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THROUGH: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Dear **Hon. Javier:**

Good day!

This refers to the Memorandum issued by Regional Director Arnel M. Agabe regarding the *Urgent Request for Intervention on the Alleged Prolonged and Unlawful Preventive Suspension of the Punong Barangay of Barangay Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte (Annex "A")*.

In this connection, this Office has been directed to act on the said request and is currently conducting a verification of the facts and circumstances surrounding the matter.

In his letter (Annex "B") addressed to Secretary Juanito Victor C. Remulla Jr., Punong Barangay Basilio D. Calda alleged that there has been a delay in the disposition of his appeal before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, which resulted in his preventive suspension effectively becoming indefinite.

In a separate letter (Annex "C"), entitled "*Second Status Follow-Up re: Notice of Appeal (Calda vs. Villasante et al.)*", he stated that his Notice of Appeal was filed before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on September 29, 2025.

In view of the foregoing, may we respectfully request your Office to provide the timeline of actions undertaken by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan from receipt of the Notice of Appeal up to the present, together with the corresponding supporting documents.

Your prompt cooperation will greatly assist this Office in the preparation of the Action Report to be submitted to the DILG Regional and Central Offices.

Thank you.

JOHANNES Y. DORADO
Provincial Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO : JOHANNES Y. DORADO
Provincial Director
DILG Leyte Provincial Office
Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City

RE : URGENT REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION ON THE ALLEGED
PROLONGED AND UNLAWFUL PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION OF THE
PUNONG BARANGAY OF BARANGAY CABULORAN, DAGAMI,
LEYTE

DATE : March 30, 2026

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Indorsed *appropriate action*, the herein attached *Memorandum*, dated 26 March 2026, from **ATTY. ROSS RAPHAEL T. BASCUNA**, *Director IV*, Legal and Legislative Liaison Service, relative to the transmittal from the National Barangay Operation Office, DILG Central Office regarding the letter of Punong Barangay Basilio D. Calda of Barangay Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte, dated March 16, 2026 requesting intervention on his alleged prolonged and unlawful preventive suspension, the details of which are specified therein.

Accordingly, kindly look into the concern and verify the facts surrounding the situation.

Prompt submission of an **Action Report** direct to this level, within **fifteen (15) days** from receipt thereof, is hereby being enjoined.

For your guidance and compliance.


ARNEL M. AGABE, CESO III
Regional Director

cc:
ATTY. ROSS RAPHAEL T. BASCUNA
Director IV
Legal and Legislative Liaison Service

DENNIS D. VILLASENOR, MNSA, CESO III
Director IV
National Barangay Operations Office

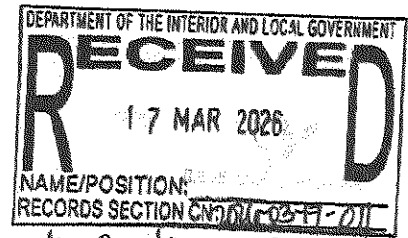


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MARCH 16, 2026



HON. SECRETARY JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA JR.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DILG. NAPOLCOM CENTER
EDSA CORNER QUEZON AVENUE
QUEZON CITY

SUBJECTS: 1.) URGENT REQUEST FOR INTERVENTION
2.) ILLEGAL PROLONGED PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION
OF A BRGY. CAPTAIN

HONORABLE SECRETARY:

This is a respectful but urgent request for the intervention from your good office concerning my prolonged and unlawful preventive suspension. I am Mr. Basilio D. Calda, the duly elected Brgy. Captain of Brgy. Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte.

The actual backdrop of the case are as follows:

The administrative complaint against me was taken cognizance of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dagami, Leyte. Based on the complaint, I didn't receive any formal notice from the Sangguniang Bayan for me to submit my counter-affidavit and countervailing evidence. The hearing proceeded without the benefit of procedural due process which runs counter to the principle of our Constitution.

Thereat, I was meted a twenty-six (26) months suspension. Thereafter, I filed a timely appeal with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte. Where the case remains pending and unresolved as of this writing.

Notwithstanding the pendency of the appeal, I was placed under preventive suspension for approximately twenty-six (26) months, thereby effectively depriving me of the exercise of my elected mandate for an unreasonable and excessive period.

It is respectfully submitted that such prolonged preventive suspension is clearly a contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Code, which strictly limits preventive suspension of elected local officials to a definite and limited period. Preventive suspension is merely a temporary measure intended to prevent undue influence on the investigation and is never meant to become a substitute for the penalty itself.

The continuation of the suspension beyond the legally allowed period constitutes **grave abuse of authority** and results in the **constructive removal from office** of a duly elected official without final adjudication. This situation not only violates my rights as a duly elected official but also undermines the sovereign will of the electorate.

The delay of disposition of the appeal before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte, has resulted in a situation where the preventive suspension has effectively turned into an indefinite suspension, which finds no basis in law or jurisprudence.

In view of the foregoing, undersigned most respectfully request from your good office:

1. Conduct an immediate legal review of the prolonged preventive suspension;
2. Declare the continued suspension beyond the lawful period as illegal, oppressive and without authority of law;
3. Direct the immediate reinstatement of the undersigned pending final resolution of the administrative appeal; and
4. Issue such directives as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provision of the Local Government Code and existing administrative regulations.


This humble representation is made in the sincere hope that administrative intervention may obviate the necessity of court proceedings:

- A. Resolution from Sangguniang Bayan of Dagami, Leyte, dated which meted a twenty-six (26) months suspension from office;
- B. Resolution from Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte acknowledging receipt of my appeal;
- C. Resolution from Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte, dated directing the Sangguniang Bayan of Dagami, Leyte to forward the entire record of the instant case.

Please find herewith the following documents to form an integral part hereof.

Finally, I sincerely trust in your sense of fairness and commitment to the rule of law.

Very Respectfully Yours,



Basilio D. Calda

Brgy. Cabuloran, Dagami Leyte

Province of Leyte

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TO : SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE
Leyte Capitol Building
Palo, Leyte

FROM : BASILIO D. CALDA
Punong Barangay
Brgy. Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte

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Province of Leyte
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SUBJECT : Second Status Follow-up re: "Notice of Appeal (Calda vs. Villasante et al.)"

DATE : February 4, 2026

Good day!

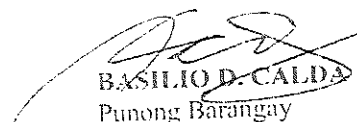
I am writing to respectfully follow up, for the second time, on the status of my *Notice of Appeal* filed on September 29, 2025 before this Honorable Office. Despite my earlier written follow-up dated January 19, 2025, the undersigned has not yet received any communication, order, or update regarding the disposition of the said pleading.

As previously stated, it was reasonably expected that an Order would have been issued directing the Sangguniang Bayan of the LGU Dagami to elevate the complete records of the case to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as well as directing the parties concerned to submit their respective Appeal Memoranda. Unfortunately, to date, no such Order or notice has been received by the undersigned.

In view of the foregoing, the undersigned most respectfully reiterates his request for a status update on the pending *Notice of Appeal* and humbly prays that the same be given due course at the soonest possible time, in the interest of orderly and expeditious administration of justice.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and immediate action on this matter.

Respectfully yours,


BASILIO D. CALDA
Punong Barangay
Brgy. Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte