



COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS
COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES, LAWS AND ORDINANCES

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

NO. NGO-061-S-2026

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Janet Piring
Date: 09 MAY 2026
Time: 9:10am

Subject: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES. (PCO 2026-099 dated April 27, 2026).

During the 40th Regular Session of the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod, chaired over by Acting Presiding Officer, Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica held on April 27, 2026 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, the above-mentioned subject was referred to the Committee on Non-Government Organizations as the lead and Committee on Rules, Privileges, Laws and Ordinances as subcommittee.

FINDINGS:

The City Government of Bacoor upholds and supports initiatives of the Department of the Interior and Local Government that promote effective governance, transparency, accountability, and the general welfare of the public.

Accordingly, the proposed ordinance aims to promote cooperative partnerships for community development and public service delivery while ensuring appropriate coordination, accountability, and compliance with local policies.

Following a careful evaluation, the Joint Committee found that a similar ordinance had already been enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and remains in effect.

In support to the above statement, the City Council passed City Ordinance 305-2023 entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Conduct of Clinical and/or Research Trials Within the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof," September 11, 2023, according to the records (www.bacoorcitysp.com). The Office of the City Health Services is already putting the aforementioned ordinance into effect.

The Joint Committee likewise noted that the essential provisions of the proposed ordinance are already adequately addressed by the existing City Ordinance. As such, the passage of another may result in duplication and possible confusion in implementation.





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RECOMMENDATION:

The Joint Committee hereby recommends for the removal of the aforementioned subject matter from the Order of Business.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 30th day of April 2026 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

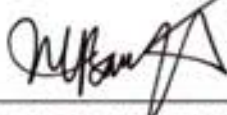
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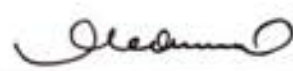
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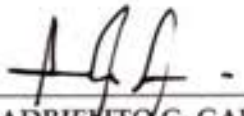


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JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

NO. NGO-062-S-2026

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Jenot Arleg
Date: 4 May 2026
Time: 9:20 am

Subject: *AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES. (PCO 2026-099 dated April 27, 2026).*

The joint committee hearing was presided over by Chairman, Hon. Reynaldo Fabian and Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica held on April 30, 2026 at 11:00 am via Zoom Videoconferencing. The hearing adjourned at 11:24 am.

Also, in attendance were Hon. Miguel N. Bautista, Hon. Ricardo F. Ugalde, Hon. Levy M. Tela, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Manolo S. Galvez Jr., Hon. Horacio M. Brillantes Jr. and Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez.

The following were the resource persons:

- Ms. Carmelita F. Gawaran – City Livelihood and Development Office
- Pmaj. Sabalboro – Philippine National Police - Bacoor
- Ms. Shiela Mae Gayamo - City Livelihood and Development Office
- Atty. Salvacion Valenciano– Office of the City Legal Service
- Mr. Ronaldo N. Digo – Bacoor Homeowners Association Council Inc.

Hon. Palabrica: Good morning. Please introduce yourself. Please introduce yourself and your presentation. Please for (6:54) your presentation, Bacoor CPPS, please for the record.

Pmaj. Sabalboro: Good morning. Pmaj. (7:01) Good morning. (7:06) Thank you.

Hon. Palabrica: From the office of City Legal Service.

Atty. Valenciano: Unang una po sa lahat maganda umaga po sa lahat. Atty. Valenciano po mula sa Office of the City Legal Service



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Hon. Fabian: Ang hearing na ito ay upang talakayin ang AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES.

Hon. Fabian: Statements of the resource persons. We now give the floor to our resource persons. You may now proceed.

Hon. Palabrica: Mr. Chair, magtatanong lang ako sa ating mga resource person. I will direct my question to the Office of the City Legal Services Department. Regarding a resolution from DILG. Memorandum from DILG. Addressed all clusterheads and cascaded to the local governments. Ito yung resolution number 2026-0303 urging local government units in Calabarzon to adopt or enact local ordinances establishing a legislation framework for non-governmental organizations, research institutions, and individuals conducting field and community-based activities. Atty. Bambi, please enlighten this honorable committee. Ano itong ordinance na ito at para saan? Baka matulungan niyo kami sa inyong interpretation.

