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Municipality of Abuyog)

Item No.: 49
Date: 26 2026 MAY

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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Date: MAY 25 2026
By: Jomil W.

COMMENT/EXPLANATION

For:

The Honorable Members

Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Tacloban City

RE: Order/Communication issued in aid of legislation relative to the 8888 Complaint forwarded to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN:

COMES NOW, the undersigned, through this Comment respectfully submitted in compliance with the directive of this Honorable Body, and unto this Honorable Office, respectfully states THAT:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This Comment is respectfully submitted in response to the Order/Communication issued by this Honorable Body in aid of legislation relative to a purported complaint lodged through the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center and subsequently referred to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action.
2. Records disclose that the subject communication was received by the Office of the Municipal Mayor on **15 May 2026** directing the submission of a Comment within **ten (10) days from receipt** thereof. Accordingly, the instant Comment, filed on **25 May 2026**, is undeniably filed well within the reglementary period prescribed by this Honorable Body.
3. At the outset, it must be emphasized that the allegations embodied in the complaint are **utterly baseless, malicious, speculative, and unsupported by any competent or substantial evidence**. The same consists merely of sweeping accusations, conjectures, and self-serving statements intended to cast unwarranted aspersions upon the integrity of the Local Chief Executive and the concerned municipal officials of the Municipality of Abuyog.

II. MANIFESTATION

4. The undersigned likewise respectfully manifests that while the subject complaint also mentioned the Municipal Administrator and the Municipal Agriculturist of the Municipality of Abuyog, the instant Comment shall likewise serve as the **official response and position** of the said department heads.
5. As department heads and municipal officials act as **alter egos and authorized representatives** of the Local Chief Executive in the discharge of official municipal functions, the statements, explanations, defenses, and allegations herein are deemed adopted and affirmed by the aforementioned officials. The filing of separate comments would therefore merely result in unnecessary repetition, the issues having already been comprehensively addressed herein.

III. FACTUAL AND LEGAL DISCUSSION

6. The **gravamen** of the complaint is the accusation that the Municipal Mayor allegedly prohibited buyers or traders from outside the Municipality of Abuyog from purchasing palay products from local farmers in order to allegedly favor one buyer from Abuyog.
7. Such accusation is **categorically DENIED for being patently false, maliciously motivated, and completely devoid of factual and legal basis.**
8. The complainant failed to present even a **single competent piece of evidence** showing that the Municipal Mayor issued any order, instruction, policy, or directive prohibiting traders from outside Abuyog from purchasing palay from local farmers.
9. **No affidavit, written order, memorandum, audio recording, official issuance, sworn statement, or testimonial evidence** was ever presented to substantiate the accusations made in the complaint.
10. More importantly, **no buyer, trader, or representative of any trading entity was ever summoned to, confronted at, or called before the Office of the Municipal Mayor and instructed, whether verbally or in writing, that they were prohibited from purchasing palay products from farmers within the Municipality of Abuyog.**
11. Corollarily, **no ordinance, executive order, memorandum circular, administrative issuance, or municipal policy** exists

which restricts the free trade, transport, purchase, or marketing of palay products within the Municipality.

12. **Clearly, the complaint rests entirely on conjectures, hearsay, and unsupported insinuations which cannot, under any standard of administrative or quasi-judicial scrutiny, give rise to liability or even establish a prima facie basis for any adverse finding against the herein respondents.**
13. On the contrary, the Municipality of Abuyog, through the Office of the Municipal Mayor and the Municipal Agriculture Office, has **consistently implemented programs and initiatives specifically intended to enhance agricultural productivity, strengthen farmers' associations, improve market access, and provide institutional support to the agricultural sector.**
14. Attached hereto and made integral parts of this Comment are the written explanation and official communication of the **Municipal Agriculturist** expressly denying the allegations contained in the complaint and affirming that no such prohibition or restriction was ever imposed by the Municipality.
15. Likewise attached are **supporting documents pertaining to the budget appropriation for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Abuyog Rice Processing Center**, which unequivocally demonstrate the Municipality's continuing commitment toward the advancement of the local agricultural industry and the welfare of rice farmers.
16. Also attached are documents and records relating to the **active promotion of the F2C2 agricultural programs** wherein Irrigators Associations and Farmers Associations are actively encouraged to participate through clustering mechanisms designed to improve production efficiency, access to agricultural machinery, farm inputs, financing assistance, and broader marketing opportunities.
17. **These programs unmistakably negate the malicious insinuation that the Municipality seeks to monopolize or restrict the sale of palay products.** To the contrary, the Municipality actively promotes wider market participation and improved economic opportunities for farmers and agricultural stakeholders.
18. It is therefore evident that the complaint was **maliciously crafted and irresponsibly worded** in an apparent attempt to sow distrust and cast unwarranted suspicion upon the Local Chief Executive and municipal officials despite the absence of any factual mooring whatsoever.

