

The Lord is like a strong tower, where the righteous can go and be safe.

Proverbs 18:10

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Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

# First 'Living Museum Tour' still runs in Kawit

**KAWIT, Cavite** — A non-traditional and dynamic mode of learning the life and times of General Emilio Aguinaldo, where one can sit down and watch and 'interact' with characters from the past, still runs at the Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo (MEA) every other Saturday until December 2019.

Private and non-profit organization Fundación Santiago (FS) partnered with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and Cavite El Viejo Heritage Tourism Association (CVHTA) to usher in its 'blast from the past' tour experience, using first-person interpretation of the life and works of the President of the First Philippine Republic with its 'Sa Aming Tahanan: A First

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Level up your museum experience with 'Sa Aming Tahanan' (In Our Home), a new and dynamic learning approach to impart the life and times of General Emilio Aguinaldo which runs at the Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo every other Saturday until December. Photo shows Doña Trinidad Aguinaldo played by Lean Aldia as she gives insights into Aguinaldo's childhood and birthplace.

## Nigerian online scammer falls in Cavite

**BACOR** CITY, Cavite — Police officers here have arrested a Nigerian national for his involvement in an online scam in an entrapment operation last Aug. 20.

City chief of police, Lt. Col. Vicente Cabatangan, identified the suspect as Kingsley Chisomey Agabi, 27, from Nigeria's Imo State, a college graduate

who put up his online business at Champaca St. Andrea 1A in Barangay Parapasan 6.

The arrest of Agabi stemmed from a complaint of 28-year-old

housewife Leo Ricaha Sol from Barangay Calibugan, Gasas, Marinduque who claimed that she became a victim of online fraud last Aug. 21.

The victim narrated that last Aug. 16, she had received online messages from a certain Pastor Mark Kes, allegedly a marine engineer from

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1296- REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF TAGAYTAY CITY HELD ON MARCH 18, 2019 AT THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR OF JUSTICE & LEGAL CITY BLDG., MAHONANG MARKET COMPLEX, KATRALAG SOUTH, TAGAYTAY CITY

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 378  
Series of 2019

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CHILD WELFARE CODE OF TAGAYTAY

SPONSOR: HON. LORNA S. TOLEDO  
Chairperson, Committee on Women & Family

WHEREAS, the City Government, in its effort to address the needs of the children, the most vulnerable sector of our society, endeavor to guarantee children's right to life, the full development of their potentials, to protect and promote their physical, mental, moral and social well-being;

WHEREAS, social trends show a significant increase in the incidence of child abuse or brought about by the rapid growth of the city and its social dynamics, as well as the decline of moral and spiritual values;

WHEREAS, incidents of child abuse affect the sovereignty of the republic and democratic society which must thrive in freedom and the protection of social justice and human rights;

WHEREAS, to protect and uphold the dignity of children in our society is to secure the progress of our nation's prosperity;

WHEREAS, said Code was updated in 2012, integrating therein several national laws, such as: R.A. 9344 - Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006, R.A. 9775 - Code of Child Pornography Act of 2008, R.A. 10775 - Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 - (or Cyber Child Pornography);

WHEREAS, with the concurrent approval of some laws related to the protection of the welfare of children, the following laws ought to be integrated in the said Code, to wit: RA 10413 (Early Warning Act), RA 10421 (Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act), RA 11037 (Municipalities Population Code of the Philippines), RA 11144 (Child Protection Act), RA 11188 (Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict);

NOW THEREFORE, On motion of Hon. Lorna S. Toledo, Chairperson, Committee on Women & Family, and in view of the foregoing, the following ordinance is hereby enacted to be observed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod to wit: as amended:

ARTICLE I  
TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Section 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE PROVISIONS FOR CHILD SURVIVAL, DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION AND ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN SUPPORT SYSTEM IN TAGAYTAY CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UPDATED CHILD WELFARE CODE OF TAGAYTAY CITY"

Section 2. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES - Tagaytay City is hereby declared as a Child Friendly City. As such it is the policy of the City Government that the rights of the child for survival, protection, participation and development of their potentials must give priority. It shall support the role of the family providing guidance for children and promote the efforts of the community to nurture and care for children from infancy, especially during the earliest stages of childhood up to adolescence. Consistent herewith, the City Government shall endeavor to strengthen the establishment of comprehensive children and family support system in the entire city to ensure all the efforts of both public, the POA and NGO's and the private sector to address the goals for the protection, participation and development of children.

Furthermore, it shall ensure that all programs aimed at achieving the goals for survival, protection and participation and development of children are given priority when resources are allocated, thus, sorting of efforts to ensure that these programs are provided in those of economic, security and structural advantages.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. Children refers to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition;
- b. Survival rights deal with the provision in relation to parental governmental duties and

definition, adequate living standards and access to basic health and health services

c. Development rights pertain to access of a child to educational opportunities; needs to relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought and religion;

d. Protection rights cover those which protect children against all forms of child abuse, abandonment, exploitation and discrimination in major areas where a child is considered to be especially at-risk circumstances;

e. Participation rights include the child's freedom to express oneself in matters affecting his/her life as part of preparation for responsible citizenship and for freedom of association;

f. Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children which include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Being in a community where there is an armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities;
- 2. Working under conditions hazardous to the safety and health which involve, in relation with their normal development of working without prejudice to their education;
- 3. Living in or being in the vicinity of the sites of urban and rural areas without care of parents or guardians or any adult supervisors needed for their welfare;
- 4. Being a member of indigenous culture community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is under developed and/or lack of basic diagnostic access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
- 5. Being with the family members or guardians having psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, child labor, child prostitution and other forms of physical and sexual abuse;
- 6. Being a victim of man-made disaster or calamity;
- 7. Being a victim of illegal transnational organization, child-trafficking;
- 8. Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.

g. All social related activities are those which require property, identity and person which included but not limited to the following:

- 1. Petty crimes such as smoking, drinking, consumption;
- 2. Using and posing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or hard leading materials;
- 3. Praying for young and old prostitutes, using or participating in obscene shows;
- 4. Gambling of any form;
- 5. Rape and incest;
- 6. Unethical information transfer of private and confidential;
- 7. Any other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.

h. Remote disaster refers to an epidemic disease presented to the health whenever using garbage and/or who are ragged or health disasters are being affected to disaster with any partner upon payment of a certain price;

i. Culturally Related Activities refer to activities showcasing the Filipino culture and tradition such as but not limited to the following:

- 1. Ethnic Dances;
- 2. Historical Dances;
- 3. Folk Dances;
- 4. Others.

j. Pre-school education refers to the age from birth up to six (6- 6) and known to be a critical phase of the child's psychomotor development. It is the phase when nearly percent 80% of the human brain is developed. It is therefore the phase when activities the developmental stimulation for children must be provided, hence the need for early childhood care and development program.

ARTICLE II  
SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

Section 4. UNDER SIX PROGRAM FRAMEWORK - The City Government shall ensure to the maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child. The Early Childhood Care and Development Program coupled with Parents Attachment Service Program on child survival and development include the following among others:

**DAY CARE SERVICE PROGRAM** - The City Government shall develop, implement and monitor its Day Care Service Program, which is population and community based. The day care centers which shall serve 3 to 5 year old children shall be set up in every barangay. The services to be provided shall depend on the population level of the community. A manual on Day Care Service Program for the City of Tagaytay shall be developed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and shall form part of the rules and regulations and implementing guidelines of the Day Care Service Program of the City Government.

**CHILD MINDING SERVICE PROGRAM** - The City Government shall develop, implement and monitor a Child Minding Service Program for the care of 3 to 5 year old children in particular places for child learning activities of focus when child minding care of the children with adequate supervision of a Social Welfare Officer of the City Social Welfare and Development Office provided further that when young children are left in the care of child minding care facility, either in other children without adequate and child supervision, the City Social Welfare and Development Office shall conduct such training and child supervision, with the children care center adequate standards whenever children under their care and develop assembly and day camps and level children, even in the absence of their parents during their working hours. The City Social and Development Office in coordination with institutions dealing with under five year old children, shall develop a manual for the services to support the program developed for the Day Care Service Program.

**Section 7. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK** - The City Government through the City Health Office shall implement and monitor the Primary Health Care Program to promote care to children. To further ensure the implementation of this section, it shall take appropriate measures to support the program on health under the framework of primary health care provisions.

**7.1 MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE PROGRAM** - The City Government shall continue to implement and support its maternal and child care service program which shall cater to the needs of the mother which affects the child in every risk the mother is taking in following a life.

**7.2 MOTHER AND CHILD IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM** - The program to promote child care and health services will include among others, the monitoring and registration of children and completion of immunization cards for promotion of child immunization, diagnosis, and other essential services, records, publications, reports and such other documents for inclusion that have been developed for administration to children up to 5 years of age.

**7.3 CHILD PATIENT OF DRUGGIST PARENTS** - The City Government shall ensure the enrollment of the barangay health center by a child patient of druggist parents needing the professional services of a provider who is reported to use his children, when it is the responsibility of the City Social Welfare and Development Office after ensuring the availability of funds for such purpose.

**Section 8. FAMILY & COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM** - The City Government shall implement and monitor Family and Community Welfare and Support System for children. To further ensure the implementation of this section it shall take appropriate measures to support the program on family and community welfare and development framework. There shall be established a Comprehensive Family and Community Welfare and Development Program which shall include among other services as juvenile health, child health and child learning practices, parent effectiveness, pre-marriage and marriage counseling, responsible parenthood, among others in the context of the Filipino paradigm.

**8.1 CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE PROGRAM** - The City Government shall establish and support the Comprehensive Child and Youth Welfare and Development Program which shall include the services such as peer group services, community based services for special children, emergency services for runaway youth and vulnerable children in especially difficult circumstances, among others.

**8.2 WOMEN AND WELFARE PROGRAM** - The City Government shall recognize the role of women in the promotion of the society as well as the child. There it shall establish and support the Women Welfare and Development Program which shall include women and services such as self-empowerment skills development, maternal and child care skills training for reproductive and household support, among others.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM** - The City Government shall establish and monitor a growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional needs of children at home and in school. This program shall be under the administration and supervision of the Nutrition Office.

**Section 9. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEM** - The City Government of Tagaytay shall create, organize and strengthen the Tagaytay City Child Welfare Council and the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children.

**7.1 TAGAYTAY CITY CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL** is a consultative assembly

and regulatory body responsible for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of protecting program for children of the city pursuant to Executive Order No. 13 Series of 1994

**7.2 COMPOSITION OF THE TAGAYTAY CITY CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL (TCWC)** shall be composed of the following:

- 1. City Mayor
- 1. Chairman, Barangay Council for the Protection of Children
- 1. City Social Welfare and Development Officer
- 1. City Health Officer
- 1. City Child Registrar
- 1. City Marketing Action Officer
- 1. City Planning and Development Officer
- 1. City School District Supervisor
- 1. City Prosecutor
- 1. PTA President
- 1. Children's Youth Representative
- 1. Church-based Organizational Representative
- 1. PO & NGO Representative (1)
- 1. K-12 Educator Representative
- 1. President, Lipay ng mga Barangay
- 1. City Governor III LGU
- 1. FDP - Chair of Policy
- 1. Chairman, Barangay Council for the Protection of Children Women and Family

**7.3 FUNCTION OF THE TCWC:**

- 1. Formulate the City Plan for Children in accordance to the City Development Plan
- 2. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the city and barangay action plan for children
- 3. Advise quarterly status report on the plan implementation to the Approval Child Welfare Council through the City Welfare and Development Office.
- 4. Promote address issues and concerns affecting children and youth
- 5. Advocate for the passage of other relevant child and youth protective legislation
- 6. Advise for the financial support and resource allocation for children program and projects
- 7. Provide technical assistance to the community based child care workers through conduct of capability building and business resource development activities
- 8. Provide continuing education to protect children and their families in other matters brought about by national and non-state categories
- 9. Ensure the proper representation of the constituents

**7.4 CREATION OF COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL** - The Council shall create Commission monitoring members of the Council to meet and convene for the purpose of facilitating its functions.

**7.5 SECRETARIAL SUPPORT** - The necessary support shall be lodged in the City Social Welfare and Development Office and shall be responsible for the dissemination of proceedings and meetings and preparation of reports and other financial documents needed by the Commission.

**7.6 REMUNERATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS** - The Council members shall be remunerated to ensure fairness in connection with the disposition of their respective functions. The rates for their functions shall be based and be consistent with the government guidelines by the Commission on Audit under the Government Accounting and Auditing Manual.

**7.7 THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S COMPOSITION, MEMBERS AND FUNCTIONS** - There shall be created a Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) in every barangay in Tagaytay City. The status and strengthening of the said council with support of the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Department of Justice and Local Government and other concerned government and non-government agencies in the City.

**7.8 COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN** - The membership of the Barangay Council shall be taken from responsible members of the community including a representative of the youth, as well as representatives of the



government and private agencies concerned with the welfare of children and youth whose area of assignment includes the particular barangay. The membership shall be as purely voluntary basis.

**7.6 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN** - The following shall be the functions of the barangay council for the protection of children in each respective barangay:

1. Primary education of every child in the barangay.
2. Encourage the performance of duties of parents and provide learning opportunities for the adequate rearing of children and the proper parent-child relationship.
3. Protect and assist abandoned, abandoned and abused children and monitor cases filed against child abusers and report the same.
4. Protect working children from abuse and exploitation.
5. Take steps to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist parents and children with behavioral problems so they can get proper advice.
6. Adopt measures for the protection of good health and nutrition status of children.
7. Promote the opening and maintenance of playgrounds and play centers and other facilities that are necessary for child and youth welfare.
8. Coordinate the activities of organizations devoted for the welfare of children and secure their cooperation.
9. Promote wholesome entertainment in the community especially in the evening hours.
10. Assist parents whenever necessary and create report guidelines emanating from the proper government or private agencies.
11. Advocate for the passage of barangay and city laws for actions for children in the community and ensure its implementation into the Barangay Development Plan and implementation for the barangay.
12. Submit quarterly barangay accomplishment report of plans and programs implemented to the City Social Welfare and Development Office.
13. Arrest any individual who is actively committing, abet or attempt to but just concealed as witness against the person of any minor, in the presence of the arresting officer.

**7.19. BARANGAY APPROPRIATION FOR BCPC** - each barangay shall allocate appropriate funds of one percent (1%) from its Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) to support the administrative and operational needs of the barangay council for the protection of children.

**Section 8. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN** - the City Government, in its effort to establish a community based strategy for the protection of children shall endeavor to institutionalize the foster homes for children with technical assistance and supervision of the City Social Welfare and Development Office, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this section as soon as the ordinance has been approved.

**Section 9. PROVISION FOR STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF AMN LAW IN TAGAYTAY CITY** - the City Government shall ensure the strict implementation of R. A. 9152 otherwise known as "An act promoting the full utilization of automatic" A committee created by the City of Tagaytay Child Welfare Council shall be tasked to supervise the implementation of the said law. Any person who is either an producer, manufacturer, importer or trader found to have violated this provision shall be penalized in the following manner after due proceedings by the court of justice having jurisdiction of such offense:

FIRST OFFENSE	A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) plus imprisonment of three (3) months.
SECOND OFFENSE	A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) plus imprisonment of six (6) months.
THIRD OFFENSE	A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) plus one (1) year imprisonment, provided that the penalty for third offense shall be in addition to the revocation of the offender's license to operate and provided further that in all cases where the subject matter of the offense is a prohibited product, the court shall order the recall and/or withdrawal of the product from the market.

**Section 10. MOTHER AND BABY FRIENDLY HOSPITALS IN TAGAYTAY CITY** - all hospitals in Tagaytay City shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Health for a Mother Baby Friendly Hospital. The Tagaytay City Child Welfare Council shall establish a committee tasked to monitor and ensure the compliance of all hospitals in Tagaytay City to the mandate of this provision. Any hospital found to have violated this mandate shall be recommended for appropriate sanctions by the Department of Health.

**Section 11. CHILD FRIENDLY BUILDING** - in the proposed building plans in commercial buildings in Tagaytay City by the City Engineering Office such office shall ensure the inclusion of child friendly facilities therein. And in case any happening of child accident, the proposed plans of commercial buildings must consider the following: the specifications:

1. Balconies or staircases must be opened in a manner that their distance from each other would not exceed an (1) meter to avoid children from accidentally falling through.
2. In case of buildings having more than one story, railings or balustrades existing in balconies or on vertical basins must be likewise spaced in a manner that their distance from each other must not exceed six (6) inches and said railings or balustrades must have a height of not less than two (2) feet.
3. Landscapes exclusively for children use must be included in the proposed plans of commercial buildings to accommodate the personal recreation of children and said buildings.

**Section 12. PROVISIONS OF PAGING BOOTHS COMPLETE WITH PAGING SYSTEM IN COMMERCIAL AREAS, PUBLIC PLACES IN TAGAYTAY CITY** - for the purpose of catering the protection of the lost children in the commercial areas, public places and sub-urban public places in Tagaytay City are hereby ordered to provide for a paging system. Failure to comply with this provision shall subject the offender to a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) in addition to the suspension of permit to operate business for one (1) year.

**Section 13. PROVISION FOR THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING OF BLENDED SUPPLEMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, FORMALIZING VILLATATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** - to ensure that safe and adequate substitute for All Infants in Tagaytay City is provided, the National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and Related Products, Promoting Practices Thereof and for other Purposes shall strictly implemented. An ordinance shall be enacted subjecting said code and shall be strictly implemented. Any person who has been found to have violated the said code shall be penalized in accordance with the provision of Section 13 thereof.

**Section 14. IDENTIFY AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR DIFFERENTIALLY ABLED CHILDREN** - the City Government shall make a periodic comprehensive survey and statistical analysis on the differently-abled children in the city. The City Social Welfare and Development Office together with the office of the District Supervisor - City Health Office, District Tagaytay and the City Planning and Development Office shall spearhead the conduct of this statistical analysis on differently-abled children in the city. The result of this survey and analysis shall be the basis of planning by the Child Welfare Council and other concerned agencies for programs and projects of these children.

**Section 15. TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HANDLING DIFFERENTIALLY ABLED CHILDREN** - training program for educators and health professionals handling differently-abled children shall form part of the priority program for the City Government of Tagaytay from funds which are to be sourced from the 20% Development Fund shall be provided therefor.

**Section 16. SUPPORT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SYSTEM (SPES) PROGRAM** - the City Government shall support the Special Education Program which is presently implemented by the Department of Education by providing regular assistance therein. The City Government with the assistance of DepEd shall ensure that the Special Education Center shall be set up in public schools whenever and wherever necessary to enable the differently-abled children to enroll if possible within their respective barangays. The City Government shall regularly provide funds for the SPED program to be taken from the Special Education Fund (SEF).

**Section 17. PROVISION FOR THE SUPPORT ACTION TO THE NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE BY THE POS AND THE NEDD** - the City Government shall provide for a support action to the pre-school education program for early childhood care and development initiated by the POS and NEDD by significantly responding to the gaps of government services by providing for a pre-school education program having an alternative curriculum which is developmentally appropriate and culturally relevant to poor communities, the improvement of academic, emotional, behavioral outcomes such as non-attendance, learning difficulties and financial aid in establishing services for community based Early Childhood Care and Development Program (ECCD) as an alternative approach for the increasing basic problem of poor children.



**Section 18. PROTECTION OF FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S WELFARE IN THE BAKANGAY BUDGET** - In order that the allocations that are provided for the welfare of children in their respective barangays, the city council shall give strict attention to the allocation of funds for programs, projects and services for the welfare of children.

**Section 19. BAKANGAY LEVEL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITY AND PROGRAM** - A barangay level program for the creation of indigenous games industries or the cultural identity of Taguig City shall be provided. The City Government shall allocate funds for recreational and cultural facilities appropriate for each children's age group and provide designed with due respect to cultural diversity. This type of program shall be spearheaded by the respective barangay council under the leadership of the Barangay Chairman and the Chairperson on Children's Welfare Division. The existing educational institutions in the barangay shall be tapped to support this program.

**Section 20. SOCIAL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE** - In support to the overall development of children of Taguig City, the City Government shall direct its production of local literature on children and other related materials. The barangay government shall be encouraged to assist in such project.

**Section 21. PARENTING ORIENTATION COURSES** - Marriage license applicants shall be required to a Parenting Orientation Course in the Marriage Counseling Service, during their requirement prior to the issuance of marriage license by the Local Civil Registrar. This course shall become integral part of existing reproductive health laws and regulations. The course shall be conducted in coordination with the City Health Office, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Agriculture Office, Child Care First Office, Parents' Support for both parents of their children shall also be required to participate in a Parenting Orientation II Course, therefore, issuance of Certificate of Live Birth by the Civil Registrar will not be valid until the satisfactory completion of their requirement under training law.

**Section 22. INCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION ON RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM** - as part of the advanced, intermediate and education curriculum of the government in the survival and development, protection and security and participation rights of children, the Convention on the Rights of Children shall be encouraged to include as part of the school curriculum of the schools in Taguig City, both public and private schools.

**Section 23. TRAINING FOR TEACHERS ON RIGHTS OF CHILDREN** - such as, especially those in the kindergarten, elementary and high school are encouraged to contribute continuous training on the rights of the child and awareness to children in need of special services such as the child in help zone. The training shall be spearheaded by the Taguig City Child Welfare Council and the Charter First Office in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Training Unit.

**ARTICLE III  
PROTECTION RIGHTS OF THE CHILDREN**

**Section 24. PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION** - there shall be comprehensive program to be spearheaded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the Taguig City Council for the Welfare of Children in coordination with other government agencies, the private sector or NGOs concerned with and (1) free from the date of effectivity of this code to protect children against child prostitution, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse and discrimination which endanger child survival and overall development. The program shall cover the strict implementation of the provisions of PD 603 otherwise known as "The Child and Youth Welfare Code and all other laws relating protection against child exploitation.

**Section 25. SANCTIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS OR ENTERPRISES WHICH PROMOTE FACILITIES OR CONDUCT ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTING CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SOCIAL ABUSE, CHILD TRAFFICKING, OBSCENE PUBLICATION AND INDECENT SHOWS** - all establishments or enterprises caught promoting or facilitating child prostitution and other abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse shall be immediately closed and be kept in process of law. Those caught under (PD 603) with their activities in force to operate permanently, suspended without prejudice to future charges and other penalties should be kept in process until under R.A. 7610, as amended otherwise known as "An act providing for stronger deterrence and special protection against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination, providing penalties for its violation and other purposes".

**Section 26. ESTABLISHMENTS TO POST NOTICES AND INFORMATION AT ENTRY OR FRONT DESKS REGARDING CHILD PROTECTION** - all hotels, bars and other establishments of similar nature shall be required to post notices and information about child protection to inform visitors in connection with trafficking, prostitution and other social abuse. The notices and information shall be posted by the Child Welfare Council with the technical assistance of the City Social Welfare and Development Office. To ensure the compliance to the concerned establishments in the sector of the ordinance, the Office of the City Mayor through the License Division shall require these establishments to post such information of notices below:

Such respective license shall be reviewed and re-approved.

**Section 27. CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT** - every employee shall be required to submit a duly authenticated birth certificate to the Local Civil Registrar in the Public and License Division and also to the Local Civil Registrar for any government official or employee. Any violation of this provision by any government official or employee shall subject such offender to administrative and criminal liabilities and shall be punished with the appropriate penalty that the laws provide.

**Section 28. CREATION OF SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION AND SOCIAL SERVICE** - the City Government shall create the special programs for the protection of children who are victims of incest and rape cases. It shall also endeavor to assist the parents or care-givers, particularly the local chapters of the religious but of the Philippines and the assistance to provide legal and psycho-social services to children who are in need of such services.

**Section 29. MONITORING CRIMINAL CHARGES OF BAKANGAY CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE** - application for suspension of sentence of children charged with criminal offenses in connection with or related to any anti-social activities or delinquencies shall be done by the Department of Social Welfare and Development with the assistance of the City Social Welfare and Development Office. It shall be the duty of the social workers of the City Social Welfare and Development Office to ensure that the children in custody are adequately taken care of. The suspension of sentence, appropriate and supportive rehabilitation program shall be offered to them under the care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to PD 603 to their parents or other relatives. Appropriate and supportive rehabilitation program shall be offered to them under the care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to PD 603 to their parents or other relatives. Appropriate and supportive rehabilitation program shall be offered to them under the care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to PD 603 to their parents or other relatives. Appropriate and supportive rehabilitation program shall be offered to them under the care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to PD 603 to their parents or other relatives. Appropriate and supportive rehabilitation program shall be offered to them under the care of the City Social Welfare and Development Office pursuant to PD 603 to their parents or other relatives.