Atty. Valenciano: Thank you po Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, yung attached resolution ng RPOC Region Calabarzon na ipinadala po sa ating ng DILG through the DILG. Basically, po parang sinasabi lang dito na hinihikayat ang mga LGUs sa Calabarzon na mag-enact po ng mga local ordinances kaugnay sa registration ng mga NGO o mga research institutions. At yun na nga po na mag-conduct ang mga researches or mga field and community-based activities dito po sa atin po. Dito po sa City of Bacoor. Basically, yun lang po yung gusto kong sabihin na kung meron pong mga tagaibang lugar na gusto pong mag-conduct ng research or may mga other community-based activities, pinakamainam na meron pong in-place na local ordinance na nagbibigay po ng guidelines kung paano ito gagawin. Basically, mag-register muna sila, identify nila ano po ba yung activities na gagawin nila and then at least for the monitoring ng LGU. Your Honors, gusto ko lang din i-share na sa ating city meron pong similar ordinance po.

Yung City Ordinance 305-2023. Ito naman po very limited doon sa ordinance regulating naman po yung mga conduct of clinical and research trials. So meron na rin po tayong ganoon.

Meron din naman po tayong existing ordinance po pertaining naman po sa mga medical missions. So parang ganoon din po yung itsura. Although ito pong pinapropose po ng RPOC Calabarzon, edi mas broad po.

So sino-sino yung NGO, ano-ano yung mga community-based activities. So unlike sa ating existing ordinance na nagbibigay po ng guidelines and procedures, whenever magconduct sila ng medical missions or mga medical or clinical trials, ito pong sa proposal ng RPOC Calabarzon, mas broad po yung kanilang coverage. So talagang ang na-mention po dito ay NGOs, mga research institutions, at mga community-based activities po.

Hon. Palabrica: So, meaning from Regional Peace and Order Council pala itong resolution?

Atty. Valenciano: Yun po yung nakalagay, Mr. Chair, sa naka-attach po na document ng DILG. Yung po yung heading.



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Hon. Palabrica: So from the resolution itself pwede kami mag-extract dito ng mga provisions for the enactment of a suggested or requested ordinance?

Atty. Valenciano: Opo, yes po Your Honor. May mga ilang scope of application. In fact, mayroon din po silang mga exemptions po naman din na nakalagay po doon sa resolution.

Hon. Palabrica: Mr. Chair, I may now direct my question to the representative from PNP. Ah nawala siya. PNP. Representative ng PNP. So mamaya nalang po Mr. Chair. So malinaw nalang po Mr. Chair na this resolution comes from Regional Peace and Order Council. So meaning, kung makikita natin ang isang resolution na ito ay makapaggawa tayo ng ordinance na kung saan ay mamonitor natin ang lahat ng movement ng non-government organizations. So yan ang primary motive ng ordinance para fully monitor natin ang lahat ng galaw kahit nasa field. Maganda sana kung matanong natin ng PNP for us to be more enlightened from the PNP para malaman natin kung ano talagang tinutumbok for us to be guided in crafting the suggested ordinance or requested ordinance. Kaso nawala siya eh. So, thank you Mr. Chair.

Ms. Gawaran: Mr. Chair pwede po magtanong? From the City Livelihood and Development Office. Mr. Chair kasi po according sa ating City Legal pwede po, minsan kasi may nagcoconduct na NGOs na mga skills training na mga livelihood program na hindi ko po alam kung registered din po siya. So isa rin po yung inaano natin dahil po according sa TESDA Circular, tayo lang po yung office ng LGU na may authority or right na magconduct na mga skills training and livelihood programs. So kailangan po yung mga magcoconduct from ibang offices, kailangan po mag-report sa ating opisina sa City Livelihood and Development Department at kami po ang mag-monitor at mag-rereport po sa TESDA kasi po tayo ay TESDA registered.

Hon. Palabrica: Andyan na ang PNP. May I direct my question to the PNP and the representative for us to be enlightened about the intention of the resolution passed by the Regional Peace and Order Council. So Major, Police Major Sabalboro, baka pwede matulungan mo kami maipaliwanag sa amin itong RPOC resolution na ito. For us, kasi dito namin na-extract ang mga provisions, and nang gagawin namin ordinansa as requested by the LGU. And we are talking about peace and order kaya siguro it is more appropriate kung kayo po ang tatanungin namin.