IV. JURISPRUDENCE

19. In relation to the 8888 complaint, settled jurisprudence dictates that administrative accusations cannot prosper absent substantial evidence.

20. As elucidated in the case of **Pastor Abaracoso Macaventa vs. Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, (A.C. No. 11087, October 12, 2020)**:

“In administrative proceedings, the quantum of proof necessary for a finding of guilt is substantial evidence, i.e., that amount of relevant evidence that a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion. Further, the complainant has the burden of proving by substantial evidence the allegations in his complaint. The basic rule is that mere allegation is not evidence and is not equivalent to proof. Charges based on mere suspicion and speculation likewise cannot be given credence.”

21. Similarly, in **Perez v. People (G.R. No. 164763, 12 February 2008)**, the High Court ruled that mere allegations, suspicions, and conjectures can never substitute for proof.

22. Furthermore, respondent has regularly performed his official duty. **Sec 3(m) Rule 131 of the Revised Rules on Evidence of the Rules of Court** provides:

“Sec 3. Disputable Presumptions- The following presumptions are satisfactory if uncontradicted, but may be contradicted and overcome by other evidence”

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(m) That official duty has been regularly performed;”

In the case of **People of the Philippines vs. Carlos de Guzman y Panaligan (G.R. No. 106025, February 9, 1994)**, it was provided that:

“A disputable presumption has been as a species of evidence that may be accepted and acted on where there is no other evidence to uphold the contention for which it stands, or one which may be overcome by other evidence. One such disputable/rebuttable presumption is that an official act or duty has been regularly performed. Presumption of this nature is indulged by the law for the following fundamental reasons: first, innocence, and not wrong-doing, is to be

presumed; second, an official oath will not be violated; and third, a republican form of government cannot survive long unless a limit is placed upon controversies and certain trust and confidence reposed in each governmental department or agent by every other such department or agent, at least to the extent of such presumption. Thus, this presumption evidences a rule of convenient public policy universally applied and without which great distress would spring in the affairs of men.

The presumption of regularity of official acts may be rebutted by affirmative evidence of irregularity or failure to perform a duty. The presumption, however, prevails until it is overcome by no less than clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. Thus, unless the presumption is rebutted, it becomes conclusive. Every reasonable intendment will be made in support of the presumption and in case of doubt as to an officer's act being lawful or unlawful, construction should be in favor of its lawfulness."

In light of the foregoing presumption, the Respondent enjoys the presumption of regularity in the conduct of his official duties and functions, absent any evidence contrary thereto.

23. Burden of proving the allegations lies with the Complainant. **Section 1, Rule 131 of the Revised Rules of Evidence of the Rules of Court** provides:

"Sec. 1. Burden of proof and burden of evidence- Burden of proof is the duty of a party to present evidence on the facts in issue necessary to establish his or her claim or defense by the amount of evidence required by law. Burden of proof never shifts."

24. Applying the foregoing jurisprudential standards, the instant complaint unmistakably fails for utter lack of substantial evidence.

25. The complaint utterly failed to establish:

- a. Any unlawful act attributable to the Local Chief Executive or municipal officials;*
- b. Any actual prohibition imposed against buyers or traders;*

- c. Any competent proof of favoritism or undue preference;
and
- d. Any actual injury or prejudice directly caused by the alleged acts.

