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05 February 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** The Directors  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Land Management Bureau  
Legal Affairs Service

**FROM :** The Assistant Secretary  
Field Operations-Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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This pertains to the letter dated 29 January 2021, received by this Office 05 February 2021, from **REP. FRANCISO 'KIKO' B. BENITEZ**, Chairman, Committee on Housing and Urban Development, inviting DENR to its virtual meeting on **10 February 2021 (Wednesday), 1:00PM via Zoom Video Conferencing**, to deliberate on **House Resolution no. 1468**, entitled, **'RESOLUTION DECLARING A HOUSING CRISIS, AND URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO ACCELERATE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING AND UNDERSERVED FAMILIES'**.

Kindly inform this Office of your attendance before the scheduled date of the meeting and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft copy at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address [denrlegislative@yahoo.com](mailto:denrlegislative@yahoo.com) for reference and/or consolidation.

Likewise, for confirmation of your attendance and other inquiries, you may contact the Committee through these email addresses: [committee.housing@house.gov.ph](mailto:committee.housing@house.gov.ph) and [housing\\_hor@yahoo.com](mailto:housing_hor@yahoo.com).

  
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January 29, 2021

**HON. ROY A. CIMATU**

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman

Quezon City

Dear Secretary Cimatu,

The Committee on Housing and Urban Development will hold a **virtual meeting via ZOOM** on Wednesday, **10 February 2021 at 1:00 in the afternoon**, to deliberate on **House Resolution No. 1468**, entitled: **"RESOLUTION DECLARING A HOUSING CRISIS, AND URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO ACCELERATE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING AND UNDERSERVED FAMILIES"**, authored by the undersigned.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to participate in the meeting and share your views, comments and recommendations on the abovementioned House Resolution. May we also request for your written comments on the proposed measure.

Likewise, we would appreciate receiving your comments on the proposed measure and a confirmation of your attendance to the meeting on or before February 08, 2021. We will be sending the Zoom link around noon on February 09, 2021. For inquiries, you may contact the committee secretariat through these email addresses: [committee.housing@house.gov.ph](mailto:committee.housing@house.gov.ph) and [housing\\_hor@yahoo.com](mailto:housing_hor@yahoo.com).

Thank you and we look forward to your participation on this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

**JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ**

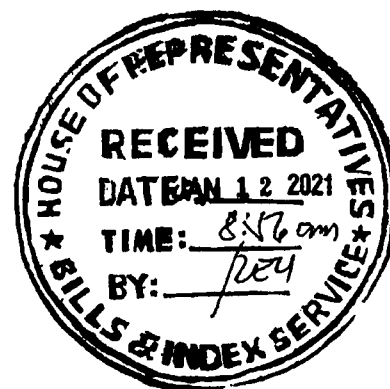
FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

  
**NELSON F. RENDON**

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1468



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Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, Ph.D.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DECLARING A HOUSING CRISIS, AND URGING THE EXECUTIVE**  
**DEPARTMENT TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO ACCELERATE HOUSING**  
**PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING TO UNDERSERVED**  
**FAMILIES**

**WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to "undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas";

**WHEREAS**, in pursuit of said constitutional mandate, various laws on housing production, regulation and finance have been enacted, such as the Urban Development and Housing Act and its amendments, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Act, the Comprehensive and Integrated Shelter Financing Act, and the Home Development Mutual Fund;

**WHEREAS**, population growth, urban-rural migration and increasing cost of urban land have been driving the proliferation of informal settlements in cities, where housing conditions are generally poor and families are exposed to health or natural hazards, or crime;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development estimates that there are 1,898,993 informal settler families in the country, with 478,899 informal settler families in the National Capital Region;

**WHEREAS**, the country's vulnerability to natural disasters and the adverse impact of climate change threaten to displace families living in danger zones;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic forced governments around the globe to issue shelter-in-place orders to limit mobility to contain the contagion, and highlighted the need for adequate space, ventilation, and facilities for sanitation and hygiene at homes to enable physical distancing and proper air circulation;

**WHEREAS**, the Government estimates that the country's total housing needs by 2022 are 6,796,910 housing units;

**WHEREAS**, however, from July 2016 to June 2020, the Government and the private sector constructed only 777,879 housing units;

**WHEREAS**, historically, the Government allocates very limited funding for housing. Government spending on housing averages 0.74 percent of the National Budget from 2010-2021;

**WHEREAS**, private sector-led housing production is frustrated by increasing urban land prices and regulatory costs;

**WHEREAS**, as the housing industry is paralyzed by increasing costs and risks, the Government must intervene to provide adequate housing to underserved market segments;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7279 mandates the inventory of government lands and the disposition of idle government lands for socialized housing;

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 24 of Republic Act No. 11201 directs the identification and designation of government lands suitable for housing within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act;

**WHEREAS**, the faithful implementation of housing laws will fulfill the fundamental human right of adequate housing;

**WHEREAS**, homeownership is a visible representation of human dignity and social mobility;

**WHEREAS**, housing production has a huge multiplier effect on the economy. For every one peso spent on construction, this one peso generates additional value, equivalent to 1.923 pesos, as it circulates through other economic activities;

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon Congress to determine the efficient mobilization of government resources in the implementation of housing laws which will contribute to our economic recovery, growth and resilience, and will translate to the benefit of present and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives declare a housing crisis, and urge the Executive Department to mobilize resources to accelerate housing production and provide adequate housing to underserved families;

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, that the House of Representatives call on the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and other concerned agencies to immediately undertake the inventory of idle government lands and fast-track its development and disposition for socialized housing, in partnership with the private sector;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that the House of Representatives call on the Department of Finance and the Philippine Guarantee Corporation to develop a framework for a dynamic housing finance system to encourage private sector participation in the housing market.

Adopted,

  
JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ, Ph.D.



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**URGENT  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** THE DIRECTOR  
Policy and Planning Service

**FROM :** THE UNDERSECRETARY  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION TO A VIRTUAL MEETING TO  
DELIBERATE HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1468

**DATE :** FEB 04 2021

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This pertains to the herein letter from the Office of Congressman Jose Francisco B. Benitez inviting the Secretary to attend the virtual meeting on 10 February 2021 (Wednesday, 1:00PM) to deliberate House Resolution No. 1468, entitled: "Resolution Declaring a Housing Crisis, and Urging the Executive Department to Mobilize Resources to Accelerate Housing Production and Provide Adequate Housing and Undeserved Families," and requesting DENR to submit comments on the proposed measure.

Relative thereto, you are requested to coordinate with the Office of Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Mindanao and Legislative Affairs to facilitate the submission of requested inputs and the participation of our representative/s to the said meeting.

For appropriate action, please.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

cc: The Assistant Secretary  
Field Operations – Mindanao and Legislative Affairs

The Assistant Secretary  
Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Project