Pmaj. Sabalboro: Malinaw po ba sir yung speaker ko? Hello sir, malinaw po yung speaker ko sir.

Hon. Palabrica: Tinignan namin kayo. Please proceed.

Pmaj. Sabalboro: Okay po sir. Based po dito sa nagiging proposal ordinance number PCO-2026-099 establishing a registration framework for non-governmental organizations, research institutes, and individuals conducting field and community-based activities po sir. Sa pagkakaintindi ko dito sir, before ang mga all NGOs, research groups, and individual researchers makapag-conduct dito sa atin, kung bago sila makapasok dito sa ating area, nabasa ko naman po, before sila papasok, tama po sir na magbigay muna sila ng notice of intent, ano po yung purpose po nila, bakit po sila magkoconduct dito. Yung nga po sir, based dito sa ating mga intelligence



groups, maraman natin ano yung purpose nila mamaya po is under o pinupondohan sila ng ating ibang threat groups, which is yun po, nalalaman natin mamaya ini-infiltrate na po pala tayo. Tapos ano yung purpose nila, baka mamaya is nagre-recruit pala sila ng mga kabataan or any other organization. Dapat yun po yung unang-unang tatanong natin dito sa mga may balak na magconduct ng research dito sa ating area. So that's why it's important to describe the nature, date of entry, scope, duration, and objectives of the proposed activity po. Then also, before, alam naman po natin, dapat may coordination po sila tapos makita yung leader nila or kung ano yung mga intended activities or kung ano po nila eh, talagang through purpose bago sila pumasok dito sa area natin. Kung mayroon pa po yun na makapagsubmit pa nila sila ng ibang attachments tapos ma-inform din po kami dito sa PNP para pag ma-inform kami dito sa PNP na may pupuntang mga grupo, makapag-background investigation po kami dito especially ma-coordinate namin dito sa intelligence namin para ma-background din po yung grupo or yung mga research or non-government organization po.
Yun po sa amin as part of PNP po.

Hon. Palabrica: My follow-up question is related to Section 6 of this RPOC resolution entitled Coordination Request to Regional Agencies. 6.1 is the Philippine National Police Regional Office Calabarzon. Sabi dito, to provide security assessment, assistance, and coordination support to LGUs upon request. So ibig sabihin kapag medyo may pasangay yung ordinansa na ito tapos i-require kasi ang registration dito sa city government, pag medyo ka-duda-duda sa aking organization, mag-request kami sa inyong assessment sa PNP. So paano magiging sistema natin ito?

Pmaj. Sabalboro: Lagi po nagiging sistema po namin dito sa PNP. Like po mayroong mga research organization or non-government organization, itatapo kami na PNP para ang magiging papel namin is provide security assistance. Like may mga research group na pupunta sa isang area, magkukunda kami ng patrolling at at the same time visibility din din po sa area para maiwasan ang may mga intended na mangulo para maipakita po natin na yung presence ng PNP nandoon pa rin po.

Hon. Palabrica: Eto kasi may realistic situation. The city government, hindi naman kilala ng city government lahat ng organization. Lalong-lalo na yan manggaling sa gabas, even foreign organizations na magconduct ng study or research within our jurisdiction, our territorial jurisdiction. Sympre hindi naming kilala tong mga ito. So, kung natin naka-red-tag sa PNP, makahingi kami ng list note para malaman namin na dapat bigyan o payagan na ma-register dito sa PNP? Or kami ang magpapadala ng applicant for your assessment and recommendation? Anong mas maganda? Para maitulong natin sa ordinansa.

Pmaj. Sabalboro: Ganito po sir, katabi ko rin po dito ngayon si Intelligence officer sa Bacoor PNP. Then narinig din po niya yung nagiging concern po ninyo. Ang pinakabest option po, kayo po ang magbibigay sa amin dito ng organization na yun para kami po ang magbabackground investigation sa kanila. Para malaman natin.