**Section 30. SUPPORT TO PROSECUTORS OR COUNSELS WHO HANDLE CASES OF CHILDREN TO OBTAIN SPEEDY DISPOSITION AND PRESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT** - the City Government, in its desire to protect the children who are victims of the crimes or victims handling their cases to obtain the speedy disposition and professional assistance thereof.

**Section 31. THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN CONCERNS DESK (WCCD) FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING THE PILLARS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM** - it shall have a Women and Children Concerns Desk which shall be headed by female case handling officers. Child-friendly procedures shall be implemented in accordance to the Police Handbook on the Management of Cases of Children in Custody. Confidentiality, Each PPO element shall be provided a copy of the said handbook. The handbook shall be accessible to the female police officers.

**Section 32. SPECIAL COURSE FOR PPO MEMBERS** - a continuing special course for members of the Philippine National Police shall be designed to handle effectively the children involved in case social activities. All police officers shall take up the course especially those who are assigned to be assigned with the Women and Children Concerns Desk (WCCD) and other WCCD Officers in each PPO detachment. The course shall be designed and provided by the Child Welfare Council in close coordination with the PPO Child Protection Team, NGOs and other City Departments focused on child and youth programs.

**Section 33. CULTURAL RITUALITY** - the celebration of an offense against a woman by any person while said woman is being placed under house arrest shall be suspended. All police officers shall adhere to the standards provided by law for the offense committed.

**Section 34. ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION CENTER AND PROVIDER OF SUPPORT FACILITIES** - there shall be established Rehabilitation Center for Children Offenders and Support Facilities in the City of Taguig. Such center shall be equipped with necessary facilities for conduct of training. The Rehabilitation Center shall develop health, social and educational and other services that will make the center conducive to life and rehabilitation.

**Section 35. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE DETENTION CELL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS** - it shall be adopted the physical and procedural shall continue with in the City for a separate division and authority for children and youthful offenders.

**Section 36. ESTABLISHMENT OF DETENTION AND TRAINING CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH COMPLETE FACILITIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR** - the City Government shall establish a Detention and Training Center

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for Children and Youth (RTCCY) to provide protective services to children and youth who are abandoned, victims of rape, incest and other similar cases. This facility shall also include the provision of psycho-social needs of the children.

The amount of One Hundred Nones (P100,000) per day per child shall be provided to sustain the based and lodging of the ward of the RTCCY, subject to an increase of 5% per year when necessary. The structure and training center shall be strictly a "no smoking area".

**Section 37. CHILDREN AND FAMILY PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROGRAM** - The City Social Welfare and Development Office in coordination with other government and non-government agencies shall design a comprehensive psycho-social program for both children and their families especially those affected by natural calamities.

**Section 38. SELECTIVE BAN ON BENEFIT DANCE IN THE BARANGAYS** - No religious and social dancing activities shall not include "benefit dance" as defined in this Ordinance. Any person caught presenting such "benefit dance" in the barangay shall be penalized by one (1) year imprisonment and fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) after due proceeding by the court of justice having jurisdiction thereof.

Culturally relevant activities shall be promoted instead of holding young women as entertainers during "benefit dance".

**Section 39. CURFEW ON MINORS** - for the protection of children below eighteen (18) years of age, they shall be prohibited from loitering around or sleeping in public places from 10 o'clock in the evening until 4 o'clock in the morning of the following day unless they are in the company of their parents or guardians. Children caught violating this provision shall be immediately turned over to the custody of the City Social Welfare and Development Office and shall be released only after having attended with their respective parents or guardians in one (1) day seminar on duties and responsibilities of children and parents conducted by the same office, provided, that this provision shall not be imposed during Christmas season and any other holidays or celebrations where the presence of children in public places during such times are allowed or encouraged.

**Section 40. REGULATING AMBULANT VENDORS OF JUNK FOOD IN SCHOOL VICINITIES FOR SANITATION PURPOSES AND ESTABLISHING MONITORING SYSTEM**

**THEREFORE** - the City Government shall protect the school children from unsanitary food and junk food. In enforcement of date, all vendors within the vicinity of all school campuses within the city shall be subjected to safety and sanitation standards.

**Section 41. SEPARATE PERMIT TO OPERATE COMPUTERIZED VIDEO GAMES** - all establishments operating computerized video games shall be required to seek an endorsement of the City Social Welfare and Development Office prior to the issuance of Mayor's Permit to operate a computerized video games to ensure that the operation of the same shall be strictly regulated with the end of protecting the welfare of children.

**Section 42. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE SAGIE BATANG MANG-KAGAWA** - the Task Force Sagie Batang Mangkagawa (TFSBM) also known as Action Team against Child Labor shall be established to immediately report and act upon reported cases involving child labor. The said team shall have the following composition:

1. Public Employment Service Office
2. City Social Welfare and Development Office
3. Philippine National Police Office
4. DDO - City Director
5. Representatives from NGOs
6. Action Officer of the Child Welfare Council
7. Action Officer of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC)
8. Chairman of the Committee on Social Welfare of the Sanggunian Panglungsod

**Section 43. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUSTAY RATS HOTLINE** - a mass-notice reporting and monitoring base against child abuse shall be established and endorsed by the City Social Welfare and Development Office. Said hotline shall act as the 24-hour safeguard of children in all areas and streets susceptible against abuse by any person. Upon receiving information reporting any crime committed against a child, the Bustay Rats Hotline shall immediately report to the appropriate authorities said hotline and shall monitor every program that may incur involvement in the suppression and prosecution of the crime.

**Section 44. CREATION OF MEN'S ORGANIZATION** - There shall be created a Men's Organization within each barangay which will aim to assist the BCPC in handling programs and activities for children. This shall be composed of married men who have a child or children.

This organization will directly or indirectly be active in carrying out child or youth welfare programs and activities within the barangay.

Members and Officers of this organization shall undergo capability training or parent education programs for the cultivation of harmonious relations among them, with their family and community.

**Section 45. LIABILITY TO PARENTS OR GUARDIAN ON DELINQUENT ACTS CAUSED BY THEIR CHILDREN** - In order to protect children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination; and other conditions detrimental to their development there is a need to involve parents in their children's lives, encourage responsible parental control over children and decrease youth crime. For delinquency acts, parents or guardians will be held financially accountable for their children's actions, like the payment for damages caused by any minor child.

**PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S LIABILITY**

- a. Liability for negligent supervision is not limited to parents, grandparents, guardians and others with custody and control of a child may also be liable under these circumstances.
- b. Parents/Guardians shall be negligent if a florist's present acts on the following wrongful acts of their child or ward:
  1. The willful taking, stealing and carrying away of the property of another, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of possession;
  2. The malicious and willful injury or damage to the property of another;
  3. The exploitation of another minor child by using him, directly or indirectly, such as for the purpose of begging, and other acts to which are intended to him to receive and collect;
  4. The possession or carrying of a deadly weapon, regardless of its ownership;
  5. If his child fail to attend school or stop school more than ten (10) times in a year.

**Section 46. PROHIBITING CARRIAGE OF A CHILD ON MOTORCYCLES IN ALL FORMS OF TWO-WHEELED VEHICLES** - It is hereby prohibited to carry a child under ten (10) years old and below on board of any two-wheeled vehicles which poses a clear and imminent danger to the life and safety of a child's fellow.

**ARTICLE IV  
PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

**Section 47. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES** - The interest and welfare of children in the family, school, community or other organizations or institutions shall be heard. Every child has the right to express his opinion freely unless it is contrary to law, morals, good customs, public safety and public policy and to have that opinion be taken into account in all matters or procedures affecting the child; it shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express their views, opinions among themselves, obtain information make decisions or information known regardless of sex and religious belief.

**Section 48. CONVENTION OF MINORS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSULTATION** - It is important to consult and provide voice for expression of children's view in the City Government Policies. Considering herewith, it is necessary that 7 to 12 year old and 13 to 17 years old are consulted once a year specifically during the children's month to be heard, visibility of their classes and needs. Every NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall be instrumental in the process of the preparation and evaluation of the convention.

**Section 49. CREATION OF THE FEDERATION OF CHILDREN** - The Federation of Children is hereby created in the City of Taguig specifically to realize the provisions of this code. Each barangay shall have their Children's Organization under the direct supervision of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children. The Association shall be composed of children ages 8-15 and each Chairman shall represent their barangay in the Taguig City Federation of Children (TCFC).

The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall prepare programs and activities for the Federation of Children to carry out the provisions of this code.  
The Local Chief Executive may issue an Executive Order for its organization and functions.

ARTICLE V  
IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

Section 30. CREATION OF A DIVISION FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERNS. - The Division for Children's Concerns under the City Social Welfare and Development Office shall be created to build up the capacity of the office in realizing the provisions of this Ordinance. Said division shall specifically focus on specific programs and projects concerning children. It shall also be necessary to complete on cases of neglect and maltreatment against children in the most expeditious manner.

Section 31. COMPONENTS OF THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERNS - the Division under the City Social Welfare and Development Office shall have the following components, among others, to coordinate its various programs and projects consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance: Laws and International Conventions:

1. Programs and Action Center for Child and Youth
2. Psycho-social Rehabilitation Center for Children in Extremely Difficult Circumstances
3. Child Rights Advocacy and Campaign
4. Child-based Care and Development Program
5. Legal Assistance Program

ARTICLE VI  
FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 32. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - Immediately after the approval of this Code the Local Chief Executive or, in the absence of the Departmental Officer, shall formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of any and all provisions of this ordinance.

Such rules and regulations shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of their full publication in one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the City of Tagaytay.

Section 33. PENALTY FOR REFUSAL OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE. - any Government Official or Employee charged with the duty to implement this Ordinance and who refuses or neglects his duty shall be punished with an (1) month suspension from service without pay, provided that due process in administrative discipline as established under the Civil Service Law and other pertinent laws shall be strictly observed before and priority is required to such an order.

Section 34. FUNDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. - the City Government shall regularly appropriate funds for the last five percent (5%) appropriated budget which amount of the appropriation awarded by the City Social Welfare and Development Office, City Health Office without prejudice to an additional appropriation in the Supplemental Budget. The amount of One Million, Five Hundred (P1,500,000.00) shall be appropriated solely for the purposes of this Ordinance which appropriations shall be sourced from the General Fund.

Section 35. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional all other provisions hereof are unaffected thereby and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 36. REPEALING CLAUSE. - all Ordinances, Executive Orders, resolutions and other Local Ordinances of like tenor inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as indicated accordingly.

Section 37. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - this Ordinance shall take effect three (3) days following the completion of its full publication in a local newspaper of general circulation or posting in conspicuous places within the City of Tagaytay.

ENACTED March 18, 2019

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AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF TAGAYTAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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As it is ordained by the Sangguniang Pangungusap of the City of Tagaytay as herein embodied that:

CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

Title, Statement of Policy and Definition of Terms

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF TAGAYTAY" hereinafter referred to as the ZDC CODE.

SECTION 2. Statement of Policy. - The Code is an enforceable instrument to ensure the maintenance of the City Government's strong adherence to the basic national democratic tenet that men and women in a civil society are equal. This significant tenet is aimed at strengthening women's concerns, ensure the fundamental equality of men and women before the law, open a wider arena for their active participatory role in the development process, for equal rights and opportunities.

The Local Government of Tagaytay shall pursue and implement vigorously responsive development policies, design and implement gender and development support systems, taking into consideration women's immediate economic, survival, work, support for their efforts of empowerment and self-determination, and to design and implement measures to protect and promote their rights.

