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MEMORANDUM

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

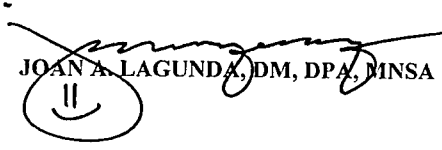
SUBJECT : **INVITATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

DATE : 21 September 2021

This pertains to the letter dated 20 September 2021 from Representative **JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ**, Chairperson, Committee on Housing and Urban Development, inviting DENR to attend and participate in a **virtual meeting via ZOOM on 29 September 2021 (Wednesday) at 1:00pm**, to share views, comments and recommendations on the following House Resolutions, to wit:

1. *House Resolution No. 1390, entitled "A Resolution Directing the Appropriate Committee to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation into the Habitability of Housing Units in Several National Housing Authority (NHA) Resettlement Sites in the Province of Rizal, following Severe Flooding in said Sites Due to Typhoon Ulysses", authored by Rep. Benitez; and*
2. *House Resolution No. 1371, entitled "Resolution Urging the Appropriate Committee of the House of Representatives to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation on the safety of the Relocation Site and Structural Integrity of the Housing Units and other Infrastructure of Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal and such Other similar Sites which are Located in Areas Vulnerable to Disaster and Natural Hazards", authored by Rep. Bainto-Aguinaldo*

Kindly inform this Office the name/s and email address/es of your duly authorized representatives for the Zoom link and submit presentation, comments and/or position paper in hard and soft on or before 24 September 2021 at the Legislative Liaison Office at telephone number 8920-1761 and e-mail address denrlegislative@yahoo.com, for our reference. See attached invitation.


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Encls: As stated.
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20 September 2021

Hon. Roy A. Cimatu

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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Dear Secretary Cimatu,

The Committee on Housing and Urban Development will hold a **virtual meeting via ZOOM** on Wednesday, **29 September 2021 at 1:00 in the afternoon**, to deliberate on the following House Resolutions:

1. House Resolution No. 1390, entitled: "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HABITABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS IN SEVERAL NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) RESETTLEMENT SITES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FOLLOWING SEVERE FLOODING IN SAID SITES DUE TO TYPHOON ULYSSES" authored by Rep. Benitez; and
2. House Resolution No. 1371, entitled: "RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SAFETY OF THE RELOCATION SITE AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE HOUSING UNITS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE OF KASIGLAHAN VILLAGE IN MONTALBAN, RIZAL AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR HOUSING SITES WHICH ARE LOCATED IN AREAS VULNERABLE TO DISASTER AND NATURAL HAZARDS" authored by Rep. Bainto-Aguinaldo.

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

We would appreciate receiving your comments and a confirmation of your intent to attend the meeting on or before 27 September 2021. We will be sending the Zoom link around noon on the same date. For inquiries, you may contact Ms. Marissa G. Benzon, SLSO I of the committee secretariat, through mobile number 09158814165 or through these email addresses: *committee.housing@house.gov.ph* and *housing_hor@yahoo.com*.

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

Very truly yours,

JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ

FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:

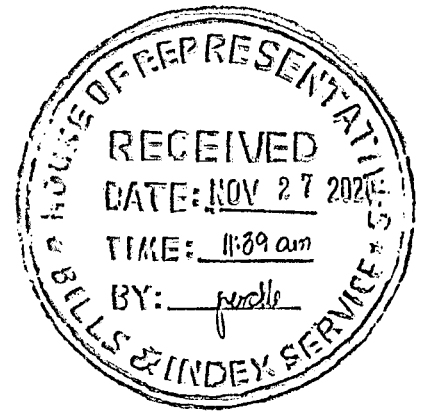
NELSON F. RENDON

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RESOLUTION NO. 1390



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

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HABITABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS IN SEVERAL NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) RESETTLEMENT SITES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FOLLOWING SEVERE FLOODING IN SAID SITES DUE TO TYPHOON ULYSSES

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, Typhoon Ulysses hit Luzon and triggered massive flooding in Metro Manila, low-lying suburbs in Rizal and other parts of Central Luzon and Cagayan Valley;

