



Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
**PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR**  
Malacañang, Manila

**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08**  
Series of 2020

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCES, UNTIL SUCH TIME THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND THE STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT PHILIPPINES HAVE BEEN LIFTED**

**WHEREAS**, the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, a global health crisis, has caused uncertainty and instability among nations of the world, including the Philippines, and continuously imperils the lives and welfare of the Filipino people, thus causing immeasurable disruption to the economy, loss of lives, fear and anxiety;

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary mandates of the PCUP is the conduct of Pre-Demolition Conferences (PDCs), a pre-requisite before police assistance may be extended to party/proponent of an impending eviction/demolition activity in both Administrative and Court-ordered Demolition/Eviction;

**WHEREAS**, the PCUP, DILG and the PNP jointly, previously issued and promulgated the Guidelines on Requesting for Police Assistance in Demolition or Eviction Activities under the Urban Development and Housing Act<sup>1</sup>, outlining the process of the PDC as well as the implementation of eviction and demolition activities affecting the underprivileged and homeless Citizens in court-ordered, summary and administrative eviction and/or demolition activities;

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2020, in response to Administrative demolition and/or eviction activities during the existence of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the PCUP issued Resolution No. 05, s. 2020, requesting the IATF-EID to suspend Administrative Demolition/ Eviction activities;

**WHEREAS**, to further safeguard the health, life and property of the homeless and underprivileged, it is likewise vital that court-ordered demolition and/or eviction be considered and possibly suspended;

<sup>1</sup> PCUP Commission Resolution No. 7, S.2014 and DILG MC 2014-82

**WHEREAS**, around 95% of PDC cases involving our less privileged citizens which are pending before the PCUP are for Court-Ordered Demolition/Eviction;

**WHEREAS**, facilitating the PDC involves the meeting of several personnel from the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), National Housing Authority (NHA), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), the Local Housing Board of the local government unit (LGU) authorized to cause the demolition or eviction, other concerned government agencies, the affected families or their representatives, and the property owner;

**WHEREAS**, convening PDCs involve mass gatherings which certainly does not help in our fight to mitigate and/or contain the transmission of COVID-19 and which may likewise be a violation of the minimum public health standards set by the Government;

**WHEREAS**, in cases of eviction and demolition pursuant to a court order involving underprivileged and homeless citizens, relocation shall be undertaken by the LGU concerned within forty-five (45) days from service of notice of final judgment in accordance with the UDHA; and should relocation not be possible within the said period, financial assistance in the amount equivalent to the prevailing minimum daily wage multiplied by sixty (60) days shall be extended to the affected families by the LGU concerned;

**WHEREAS**, most LGUs have already depleted their funds in order to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus and help their constituents in the fight against the virus;

**WHEREAS**, based on previous experiences with the LGUs, the PCUP foresees non-compliance by majority of the LGUs with Section 28 of the UDHA and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (i.e. provision for relocation and/or financial assistance) by reason of the present health crisis;

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2020, in line with its mandate to help the poor, the PCUP wrote the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting for Legal Opinion on matters related to the possible suspension of the PDC process by the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2020, among others, the DOJ (thru Legal Opinion No. 34) opined that the PCUP may not suspend, cancel or reschedule *motu proprio* the PDC process without any authorization from the President of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines declared under Proclamation No. 929 due to COVID-19 for a period of one (1) year, effective September 13, 2020 to September 12, 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of justice and equity, there is a dire need to suspend PDCs in order to safeguard the rights of the homeless and underprivileged which is in line with the prevailing National Policy encouraging citizens to stay at home in this time of Pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the PCUP Commission En Banc has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **REVOLVES**, to request from the President of the Philippines, through the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IAFT-EID), the issuance of an Executive Order TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING the conduct of Pre-Demolition Conferences, including all processes related thereto.

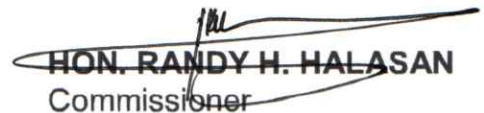
We hereby affix our signatures in support of this measure for the interest of vulnerable communities and ISFs.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** during the Fourth Special Commission En Banc Meeting (SCM No. 04-2020) held this 17th day of September 2020 via Google Meet Web Conference.



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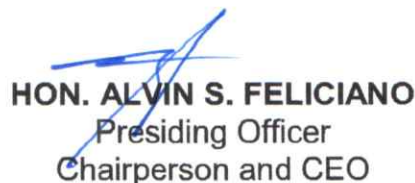
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