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REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH DISTRICT OF LEYTE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

June 10, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER JR.
Vice Governor
Province of Leyte

Thru: **MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

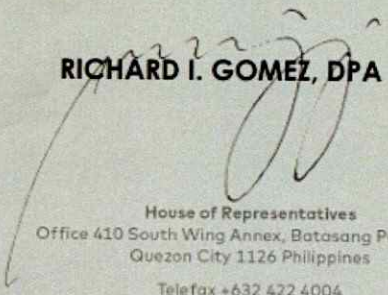
I have received a copy of your **Resolution No. 2026-842**, entitled: "*A Resolution Directing The Strict Maintenance of the Status Quo Ante in the Disputed Area Involving the Municipality of Albuera, The Municipality of Burauen, And The City of Baybay, Requiring The Removal of a Signage Asserting Territorial Jurisdiction, Requiring The Municipal Government of Albuera To Explain The Installation Thereof, And For Other Purposes.*"

Thank you so much for keeping this humble Representation informed about such matters which concern part of our constituency. I am certain that our constituent local government units will rise above narrow parochial interests attendant to their boundary dispute and resolve the issues in the most just, peaceful and expeditious manner.

Whatever assistance that my office could extend towards a full and definitive settlement of this matter, I would be most willing to consider.

With every good wish.

Very truly yours,


RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA

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Jun 17, 2026, 10:35AM (0 minutes ago)

Richard Gomez <regomez.4thdistleyte@yahoo.com>
to me

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

Greetings!

May I respectfully transmit the attached letter on behalf of Rep. Richard I. Gomez, DPA.

I thank your Honor for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

ATTY. EMILY ISIDRO - VICEO
Executive Assistant
Office of Rep. Richard I. Gomez, DPA
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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. 2026-842

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE STRICT MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO ANTE IN THE DISPUTED AREA INVOLVING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, AND THE CITY OF BAYBAY, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF A SIGNAGE ASSERTING TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, REQUIRING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF ALBUERA TO EXPLAIN THE INSTALLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Albueria has formally filed a boundary dispute case involving certain areas claimed to be within its territorial jurisdiction, which case is now within the authority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte to hear and resolve;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Burauen, through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 26-04-167, Series of 2026, brought to the attention of this Honorable Body the installation of a signage in the area known as Panan-awan Peak, which is likewise claimed to be within Barangay Villa Corazon, Municipality of Burauen;

WHEREAS, said signage bears the inscription:

"WELCOME PANAN-AWAN PEAK – MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA"

together with geographic coordinates and elevation data;

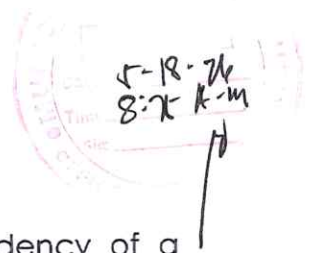
WHEREAS, the installation of such signage during the pendency of a boundary dispute constitutes a unilateral assertion of territorial jurisdiction over a contested area, which may influence public perception, affect administrative control, and prejudice the outcome of the case;

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental principle in boundary dispute proceedings that the status quo ante must be strictly maintained to ensure fairness, prevent escalation, and preserve the integrity of the proceedings;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Boundary Disputes, after due evaluation, recommended the issuance of appropriate directives to maintain the status quo and prevent further unilateral acts;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, to **DIRECT** the Municipality of Albueria, the Municipality of Burauen, and the City of Baybay to **STRICTLY MAINTAIN the STATUS QUO ANTE** in the disputed area pending final resolution of the boundary dispute;



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 Board Secretary II

RESOLVED FURTHER, to ORDER the IMMEDIATE CESSATION of any and all acts that alter or tend to alter the existing condition of the disputed territory, including but not limited to:

- installation of signages or markers;
- construction of structures or developments;
- exercise or enforcement of jurisdictional authority;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to DIRECT the REMOVAL of the existing signage installed in the disputed area identifying Panan-awan Peak as within the Municipality of Albuera, without prejudice to the final determination of the boundary dispute;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to REQUIRE the Municipality of Albuera to SUBMIT A WRITTEN EXPLANATION, within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof, regarding the installation of the signage identifying Panan-awan Peak as within its territorial jurisdiction;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to DIRECT that no additional signages, markers, or manifestations of ownership or jurisdiction shall be installed by any party pending final determination of the case;


RESOLVED FURTHER, to REFER the matter to the Committee on Boundary Disputes for continuation of proceedings, including the conduct of hearings and reception of evidence;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE from NAMRIA and the DENR-Land Management Bureau for verification and mapping of the disputed area;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Municipal Government of Albuera, the Municipal Government of Burauen, the City Government of Baybay, the Second, Fourth and Fifth Congressional District Representatives, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), NAMRIA, and the DENR for their information and appropriate action.

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

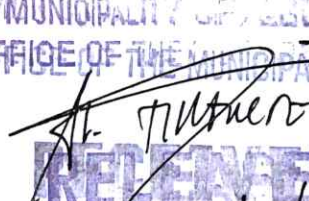

FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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

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