WHEREAS, among the hardly hit areas are substantial sections in the resettlement sites located in the Province of Rizal, namely, Kasiglahan Village 1 and Southville 8-B, both located in Rodriguez, and Southville 9 in Baras;

WHEREAS, in Kasiglahan Village 1, around 1,400 housing units in Phase 1D, 1K1, and 1K2 were inundated up to rooftop with muddy flood waters, while in Southville 8B an estimated 800 houses in Phase 2 and Phase 4 experienced similar sorry outcome, and in Southville 9 Phase 1, 700 houses were also submerged to the same level;

WHEREAS, the affected families have been experiencing similar levels of flooding during periods of heavy rainfall, such as during the enhanced southwest monsoon (Habagat) in 2013;

WHEREAS, these families have been relocated to said resettlement sites from various locations classified as danger zones in Metro Manila – only to be exposed and vulnerable to the same hazards in their new homes;

WHEREAS, flooding in said resettlement sites endanger thousands of lives, destroy their modest livelihoods, and push them into poverty;

WHEREAS, the miserable conditions of these families following each time their houses are flooded represent a violation of their right to adequate housing, which, under international human rights laws, entitle every person to housing that guarantees physical safety of occupants and provides with adequate space and protection from cold, damp, heat, rain, wind or other threats to health, structural hazards and disease vectors;

WHEREAS, as well as Republic Act No. 7279 that mandates the government to uplift the conditions of the underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban areas and in resettlement areas by making available to them decent housing;

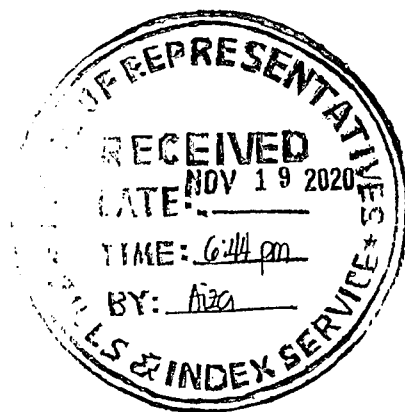
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the habitability of housing units in several National Housing Authority (NHA) resettlement sites in the province of Rizal following severe flooding in said sites due to Typhoon Ulysses.


JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ

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House Resolution No. 1371



Introduced by **REP. NAEALLA BAINTO AGUINALDO**

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SAFETY OF THE RELOCATION SITE AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE HOUSING UNITS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE OF KASIGLAHAN VILLAGE IN MONTALBAN, RIZAL AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR HOUSING SITES WHICH ARE LOCATED IN AREAS VULNERABLE TO DISASTER AND NATURAL HAZARDS

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the state to undertake a continuing housing and urban land reform program which will make decent housing and basic services available to our underprivileged and homeless citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10121, states as follows:

(g) Mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change in development processes such as policy formulation, socioeconomic development planning, budgeting, and governance, particularly in the areas of environment, agriculture, water, energy, health, education, poverty reduction, land-use and urban planning, and public infrastructure and housing, among others;

(h) Institutionalize the policies, structures, coordination mechanisms and programs with continuing budget appropriation on disaster risk reduction from national down to local levels towards building a disaster-resilient nation and communities;

WHEREAS, news agencies reported that residents of Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal were evacuated due to the rising flood caused by Typhoon Ulysses,

and there is also information that some structures in the village collapsed during the surge of said typhoon;

WHEREAS, some residents of Kasiglahan Village still remain at evacuation centers as their homes remain inhabitable;

WHEREAS, in a 2014 news report, due to Tropical Cyclone Luis, at least 2,000 housing units in Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal were submerged in flood; in recent years there have been multiple flooding incidents reported in Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal;

WHEREAS, there is a need to inquire into the safety of the relocation sites and the integrity of the housing units and other infrastructure on the resettlement areas in the country in order to create laws and regulations that will effectively and efficiently promote the disaster resiliency of our housing resettlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to direct the appropriate House Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the safety and disaster resiliency of existing housing resettlements with respect to its location, housing units, and other infrastructure.

ADOPTED,


NAEALLA BAINTO AGUINALDO