



July 30, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Legislative Building, Capitol Compound,
Palo, Leyte

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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SUBJECT: Request for Legal Opinion / Advice regarding Proposed Financial Assistance to Displaced Families of Sitio Digjo, Brgy. Apid (DARAB Case No. R-0801-0447-2023)

Honorable Vice-Governor Javier:

Greetings!

The Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte is currently deliberating on the appropriate legislative action regarding the displaced families of Sitio Digjo, Barangay Apid, in connection with **DARAB Case No. R-0801-0447-2023**.

As endorsed by the Local Chief Executive, the measure under primary consideration by the Body is the provision of financial assistance to the affected families, to be sourced from the local government unit's General Fund.

However, before this Body authorizes the proposed appropriation, it is imperative that all relevant legal, procedural, and budgetary aspects are thoroughly evaluated to ensure strict compliance with existing laws and auditing rules, and to forestall any legal complications.

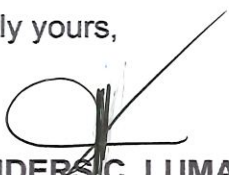
In view thereof, the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan respectfully requests the valuable legal advice and opinion of your honorable office, particularly through the Provincial Legal Office, on the following points:

1. **Legality of Appropriation:** Whether local public funds may be legally appropriated as financial relief or assistance to private individuals displaced pursuant to a Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (DARAB) order;
2. **COA / Budgetary Compliance:** Necessary requisites and guidelines under Commission on Audit (COA) rules and the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) for such financial assistance; and
3. **Proper Legal Instrument:** The appropriate legal instrument (e.g., Ordinance, Resolution, or Memorandum of Agreement) required to execute the proposed grant.

Attached herewith for your reference are copies of the Local Chief Executive's endorsement, the relevant DARAB issuance, and related documents.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,


HON. SANDERS C. LUMARDA
Municipal Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer



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Office of the Municipal Mayor

1ST INDORSEMENT

July 24, 2026

Respectfully indorsed to the Honorable Members of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan, through the Honorable Presiding Officer, Hon. Sanders C. Lumarda, the attached communication from the Office of the President – Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) relative to the Ejectment and Accounting of Shares concerning the affected families at Sitio Digyo, Apid, Inopacan, in connection with DARAB Case No. R-0801-0447-2023.

In view of the foregoing, the Municipal Mayor recommends the provision of financial assistance in the amount of *FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)* per affected family. Accordingly, the matter is hereby submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for the appropriate legislative action, specifically the approval of an appropriation to be sourced through a Supplemental Budget to support the recommended assistance.

For the Body's urgent and appropriate action.

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SB Office, inopacan, Leyte

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AZUCENA B. MIRAMBEL, MD, FPOGS
Municipal Mayor



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Malacañang

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May 7, 2026

HON. AZUCENA P. MIRAMBEL, M.D, FPOGS

Municipal Mayor
Inopacan, Leyte

Dear Mayor Mirambel

Greetings!

In relation to **DARAB Case No. R-0801-0447-2023**, *Arthur L. Bismark, et al., Complainants vs. Spouses Sarah Baleroso Licayan and Mauro Licayan, et al., Respondents* for **Ejectment and Accounting of Shares** at Sitio Digyo, Barangay Apid, Inopacan, Leyte, the case assessment conducted by the Municipal Social Welfare Development Officer (MSWDO) of Inopacan LGU has confirmed that the following families are qualified as underprivileged and homeless (see attached certification):

1. Spouses Clara Baleroso Licayan and Mauro Licayan – Sitio Digyo, Barangay Apid, Inopacan, Leyte
2. Spouses Joselito B. Licayan and Christine Borja – Sitio Digyo, Barangay Apid, Inopacan, Leyte
3. Spouses Michael B. Licayan and Sarah Licayan – Sitio Digyo, Barangay Apid, Inopacan, Leyte

In reference to **Section 28 of Republic Act 7279 (Urban Development and Housing Act)** on *Eviction and Demolition*, it is mandated that adequate relocation or financial assistance must be provided prior to implementation.

Accordingly, the **Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)** respectfully requests a **Certification of Availability of Assistance** for the above-mentioned families, in compliance with RA 7279, Section 28. This is a formal follow-up to the first request letter sent on September 29, 2025, to which we have not yet received a response.

We trust in your favorable response to ensure that due process and humanitarian considerations are upheld in this matter.

Thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnuld B. Payud", is written over a circular stamp.

ARNULD B. PAYUD

Area Coordinator, PCUP
Ormoc City, some parts of Leyte & Southern Leyte
Contact #09060794825

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July 14, 2025

NOTICE OF 1st PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE

ARTURO L. BISMARCK

Complainants

Barangay Poblacion, Inopacan Leyte.

Sir/Madam:

Greetings!

This is in relation to DARAB Case No. R-0801-0447-2023. Arturo L. Bismark, ET AL.
(Complainants) VS. SPS. Clara Baleroso Licayan & Mauro Licayan, ET AL.
(Respondents) For Ejectment and Accounting of shares at Barangay Apid,
Inopacan, Leyte. WHEREAS: In view of the foregoing, let a Writ of Demolition be
issued in this case.

Prior to the conduct of the actual demolition and eviction as required before a police assistance
could be provided, a PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE [PDC] is to be conducted as stated in
Executive Order No. 69 Series of 2012 and its IRR to ensure for the strict compliance of Section
28 of R.A. 7279 [UDHA]. The PCUP acts as the presiding officer of this conference.

Date: July 29, 2025

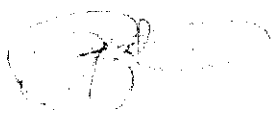
Time: 10:00 Am

Venue: Barangay Hall of Barangay Apid, Inopacan leyte.

For queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at cell phone number 09060794825.

Thank you very much and more power.

Sincerely,


ARNULD B. PAYUD
Area Coordinator
09060794825

Noted:


WILFREDO Y. CACA
Supervising Area Coordinator – Region 8