SECTION 3. Rights of Women. - Women's rights are the rights of women that are defined and declared by the United Nations under Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) which we hereby adopt as follows:

- a. Women have the right to the protection of and protection from all forms of violence and coercion against their person, their freedom, their sexuality, and their individuality.
- b. Women have the right to freely and fully participate individually or collectively in the political processes of their communities and nations.
- c. Women have the right to the means for ensuring their economic, welfare and security.
- d. Women have the right to the necessary knowledge and means for the full exercise of their reproductive choice in accordance to the Constitution and their beliefs and preferences.
- e. Women have the right to choose a spouse in accordance with their values and preferences, exercised equally in marriage or in divorce, and ensure adequate support for raising and caring for their children.
- f. Women have the right to an adequate, relevant and gender-free education throughout their lives, from childhood to adulthood.
- g. Women have the right to adequate nutrition and proper health care.
- h. Women have the right to humane living conditions.



- 1. Women have the right to oversee their personal collectively and individually to express an image of themselves as whole and valuable human beings to build relationships based on respect, trust and equality.
- 2. Women have the right to equality before the law as principle as well as in practice.

Women's image in our society and culture is a continuum to show women as the "weaker sex". This are traditionally the hands of the household and in many organizations. Women play supportive roles to men and tend to yield to the idea that major decisions are made progressively. Women should not be viewed as second class to men but as partners of men in the development of society.

In light of these historical gender issues, inequalities and inequities, this local legislation based from national and international laws will provide the City Government a policy direction to formulate programs and strategies, among others, that will:

1. Mainstream gender concerns in sectoral development plans, policies and programs;
2. Intensity awareness campaigns on gender issues and concerns;
3. Strengthen Government Organizations (GOs), People's Organizations (POs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) partnership to maximize the effectiveness of programs and services addressing Gender and Development (GAD) concerns;
4. Encourage, support and expand the participation of grass roots women in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects;
5. Provide gender-responsive relief and rehabilitation programs with special focus on women and children's needs;
6. Involve men in family planning programs, health and child care, nutrition concerns and engage them in projects that would enhance the well-being of families;
7. Set-up crisis intervention systems and shelters in the City of Tagaytay for survivors of violence against women and children and other social conflicts;
8. Increase the number of women in decision and policy-making posts in the locality through implementation of capability building programs;
9. Establish the necessary mechanisms to enable women to participate in development programs and gain access to livelihood, credit financing and productive skills.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms** - The following terms and phrases used in this code shall mean as follows:

- a. "Violence against women and their children" - as used in Republic Act No. 9710, refers to any act or a series of acts committed by any person against a woman who is his wife, former wife, or against a woman with whom the person has or had a sexual or dating relationship, or with whom he has a common child, or against her child whether legitimate or illegitimate, whether or without the family abuse, which result in or likely to result in physical, sexual, psychological harm or suffering, or economic abuse including threats of such acts, battery, assault, coercion, harassment or arbitrary deprivation of liberty. It includes, but is not limited to the following acts:
  - A. "Physical Violence" refers to acts that include bodily or physical harm;
  - B. "Sexual Violence" refers to an act which is sexual in nature, committed against a woman/wife or her child/ren. It includes, but is not limited to:
    - a) rape, sexual harassment, acts of incestuous, treating a woman or her child as sex object, taking humiliating and sexually suggestive remarks,

physically attacking the sexual parts of the victim's body, forcing her/him to watch obscene publications and indecent shows or forcing the woman to be a child to do obscene acts and/or make film thereof. Forcing the wife and mother/love to live in the conjugal home or sleep together in the same room with the abuser;

- b) acts causing or attempting to cause the victim to engage in any sexual activity by force, threat of force, physical or other harm or threat of physical or other harm or coercion;
- c) prostituting the woman or men;

C. "Psychological Violence" refers to acts or circumstances causing or likely to cause mental or emotional suffering of the victim such as but not limited to intimidation, harassment, stalking, damage to property, public ridicule/humiliation, repeated verbal abuse and sexual infidelity. It includes causing or allowing the victim to witness the physical, sexual or psychological abuse of a member of the family in which the victim belongs, or in witness pornography in any form or in witness abusive text or post or in sexually or emotionally degrading of the right to custody and/or visitation of common children.

D. "Economic Abuse" refers to acts that make or attempt to make a woman financially dependent which includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. withdrawal of financial support or preventing the victim from engaging in any legitimate profession, occupation, business or activity except in cases where the other spouse/partner abuses on valid, serious and moral grounds as defined in Article 73 of the Family Code;
2. deprivation or threat of deprivation of financial resources and the right to the use and retention of the conjugal, community or property owned in common;
3. depriving household property;
4. controlling the victim's own money or properties or solely controlling the conjugal money or properties;

e) "Battery" - refers to an act of inflicting physical harm upon the woman or her child resulting in physical and psychological or emotional distress.

f) "Battered Women Syndrome" refers to scientifically defined pattern of psychological and behavioral symptoms found in women living in battering relationships as result of cumulative abuse.

g) "Stalking" refers to an intentional act committed by a person who, knowingly and without lawful justification follows the woman or her child or places the woman or her child under surveillance.

h) "Dating Relationship" refers to a situation wherein the parties live, as husband and wife, without the benefit of marriage or are romantically involved over time and on a continuing basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary socialization between two individuals in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.

i) "Sexual Relations" refers to a single sexual act which may or may not result in the bearing of a common child.

j) "Safe Place or Shelter" refers to any home or institution, maintained or managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or by any other agency or voluntary organization accredited by the DSWD for the purpose of Republic Act 7610 or any other suitable place the nature of which is willing temporarily to receive the victim.

k) "Children" refers to those below eighteen (18) years of age or older but are incapable of taking care of them as defined under Republic Act 7610. It includes the biological children of the victim and other children under her care.

l. R. Magna Carta for Women as defined in Republic Act 9710, is a comprehensive women business right law that seeks to eliminate discrimination against women by recognizing, protecting, fulfilling and promoting the rights of Filipino women, especially those in marginalized sectors.

**4. Principles of Human Rights of Women.** - Human rights are universal and inalienable. All people in the world are entitled to them. The universality of human rights is enshrined in the words of Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that all human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights.

Human rights are indivisible. Human rights are inherent in the dignity of every human being whether they refer to civil, cultural, economic, political, or social issues.

All individuals are equal as human beings by virtue of the inherent dignity of each human person. No one, therefore, should suffer discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, gender, age, language, marital status, race, class, religion, political, or other opinion, national, social, or geographical origin, disability, property, birth, or other status as established by human rights standards.

All people have the right to participate in and access information relating to the decision-making processes that affect their lives and well-being. Rights-based approaches require a high degree of participation by communities, civil society, executives, women, young people, indigenous peoples, and other identified groups.

**5. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, the following words shall mean:  
1. "Women Empowerment" refers to the promotion, availability, and accessibility of opportunities, services, and observance of human rights which enable women to actively participate and contribute to the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the nation as well as those which shall promote their equal access to ownership, management, and control of production, and of material and informational resources and benefits in the family, community, and society.

**4.** "Discrimination Against Women" refers to any gender-based distinction, exclusion, or restriction which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment, or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil, or any other field.

**41.** "Marginalization" refers to a condition where a whole category of people is excluded from social and meaningful participation in political, economic, social, and cultural life.

**42.** "Marginalized" refers to the basic, disadvantaged, or vulnerable persons or groups who are mostly living in poverty and have little or no access to land and other resources, basic social and economic services such as health care, education, water and sanitation, employment and livelihood opportunities, housing, social security, physical infrastructure, and the justice system.

**43.** "Migrant Workers" refers to Filipinos who are to be engaged, or engaged, or have been engaged in a remunerated activity in a State of which they are not legal residents, whether documented or undocumented.

**44.** "Indigenous Peoples" refers to a group of people of homogeneous societies identified by self-assertion and acceptance by others, who have continuously lived as organized communities or communities bounded and defined territory, and who have, under claims of ownership over their traditional, ancestral, possessed, customary, traditional, and other distinctive cultural traits, or who have, through resistance to political, social, and cultural assaults of colonization, neo-colonialism, religious and cultural, become historically differentiated from the majority of Filipinos.

**45.** "Substantive Equality" refers to the full and equal enjoyment of rights and freedoms contemplated under this Act. It encompasses de jure and de facto equality and also equality in resources.

**46.** "Gender and Development (GAD)" refers to the development perspective and practice that are participatory and empowering, equitable, sustainable, free from violence, respectful of human rights, supportive of self-determination and actualization of human potential.

**2.** "Work, Education or Training related Harassment", as defined in Republic Act No. 10527, is committed by an employer, supervisor, manager, supervisor, agent of the employer, teacher, instructor, professor, coach, trainer, or any other person who has authority, influence or control

authority over another in a work or training or education environment, demands, requests or otherwise requires an actual favor from the other, regardless of whether the demand or request or requirement for submission is accepted by the object of said Act.

**3.** It is a work-related or employment environment, sexual harassment is committed when:

**1.** The sexual favor is made as a condition in the hiring or in the employment, re-employment or continued employment of said individual, or in granting said individual favorable compensation, benefits, conditions, advancement or privileges or the refusal to grant the sexual favor would in itself constitute a disadvantage or prejudice to the individual, or the sexual favor would in itself constitute a disadvantage or prejudice to the individual, or the sexual favor would in itself constitute a disadvantage or prejudice to the individual.

**2.** The sexual act would impair the employee's rights or privileges under existing labor laws or employees.

**3.** The sexual act would result in an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment for the employee.

**4.** It is an education or training environment, sexual harassment is committed:

- 1.** Against one who is under the care, custody or supervision of the offender.
- 2.** Against one whose education, training, apprenticeship or internship is contingent on the offender.
- 3.** When the sexual act creates a condition in the granting of a passing grade, or the granting of honors and scholarships or payment of a stipend, allowance or other benefits, privilege, or commendation, or
- 4.** When the sexual advances result in intimidating, hostile or offensive environment for the student, student or apprentice.

Any person who directs or induces another to commit any act of sexual harassment herein defined, or who cooperates in the commission thereof by another without which it would not have been committed shall also be held liable as provided for by Republic Act No. 10527.

**2.** "Benefit Discrimination Activities" refers to a favor given, favors given or the favors which women are committed to be used in favor of men.

**4.** "Collective Harassment" refers to the acts which involve the direct use or information, such as coaxes.

**3.** "Commodification of Women" is a practice, which puts women in a subordinate position, which results in the treatment of women as both commodities and objects. An employer, woman are allowed to use female partners to enhance their physical attractiveness. An object of consumption, women are reduced to a mere commodity for manipulation and exploitation for their own sake, their own career usually in exchange of money or goods that women have no control or power to direct back utilization or negotiation.

**4.** "Persons with Disability" are persons of physical impairments that have differentiated needs and potentials.

**2.** "Domestic Violence" is a condition which gap between the rich and the poor women and generates women fear the future as it concerns instability and unequal distribution of wealth. Such gap involves two important factors, political and strategic needs of present or women.

**4.** "Food Buying Initiative" refers to any activity, whether in whole or in part, organized in any public place, barter or other means in any market level using commodities which women are used in those places, activities in such places such as a minimum package for all women, price or negotiation in the market delivery, using up, buying or selling which depicts a market economic, political or social

focus in order to raise funds

- 9. "Sex" means a state of being male or female, male or female collectively, sexual intercourse
- 10. "Gender" means a state of being masculine, feminine and neuter.
- 11. "Gender Equality" is the state required or expected of women and men as prescribed by society.
- 12. "Gender Mainstreaming" strategy of integrating gender and development concerns and issues at all levels of government understanding.
- 13. "Gender Perspective" way of viewing issues and problems that take into consideration the different realities of women's and men's lives, and recognizing that there is an integral relationship between the two.
- 14. "Gender Sensitive" having an understanding of the marginalized position of women and sensitively challenging the attitudes and behavior that reinforces women's subordinate status.
- 15. "Gender Sensitization" is an experiential and critical process of learning and unlearning by an individual, female or male, of the causes and effects of the culturally determined roles of male and women.
- 16. "Indecent Shows" are shows which include nude or other provocative gestures which further project and exhibit men and women as sex objects.
- 17. "Places of Amusement" include concert halls, cinemas and other places of amusement where sex acts/advertisements to entertain are used by using or viewing the show as performance.
- 18. "Pornographic" written, graphic or other forms of communications intended to excite lascivious feelings (The Gender International Dictionary, Volume 2).
- 19. "Prostitution" is the sale, purchase and exchange of women and men for sexual exploitative cash profit or other economic considerations by an individual, including but not limited to the pimp, procurer of the service, patrons, owners of establishments, such as disco, bars, saunas bath, massage clinics, hotels and restaurants, and any other person who can various schemes to prostitute women and minors.
- 20. "Reproductive Health" as defined in the International Conference on Population and Development and World Health Organization, and affirmed in Beijing Conference, reproductive health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its function and process.

