Student Council; President of Alumni Association; and other members shall adopt the term of the office of their respective organizations.

e. The President of a reputable business firm in the City of Angeles and Representative of the prominent citizen of the City of Angeles shall be appointed by the BOT upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board with a fixed term of three years subject to renewal.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS

Section 11. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the BOT shall be held quarterly every first Thursday of the quarter at the College or any other place in the City of Angeles as determined by the Board from the last preceding meeting.

Section 12. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the BOT shall be held at the College or in any place in the City of Angeles upon the call of the Chairman or the majority of the BOT member.

Section 13. A written notice to the BOT members stating the date, time and purpose of the meetings, be it regular or special, shall be served personally at least three (3) days before the meeting is held.

Section 14. Quorum. A majority of all the members shall constitute a quorum to transact official business and decide any question at the meeting.

Section 15. Order of Business. The order of business of the meetings of the BOT shall be as follows;

- a. Call to Order
- b. Prayer
- c. Roll Call
- d. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- e. Ratification of all the acts and resolution approved by the Ex-Com (not for BOT meeting).
- f. Calendar of Business for the day.
- g. Adjournment

ARTICLE V — QUALIFICATION, VACANCY, SUSPENSION/REMOVAL

AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBER OF BOT

Section 16. Qualification. All members of the BOT shall be bona fide citizen of the Philippines and with proven responsibility, integrity and honesty.

Section 17. Vacancy. In case of vacancy in the BOT by reason of registration, removal from office, death or any other incapacity of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall only serve the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Section 18. Suspension and Removal. A member of the BOT may be suspended or removed from office upon a majority vote of the members of the Board based on the following causes;

- a. Incapacity;
- b. Incompetence;
- c. Dishonesty;
- d. Conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; or
- e. Any act detrimental to the interest and welfare of the college.

Provided no member of the Board may be suspended or removed from office without taking into consideration the due process of law.

Section 19. Compensation. The member of the BOT shall serve without compensation except for allowance or per diem set at PHP 5,000 during its regular or special meetings called for by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTION

Section 20. The Administration:

a. The administration of the CCA shall be vested in the President who shall render full-time service. The powers and duties of the President, in addition to those specifically provided in CMO 18 S2022, shall be those usually pertaining to the Offices of the President of other colleges/universities, and those delegated by the Governing Board The President shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term only. The President shall hold an earned doctoral degree, defined as level 8 in the Philippine Qualifications Framework (L8) as stipulated in PQF National Coordinating Council Resolution No. 2014-03 adopted on December 11, 2014 and its amendments thereafter, from a CHED-recognized higher learning institution, with at least five (5) years of relevant administrative experience.

In case of vacancy by reason of death, resignation, or removal for cause or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of their office, the Board shall immediately recommend to the Local Chief Executive the designation of an officer-in-charge (OIC), with the same qualifications as required of a President. The designation shall not exceed a period of one (1) year, renewable for another one year, pending the appointment of a new President/Administrator or equivalent position, subject to existing CSC Rules2. The Board shall immediately create and convene the Search Committee (SC).

The search process shall comply with Annex E of the CMO 18 S2022 entitled Search Process and Minimum Qualifications for LUC President.

b. The Vice-President for Academic Affairs who shall be appointed by the President and shall serve for a term of the four (4) years, subject to renewal , unless sooner removed for a cause. His powers and duties as well as rate of compensation shall be prescribed by the BOT, provided that he must be a holder of an earned doctoral degree;

c. The Vice-President for Administration who shall be appointed by the President and shall serve for a term of four (4) years, subject to renewal , unless sooner removed for a cause. His power and duties as well as rate of compensation shall be prescribed by the BOT; provided that he must be a holder of an earned doctoral degree;

d. The Vice-President for Research who shall be appointed by the President and shall serve for a term of four (4) years, subject to renewal , unless sooner removed for a cause. His power and duties as well as rate of compensation shall be prescribed by the BOT; provided that he must be a holder of an earned doctoral degree.

Suspension and Removal. The aforementioned officers may be suspended from office by a majority vote of the BOT for reason of incapacity, incompetence, dishonesty, conviction of crime on involving immoral turpitude or any act detrimental to the interest and welfare of the college in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 21. Mandatory Plantilla positions. The Basic/Mandatory Plantilla Positions are the following:

- a. President
- b. Registrar
- c. Librarian
- d. Guidance Counselor
- e. Nurse
- f. Faculty Positions

ARTICLE VII — INSTITUTE AND INSTITUTE OFFICIALS

Section 22. The different institutes that may be established are as follows:

- a. Teacher Education
- b. Computing Studies
- c. Tourism and Hospitality Management
- d. Arts and Science
- e. Business Education
- f. Technical Teacher Education
- g. Engineering and Architecture
- h. Vocational and Technological Technology Education
- i. Criminal Justice Education
- j. Legal Education
- k. Medical, Health Science and Allied Education
- l. Aviation and Aeronautical Education
- m. Maritime Education
- n. Graduate Studies
- o. short term courses for continuing education

Section 23. Dean. A Dean shall head degree-granting institutes. The Dean provides academic leadership in the Institute and is responsible for the planning and implementation of its program and activities. The qualification of the Des shall be that which is required by pertinent Republic Acts, CHED Memorandum Orders and other pertinent laws.

Section 24. Academic Coordinators. The Program Academic Coordinator shall be under the leadership of the Institute Dean. The coordinator should be a holder of an appropriate master's degree. The coordinator shall hold twelve (12) units teaching loads.

The Academic Coordinators include the following: Program Coordinators, OJT/Practicum Coordinators, General and Professional Education Coordinators.

ARTICLE VIII — FACULTY

Section 25. Composition. The members of the faculty of the College shall be selected based on the selection policy of the college, they standard set by the Commission on Higher Education and existing policies of the Civil Service Commission and other meritorious performances.



However, for programs where there is a dearth of faculty with master's degree, temporary plantilla positions may be recommended.

**Section 26.** The implementing rules and regulations on recruitment, appointment, promotion, career and personnel development, performance evaluation system, incentive award system, moonlighting, overload, leave benefits, complains and grievance machinery, public sector unionism, discipline, and welfare services including that of part timers shall be promulgated.

**Section 27.** Members of the Faculty who conducted outstanding researches in their fields of specialization shall be awarded with cash incentives.

**Section 28.** Working Hours. Full-time faculty members are required to render a total of forty (40) hours of work e eek at the College, divided as follows: twenty-four (24) hours of teaching loads, six (6) hour consultation hours, five (5) hours of research activity, and five (5) hours office work.

However, in the exigency of the service regular faculty teaching loads may exceed up to the maximum of six (6) units and will be compensated as overtime pay as long as it is beyond the forty (40) working hours required by the Civil Service Commission. A part time faculty or guest lecturer may be given teaching load not exceeding what is provided by pertinent regulations, and shall render contract- based service.  
**Section 29.** Retirement. Retirement of all full-time faculty members shall be compulsory at the age of sixty-five (65).

ARTICLE IX — NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

**Section 30. Qualification Standard.** To be appointed to a permanent non-teaching position at City College of Angeles, one must hold an appropriate education background and experience aligned to or allied to one's assigned position. The members of the non-teaching personnel shall be selected based on standard set by the College consistent with the existing policies of the CHED and the CSC. The members of the non-teaching personnel small be recommended for appointment by the President to the Local Chief Executive.

**Section 31.** Vacant position marked for filling up shall be published in accordance with Republic Act 7041 (Publication Law). The published vacant position shall also be posted in at least three (3) conspicuous places at City College of Angeles, City Hall Building, and /or Community Bulletin Board for at least fifteen (15) days. Other appropriate modes of publication shall be considered.

**Section 32.** Filling up of vacant position shall be made after fifteen (15) days from their publication. The publication of a particular vacant position shall be valid until filled up but not to extend beyond six (6) months reckoned from the date the vacant position was published.

**Section 33.** Members of the Non-Teaching Personnel who conducted outstanding researches in their fields of specialization shall be awarded with cash incentives.

ARTICLE X — STUDENTS

**Section 34. Students Admission.** Preference in the admission of students shall be given to the bona fide residents of the City of Angeles subject to the selection and admission policies approved by the BOT, provided, however, that no students shall be denied admission to the College by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation.

ARTICLE XI — THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

**Section 35.** The EXECOM consists of the President and Vice Presidents. Meetings will be held at least once a month.

**Section 36.** The Management Committee (MANCOM). The MANCOM consists of the President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors and Unit Heads. Meetings will be held at least once a month.

ARTICLE XII — COLLEGE COUNCILS

**Section 37.** The Academic Council consists of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Deans, Librarian, Guidance Head, Registrar and Academic Coordinators.

- Functions of the Academic Council:
- a. Formulate the fields of study, rules and discipline subject to the approval of the Board and existing laws, rules and regulation;
  - b. Prescribe requirements for admission of students to CCA, as well as for graduation and conferment of degrees subject to the approval of the Board;
  - c. Exercise exclusive power to recommend students as candidates for graduation or any other persons to be conferred with honorary degrees;
  - d. Discipline students within the limit prescribed by the standards of student conduct;
  - e. Confer special academic awards to deserving students

**Section 38.** The Administrative Council consists of the Vice-President for Administration and all heads of administrative offices.

- Functions of the Administrative Council are as follows:
- a. Formulate policies and standards relative to the administrative functions and procedures;
  - b. Recommend rules and regulations affecting administrative personnel;
  - c. Plan and organize college-wide activities;
  - d. Perform actions other than those enumerated above affecting administrative personnel

**Section 39.** The Research Council consists of the Vice President for Research, Research Head, Ethics Committee, and Institute Research representatives.