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Hon. Palabrica: So, if we have the organization na magpaparegister dito sa atin, di muna natin ireregister o iapprove ng legislation. Magaano muna kami sa inyo ng clearance, ibabackground check muna namin.

Pmajor. Sabalboro: Pag may non-government organization po, ipadaan ninyo po muna dito sa amin for investigation.

Hon. Galvez Jr: Sir, linawin ko lang medyo naguluhan ako. Yung mga NGOs na nakakuha ng accreditation sa City, base sa inyo, kailangan kumuha ng clearance. Tama po?

Pmajor. Sabalboro: For security purposes po, para malaman po natin kung hindi siya member ng mga sinasabi nating leftist group. Yun po yung purpose niya sir.

Hon. Galvez Jr: So, recommendation po yung sa inyo. So yung mga existing naming NGOs, hindi na kailangan ng recommendation mula sa inyo kasi existing na sila. Tama? Di bale naipaliwanag na ni Councilor Palabrica. Thank you. Thank you.

Hon. Palabrica: No more question?

Hon. Fabian: No more question? Any motion?

Hon. Galvez Jr.: Mr. Chair, if there is no other tackle to discuss, I move for the adjournment of this committee hearing.

Hon. Palabrica: Second

Hon. Fabian: Motion approved.

Prepared by:

ARMILEEN LEGASPI-RED
Local Legislative Staff Assistant I

Attested by:

HON. REYNALDO M. FABIAN
Chairman



COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS
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ATTENDANCE OF JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING

April 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Zoom Videoconferencing

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Alenot Pring
Date: 04 MAY 2026
Time: _____

Subject: *AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES. (PCO 2026-099 dated April 27, 2026).*





COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

ATTENDANCE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

April 30, 2026 at 11:30 AM
Zoom Videoconferencing

Subject: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND GRANTING THE ACCREDITATION OF VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE. (PCR 449-2026 dated April 27, 2026).**





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Office of the City Mayor



ENDORSEMENT LETTER

15 April 2026

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA - MENDIOLA

City Vice-Mayor/Sangguniang Panlungsod Presiding Officer

City of Bacoor

6th Floor, New Bacoor Legislative Building

City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite

OFFICE OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE

THERRYLYN P. MARDENAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE: 4/15/26

THRU

: **ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.**
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

SUBJECT

: **ENDORSEMENT OF LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGION IV-A
CALABARZON REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003:
PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS IN CALABARZON TO ADAPT OR ENACT LOCAL
ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION
FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS,
AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND
COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES**

Dear Hon. Bautista-Mendiola,

Greetings from the Marching Band Capital of the Philippines!

We respectfully endorse to your good office the attached letter from the Department of the Interior and Local Government regarding the attached **DILG Memorandum** dated 13 April 2026 entitled *"Resolution No. 2026-003: Proposed Resolution Urging Local Government Units in Calabarzon to Adapt or Enact Local Ordinances Establishing a Registration Framework for Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) Research Institutions, and Individuals Conducting Field and Community-based Activities"*

Attached herewith for your kind perusal is a copy of the **Resolution No. 2026-003**, submitted for your reference and consideration.

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office to enact and promulgate a **City Ordinance** with regards to the memorandum submitted at hand. Your prompt response will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



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Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite Trunkline:
434-1111 Website: www.bacoor.gov.ph



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OFFICE OF THE CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER

BAC: 20260414-223

April 14, 2026

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor
City of Bacoor, Cavite

THRU: ATTY. AIMEE TORREFRANCA-NERI
City Administrator

Dear Mayor Revilla;

Respectfully transmitting herewith, a copy of the DILG Memorandum dated April 13, 2026, regarding the **"Resolution No. 2026-003: Proposed Resolution Urging Local Government Units in Calabarzon to Adapt or Enact Local Ordinances Establishing a Registration Framework for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOS) Research Institutions, and Individuals Conducting Field and Community-Based Activities"**.

For your information and guidance.

Very truly yours,


MEMVILUZ L. BAURILE, EnP
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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REGION IV-A CALABARZON
Province of Cavite

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL CLUSTER HEADS
DILG Cavite

SUBJECT : RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003: PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN CALABARZON TO ADAPT OR ENACT LOCAL ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES

DATE : April 14, 2026

This refers to the attached Memorandum from Dir. Ariel O. Iglesia, CESO III, Regional Director, DILG IV-A CALABARZON, regarding the abovementioned subject.