26. It bears stressing that public officials **cannot be subjected to administrative condemnation on the basis of hearsay, speculation, political insinuation, or unsubstantiated accusations bereft of evidentiary support.**

27. The instant complaint therefore **deserves outright dismissal for being frivolous, malicious, unsupported by substantial evidence, and utterly devoid of factual and legal merit.**

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that the allegations embodied in the 8888 Complaint against the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte, together with the concerned municipal officials, be **DISMISSED outright and/or considered CLOSED** for utter lack of factual and legal basis.

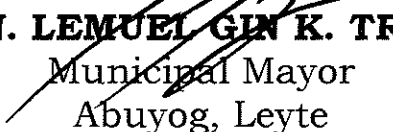
The undersigned likewise respectfully manifests faithful and timely compliance with the directive of this Honorable Body.

Other reliefs just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Respectfully submitted.

Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte, Philippines.

25 May 2026.


HON. LEMUEL GIN K. TRAYA
Municipal Mayor
Abuyog, Leyte

With conformity:


LUZ CONCHA K. DAGANZO
Municipal Administrator



ALFREDO JOEL M. RUALES
Municipal Agriculturist

Copy furnished:

8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline Focal Person

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this MAY 25 2026 in Abuyog, Leyte, Philippines. Affiant exhibited to me his Driver's Lic No. H02-99-049655 issued on 07/23/2024 at LTO Baybay City, Leyte as competent evidence of identity.

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ATTY. MADILYN C. MADOLIN-MERANO
NOTARY PUBLIC
Lapaz, Mayorga, MacArthur, Abuyog and Javier, Leyte
MC No. 11-26-03, till December 31, 2027
Roll of Attorneys No. 82482
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IBP No. 583200 issued on 01/02/2026
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Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG
Province of Leyte

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE

May 21, 2026

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Palo, Leyte

Dear Ma'am Uyvico,

Greetings!

This is in connection of the alleged irregular acts in the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte particularly:

a. Palay buyer were summoned to the office of the Municipal Mayor.

Comment:

The Municipal Agriculture Office had no personal knowledge on this matter since our attention had not been called.

b. Certain buyers allegedly ceased buying operation or transaction in the locality thereafter.

Comment:

We receive no report whatsoever of any buyers who ceased buying palay because of this alleged situation. Hence, we deny the allegations contained in the complaint.

c. Farmers allegedly suffered economic disadvantage due to reduced palay buying price.

Comment:


While it is true that rice farmers suffer economic disadvantage if the buying price of palay drop. In our municipality, rice farmers had enjoyed sufficient price of palay during the last season, ranging from ₱21 to ₱23/kilo.

d. My office has no knowledge of any executive order, rule or circular passed or communicated by the Local Chief Executive relative to prohibition or restriction on free trade especially those affecting the palay trading in the municipality.

To the contrary, the Municipality through my Office, actively promotes wider market participation and improved economic opportunities for farmers and agricultural stakeholders, through the following:

- Appropriating budget for the rehabilitation of the Abuyog Rice Processing Center for this year 2026, where clustered rice farmers will utilize/manage the said processing center to lessen the cost of palay production and to command higher price of rice.
- Encouraging Irrigators Association and Farmers Association to participate in the F2C2 programs of Agriculture, wherein all farmers and fishermen will be group together into clusters or consolidated areas to improve production, access machinery, inputs, financing and marketing.