- Functions of the Research Council are as follows:
- a. Set research priorities, support funding, and promote research excellence
  - b. Ensure quality assurance and research process, foster collaboration with external partners, and uphold ethical practices
  - c. Evaluate research performance, encourage interdisciplinary work, and provide training for researchers
  - d. Support community extension by applying research to address societal needs and advise university leadership on research policies and strategies

**Section 40.** The College Councils shall meet once a month or whenever the need arises.

ARTICLE XIII — THE PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

**Section 41.** Pursuant to CSC Memo Circular 10 series 1989 on Establishing the Personnel Development Committee (PDC), the City College of Angeles PDC is composed of representatives from academic and non-academic units, with the Head of CCA Human Resource Management Office as Chairman.

**Section 42.** Personnel Development Committee Function. Its main function is to serve as screening and coordinating committee for CCA's Human Resource Development Programs

which include: scholarships, training opportunities and other development activities. The Committee recommends to the CCA President the most qualified nominee in accordance to the screening results taking into consideration the guidelines on participation of government officials and employees in conventions, seminars, trainings, conferences and similar non-training gatherings sponsored by non-governmental organizations or private institutions stipulated in the National Budget Circular 563.

ARTICLE XIV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**Section 43.** Board of Visitors. The Mayor, Vice Mayor and the members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Angeles shall constitute the Board of Visitors of the College whose duties and functions are the following;

- a. Attend the commencement exercise of the College;
- b. Conduct visits at the College at any time possible as it may deem proper;
- c. Inspect and evaluation the books of accounts, properties, program of study, discipline and state of finances of the College;
- d. Submit report and recommendations to the Sangguniang Panglungsod relative to the exercise of its duties and functions.

**Section 44. Reports.** The BOT of the City College of Angeles shall submit as required from time to time by the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panglungsod an annual report on the progress, conditions and the needs of the College.

**Section 45. Accounting Report.** The new Government Accounting System (NGAS) prescribed by the Commission on Audit (COA) effective 2007 shall be implemented to provide adequate information to the needs of the users of financial report.

**Section 46.** The different courses that may be offered at the City College of Angeles are follows subject to existing rules and regulations of the CHED TESDA and/or PRC;

- a. Teacher Education
- b. Computing Studies
- c. Tourism and Hospitality Management
- d. Arts and Science
- e. Business Education
- f. Technical Teacher Education
- g. Engineering and Architecture
- h. Vocational and Technological Education
- i. Criminal Justice Education
- j. Legal Education
- k. Medical, Health Science and Allied Education
- l. Aviation and Aeronautical Education
- m. Maritime Education
- n. Graduate Studies
- o. short term courses for continuing education

**Section 47. Funding.** The City Government of Angeles shall ensure fiscal autonomy to the College as provided by law. The Sangguniang Panlungsod is hereby empowered to establish a College Educational Fund which shall consist of:

- a. Collection of tuition and other fees which are affordable and reasonable to be automatically retained by the College;
- b. Five per cent (5%) of the proceeds of collections from the general funds, IRA, market stall fees and other local fees collected by the City subject to the approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, which shall be released automatically by the Treasurer to the College. The college may request supplementary budget if the allotted 5% is not sufficient to sustain the programs of the College.
- c. Releasing the budget shall be on a monthly basis to be remitted by the City Treasurer to the authorized cashier/disbursing officer of the College every first week of each month
- d. Disbursements of the College funds shall be managed by the authorized cashier or disbursing officer with the approval of the College President or the Chairman of the BOT and shall be subjected to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

The amount collected for the College Educational Fund shall be appropriated by the Board of Trustees of the College, exclusively for the improvement of its facilities and equipment, library, school buildings and compensation and upgrading of the salaries and allowances of its faculty and support personnel including faculty and staff development, research and extension services.  
**Section 48.** CCA Organizational Chart (Append Organizational Chart.)

**Section 49. Transitory Provision.** The BOT shall approve the provisional organizational chart of the College as recommended by the College President and shall remain as the table or organization until amended or revised.

**Section 50. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, any other provision not so affected shall continue to be valid and effective.