In view thereof, you are directed to cause the dissemination of the attached issuance to all local government units within your respective areas of jurisdiction for their information and appropriate action.

For compliance.


MARCIAL A. JUANGCO
OIC-Provincial Director

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RPOC-IV-A RESOLUTION NO. _____ SERIES OF 2026

A RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN CALABARZON TO ADOPT AND ENACT LOCAL ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING FIELD AND COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Article II, Section 5, declares that the maintenance of peace and order and the protection of the people against violence are essential for a functioning democracy;

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution guarantees local autonomy to Local Government Units, vesting in them the authority to enact measures for the promotion of the general welfare of their constituents consistent with law;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 366 (s. 1996), as amended and strengthened by Executive Order No. 773 (s. 2009), reconstituted the Peace and Order Councils at all levels of government, designating the RPOC as the principal regional body for coordinating peace and order policies and programs.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly Section 16 (General Welfare Clause), empowers LGUs to enact ordinances for the promotion of general welfare;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10173, or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, requires lawful, transparent, and accountable processing of personal data.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA), mandates that the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) of the concerned Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) must be obtained before any research, data collection, or development intervention is undertaken within their ancestral domains or areas of habitation;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-70, Series of 2013, prescribes guidelines for the accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that seek to participate in local governance and development activities, and provides the basis for LGUs to establish local accreditation mechanisms as a prerequisite for LGU engagement;

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Act No. 613, or the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, as amended, vests in the Bureau of Immigration (BI), under the Department of Justice (DOJ), sole authority over the admission, registration, and deportation of foreign nationals in the Philippines; violations of terms and conditions of a foreign national's visa or authority to remain in the country are subject to the BI's exclusive jurisdiction and disposition;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7438 and the Due Process Clause under Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution require that regulatory actions must observe due process and must not be arbitrary;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes and guarantees academic freedom, freedom of expression, and the right to privacy under the 1987 Constitution, and any coordination mechanism established by LGUs must be content-neutral, non-discretionary, and narrowly tailored solely for legitimate governmental interests such as public order, safety, and lawful data processing;

WHEREAS, recent incidents within the region have shown instances of community based research and immersion and outreach activities conducted without prior coordination with concerned Local Government Units, highlighting gaps in existing coordination mechanisms;

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WHEREAS, field reports and consultations with LGUs further confirm that such uncoordinated research activities that may expose communities to risks affecting privacy, public order, and local governance;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a uniform, legally grounded coordination framework that strengthens LGU oversight while ensuring full respect for constitutional rights;

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) CALABARZON in session duly assembled, acting within its advisory, recommendatory, and coordinative functions under existing law:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Resolution shall be known as the **"RPOC-IV-A Community Research Coordination and Registration Framework Resolution of 2026."**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of the RPOC-IV-A to:

- Safeguard the peace, order, safety, and general welfare of all communities within the region;
- Uphold the rights of community residents, including their right to privacy and to be protected from exploitation;
- Promote coordinated, transparent, and orderly conduct of legitimate research and NGO activities within communities;
- Respect and support the authority and autonomy of LGUs in regulating activities within their territorial jurisdictions;
- Ensure that coordination mechanisms shall not operate as a permit system, prior restraint, or licensing mechanism on constitutionally protected activities;
- Promote inter-agency cooperation among regional government agencies and LGUs in protecting community welfare.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Resolution shall apply to organized activities conducted within communities by external parties, including:

- Organized community outreach program or engagement activities, including but not limited to medical missions, relief operations, advocacy activities, or service delivery programs, where such activities involve structured interaction with community residents, data gathering, or sustained presence within the community;
- Surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions;
- Data gathering involving personal information;
- Community immersion and participatory research;

This Resolution shall NOT be construed to cover or restrict: journalistic activities protected under freedom of the press; legitimate monitoring activities of national government agencies within their statutory mandates; activities of duly constituted government offices; humanitarian or emergency assistance conducted on an immediate basis, provided that such activities do not involve data collection, profiling, or prolonged community engagement.

