



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR
CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA

April 20, 2026,

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

Dear Vice **Governor Javier**,

Greetings!

I am endorsing the herein complaint from the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline Ticket reference no. SMS-G-20260325-843-9 on the alleged abuse of authority of Mayor Lemuel Gin K. Traya as advised by the aforesaid office .

Very truly yours,

CARLOS JERICHO L. PETILLA
Governor

For and on behalf:


CORAZON M. ALVERO
Provincial Administrator

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Palo, Leyte

Item No.: 11

Date: 05 2026 MAY

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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Date: APR 28 2026
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8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

Ticket Reference Number : **SMS-G-20260325-843-9**
Status: Ticket indorsed
Head of Agency : N/A
Agency : LGU Region 8, Provincial Government of Leyte
Agency Address : N/A
Attention (Focal Person) : Rhodora G. Bonifacio

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 6¹, s. 2016, may we respectfully transmit the following concern received through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline:

Date: 25 March 2026
Name of Client: N/A
Address: N/A
Contact Details: N/A
N/A
N/A
Nature of call: 2025 – Integrity And Conduct – Official
Subject: Alleged Irregular Acts Of An Official In The Local Government
Unit Of Abuyog, Leyte (For Referral To Sangguniang
Panlalawigan)

Details:

Hello po, gusto ko pong mag-report ng posibleng abuse of authority ng isang Mayor sa Abuyog, Leyte, si Mayor Lemuel Gin K. Traya
May buyer po na gustong bumili ng palay sa halagang 22 pesos per kilo, na mas pabor po sana sa mga farmers.

Pero pinatawag daw po ng mayor ang buyer sa kanyang opisina at pagkatapos ay pinagbawalan na silang bumili sa aming lugar.

Dahil dito, napipilitan po ang mga farmers na ibenta ang kanilang palay sa isang local buyer na kilala sa pangalang "Bimbim," na bumibili lamang ng 20 pesos per kilo. Ayon po sa mga tao sa lugar, malapit o kaibigan daw po ito ng mayor.

Ang concern po namin ay parang pinipigilan ang ibang buyers at nalilimitahan ang kita ng mga farmers.

Gusto po sana naming ipa-investigate kung may pag-abuso sa kapangyarihan o unfair practice na nangyayari. Matagal na pong kalakaran ito sa aming lugar at walang gustong mag complaint kasi ni minsan hindi pa po napapalitan ang pamilyang traya sa puwesto. Simula pa noong panahon ng dating pangulong Marcos Sr. hanggang ngayon po. Pamilyang traya pa rin po ang humahawak sa aming lugar. Nagpapalit-palit lang po. Simula sa lolo, sa tatay, anak, nanay. Sana po matulungan niyo ang aming lugar para po sana matulungan ang mga farmers.

Note: This concern has been lodged through the 8888 SMS.

Please be reminded of Section 5 of EO No. 6, which states that "a citizen's concern lodged through any of the communication channels shall have a concrete and specific action within 72 hours from the receipt of the concern by the proper government agency or instrumentality".

Kindly send your reply directly to the concerned person/entity, copy furnished the 8888 Portal thru your agency 8888 Focal Team, citing the above ticket reference number. Thank you very much.

¹ "Institutionalizing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline and Establishing the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center", under the direction and supervision of the Office of the Executive Secretary.