**Section 51. Repealing clause.** Any City Ordinance, resolution and its rules and regulations or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 52. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr.,** Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola and Alexander P. Indiongco

Seconded by Councilors Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC.Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu, Richard DC. Gaza, Jr. and Carlos P. Salvador Special Session No. 01 held on April 2, 2025.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED:

  
**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor City

  
**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
**RAFAEL L. ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Mayor City

  
**ATTY. MARK PHILIP B. LUMBOY**  
Secretary/Department Head





Republic of the Philippines  
City of Angeles  
19th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE NO. 734, S-2025  
(P0-445-03-25)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 682, SERIES 2023 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SNEAKING-IN/SMUGGLING OF CONTRABANDS IN DETENTION CELLS, JAILS, REFORMATORY CENTERS AND HALF-WAY HOUSES IN THE CITY OF ANGELES” OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CONTRABAND ORDINANCE OF ANGELES CITY, TO INCLUDE UNDER SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

**Section 1.** Section 6 of Ordinance No. 682, Series of 2023, “An Ordinance prohibiting the sneaking-in/smuggling of contrabands in detention cells, jails, reformatory centers and half-way houses in Angeles City” is hereby amended, to read as follows:

A. II. Nuisance Contraband

f. Money in excess of Php 1,000.00 per PDL:

- 1) Philippine peso-in excess for what is allowed under the Rules of the Facility; and
- 2) Foreign currency-in excess for what is allowed under the Rules of the facility computing the exchange rate at the time of the discovery of the foreign currency.

**Section 2. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Angeles.

Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller** and **Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario**

Seconded by Councilor **Danilo D. Lacson**

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present during approval: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Danilo D. Lacson, Jesus S. Sangil, Marino D. Bañola, Alexander P. Indiongco, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Edgardo D. Pamintuan, Jr., Michelle M. Bonifacio, Crisanto G. Cortez, Danilo M. Nacu and Carlos P. Salvador Regular Session No. 06 held on March 4, 2025.


Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on **March 12, 2025.**

APPROVED:

  
**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

  
**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
**RAFAEL L. ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Mayor

  
**EMELY C. CAMPOS**  
Board Secretary IV







# Taste the thrill...

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post. Strike a pose, snap a picture, and make your food fest moments unforgettable.

### Groove and grub at Eats and Beats

Good food tastes even better with good music. Catch live busking performances from local artists and students at Eats and Beats while you enjoy your favorite meals. It is dining with a soundtrack you will love.

### Explore regional flavors at Eats Local Fest

Journey across the

Philippines without leaving the mall. Eats Local Fest celebrates the country’s finest regional cuisines, curated by renowned chefs and presented in awe-inspiring, large-scale displays. Every dish is a story waiting to be savored.

### Treat your furbabies at the Big Bites Pawty

Food Fest is not just for humans because your pets are part of the fun too! Bring your furbabies to the Big Bites Pawty where they can enjoy a pet buffet and discover paw-some

treats from pet food sellers.

This month, make every mall visit a feast of flavors, sights, and sounds. Food Fest at SM is your ticket to thrilling tastes, Insta-worthy moments, and unforgettable bonding experiences. So mark your calendars, bring your loved ones (and pets!), and join us at SM Supermalls from September 1 to 30 for a food celebration like no other! Visit [www.smsupermalls.com](http://www.smsupermalls.com) or follow @SMSupermalls on social media to know more and stay updated.

# Gift-giving, Christmas tree...

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Among them was Yesha, a 5-year-old cancer warrior, who clung tightly to a stuffed bear she received. For her mother, Lindsay Canlas, the gesture meant more than just a holiday present.

“If it makes my child happy, the happier I will be, especially now that it is the season of giving. Christmas is finally here,” Canlas shared.

Organizers empha-

# Convenience meets...

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first in Central Luzon. We always aim to design our stores to be convenient and accessible, reaching out to the community,” Sia shares during a special Kamustahan with Angeles media. “Later, we’ll have a store tour to highlight pieces fitting for everyday Kapampangan life—crafted for comfort, style, and local pride.”

The store’s opening is more than a retail milestone—it’s a celebration of local culture, craftsmanship, and good food. “That’s why we’re here today, at Bale Dutung,” Sia adds. “It’s about celebrating together, enjoying each other’s company, and making every visit special.”

Bale Dutung, meaning “House of Wood” in Kapampangan, is a private dining destination

sized that this year’s festival is not only about lanterns but also about spreading hope and joy to those who need it most.

According to Gomez, the essence of GLF remains rooted in tradition and service: “The true essence of the festival is continuing our mission of passing and preserving the tradition of making and operating the giant lanterns, while encouraging the youth to help safeguard this cultural treasure.”

Adding excitement to

in Angeles City. Founded by chef Claude Tayag and Mary Ann Quioc, it is known for its intimate setting and authentic Kapampangan cuisine, offering guests a unique culinary experience that celebrates local flavors and craftsmanship.

### Exclusive Offers and Community Perks

From Sept. 5 to 11, shoppers can enjoy special deals on UNIQLO favorites—mini T-shirts, AIRism polos, jeans, and more. There’s even a chance to win dining vouchers at local food spots through Japan’s iconic Gachapon capsule vending machine, and freebies like UNIQLO thermal mugs and duffle bags for app members. For those who love a good meal, UNIQLO is raffling off a private dining experience at Bale

the festivities, it was also announced that 10 baran-gays will participate in GLF 2025, each receiving a ₱400,000-subsidy to support their lantern-mak-ing efforts.