SECTION 4. RECOMMENDATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS — ADOPTION OF LOCAL ORDINANCES

The RPOC-IV-A hereby urges and recommends that all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Panlungsod, and Bayan throughout

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the region enact, through proper legislative processes, local ordinances establishing a Community Research Coordination and Registration System guided as follows:

4.1 Notice and Coordination. All NGOs, research groups, and individual researchers intending to conduct field research or community-based activities within any barangay shall be required to:

- Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) addressed to the City/Municipal Mayor at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the intended date of entry, describing the nature, scope, duration, and objectives of the proposed activity;
- Conduct coordination meetings with LGU and barangay officials;

4.2 Documentary Requirements. Local ordinances shall prescribe a reasonable and non-onerous set of documentary requirements, which may include:

- Detailed research proposal stating objectives, methodology, scope, timeline, and data handling procedures;
- List of all personnel involved, with valid government-issued identification;
- For foreign nationals: photocopy of passport and visa category establishing authority to conduct the proposed activity in the Philippines, consistent with Bureau of Immigration regulations;
- Endorsement letter from the parent organization, funding institution, or academic body;
- Proof of registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as applicable;
- For activities within ancestral domains: proof of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) compliance under Republic Act No. 8371 and NCIP Administrative Order No. 3 (s. 2012).

4.3 Research Coordination Certificate. Local ordinances shall authorize the Office of the Mayor to evaluate submitted requirements and issue a Research Coordination Certificate upon satisfactory compliance. The certificate shall specify the authorized scope, duration, and area of the activity. The Mayor's Office shall act on complete applications within seven (7) working days.

4.4 Barangay Coordination. The Punong Barangay shall be informed and coordinated with authorizing entry and activity within the specific barangay. The Punong Barangay may attach reasonable conditions to protect the welfare of barangay residents.

4.5 Registry of Authorized Researchers and Organizations. Each LGU shall maintain a publicly accessible Registry of Authorized Researchers and NGOs operating within their jurisdiction, to facilitate verification by barangay officials and community members.

4.6 Sanctions and Remedies. Local ordinances enacted pursuant to this recommendation shall prescribe lawful sanctions for violations, consistent with the penal provisions authorized under Republic Act No. 7160 and applicable laws, including but not limited to:

- Administrative sanctions such as written warning, suspension of research authority, and denial of future applications;
- For organizations: referral to the DILG or SEC for appropriate administrative action on accreditation or registration status, in accordance with applicable rules;
- For foreign nationals found to be in violation: referral to the Bureau of Immigration for determination of whether the activity falls outside the scope of their authorized visa category, consistent with Commonwealth Act No. 613 and BI Memorandum Circulars — it being understood that all disposition of such cases rests exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Immigration under the Department of Justice;
- Filing of appropriate complaints before competent authorities for violations of the Data Privacy Act (RA 10173), IPRA (RA 8371), or other applicable laws;

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- All sanctions imposed shall observe procedural due process, including notice and opportunity to be heard, as guaranteed under Article III, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution.

SECTION 5. RECOMMENDATION TO THE DILG REGIONAL OFFICE — ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM

The RPOC-IV-A encourages the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office to:

- Issue a Guidance Memorandum directing all LGUs to adopt, through proper local legislative processes, ordinances implementing the Community Research Coordination and Registration Framework prescribed under Section 4 of this Resolution;
- Provide technical assistance, model ordinance templates, and capacity-building support to LGUs in drafting and enacting compliant local ordinances;
- Include LGU compliance with this Resolution as a performance indicator in the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) and related LGU performance assessment mechanisms;
- Coordinate with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Philippine Association of SUCs, and other relevant bodies for the issuance of complementary guidelines on research ethics and LGU coordination protocols for academic institutions.

SECTION 6. COORDINATION REQUESTS TO REGIONAL AGENCIES

The RPOC-IV-A (CALABARZON) hereby calls upon the following regional government agencies to extend coordination support to LGUs implementing this Resolution, within the scope of their respective mandates:

6.1 Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office — CALABARZON. To provide security assessment assistance and coordination support to LGUs upon request, consistent with RA 6975 and the PNP's mandate to maintain peace and order and protect the community.