**ARTICLE II  
Gender Development Programs**

**SECTION 3. Gender Sensitivity Orientation and Training.** It is an experiential and critical process of learning and unlearning by an individual, male or female of the causes and effects of the culturally determined roles of women and men.

All schools, offices, establishments or companies, departments and agencies including barangay officials, city officials and employees of the Local Government of Tagaytay shall receive gender-sensitive orientation and training which shall equip with theoretical and practical knowledge on gender issue and concerns. Non

Likewise, all establishments, schools, colleges shall develop assessment tools for gender-related machineries/institutions.

**SECTION 6. Support to Gender Studies.** A sufficient amount shall be allocated in gender-related documentation and researches which shall form part of the City's data-based program development.

**SECTION 7. Popularization of Gender-Fair Materials.** There shall be an active promotion and publication of gender-fair materials in popular forms in the City of Tagaytay.

**SECTION 8. Integrated Gender Sensitive and Environment-Friendly Zonation Plan.** An integrated Gender Sensitive and Environment-Friendly Zonation Plan of Tagaytay City shall be established taking into consideration, among others, the following:

- a. relocation of communities shall not deprive anyone of their sources of income;
- b. relocation sites shall not contribute to an increase or any other burden in economic, home and social production;
- c. housing and housing-related projects shall be those reproductive lands suitable for agricultural purposes.

**SECTION 9. Community-based Environment Plans and Programs.** Both men and women shall participate in pollution control, zero-waste technology development and management, Gender-Sensitive Natural Resource-based Management Programs. The City Government shall engage staff in the development of gender-sensitive natural resource management programs.

**SECTION 10. Role of Women in Environment Impact Assessment Projects.** The City Government shall actively promote the active role of women in environmental impact assessment projects.

**SECTION 11. Promotion of Alternative Technology.** The City Government of Tagaytay shall actively promote an alternative technology that is appropriate and safe for everybody's well-being.

**SECTION 12. Sufficient Budget for Basic Social Services.** An amount necessary to support the basic social services for all is deemed sufficient (circumstances shall be allocated from any available sources of funds).

**SECTION 13. Investment and Loans.** The City Government, the City Gender and Development (CGAD) Council shall conduct consultative assemblies to all POCs, GOCs and NGOs in establishing contracts, loans and investments to directly implement or people's welfare and development at the barangay level.

**SECTION 14. Support to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).** The City Government of Tagaytay shall conduct a survey of overseas contract workers, especially those who became victims of abuse, results of which shall serve as a basis in identifying special support to all OFWs, and take the list of legitimate placement agencies for monitoring purposes.

Special issues on OFWs, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), special teams on overseas contract work primarily to assist OFWs on the issues and concerns relative to migration shall be systematically established in all especially in the barangay level.

**SECTION 15. Education on National Policies.** Women and men shall undertake education on national policies and their implications on women and family.

**SECTION 16. Special training for Barangay Chairmen.** A special two-day training for Barangay Chairmen shall be conducted along gender questions and related matters.

**SECTION 17. Training on Non-Traditional Occupations.** Women shall be given an opportunity to acquire training on non-traditional occupation such as those related to science and technologies.

**SECTION 18. Incentive and Award System.** The annual search for Outstanding Barangay Gender and Development Council (BGADC) members and groups are being given to those BGADCs that have made the most headway in attaining the goal in handling gender equality of men and women in the barangay.

**ARTICLE III  
Support Services**

**SECTION 19. Support to Women/Victims Survivors of Violence.** The City Government of Tagaytay shall provide necessary support to women survivors of violence.

**SECTION 20. Women and Children's Desk (WCD).** The City Government through the Tagaytay City Component Police Station shall establish and maintain the WCDs previously handled by Women Police Officers, duly trained by GAD personnel, to specifically handle concerns of women and children and shall have a separate WCD room within the police station.

**SECTION 21. Role of Female Police Officer.** Complaints on battering and other forms of abuse against women and children shall be handled by female officers in the least police force whose character and credibility do not raise the accepted ethical standards in handling such cases.

**SECTION 22. Programs for Survivors of Violence.** Women and children who were survivors of all forms of violence shall be registered in the gender social intervention program which shall be carried out by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD/O).

**SECTION 23. Court Hearing of Rape Cases, Incest and other Forms of Violence Against Women and Children.** All investigations/hearings involving rape cases and other forms of violence against women and children conducted in the police station, prosecutor's office and trial courts shall recognize and allow the survivor's support group to be present in the room of observation and to provide moral support to the survivor's subject to litigation.

**SECTION 24. The Family Dispute and Violence Committee.** All Barangays in the City shall create the Family Dispute and Violence Committee.

**SECTION 25. Women and Children's Bullfins.** The Women/Men and Children's Welfare Program is hereby established under the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD/O) to carry to provision and services of improved livelihood especially those affected by natural and man-made calamities.

**SECTION 26. City Gender and Development Council.** The City Gender and Development Council of the City of Tagaytay shall serve as the coordinating and advisory body of the City Government in developing programs geared towards gender and youth development, promotion and protection of women's rights and ecological balance, shall be formally and regularly consulted on peace and development issues on the basis of social equity and justice.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Political and Public Sphere of Women and Children

**SECTION 27. Declaration of March 8 as INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (Proclamation No. 224) and the month of March as WOMEN'S MONTH (Proclamation No. 231).** As declared by the United Nations, March 8 shall be observed as Women Day and March as Women Month, through the issuance of an Executive Order by the City Mayor. There shall be a city level set of activities for women to increase their level of awareness and critical consciousness on the issues affecting them.

**SECTION 28. Women's Summit.** A Women's Summit shall be held on the month of March which shall be organized and managed by the City Gender and Development Council (CGDC).

**SECTION 29. International Day of Action for Women's Health.** The City Government of Tagaytay shall cause the celebration of the International Day of Action for Women's Health every year where issues and concerns relative to the protection and promotion of women's health shall be examined, addressed, promoted and government action sought.

**SECTION 30. City Level Self - Organization of Women.** Self organization of women shall be recognized at the city level to include organizations of young women.

**SECTION 31. Creation of City Gender and Development Council (CGDC).** A Council for Gender and Development shall be created and organized at the city level covering three main sectors: representatives of COs, NGOs and POs; Men and Women organizations with main membership at the community level shall likewise be represented in the Council.

**SECTION 32. National Children's Month.** Pursuant to Proclamation No. 303 dated September 26, 1995, the City of Tagaytay shall observe the month of October as National Children's Month and coordinate activities/projects in the observance thereof.

**SECTION 33. Integrated Development Program for Women.** The Government of Tagaytay through the City Gender and Development Council (CGDC) and the concerned sectors shall develop a program that shall facilitate empowerment of women. Active

support for the preservation of women's knowledge of the environment shall be incorporated in the program.

#### ARTICLE V Labor and Employment

**SECTION 34. Equal Access to Employment, Training and Promotion.** No one shall be denied of employment opportunities on account of gender, age, race, religion and civil status as prescribed in the Labor Code, as amended by R.A. 6725. Likewise, no one shall be denied of training and promotion to employment.

**SECTION 35. Wage and Benefits.** Every employer shall comply with the minimum wage as prescribed by the Regional Wage Board or as may be provided by existing laws and shall give all benefits to all employees such as maternity/paternity leave, sick and vacation leave, retirement, termination and other benefits provided by law.

**SECTION 36. Facilities and Support Systems for all Employees.** The City Government of Tagaytay shall ensure the safety and health of employees. In appropriate cases, employers may:

- establish separate and functional toilet rooms, showers and change for men and women;
- establish Breast-feeding Corner in the workplace to temporarily care breastfeeding children (nursing and early childhood care) working parents while on their respective job.

**SECTION 37. Orientation/Training on Gender Sensitivity and Family Violence.** All local offices, school, agencies and establishments or companies, government and private, in Tagaytay City shall conduct or sponsor orientation/training on Gender Sensitivity and Domestic Violence to their respective personnel. Report of training compliance shall be submitted to the City Gender and Development Council (CGDC).

**SECTION 38. Setting up of Grievance Machinery.** A grievance committee shall be set up in all local offices, agencies, establishments or companies to act on complaints related to violence against women. For this purpose, grievance procedure must be installed in every agency, office or establishment.

**SECTION 39. Gender Sensitive Physical Plan.** A physical plan appropriate for a gender-sensitive environment shall be adopted by all offices, agencies and establishments or companies which shall help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of harassment in the workplace.

**SECTION 40. Monitoring System for Labor Standards.** A mechanism shall be installed in the City Gender and Development Council to monitor all offices, agencies and establishments or companies violating the Labor Code, the provisions of this code and existing laws.

**SECTION 41. Employment Assistance Program.** The City Government in cooperation with the Department of Labor and Employment, shall endeavor to assist poor workers, the unemployed and the underemployed in securing peaceful employment.

#### ARTICLE VI Health Rights

**SECTION 42. Budget for Women's Health.** An appropriate amount shall be set aside in the budget of the City Government for women's health and matricare services.

**SECTION 43. Approving of Health Care Delivery System.** Quality health care and services that are not discriminatory on account of their gender, age, race, religion shall be implemented.

**SECTION 44. Reproductive Health Care Delivery.** The City Government shall adopt the reproductive health (RH) care approach at all levels of health care delivery such as primary, secondary, tertiary, quaternary and quinary care. Reproductive health information, gender power relations and domestic violence shall not be linked to family planning and childbearing.

**SECTION 45. Women's Right Over Their Bodies.** Women's decision to plan and control pregnancy without unnecessary restriction to abortion shall be given appropriate support and guidance by health professionals, private and public at every national level.



**SECTION 46. Primary Health Care Delivery.** In consonance with the Department of Health's thrust, the City Government of Tagaytay shall strengthen the Primary Health Care Delivery System in the context of reproductive health.

**SECTION 47. Access to Safe Water.** All barangays in the City shall provide safe access to safe water supply. Appropriate water systems shall be installed, if possible right at their tap, to ease women's workload as well as increase women and children's working time for household use.

**ARTICLE VII  
Education Right**

**SECTION 48. Non-Formal Education.** In cooperation with the Department of Education, Non-Formal Education classes for all shall be held in identified schools in the City to facilitate working persons' access to education.

**SECTION 49. Promotion of Gender - Sensitive Curricula.** The schools and other concerned agencies within the City Government of Tagaytay shall promote gender sensitive curricula and career education programs to encourage women to pursue academic and technical courses to widen their career opportunities.

**SECTION 50. Adult Education.** Anyone desiring to engage in functional and practical education shall be enrolled in adult education programs, which shall be set up in all barangays in the City.

**SECTION 51. Monitoring and Reporting of Stereotyped Portrayal of Roles of Women and Men in Educational Materials.** The City Gender and Development Council (CGADC) shall coordinate closely with the Department of Education Office, Colleges and Universities and other network of schools in monitoring and reporting of stereotyped portrayal of roles of women and men as presented in education materials.

**SECTION 52. Study Now - Pay Later (SNPL) Plan.** The City Government shall institutionalize its scholarship program, through the SNPL Plan, for the poor but deserving students.

**SECTION 53. Sex Education.** Sex Education for the pre-puberty age shall be introduced in the right way, at the right place and by the right people. Understanding human sexuality is an intimate and personal matter not only of parents but also other concerned institutions that have the competence to carry out such obligation of teaching their children in the context of God's Love and Law.

**ARTICLE VIII  
Socio-Economic Benefits for Women**

**SECTION 54. Capital Assistance for Women.** All Local Government departments and agencies engaged in socio-economic programs shall increase their capital assistance and/or subsidy to women projects geared towards economic efficiency.