With lights, laughter, and love filling the air, the kickoff event set the tone for a meaningful celebration, reminding Fernandinos that the Giant Lantern Festival is not just about brilliance on stage, but also about shining kindness in the community.

Dutung.

“We want every visit to be memorable, not just for shopping, but for the experiences and connections you make,” Cunanan says.

### A Store for the Community, By the Community

UNIQLO’s Angeles Roadside Store is more than just a place to shop—it’s a hub for community engagement, sustainability, and local pride. With its thoughtful design, inclusive features, and commitment to giving back, it’s set to become a new favorite for Pampangeños and visitors alike.

“Every time we open a store, we want to be part of where we’re at,” Cunanan concludes. “We’re here for the community, and we’re excited to grow together.”


**COMPANY NAME: DONGGWANG CLARK CORPORATION**  
**ADDRESS:** ODE County Building, C.M. Recto Highway, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga  
**NATURE OF BUSINESS:** Developer  
**POSITION:** Manager (Design Department)  
**JOB DESCRIPTION:**  
1. Supervision and approval of project designs; leading and mentoring designers, collaborating with Design teams.  
2. Provide guidance on creative direction and quality of all design outputs, ensuring they are functional and on-brand.  
3. Oversee the entire design process from concept, managing timelines, resources, and budgets.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
1. Speak fluently in at least two languages (Korean and English Language).  
2. Confident and has a capacity to make logical decisions.  
3. Ability to work under pressure in fast-paced environment.  
**PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT:** SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)  
**SALARY RANGE:** Php 65,000.00 to Php 70,000.00  
**NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL:** YUN, HYEJIN (South Korean)  
ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,  
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga  
Intended period of employment: one (1) year


Application may be sent to: [canlas.jhoanne@gmail.com](mailto:canlas.jhoanne@gmail.com) (Jhoanne C. Torres – ADMIN Supervisor, Business Operations Department) Tel. No. 045-499-1166

Donggwang Clark Corporation hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Manager (Design Department). The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

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**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**  
**Region III – Central Luzon**



**BAGONG PILIPINAS**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

With reference to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of **Summerhills Home Development Corporation for the proposed Symphony Homes Mabalacat Phase 1 project** to be located in Barangay Atlu Bola, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the Symphony Homes Mabalacat Phase 1 project.

The Public Hearing will be conducted on the following details:

| DATE                                   | TIME   | VENUE   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>September 16, 2025</b><br>(Tuesday) | <b>10:00 AM</b><br>(Registration starts at 09:30 AM) | <i>Barangay Hall of Barangay Atlu Bola, Mabalacat, Pampanga</i> |

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EIS and public involvement in the process.


The Project Information is provided below:


| Project Name           | Symphony Homes Mabalacat Phase 1  |
|------------------------|---|
| Project Location       | Barangay Atlu, Mabalacat, Pampanga  |
| Project Type           | Residential Subdivision   |
| Project Area/ Capacity | Total land area - 506,455 square meters<br>Developable area – 286,225 square meters   |
| Project Rationale      | The proposed Symphony Homes Mabalacat Phase I is 286,225 square meters residential subdivision project of the 506,455 square meters lot acquired by the Summerhills Home Development Corporation. The proposed project is situated within the political jurisdiction of Barangay Atlu Bola, Mabalacat City, Pampanga with a geographical coordinates of 15°14'43.284" North Latitude and 120°35'34.033" East Longitude. The project site is bounded by a mixture of open land, residential area, and agricultural area on the north, by open grassland on the east, by the Sapang Balen on the south, and by residential areas on the west. The site is accessible through a barangay road on the northern, western and southern sections of the property. The site is about 480 meters from the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) and about 2 km from the Sta Ines Interchange with Mabalacat-Magalang Road. |
| Project Components     | Saleable Area, Non-Saleable Area (Parks and Playground, Open Spaces, Utility Areas, Roads), Future Development  |
| Proponent              | Summerhills Home Development Corporation  |

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to [recordsr3@emb.gov.ph](mailto:recordsr3@emb.gov.ph). Parties may also send their position paper or comments to [recordsr3@emb.gov.ph](mailto:recordsr3@emb.gov.ph) at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The EIS is posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) and copies will be available at the Barangay Hall of Barangay Atlu Bola, Mabalacat, Pampanga.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106.