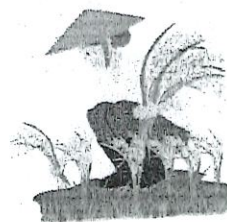
Respectfully,


ALFREDO JOEL M. RUALES
Municipal Agriculturist

PROGRAM FLOW

MAY 11, 2026

08:30 - 09:00	Registration - Secretariat
09:00 - 09:15	Preliminaries - Multimedia
09:15 - 09:25	Welcome Remarks - Alfredo Joel Ruales - Municipal Agriculturist
09:25 - 9:30	Inspirational Message - Hon. Lemuel Gin K. Traya - Municipal Mayor
9:30 - 10:00	Acknowledgement of Participants - Engr. Arvin Noel. R. Galan - Engineer II
10:00 - 11:00	Orientation on Sagip Saka Act - Maria Rufilie S. Gula - Chief, ACEDD
11:00 - 12:00	Updates and Implementation of RSBSA and other DA Program - Leny G. Ritaga - Davis, CPA - Chief, PMED
12:00nn	LUNCH
1:00pm	Orientation on Farm & Fisheries (F2C2) Clustering & Consolidation - Ivan Ed D. Losadio - Business Development Officer
3:00pm	Other matters
5:00pm	Homebound





Meal Attendance

Activity: MAFC: 2nd Quarterly Meeting

Date: May 11, 2020

Venue: Abuyog Farming Academy & Evacuation Center Brgy. Comarating Abuyog, Leyte

Meal Served:

Snacks AM: _____

Lunch: _____

Snacks PM: _____

Name	Designation	Signature
1. Bernabela P. Arceo	B- Manager	[Signature]
2. MPELA PEOLA	TREASURER	[Signature]
3. Rosalinda G. Bayat	PSACTA President	[Signature]
4. Alex R. Tuvanda	SATA	[Signature]
5. Mr. Luz P. Braod	pres (MWFA)	[Signature]
6. Timoteo D. Tomimel Jr	pres (NIFA)	[Signature]
7. MA Nuel A. Evancz	Pres. MC-LATERAL D	[Signature]
8. Raul M. Bongayagan	IA Pres	[Signature]
9. Podymthun M. Abriado	PRES ABHFA	[Signature]
10. Azucera t. Bangalan	Pres. SWFA	[Signature]
11. Norwin L. Almorin	BFA PRES	[Signature]
12. JHEZLYN MATRANA	PRES	[Signature]
13. Roci M. Ignacio	Treasurer	[Signature]
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 Venue: Abuyog Farming Academy's Evacuation Center Brgy. Comaranding Abuyog Leyte

Meal Served:
 Snacks AM: _____
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 Snacks PM: _____

Name	Designation	Signature
1. GINALAN G. PEPALON (PFA)	PRES	[Signature]
2. JESSICA G. AGRAMON	WGP	[Signature]
3. JANIELA MARIE E. TOCNO	WSP	[Signature]
4. ROSEMARIE R. PEROME	MP	[Signature]
5. PRECILLIANO C. MAICO	PROG.	[Signature]
6. Jovito D. Bangueth	IGU	[Signature]
7. FLORENTE JAVIERO	ADP	[Signature]
8. MA. VILMA T. MUELO	PRES. - PFA	[Signature]
9. ELYRA D. SAGRARIO	PRES. SRFFA	[Signature]
10. MILCEN T. FERNANDEZ	Chief Person	[Signature]
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Object of Expenditures	Account Code	Past Year (Actual) 2024	Current Year (Estimate) 2025			Budget Year (Proposed) 2026
			First Semester (Actual)	Second Semester (Estimate)	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses - continuation						
Semi-Expendable Machinery and Equipment Expenses:						
ICT Equipment	5-02-03-210					
Portable Speaker System	5-02-03-210-3					
Four (4) Units Air Coolers						
Semi-Expendable Machinery and Equipment Expenses :	5-02-03-220					50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures :	5-02-03-220-01					50,000.00
Water Expenses	5-02-04-010					
Telephone Expenses - Landline	5-02-05-020	38,678.59	13,509.20	36,490.80	50,000.00	150,000.00
Telephone Expenses - Mobile	5-02-05-020-01			30,000.00	30,000.00	50,000.00
Internet Subscription Expenses (RCM)	5-02-05-030	56,000.00	11,000.00	13,000.00	24,000.00	30,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Mun. Office & Nursery	5-02-12-040	24,000.00	8,000.00	16,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Office Equipment	5-02-13-050	400,000.00	126,000.00	274,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance - 4-Wheel Tractor (5 units)	5-02-13-050-01	52,237.88		60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	5-02-13-060	431,575.90	16,730.00	433,270.00	450,000.00	450,000.00
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	5-02-99-990	36,800.00	2,800.00	147,200.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses :		66,024.00	63,343.37	16,656.63	80,000.00	100,000.00
		1,845,185.03	443,593.05	1,632,406.95	2,076,000.00	2,346,000.00
Capital Outlay						
Buldings						
Rehabilitation of Rice Processing Center	1-07-04-010					
ICT Equipment						
Laptop Computers	1-07-05-030					500,000.00
One (1) Unit of Projector		73,580.00				
Agricultural and Forestry Equipment						
One (1) Unit 4-Wheel Tractor Rotavator	1-07-05-040	74,350.00				
Printing Equipment						
Two (2) Units Computer Printers	1-07-05-120					250,000.00
One (1) Unit of Xerox Machine		26,520.00				
Total Capital Outlay :		48,000.00				
		222,450.00				750,000.00