**SECTION 55. Socialized Lending Scheme.** All banks, financial lending institutions and cooperatives should open special windows for lending to women who has access to traditional sources of collateral. The women shall be deprived of credit. Many lending institutions should establish a socialized lending scheme friendly to women, which shall constitute the following:

1. Low bank rate interest
2. No postdated check
3. Certificate of income generating activities from the City Mayor
4. No need for spouse consent

**ARTICLE IX  
Barely Women's Rights**

**SECTION 56. Land for Women - Inherited Household and Landless Families.** Idle lands shall be distributed to qualified women/sex-headed households and landless families through intervention and commitment to all the land upon execution of a memorandum of agreement between the parties concerned. Ownership of such land shall be granted to women-headed households and families located at the zone of continuous tillage. The City Government and other agencies shall likewise support services as part of the Memorandum of Agreement.

**SECTION 57. Promotion of Land - Based Projects.** The City Government shall promote and support land-based projects ensuring food security for rural women utilizing science, women-friendly and appropriate technology training interventions.

**SECTION 58. Access to Science and Women-Friendly Alternative Technology.** The City Agriculture Office, in cooperation with the Department of Science and Technology and other related line agencies, shall establish a science and women-friendly alternative technology center for rural women in barangays.

**ARTICLE X  
Special Group of Citizens**

**SECTION 59. Persons with Disability (Disable Persons)**

- a. **Creative Employment Opportunities.** The City Government shall develop creative employment opportunities for persons with disability recognizing their different conditions and full potentials as human beings.
- b. **Special Education.** The City shall support the special education setting aside a special budget for this program prioritizing indigent persons with disability.
- c. **Reporting of Cases of Harassment Committed Against Persons with Disability.** The City Government through its City Gender and Development Council shall require all barangays to monitor and report cases of harassment committed versus disabled persons.

**SECTION 60. Older Persons**

- a. **Committee on Older Persons.** The City Council shall support the council for older persons setting aside yearly budget for their progressive activities in order to advance the interests of this special group of persons.
- b. **Support Funds for Older Persons.** Funds shall be allocated for livelihood assistance, medical check-up, social group-work programs and other appropriate socio-economic activities for senior citizens.
- c. **Day Center for Senior Citizens.** There shall be a City Center for abandoned, neglected older persons to take care and render comprehensive support services.

**SECTION 61. Persons in Detention.**

- a. **Support to Persons in Detention.** Rights of all detainees shall be protected. (1) Speedy trial of their cases shall be ensured by all concerned. (2) An appropriate program shall be designed to respond to their specific needs and problems as detainees? Separate structure and space for detention and rehabilitation shall be established, especially for women. No child shall be in detention as provided by R23 868.

**SECTION 62. Homosexual Group of Persons.**

- a. **Active advocacy on the rights of Homosexual Persons.** Rights of all Homosexual persons shall be actively advocated by all agencies concerned in coordination with the City Gender and Development Council (CGADC).
- b. **Employment Opportunities for Homosexual Persons.** The City Government shall develop equal opportunities for homosexual persons, recognizing their full potentials as human being.

**SECTION 63. Solo Parents**

- a. **Support to Solo Parents.** All solo parents regardless of status shall have equal access to support services which include livelihood, provision of seed capital, job placement, skills orientation, basic business skills, training, educational benefits for them and their children and medical services.
- b. **Appropriations.** To address the needs of Solo Parents, a yearly budget shall be set aside by the city/council under the GAD or gender appropriation acts.

**SECTION 64. LGBTQ -** funds for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups

**LGBT Anti-Discrimination Policy.** There shall be no discrimination by the lesbian, gay,

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Prohibited Acts:

1. Denial of access to public, educational and health services;
2. Denial of access, entry or use of private and public establishments, facilities, utilities, and transportation services;
3. Refusal of acceptance of any LGBT organizations in educational institutions, workplaces and similar settings;
4. Harassment of a person, natural or juridical, in which physical or verbal abuse takes place;
5. To deny or limit employment to any LGBT or any establishments for its possible reasons;
6. To ignore the rights, privileges benefits to an LGBT.

The Gender and Development Council shall initiate measures and programs that will strengthen the LGBT community and promote active participation of the latter in the development of the city.

ARTICLE XI  
Children Support Systems

SECTION 85. Day Care Centers. The City Government of Ilogigan shall ensure that Day Care Centers are set up in every barangay.

SECTION 86. Parental Authority. The father and mother shall jointly exercise parental authority over the persons of their common children.

CHAPTER II - MISCELLANEOUS AND PENAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1  
Anti-Trafficking in Persons

SECTION 67. Trafficking in Persons. It refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer or harboring, or receipt of persons, with or without the victim's consent or knowledge, within or across national borders by means of threat or use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation which includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude or the removal or sale of organs, as defined in R.A. 10364 as amended by R.A. 10984. An Act to institute policies to eliminate trafficking in persons especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the protection and support of trafficked persons, providing penalties for its violations and for other purposes.

SECTION 68. Acts of Trafficking in Persons. Any person, natural or juridical, who commits any of the following acts shall suffer the penalty:

- a) To recruit, transport, transfer, harbor, or receive a child for the purpose of exploitation or when the adoption is induced by any form of consideration for exploitation purposes shall also be considered as 'trafficking in persons' when it is done and involves any of the means set forth in the preceding paragraph.
- b) To introduce or recruit for slavery, trade in human organs, or other similar means, any person or as provided for under Republic Act No. 10363, any Filipino woman in a foreign country, for marriage for the purpose of acquiring, buying, offering, selling or trading her for to engage in prostitution, pornography, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery, involuntary servitude or debt bondage.
- c) To offer or contract marriage, not as provided, for the purpose of acquiring, buying, offering, selling or trading her to engage in prostitution, pornography, sexual exploitation, forced labor or slavery, involuntary servitude or debt bondage.
- d) To undertake or organize travel and travel plans consisting of manner packages or activities for the purpose of selling and offering persons for prostitution, pornography or sexual exploitation.
- e) To maintain or host a person to engage in prostitution or pornography.
- f) To adopt or facilitate the adoption of person for the purpose of prostitution, pornography, sexual exploitation, forced labor, slavery, involuntary servitude or debt bondage.
- g) To recruit, hire, adopt, transport or shelter a person, by means or threat or use of force, fraud, deceit, violence, coercion or consideration for the purpose of removal or sale of

organs of said person) and

1. To recruit, transport or adopt a child to engage in sexual activities in the Philippines or abroad.

ARTICLE II  
Anti-Rape Law of 1997

Republic Act No. 8353 - An act expanding the definition of the crime of rape, including the same as a crime against persons, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 3813 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code and for other purposes.

SECTION 69. When and How Rape is Committed. According to the Revised Penal Code, article 263-A, Rape is committed:

1. By a man who shall have sexual knowledge of a woman under any of the following circumstances:
  - a. When the offended party is deprived of reason or is otherwise incapacitated;
  - b. By means of fraudulent inducement or gross abuse of authority;
  - c. When the offended party is under twelve (12) years of age or is deemed such through force of the circumstances mentioned above for purpose.
2. By any person who, under any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof, shall commit an act of sexual assault by inserting his penis into another person's mouth or anal orifice or any instrument or object into the genital or anal orifice of another person.

SECTION 70. Penalty for the Crime of Rape. Republic Act No. 7209 provides that the crime of rape shall be punished by well-known penalties. However, the penalty of death shall be imposed if the crime of rape is committed with any of the following attendant circumstances:

1. When by reason or on the occasion of the rape, the victim has become insane;
2. When by reason or on the occasion of the rape, a homicide is committed;
3. When the victim is under eighteen (18) years of age and the offender is a parent, ascendant, step-parent, guardian, relative by consanguinity or affinity within the third and fourth degrees, or the common-law spouse of the parent of the victim;
4. When the victim is under the custody of the police or military authorities;
5. When the rape is committed in full view of the husband, parent, one of the children or other relatives within the third degree of consanguinity;
6. When the victim is a religious or a child laborer under 17 years old;
7. When the offender knows that he is afflicted with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disease;
8. When committed by any member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Philippine National Police or any law enforcement agency;
9. When by reason of on the occasion of the rape, the victim has suffered permanent physical mutilation.

SECTION 71. Rape in Intimate Relations. Intimate or marital relation shall not be a legal impediment to any criminal act of rape as provided in Section 69 of this article. Intimate or marital relationship shall not serve as a legal impediment to the prosecution of rape when:

1. Spouses are legally separated; or
2. There is separation in fact for at least six months.

SECTION 72. Punish and/or Marriage of the Offended Party with the Offender. The marriage of the offender with the offended party shall extinguish the criminal action or shall the penalty already imposed upon him. The provisions of this paragraph shall also be applicable to the co-principals, accessories and accessories after the fact of the crime of rape. In accordance to the Revised Penal Code, Article 263-C, The subsequent valid marriage between the offender and the offended party shall extinguish the criminal action of the present offense.

Should it be the legal husband who is the offender, the subsequent bigamy with the wife or the offended party shall extinguish the criminal action or the penalty provided, that the action shall not be extinguished or the penalty shall not be abated if the marriage is null.

SECTION 73. When May RA be Committed. Complaint for rape may be filed by any of the following persons:

- c) the offended party;
- d) his/her parents or legal guardian;
- e) his/her grandparents or collateral relatives;
- f) the officer or social worker of the City Social Worker and Development Office, or a fully licensed child-caring institution, orphanage, home for the aged, mental hospital or the similar institutions whose care or custody the offended party is committed; and
- g) a concerned, responsible member of the barangay where the crime was committed, but only if any of the persons mentioned here expressly grants their consent.

**SECTION 74. Support from Law Enforcement.** The law enforcer, preferably of the same sex (women) death or his/her authorized alternate as the offended party, upon receipt of a complaint for rape, shall:

- a) immediately conduct an investigation within 24 hours;
- b) arrange for counseling and medical services for the offended party;
- c) gather evidence for the arrest and prosecution of the offender; and
- d) make a report of his/her investigation and, on the basis of the offended party's testimony and additional evidence, if any, resolve the case to the proper prosecutive office within 36 hours from the time of filing, regardless of his/her evaluation of the case.

**SECTION 75. Investigation/Examination of Rape Survivors.** It shall be the duty of the investigating officer or the examining physician of the same sex, to ensure that such persons especially authorized by the examining physician and/or the rape survivor are allowed inside the room where the investigative or medical or physical examination is being conducted. Local government units/policia director must provide private rooms for investigation of such cases.

**SECTION 76. Suspension of Government Official or Employee.** The following ways shall be undertaken against government official or employee charged of rape:

- a. The immediate preventive suspension for a period of sixty (60) days may be imposed upon any official or employee charged of rape, provided that a verified complaint had been filed therewith; and
  - b. It is the duty of the suspensive officer of respondent public official or employee to facilitate the free, speedy and objective investigation of the complaint, and to initiate the prosecution of the complainant.
- Any official having authority, influence or moral ascendancy over another person charged of rape shall be fined -P=5,000.00 for non-compliance of this provision.

**ARTICLE III  
Sexual Harassment**

**SECTION 77. Special Court Proceedings.** Cases involving violation of this Act shall be heard in the chambers of the judge of the Regional Trial Court duly designated as Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Any provision of existing law in the contrary notwithstanding and with the exception of habeas corpus, election cases involving domestic relations and persons covered by Republic Act No. 4968, all cases shall give preference to the hearing or disposition of cases involving violation of this Act.

**SECTION 78. Beauty Contest.** This which would indirectly expose a woman's body that is offensive to morals and good name is imposed to regulate against women.

The holding of beauty contests need to strictly regulated. For this purpose, a Beauty Pageant Regulatory Board is hereby created under the City Gender and Development Council (CGADC) which shall be composed of the 10 Commission on Women and Family Relations in the Philippines, the City Social Worker and Development Office, representatives from the religious sector and other NGOs.

**SECTION 79. Sexual Harassment.** Sexual harassment shall be defined as the employment, education or training environment as provided in R.A. 7877, otherwise known as the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1993 and other complaints shall be filed with the proper court in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

**SECTION 80. Other Forms of Sexual Harassment.** Other than the definition provided in R.A. 7877, otherwise known as the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1993, the following constitute sexual harassment:

1. persistent telling of offensive jokes such as gross jokes or other analogous comments to someone who finds them offensive or humiliating;
2. taunting a person with constant talk about sex and sexual innuendoes;
3. displaying offensive or lewd pictures and publications in the workplace;
4. interrupting someone about their sexual activities or private life, except on medical or physical examination purposes;
5. making offensive hand or body gestures at someone;
6. repeatedly asking for dates despite verbal rejections;
7. staring or leering maliciously;
8. touching, pinching or brushing up against someone's body unconsensually or indelicately;
9. kissing or embracing someone against his/her will;
10. requesting sexual favors in exchange for a good grade, obtaining a good job, promotion;
11. cursing, whistling or calling a woman in public with words having dirty connotations or implications which offend, humiliate or embarrass the woman such as "papa, panti, panti"; etc.
12. any other unnecessary acts during physical examinations;
13. targeting women to wear suggestive or provocative attire during interviews such as on job hiring, promotion.