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## WE ARE HIRING

**TEACHER (1 vacancy)**  
**Job Description:**

- Prepare lesson materials, manage the classroom, and give feedback to students.
- Create & keep record of attendance, accidents, incidents, and other noteworthy events.
- Measure progress & accomplishments of students toward their academic achievements.
- Coordinates with parents concerning their child’s academic status.
- Reports problems & concerns of the student to the immediate Superior.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor’s Degree
- Can teach AP Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus
- Knowledgeable in Algebra and Geometry
- Has experience in an international setting
- Excellent organizational and classroom management abilities

**Place of Deployment:** Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

**Qualified applicants can send their resume to Marie Isip at [hr@stpaulclark.com](mailto:hr@stpaulclark.com)**


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| <b>Company/Employer</b><br>Saint Paul American School                                  | <b>Name of foreign national intending to apply for the position</b><br><b>Name: Garrett Alford Anderson</b> |
| <b>Address:</b> Bldg. N2574 Clark Center, Berthaphil, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pamp. | <b>Address:</b> Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga<br><b>Nationality:</b> American                               |
| <b>Nature of business:</b> Education   | <b>Intended period of employment:</b> One (1) year  |

Saint Paul American School hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Teacher. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusat St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.**

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President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. with the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) led by national president South Cotabato Gov. Reynaldo Tamayo Jr., executive vice president Pampanga Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, and chairman Quirino Gov. Dakila Carlo “Dax” Cua after their induction into office.

PHOTO: PCO

## Expose irregularities...

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call at the oath-taking ceremony of the LPP officials at Kalayaan Hall, Malacañang Palace on Sept. 3.

The president stressed that public funds are meant for the welfare of the nation and not for personal gain.

It was Marcos Jr. himself that exposed irregularities in the Department of Public Works and Highways flood control projects, which

prompted a thorough investigation into the matter.

The chief executive expressed outrage upon seeing some “ghost” flood mitigation projects, warning that the private contractors involved would be blacklisted and could face charges of economic sabotage.

“Ngayon, higit kailanman, kailangan ng bansang Pilipinas ang inyong pamumuno upang wakasan ang mga maling

nakagisnan,” Marcos Jr. said. “Nagsisimula pa lang ang laban at mahaba pa ang ating tatahakin. Umaasa ako na kasama namin kayo sa bawat hakbang, sa pagsusuri sa mga proyekto, sa pagsasaliwanag sa mga nagkukubli sa kadiliman.”

President Marcos told the governors to serve as “conscience” and confront critical challenges to build a better future for all Filipinos.

“Para sa mga bagong opisyal ng LPP: Magsisilbing gabay. Magsisilbing boses. At higit sa lahat, magsilbi kayong konsensya,” he said.

“Sa paraang ito, maitatag natin ang Bagong Pilipinas kung saan ang bawat Pilipino ay may pagkakataong umunlad, may seguridad sa kinabukasan, at may tiwala sa pamahalaan,” the president Marcos ended.

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## NHCP unveils...

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turned over the marker to San Fernando Archbishop Florentino S. Lavarias, D.D., after celebration of a thanksgiving Mass.

Former beauty queen and tourism secretary Gemma Cruz Araneta gave a message on behalf of the Guerrero family.

Installed as the first bishop of the then Diocese of San Fernando (Pampanga) on Sept. 8, 1949, Bishop Guerrero established the Mater

Boni Consilii Seminary in Guagua town in 1950, which later relocated to Apalit, and finally in San Fernando as the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary.

In 1952, amid the social unrest in Pampanga, Bishop Guerrero launched the Cruzada de Penitencia y Caridad (Crusade of Penance and Charity) promoting devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios and countering the spread of socialism. Four years after, on Sept.

8, 1956, Pope Pius XII bestowed the canonical crown to the revered image who has since been declared as the patroness of Pampanga.

Also in 1956, Bishop Guerrero brought the Discalced Carmelite sisters to establish a foundation in Angeles.

The bishop resigned in 1957 and was honored by the Vatican as an assistant to the papal throne, holding the rank of papal count. He died

## Sandigan junks...

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testimony presented by the prosecution to prove allegations against them.

“(T)he prosecution has failed to discharge its burden to present sufficient evidence to support a verdict of guilt against all accused. Wherefore, premises considered, the Demurrer to evidence filed by the accused ... is hereby granted,” the Sandiganbayan said.

The court likewise ordered the return of bail bonds posted by all the defendants as well as the lifting of hold departure orders previously issued against them.

Acquitted along with Tumang were municipal accountant Perlita Lagman, Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) chairperson Marlon Maniacup, BAC vice chair Jesus Punzalan, members Romeo Razon, Lucila Agento, Luz Bondoc, and private defendant Wiliam Colis, owner of private contractor Buyu Trading and Construction.

Based on criminal information filed by the Office

of the Ombudsman in 2023, Tumang and the local government officials were accused of favoring Buyu Trading and Construction by choosing it as the supplier of construction materials for road projects in Mexico in 2009 through alternative procurement without conducting a public bidding. Tumang was thereafter ordered removed from office by the Ombudsman.

The Sandiganbayan said it was not convinced that the actions of the mayor and other municipal officials amounted to “manifest partiality, evident bad faith, and/or gross inexcusable negligence.”

“At most, the prosecution evidence points to violations of the procurement laws, which do not equate with violation of Section 3 (e) of RA No. 3019,” the court noted.

It also said the BAC explained in its resolution why it did not conduct a public bidding and resorted to shopping as an alternative mode of procurement, citing the urgent need for

the materials because of the dismal road conditions.

The local officials pointed out that in 2009, many Mexico barangays had unpaved roads that were prone to flooding during heavy rains, thus creating emergencies that required immediate action.

With the limited budget of the municipal government, the LGU executives said they opted to speed up road repairs to facilitate the delivery of relief goods and emergency response.

The Sandiganbayan also said there was no evidence to show that the accused were motivated by malicious intent in awarding the contract to Buyu.

It further said the prosecution likewise failed to prove that the respondents took or misappropriated public funds.

It noted that even prosecution witness Engr. Marlon Macabali, municipal planning and development coordinator, testified that the materials for the road repairs were delivered to the intended barangays.

on March 27, 1961. His tomb is beside the Carmel of the Infant of Jesus of Prague chapel at the Carmelit Monastery in Angeles City.

During the installation of the bishop’s historical marker, a book on the history of the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary written by former NHCP commissioner Dr. Lino Dizon, himself an alumnus of the seminary, was also launched. **Punto News Team/Photo: NHCP**

### SC RULING

Earlier, the Supreme Court already affirmed the dismissal of the graft and malversation of public funds charges against Tumang and one other co-accused, citing violation of their right to speedy disposition of cases.

In a 14-page ruling penned by Associate Justice Samuel Gaerlan, the SC’s Third Division upheld the Sandiganbayan’s June 10, 2024 ruling that dismissed the charges filed by the Office of the Ombudsman (OMB) against Tumang and businessman William B. Colis, the owner of a construction company.

Promulgated last Feb. 17, 2025, the SC decision was made public last April 2.

The case stemmed from a complaint against Tumang and Colis for alleged violation of Section 3(e) of RA 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act), and Malversation of Public Funds under Article 217 of the Revised Penal Code. **Punto News Team/With media reports**

## Shepherd’s Call

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bago niya marinig ang mahinang tinig ng Diyos. Tulad ni Hesus na pumunta sa ilang para maghanda sa Kanyang misyon. Doon lumalago ang karunungan ng puso.

Mga kapatid, hindi tungkol sa pagkakapit sa maraming bagay ang pagiging Kristiyano. Ito ay tungkol sa kahandaang matuto kung ano ang dapat nating bitawan para sumunod nang buong puso kay Kristo. Ang ibig sabihin ng “kamuhian” ay ito: Ano ang kaya mong isuko, para makapagmahal nang higit?

At ngayon, kung titingnan natin ang ating bayan, hindi ba’t may malakas na reaksiyon ang mga Pilipino tungkol sa mga imbestigasyon sa flood control corruption? Sabi nga ng iba, para bang nagiging palabas na lang sa Senado o Kongreso—mga pasabog na tanong, mga kunwaring galit—pero sa dulo, walang malinaw na pananagutan. Para bang lahat tayo ay niloloko, samantalang ang mga ordinaryong mamamayan ang lumulubog sa baha taon-taon.

Ano ang kinalaman

nito sa Ebanghelyo? Heto: Ang tunay na alagad ni Kristo ay hindi pwedeng pumikit o manahimik sa harap ng katiwalian. Ang tawag sa atin ay maging handang magsakripisyo, kahit pa tawaging “kontra,” kahit pa kutyain o siraan, basta’t malinaw ang ating paninindigan para sa katotohanan at katarungan.

Mga kapatid, iyon ang hamon ni Hesus: kung hindi natin kayang bitawan ang sariling interes, takot, o komportableng buhay, hindi tayo makakasunod sa Kanya. Pero kung matututo tayong “bilangin ang ating mga araw nang tama,” gaya ng panalangin ng Salmo, makakamtan natin ang tunay na karunungan ng puso.

Nawa’y sa tulong ng Birhen ng Nieva, matuto tayong tumindig kahit sa gitna ng maling paratang, paniilalang, o pang-aapi—para maging tunay na alagad ni Kristo, buo at tapat hanggang wakas.

Amen.

**(Homiliya – Bihilya Ika-23 Linggo sa Karaniwang Panahon, Tridayong mamamayan ang lumulubog sa baha taon-taon. 14:25–33; Salmo 90)**

## The Public Space

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plan to wreak more havoc in government finances by their creativities.

Mills would have turned in his grave for lack of true foresight. Machiavellie, too.

We’re still in luck though. The Senate has a new leadership, surprised, that will compel a decisive action on the current public works anomalies. It doesn’t mean the senators are safe by any means. A recent hearing in the House has squealed hoary and sacred details tying popular or notorious names as the case maybe.