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Palo, Leyte
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 40th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT SUMMIT HOTEL, TACLOBAN CITY ON MAY 12, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-849-A

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE CONCERNING ALLEGED IRREGULAR ACTS OF AN OFFICIAL IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ABUYOG, LEYTE.

WHEREAS, received by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is a complaint from the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline Ticket on the alleged abuse of authority of Mayor Lemuel Gin L. Traya of Abuyog, Leyte;

WHEREAS, said Complaint was referred to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Blue Ribbon Committee on May 5, 2026 per SP Resolution No. 2026-840;

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is the Committee Report of the Blue Ribbon, to wit:

" BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE REPORT No. 16, Series of 2026
12 May 2026**

Subject: 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline Endorsement
Reference No. SMS-G-20260325-843-9
Concerning Alleged Irregular Acts of an Official in the Local Government
Unit of Abuyog, Leyte

I. INTRODUCTION

This Committee Report is respectfully submitted by the Blue Ribbon Committee relative to the endorsement received from the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline concerning allegations of possible abuse of authority and unfair trading practices involving the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte.

During the 5 May 2026 Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the matter was formally referred to the Committee on Blue Ribbon for appropriate action, evaluation, and recommendation.

II. FACTUAL ANTECEDENTS

Records show that an endorsement from the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline dated 25 March 2026 was transmitted to the Provincial Government of Leyte and

subsequently elevated to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action pursuant to Executive Order No. 6, series of 2016.

The complaint, though anonymous, alleges that:

1. Certain farmers in Abuyog, Leyte intended to sell their palay to a buyer at the rate of Twenty-Two Pesos (₱22.00) per kilo;
2. The alleged buyer was purportedly summoned to the office of the Municipal Mayor of Abuyog, Leyte;
3. After said meeting, the buyer allegedly ceased buying palay within the locality;
4. Farmers allegedly became constrained to sell their produce to another buyer at a lower price of Twenty Pesos (₱20.00) per kilo;
5. The complaint further alleges possible suppression of other buyers and economic disadvantage to local farmers.

The endorsement likewise reminded the receiving agency of the directive under Executive Order No. 6 requiring concrete and specific action on citizens' concerns.

III. ISSUES

The Committee identifies the following issues for consideration:

1. Whether the allegations contained in the anonymous 8888 complaint warrant fact-finding investigation by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
2. Whether the acts alleged, if substantiated, may constitute abuse of authority, oppression, misconduct, or conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service;
3. Whether sufficient factual basis presently exists for the institution of a formal administrative complaint.

IV. FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

After evaluation of the endorsement and attached narrative, the Committee makes the following findings and observations:

1. The complaint is presently anonymous and unverified in character, with no sworn affidavits or documentary evidence attached thereto;
2. Nonetheless, the allegations involve matters affecting public interest, particularly the welfare of farmers and fair economic activity within the locality;
3. The Committee finds that while the present records may not yet be sufficient for the outright institution of a formal administrative proceeding, the allegations are sufficient to justify the conduct of preliminary fact-finding and inquiry in aid of legislation and oversight functions of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
4. The acts alleged, if proven by competent evidence, may potentially constitute abuse of authority, oppression, grave misconduct, conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, or possible violations of Republic Act No. 6713 and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
5. The Committee further recognizes the authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to conduct inquiries and committee proceedings involving matters affecting public accountability and public welfare within the Province of Leyte.

V. RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Blue Ribbon Committee respectfully recommends for the consideration and approval of this Honorable Body to:

1. NOTE the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline endorsement concerning the alleged acts complained of;
2. CONTINUE the referral of the matter before the Committee on Blue Ribbon for fact-finding inquiry and appropriate proceedings;
3. REQUIRE the concerned officials of the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte to submit a written comment or explanation within a period to be determined by the Committee;
4. AUTHORIZE the conduct of committee hearings, meetings, and invitations to resource persons, including concerned farmers, traders, and other relevant agencies or individuals, if deemed necessary by the Committee;
5. DIRECT the Blue Ribbon Committee to submit further findings and recommendations to the Honorable Body after completion of its inquiry.

Respectfully submitted:

(Original Signed)

ATTY. MILDRED JOY QUE, CPA
Chairperson, Committee on Boundary Disputes
Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Leyte

With our concurrence:

(Original Signed)

HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice- Chairperson

(Original Signed)

HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Member

(Original Signed)

HON. ALAN P. ANG
Member

(Original Signed)

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.
Member"

WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to approve and adopt the said committee report.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que, duly seconded by Honorable Raissa J. Villasin and Honorable Marie Kathryn Veloso-Kabigting, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, **TO APPROVE AND ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16, SERIES OF 2026 OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN COMMITTEE ON BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE.**

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**RESOLVED FURTHER, TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE, TO WIT:**

1. NOTE THE 8888 CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT HOTLINE ENDORSEMENT CONCERNING THE ALLEGED ACTS COMPLAINED OF;
2. CONTINUE THE REFERRAL OF THE MATTER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON BLUE RIBBON FOR FACT-FINDING INQUIRY AND APPROPRIATE PROCEEDINGS;
3. REQUIRE THE CONCERNED OFFICIALS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG, LEYTE TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN COMMENT OR EXPLANATION WITHIN A PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE;
4. AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND INVITATIONS TO RESOURCE PERSONS, INCLUDING CONCERNED FARMERS, TRADERS, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES OR INDIVIDUALS, IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMITTEE;
5. DIRECT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT FURTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HONORABLE BODY AFTER COMPLETION OF ITS INQUIRY.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

[Signature]
FLORINDA JILS. JUVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

SECOND DISTRICT OF LEYTE
OFFICE OF BM MILDRED JOY QUE

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TIME: *9:42 pm*

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Hon. Carlos Jericho L. Petilla
Governor
Province of Leyte

LCE and the Sangguniang Bayan
Abuyog, Leyte

Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que
Chairperson - SP Blue Ribbon Committee
Province of Leyte

8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline

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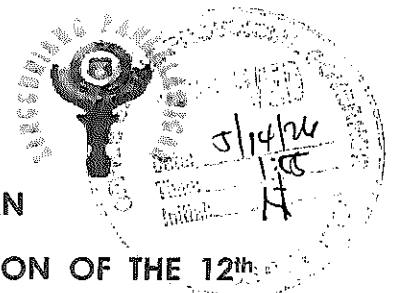
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON MAY 5, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-840

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE COMPLAINT AGAINST HON. LEMEUL GIN K. TRAYA FROM 8888 CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT HOTLINE TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR VERIFICATION.

WHEREAS, endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is a complaint from the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Hotline Ticket Reference No. SMS-20260325-843-9 on the alleged abuse of authority of Mayor Lemuel Gin K. Traya of Abuyog, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the August Body, deemed it proper to REFER the said complaint to the SP Blue Ribbon Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Mildred Joy P. Que, duly seconded by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto and Honorable Michael L. Cari, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to REFER THE SUBJECT COMPLAINT FROM 8888 CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT HOTLINE TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR VERIFICATION.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
 Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

FLORINDA JILI SUYVICO
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of LEYTE
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 Malacanang, Manila

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