**SECTION 81. Husband and Wife Battering.** Husband and wife battering shall be punishable by law. Other forms of battering as defined in the Code shall be covered by penalty.

**SECTION 82. Covertive Surveillance of Entertainment Establishments.** The City Gender and Development Council (CGADC) shall conduct covertive surveillance of entertainment establishments existing in the City that may be exploiting, using men and women.

**SECTION 83. Polyphilia.** Polyphilia is a form of sexual perversion where children are the victims, shall be punishable as follows:

- a. when the offender shall have sexual intercourse with a boy or a girl, he/she shall be sentenced to the penalty for Acts of Rape under Section 72 and 73 of Article II, Chapter II of this Code;
- b. when the offender shall have anal intercourse with a boy or girl, he/she shall be sentenced to an arrest or imprisonment or in accordance with existing law or at the discretion of the court;
- c. when the offender commits other polyphilia act, he/she shall be punished by an imprisonment of 7 months or in accordance with existing law or at the discretion of the court, provided that said penalty shall be imposed in its maximum period if the offended party is a girl.

**SECTION 84. Additional Penalties for Polyphilia act as follows:**

- a. payment of moral damages to the offended girl or boy or his/her parents;
- b. if the offender is an alien, deportation after serving his sentence and paying his civil liabilities, he shall also be barred from re-entering the Philippines.

**SECTION 85. Complaints of Polyphilia.** Complaints against polyphilia acts shall be filed by the same process as recommended under Section 77, Article II and Chapter II of this Code.

**ARTICLE IV  
Labor and Employment**

**SECTION 86. Reproductive Health Services.** Establishments within the City

of Tuguey as well as labor intensive establishments shall provide access to reproductive health services to workers regardless of sex and civil status as a manifestation of concern for workers' role in social production. Classification of business period or license to operate shall be determined by the Department of the Local Government Unit concerned and a fee of ₱15,000.00 shall constitute the penalty for violation of this provision.

**SECTION 87. Orientation on Domestic Violence.** All local offices, agencies and establishments in companies, government and private, in the City of Tuguey shall conduct orientation on domestic violence. Failure to comply with this provision shall incur a penalty of a fine of not less than ₱5,000.00 and not more than ₱10,000.00.

**SECTION 88. Gender Sensitive Personal Plan.** A personal plan agreement for a gender sensitive environment shall be adopted by all offices, agencies and establishments in companies which shall help prevent sexual harassment, sexual abuse and other forms of mistreatment in the workplace. Failure to comply with this provision shall be punished as follows:

- 1. 1st Offense - fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and suspension of business period or license for 3 months.
- 2. 2nd Offense - fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) and suspension of business period or license for 6 months.
- 3. 3rd Offense - fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and revocation of business period or license.

**ARTICLE V  
Women in the Entertainment Industry**

**SECTION 89. Workers in the Entertainment Industry.** Workers in the entertainment industry shall be recognized as legitimate workers and they shall receive a minimum wage and benefits afforded to workers and shall render services only in the place of work as specified in the business period of the establishment concerned. Violation of this shall be subjected to a fine of ₱5,000.00 payable within five (5) days starting the day of apprehension or commencement of business period, or both at the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 90. Support Services for Women in the Entertainment Industry.** The City Government shall provide socio-economic support services for women in the entertainment industry in as far as to constantly required to their practical needs.

**SECTION 91. Medical Routine Check-Up.** Women in the entertainment industry shall be allowed by their respective employers with medical routine check-up and medical services if needed. The City will provide programs addressing the needs of such workers.

**SECTION 92. Laissez Surveillance of Entertainment Establishments.** A regular task force shall be created to conduct continuous surveillance of entertainment establishments regarding noise and nuisance. Public liability shall not be allowed during conduct of surveillance. Violation of this provision shall be subjected to administrative sanctions.

**ARTICLE VI  
Right to Health**

**SECTION 93. Reproductive Health Services for All.** All hospitals/clinics in the City of Tuguey shall offer equitable and affordable reproductive health services for all regardless of sex and social status. Non-compliance of this provision, the hospital/clinic operators, Chief of the Hospital or the concerned shall be penalized by a fine of ₱10,000.00.

**ARTICLE VII  
Socio-Economic Benefits for Women**

**SECTION 94. Banks, Financial Institutions and Cooperative Support System.** All banks, financial institutions and cooperatives are encouraged to open special windows for banking to women including young women who lack access to traditional sources of collateral. This provision ensures and protects the economic rights of women.

**SECTION 95. Increase Capital Assistance for Women.** The City departments and agencies engaged in socio-economic programs shall increase their capital assistance and or enable to women especially on loan-based projects using community bank approach.

**ARTICLE VIII  
Special Group of Persons**

**SECTION 96. Support - Legal Services of Cases of Harassment Concerned.**

Against Differently Abled Special Group of Persons such as: Persons with Disability, Older Persons, Persons in Detention, Immigrant Group of Persons and Solo Parents. All establishments in the City shall formulate a language level sections or units of harassment concerned against differently-abled special group of persons. Failure to comply with this provision shall subject the offenders to an administrative sanctions.

**SECTION 97. Support for Gender Professions.** Persons right to sex profession shall be supported and protected.

**ARTICLE IX  
Women and Children**

**SECTION 98. Support to Women and Children.** All agreements or arrangements entered at the barangay level relative to the support of the children shall final and executory. Violation of such agreements or arrangements shall be subjected to a fine of ₱50,000.00.

**SECTION 99. Promotion of Environment Friendly Technologies.** No government agency shall act as agents of chemical application. Chemicals allowed to be used are those duly authorized by the Herbicide and Pesticide Authority. An administrative sanction shall be imposed in case of agencies found violating this provision.

**ARTICLE X  
Gender and Development Orientation Training**

**SECTION 100. Gender Sensitivity Orientation and Training.** All schools, offices, establishments or companies, departments and agencies including city and barangay officials shall initiate gender sensitivity orientation and training which shall equip them with theoretical and practical knowledge on gender issues and concerns. Likewise all establishments, schools, colleges and university shall develop assessment tools for gender issues. Non-compliance of this provision shall require the concerned party to pay a fine of ₱10,000.00 and issuance of warning by the City Mayor through the City Gender and Development Office.

**CHAPTER III - MANDATORY PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE I  
The City Gender and Development Office**

**SECTION 101. Creation of the Gender and Development Office.** The City Gender and Development Office of the City of Tuguey is hereby created specifically in accordance the provision of this ordinance. It shall be the coordinating, regulatory and monitoring office of the City Government of Tuguey which shall focus on gender sensitive projects and activities.

**SECTION 102. Functions of the City Gender and Development Office.** This distinct office shall have the following functions to ensure consistency in the implementation of the provision of this code:

A. **Monitoring and Coordinative Functions.** These functions shall ensure the realistic, measurable and tangible results in the implementation of this Code. These include, but are limited to:

- 1. **Gender Sensitive Work.** A system of services and facilities in order to monitor status of men, children and women in the City whereas all departments and agencies therein shall develop practical methodologies for incorporating gender perspective in all aspects of economy and policy-making. It shall collect gender and age-integrated data on poverty situation and all aspects of economic activity and develop qualitative and quantitative statistical indicators to facilitate the measurement of economic performance from a gender fair perspective. It shall also serve as the data bank of the City Government on gender and development.
- 2. **Legal Aid Services Check.** A coordinated services for any legal actions needed in protecting men, women, children and special group or persons rights shall be provided.
- 3. **Advocacy and Campaign Management.** A coordinated advocacy and campaign on all forms of discrimination and violence against our people shall be programmed.
- 4. **Sustainable and Gender Sensitive Project Development.** A system of approach of projects in addressing sustainable impact.



to women and men. Local centers, public centers and workers.

C. **Volunteer Media Clerk.** An active dialogue with tri-ethnic organizations shall be undertaken by the office in coordination with the Suggestion Panel/Board Committee for Gender Equality, Family Affairs and Social Welfare and Women, GOs and NGOs, as inclusion of all forms of volunteer is needed.

B. **Regulatory Functions.** This function shall include such tasks and activities related to the following concerns:

1. **Education and Training Requirement.** Gender-sensitive education and trainings for all departments and agencies of the City Government of Tagaytay and at the barangay level shall be designed. Instruments for contents of the courses shall be established by the Office.

2. **Psycho-social Support Program.** A holistic and indigenous approach to men and women with mental dis-functioning which include weaknesses in their physical/biological, emotional, psychological and social needs shall be set-up. Indicators of program success shall be established by the Office.

3. **Early Childhood Care and Development Program and Services.** Appropriate support services for children shall include day care services for toddlers as prescribed by RA 8772. Indicators of equality of services shall be established by the Office.

4. It shall be included in all the programs related to the conceptualization, development, implementation and evaluation of population and gender development and advocacy programs of the City Government.

5. **Compliance and monitor compliance** of private and government establishments pertaining to RA 7877.

**SECTION 103. Organization.** The City Gender and Development Office shall be headed by a City Government Department Head who shall be assisted by three (3) Division Chiefs, one (1) for the Administrative Division, one (1) for the Gender and Development Monitoring and Coordinating Division and one (1) for Training and Special Services Development Program Division. The City Mayor shall recommend to the local the appropriate representatives or position title of the home City Government Department Head based on the existing guidelines prescribed by the Department of Budget and Management.

**SECTION 104. Composition.** The Gender and Development Council shall be composed of the following:

- DOWO – as the lead agency
- POF
- DepEd
- Rural Health Office- CHO
- NGO - Superior Religious Association
- Legal Office
- Purok - Kababaihan ng Tagaytay
- PNP/CCM

At the Division level, the following sections are hereby established:

1. **Administrative Division**
  - a. **Chief and Technical Services Section**
  - b. **Research Section**
  - c. **Property and Supply Section**
2. **GAD Monitoring and Coordinating Division**
  - a. **Gender Section- Watch Section**
  - b. **Legal Aid Services Check Section**
  - c. **Advocacy and Campaign Management Section**
  - d. **Gender Section- Project Development Section**
  - e. **Triennial Check Section**
3. **Training and Special Services Division**
  - a. **Education and Training Section**
  - b. **Psychological Support Services Section**
  - c. **Early Childhood Care and Development Section**
  - d. **Assessment and Evaluation Section**

**SECTION 105. Appointment and Qualification.** The City Government Department Head shall be approved by the City Mayor with concurrence of the Suggestion Panel/Board, provided that he/she must be the following qualifications:

- a. Must be a holder of any relevant college degree;
- b. Must be a lawful resident of the City of Tagaytay;
- c. Must have at least a 7-year experience in Gender and Development work;
- d. Must have appropriate Civil Service Eligibility;
- e. Other qualifications relevant and necessary hereinto.

**SECTION 106. Personnel.** Upon recommendation of the City Mayor, the Suggestion Panel/Board shall create positions that will assist in the implementation of this Code and train the operators of the City Gender and Development Office taking into consideration the service requirements and financial capability of the City Government, subject to the maximum standard prescribed by the Civil Service Commission as well as the appropriate position title and salary grade prescribed by the Department of Budget and Management.

**SECTION 107. Compliance Report.** Within six (6) months from effectivity of this Code and every six months thereafter, the City Gender and Development Office shall submit a report to all offices concerned, copy furnished the Suggestion Panel/Board, of their compliance with this Code.

**ARTICLE II  
Transitory Provisions**

**SECTION 108. Bonding.** Any amount as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Code is hereby appropriated from any available source in the General Fund of the City. Therefore, the City Government shall set aside an amount as may be necessary to fund the GAD projects and activities of the City Government in pursuance of this Code, subject to existing personnel laws, rules and orders in the matter.

**SECTION 109. Rules and Regulations.** The City Mayor, through the assistance of the City Gender and Development Office, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code.