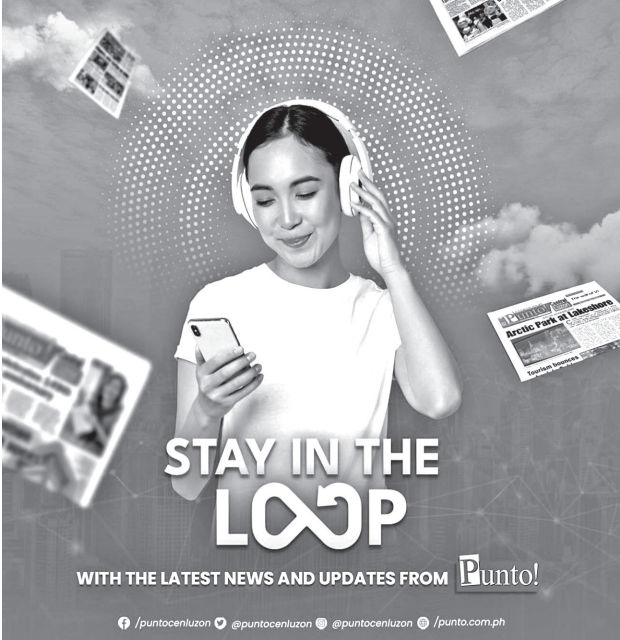
It also raises hopes that the mothballed impeachment case against the vice president will get a rightful, dutiful attention. Regardless of the outcome, conviction or acquittal, the vice president will be forced to reduce her overseas exposure because of the

new development. Politics is a joke. It’s easy for political fortune to change hands, majority to become minority and vice versa.

The future, near or far, for the legislators in the Lower and Upper House, even their exact numbers, is uncertain. Hopefully, the new commission about to be named, will ferret out all truth. After all, truth, whether it’s dystopic or ectopic is supposed to set us free.

At the very least, it should make Filipinos wiser when they go to the polls and why the country is unnecessarily burdened by 17 trillion in debt, perhaps growing, and why billions of funds continually pour into ghosts and substandard projects.

History is supposed to teach us a lesson. Humanity is about that or we’re doomed.



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# UNIQLO AC ROADSIDE STORE

## WHERE CONVENIENCE MEETS COMMUNITY

By NING V. CORDERO



ANGELES CITY — For Pampangeños, shopping for quality essentials just got easier, closer, and more meaningful. On Sept. 5, UNIQLO opens its first roadside store in Central Luzon, right in the heart of The Infinity township, bringing its signature LifeWear experience to a community that's always on the move.

"We feel that it's really the ideal place," shares Romina Cunanan, senior marketing manager for PR and sustainability at UNIQLO Philippines. "Pampanga is already home. We want to make it convenient for everyone—they don't have to travel out so far."

The new store isn't just about proximity. It's about accessibility and inclusivity. With dedicated parking spaces and passageways for PWDs, UNIQLO's Angeles Roadside Store is designed for everyone—families, professionals, and those who need special assistance.

"We're very accessible in terms of PWDs or those who need special assistance," Cunanan emphasizes. "There's access for everyone, and we want to make sure shopping is easy and enjoyable."

But the story goes beyond shopping. UNIQLO's commitment to community shines through its sustainability initiatives. On VIP preview day on Sept. 3, the store hosted a special activity for local girls, giving them a shopping spree and a taste of what it means to be part of a brand that gives back.

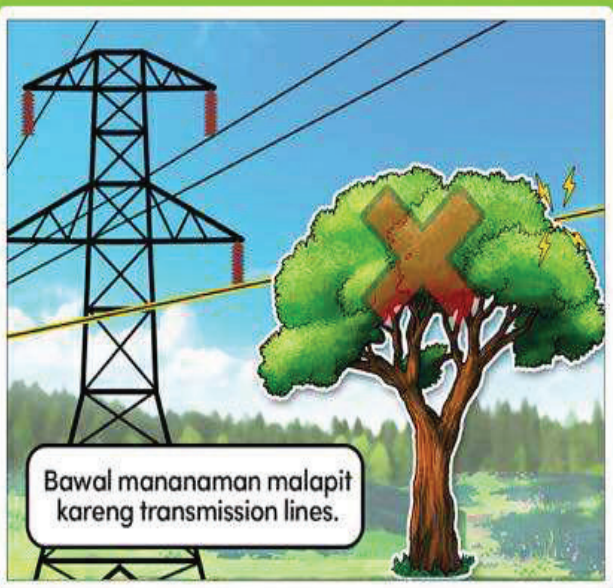
"We don't just open stores—we become part of the community," Cunanan says. "We value partnerships, like with Bale Dutung, because every time we open doors, we want to be present and involved."

Geraldine Sia, chief operating officer of UNIQLO Philippines, echoes this sentiment. "This is our eighth roadside store, and the

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