6.2 National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Regional Office. To investigate cases of suspected fraudulent, deceptive, or criminal misrepresentation by persons posing as legitimate researchers within communities in the region, upon referral by LGUs, in accordance with the NBI's mandate under RA 10071.

6.3 Bureau of Immigration (BI). To be notified by LGUs and the RPOC Secretariat of cases involving foreign nationals suspected of conducting activities outside the scope of their authorized visa categories, for the BI's independent evaluation and disposition in accordance with Commonwealth Act No. 613 and applicable immigration regulations — it being expressly recognized that all decisions on immigration matters rest solely and exclusively within the jurisdiction and discretion of the Bureau of Immigration.

6.4 National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA). To provide intelligence support and security assessment to the RPOC and LGUs limited to situations involving credible and specific national security threats, consistent with applicable law.

6.5 National Privacy Commission (NPC). To conduct information campaigns and provide technical assistance to LGUs and NGOs on compliance with the Data Privacy Act (RA 10173) in the context of community-based research, and to receive referrals from LGUs on suspected data privacy violations arising from unauthorized research activities.

6.6 National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). To coordinate with LGUs having indigenous communities within their jurisdiction to ensure that all research activities within ancestral domains are compliant with the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) requirements of RA 8371 and NCIP Administrative Order No. 3, s. 2012.

6.7 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office. To issue guidelines to higher education institutions (HEIs) within the region on compliance with LGU coordination

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protocols when conducting community-based research, and to include RPOC coordination compliance as part of institutional research ethics standards.

SECTION 7. RPOC REGIONAL MONITORING AND COORDINATION MECHANISM

The RPOC-IV-A hereby establishes a Regional Research Activity Coordination Mechanism, to be operationalized by the RPOC Secretariat, as follows:

- The RPOC Secretariat shall serve as the regional coordination hub for referrals to the BI, NBI, NICA, NPC, and NCIP on cases arising from unauthorized or irregular research activities;
- The RPOC shall convene, at minimum, an annual review of the implementation of this Resolution among LGUs and concerned agencies, and shall issue advisories and updates as warranted.

SECTION 8. RIGHTS-PROTECTING SAFEGUARDS

In recognition of the constitutional rights to academic freedom, freedom of expression, due process, and equal protection, all actions taken pursuant to this Resolution and any local ordinances enacted in accordance herewith shall observe the following safeguards:

- No researcher or NGO representative shall be arrested, detained, or physically barred solely on the basis of failure to complete the courtesy call or documentation protocol, absent a specific legal ground for such action under existing law;
- Any denial of a Research Coordination Certificate shall be in writing, stating clearly the grounds therefor, and shall be subject to a right of appeal or reconsideration by the applicant;
- LGUs shall act on complete applications within reasonable timeframes to avoid undue delay that would effectively constitute denial;
- The protocol established under this Resolution shall be implemented in a non-discriminatory manner, applying equally to all organizations and individuals regardless of nationality or affiliation.
- Legitimate academic research conducted by students of accredited institutions, whether local or foreign, shall be accommodated through a simplified coordination protocol to be prescribed by the concerned LGU.

SECTION 9. NON-DEROGATION CLAUSE

Nothing herein shall diminish constitutional rights.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Resolution is found to be contrary to law or the Constitution, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Regional Peace and Order Council and shall be transmitted to all LGUs, Local Peace and Order Councils, concerned regional agencies, within fifteen (15) days from adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY this ____ day of ____ 2026, during the ____ Quarter Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Full Council Meeting held at _____.

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NOTE ON LEGAL BASIS AND AUTHORITY:

This Resolution is adopted by the RPOC-IV-A in its capacity as a regional coordinating, advisory, and recommendatory body pursuant to Executive Order No. 366 (s. 1996) as amended by Executive Order No. 773 (s. 2009). It does not possess the force and effect of a law or ordinance. All penal provisions, regulatory mandates, and enforcement mechanisms contemplated herein are expressly intended to be enacted and operationalized by the respective Local Government Units through proper local legislative processes under Republic Act No. 7160, or by regional agencies through their respective statutory authorities. Nothing herein creates, modifies, or extinguishes any legal right or obligation beyond the advisory and coordinative mandate of the RPOC.