
WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that The State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the public sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available, at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlements areas;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 704 (s. 1995) a portion of the public domain located at Barangay Sta. Ana, Taytay, Rizal has been set aside for socialized housing development open for disposition in favor of qualified
beneficiaries, defined under Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992,” as amended, of Taytay, Rizal;

WHEREAS, Barangay Sta. Ana, Taytay, Rizal, commonly known as Lupang Arenda, is approximately a one hundred seventy-one (171) hectare tract of land, and approximately ninety-five (95) hectares of which are currently occupied by at least twenty thousand (20,000) households;

WHEREAS, the existing residents of Lupang Arenda, all of whom are qualified beneficiaries under Proclamation No. 704 (s. 1995) and RA 7279, have been residing therein since 1995 or earlier, and are yet to be granted ownership to their respective land to this day;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 157 (s. 2008), in 2017, APOLA, on behalf of the residents of Lupang Arenda, filed a request for a Proclamation for housing purposes;

WHEREAS, in 2017 to 2018, acting on the aforesaid request by APOLA, then Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), in coordination with the DENR, NHA, and other concerned national and local government agencies or offices, constituted a Pre-Proclamation Committee and conducted complete staff work (CSW) as required under Memorandum Circular No. 157 (s. 2008);

WHEREAS, of even date, there is yet to be a Proclamation for housing purposes and a corresponding clearance granting titles issued in favor of the residents of Lupang Arenda despite the favorable endorsement for such Proclamation and clearance as concluded by the CSW conducted;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 93 (s. 2019), President Rodrigo Roa Duterte ordered that the DHSUD shall expedite the relocation of informal settlers and other unauthorized or unlawful occupants along the banks of Pasig River, and effectively enforce Proclamation No. 704 (s. 1995), in collaboration with the DENR and the PCUP;

WHEREAS, despite existing laws, rules, regulations, and executive issuances in their favor, the APOLA, on behalf of the residents of Lupang Arenda, has expressed its frustration and dismay in the delay and inaction of concerned agencies supervising the issuance of the Proclamation and corresponding clearance;

WHEREAS, no less than President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has avowed to take an aggressive stance on the government’s pursuit to award and distribute lands to qualified beneficiaries, especially those under existing and prospective socialized or economic housing programs;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon Congress to investigate the unconscionable delay in the issuance of a Proclamation for housing purposes and the corresponding clearance to determine whether or not there is a need to amend existing laws or to enact new legislation that can further safeguard the right to adequate housing of all Filipinos, especially the underprivileged and homeless citizens;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, in coordination with the DHSUD, NHA, DENR, LRA, LLDA, PCUP, the Municipality of Taytay, other concerned national and local government agencies or offices, and the APOLA, is urged to investigate, in aid of legislation, the unconscionable delay in the issuance of a Proclamation for housing purposes and the corresponding clearance granting titles in favor of the residents of Lupang Arenda.

Adopted,

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