**ARTICLE III  
Final Provisions**

**SECTION 110. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions, memorandums, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Code are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

**SECTION 111. Separability Clause.** If for any reason any portion or portions of this Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 112. Supplementary Clause.** On matters not provided for in this Code, any existing applicable laws and their corresponding implementing rules and regulations, executive orders and related issuances issued hereinafter shall apply in supplemental manner.

**SECTION 113. Effectivity Clause.** This Code shall take effect upon completion of the necessary printing and publication requirements prescribed under Republic Act No. 7490, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1992.

ENACTED March 18, 2019

CERTIFIED CORRECT

OSWEN CESO F DE CASTRO  
 acting Secretary to the Suggestion

APPROVED APRIL 04, 2019

(S) JOY MAR AGONIS E. YULIANTHA, DMD  
 City Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
CARBONA, CAVITE

BOO USRBANK, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.  
THE SA. SO. CALABO-2018-21  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 154, AS AMENDED  
BY ACT 419

CALATA CORPORATION (Formerly: PLANTERS  
CHOICE AGRO PRODUCTS INC.), AVESTHA  
HOLDING CORPORATION, SPS. EUSEBIO &  
ISABEL CALATA, JOSEPH R. CALATA, GAUDRUM  
CUM FACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

CALATA CORPORATION (Formerly: PLANTERS  
CHOICE AGRO PRODUCTS INC.),

Plaintiff,

vs.  
BOO USRBANK, INC.,

**NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 1115, as amended by Act 419 filed by the mortgagee, BOO USRBANK, INC., with principal office address at 800 Corporate Center, 7888 Makati Avenue, Makati City against the mortgagees, CALATA CORPORATION (Formerly: PLANTERS CHOICE AGRO PRODUCTS INC.), with office address at Subukba Highway, Banga 15, Marikina, Bulacan; AVESTHA HOLDING CORPORATION, SPS. EUSEBIO & ISABEL CALATA, JOSEPH R. CALATA, GAUDRUM CUM FACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, with office address at No. 302 J. Orosa Street, Banga 1st, Marikina, Bulacan and for the satisfaction of the mortgage debt/loan. The mortgage debt includes payment of 14,118,000.00 Philippine Pesos and interest of 1,100,000.00 Philippine Pesos as of 01 October 2018 amounting to SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX & 84/100 PESOS (P= 767,284,266.96) inclusive of penalties and interest as of the said date, declaration of all legal liens and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale. The Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of Carmona, Cavite, will sell at public auction on 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 10:00 AM clock in the morning, in open Session in the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, 23rd Hall of Justice, Marikina, Carmona, Cavite in two highest bidders and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property with all its improvements including thereon, to-wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 140379

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 4, BLK. 15 OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, PCS-041104-00424, BEING A

PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 1-3, (LRC) PCS-24699, 1-3 (LRC), PCS-24434 (4-1), 41-43, 399-A TO 399-L, 294-B, 343-C, 342-A-342-L, 875, 882-A, 892-C, 912, 1012-B, 1012-C, 1014-A, 1014-C, 1015-A-1015-L, 1044, 108, 914 ALL OF BRD-0078, PSJ-0883, PSJ-10472-001, 1013 & 1016 ALL ADMINACAD 8-96-K-71, PCS-04294-00006, L.R.C. REC. NO. 1, SITUATED IN THE BRGY. CABIANG BAYBAY, MUN. OF CARBONA, PROP. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDARY ON THE W. ALONG CDR. 1-2 BY LOT 7 BLK. 15 ON THE N. ALONG LINE 1-1 BY ROAD LOT 28, ON THE E. ALONG LINE 1-4 BY LOT 3, & ON THE SE. ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 4, BOTH BLK. 15 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN, BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 24 DEG. 33' W. 122.79M FROM BLEK. NO. 1, KARIANG BAYBAY, CARBONA, CAVITE, THENCE S. 86 DEG. 01' E. 25.27 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE S. 88 DEG. 09' E. 23.90M TO PT. 3; THENCE S 42 DEG. 39' E. 33.31 M TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 74 DEG. 48' W. 25.98 M TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIVE HUNDRED ONE (501) SQUARE METERS, ALL PTS. BATTERED TO BE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.C.V. (CONC. MOUND) STAKES ONLY, BEARING TRUE DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY, JUNE 16-18, 1911, ACCO. 18-22, 1917, ACCO. 18, 1986-JULY 31, 1981, AND THAT OF THE CORN. REC. NO. 303, SURVEY, JAN. 25 REPT. 24, 1992, AND WAS APPROVED ON JAN. 4, 1993.

Proposed Auction and Sale Dates are hereby stipulated to mortgage for themselves the title of the subject property and the mortgagee herein, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-specified date and time.

In the event the public auction should take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 21 SEPTEMBER 2018 at the same time and place without further notice.

June 14, 2018, Carmona, Province of Cavite

Clk. : **RON GERARD B. ANSANO**  
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

City Foreclosed:

1. BOO USRBANK, INC.,  
800 Corporate Center, 7888 Makati Avenue, Makati City

2. CALATA CORPORATION (Formerly:  
PLANTERS CHOICE AGRO PRODUCTS INC.),  
Subukba Highway, Banga 15, Marikina, Bulacan

3. AVESTHA HOLDING CORPORATION  
SPS. EUSEBIO & ISABEL CALATA  
JOSEPH R. CALATA  
GAUDRUM CUM FACE DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION  
No. 302 J. Orosa Street, Banga 15, Marikina, Bulacan

Plaintiff/s: **DIWARYO KABITENCO**  
Date: August 19, 28 and September 5, 2018

## Understanding probiotic yeast

Researcher led by Prof. Johan Thevelein (VIB-KU Leuven Center for Microbiology) has discovered that *Saccharomyces boulardii*, a yeast with probiotic properties, produces uniquely excessive amounts of acetic acid, the main component of vinegar. They were also able to find the genetic basis for this trait, which allowed them to modify the acetic acid production of the yeast. If the unique *S. boulardii* trait can be further validated to have a probiotic effect in animal models, these results could provide the first genetic basis for *S. boulardii*'s unique probiotic potency. The study is published in *Genome Research*.

In 1923, the French scientist Henri Boulard isolated a mysterious yeast strain from lychees in South East Asia. This yeast turned out to have unexpected and potent probiotic properties. This yeast, called *Saccharomyces boulardii*, has since been commercialized for treatment of diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases. It is now sold in pharmacies all over the world under a wide range of trade names. Recent whole-genome DNA sequence analysis showed that *S. boulardii* is closely related to the much better-known *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, the yeast species which different varieties are commonly used in baking, beer brewing, wine making, bioethanol production, etc. The DNA sequence of these two yeasts is actually so similar that *S. boulardii* is no longer considered as a separate species but as a variety of *S. cerevisiae*. Why this *S. boulardii* yeast has been so successful as probiotic, as opposed to the common *S. cerevisiae* yeasts, has remained a complete mystery.

The team led by Prof. Johan Thevelein (VIB-KU Leuven) found that the production of acetic acid, the main ingredient of vinegar, is a distinguishable feature of *Saccharomyces boulardii*.

Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Branch 109, Carmona, Cavite

UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK,  
Mongaga,

SCC-GMA-2019-31  
For Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real  
Estate Mortgage under ACT No.  
2135, as amended

MARISSA DELA CERNA MEDREZ and  
YASSER MOHAMED ZAKI MEDREZ,  
Mongaga,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 2135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK, with postal address at SCOP Executive Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City against mortgagees MARISSA DELA CERNA MEDREZ and YASSER MOHAMED ZAKI MEDREZ, with postal address at Chamber 6, Unit 3-1, Newport, Pasig City and for the satisfaction of the mortgage debt which as of May 16, 2019 amounts to TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT PESOS and 40/100 (P2,697,588.44), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Clerk of Court and ex-officio sheriff will sell in public auction on 11 OCTOBER 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at noon hereinafter in the Court Room of Branch 109, Regional Trial Court, 217 Hall of Justice, Marikina, Carmona, Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to-wit:

Treasury Certificate of Title  
No. 857-201608438

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND ( LOT 16, BLOCK 1 ), OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN, PSD-04-17777, BEING A PORTION OF BLOCK 22 (ENCLOSED AREA, PSD-04-18187), LBC RECORDED NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF LANTIC, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF

CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE NE, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 3; ALONG LINE 2-3 BY BLOCK 1, ON THE SE, ALONG LINE 3-4 BY BLOCK 1, ON THE SW, ALONG LINE 4-1 BY BLOCK 1; AND ON THE NW, ALONG LINE 1-1 BY BLOCK 1. ALL OF THE ABOVE PLAN, BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 23 DEG. 38' W., 136.17 M. FROM BLIM NO. 10 CAD-263 CARMONA, CADASTRE, THENCE S. 11 DEG. 30' E., 18.03 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE S. 99 DEG. 47E., 0.44 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE S. 82 DEG. 31' W., 17.06 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE N. 11 DEG. 18' W., 10.03 M. TO PT. 5; THENCE N. 74 DEG. 20' E., 17.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO (182) SQUARE METERS, ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY FE. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM BEARING TRUE DATE OF ORIAL SURVEY AUGUST 1949-MAY 1941, AND THAT OF THE SIBID. SURVEY, SIBID 51, 2386 AND WAS APPROVED ON AUGUST 8, 2006.

Prospective bidders and/or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on 25 OCTOBER 2019 at the same time and place without further notice.

Carmona, Cavite, July 15, 2019.

(Sgd.) RON GERARD D. ASCAÑO  
Clerk of Court VI

Copy furnished:

UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK  
11770 Executive Building, Makati  
Avenue, Makati City

MARISSA DELA CERNA MEDREZ and  
YASSER MOHAMED ZAKI MEDREZ  
Chamber 6, Unit 3-1, Newport, Pasig City

Lot 16, Blk. 01, Phase 2, Carmona Branch,  
San Lazaro Lancers Park, Brgy. Lantic,  
Carmona, Cavite

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Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Branch 20  
Imus, Cavite

REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES, represented by  
the Department of Public  
Works and Highways  
(DPWH),

Plaintiff,

- versus -  
CIVIL CASE No. 6680-17  
For Ejectment  
(L-4 No. 177) under TCT No.  
(T-2001) RT-0881

MELITON TAPAWAN married  
to FLORENTINA TAPAWAN,  
NARCISA TAPAWAN, and  
AMBROSCIA TAPAWAN,  
Defendants.

ORDER

Before this Court is a Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication filed by plaintiff Republic of the Philippines represented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), through the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

Plaintiff alleges that as per Process Server's Return dated March 23, 2018, compliance is partially served but defendant refused to acknowledge receipt, after defendant passed away and same are out of the country.

The Rules of Court in Sec. 14 of Rule 4 provides that where the defendant's whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained despite diligent inquiry, service of summons may, by leave of court, be effected upon him by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

The Court finds the Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication to be proper and hereby GRANTS the same.

IN VIEW THEREOF, with reasons by publication be issued in accordance with Sec. 14 Rule 34 of the Rules of Court.

SO ORDERED.

Imus City, Cavite, 16 April 2019.

(Sgd.) JHELENA K. SECAR  
Acting Presiding Judge

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It's never too late to start exercising, new study shows

Older people who have never taken part in sustained exercise programmes have the same ability to build muscle mass as highly trained master athletes of a similar age, according to new research at the University of Birmingham.

The research shows that even those who are entirely unaccustomed to exercise can benefit from resistance exercises such as weight training. In the study, published in *Frontiers in Physiology*, researchers at the University of Birmingham's School of Sport and Exercise Sciences compared muscle-building ability in two groups of older men. The first group were classed as master athletes - people in their 70s and 80s who are lifelong exercisers and still competing at top levels in their sport. In the second were healthy individuals of a similar age, who had never participated in structured exercise programmes. Each participant was given an isotope

tracer, in the form of a drink of 'heavy' water, in the 48-hour periods just before and just after the exercise, and examined these to look for signs of how the muscles were responding to the exercise.

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT  
OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED  
DORINDA FRANI SARANGHILI**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **DORINDA FRANI SARANGHILI** who died testate at Zamboanga City, Cebu on April 19, 2017 consisting of bank accounts with **PHIL SAVINGS BANK**, Zamboanga Branch under ACCOUNT NO. 411700014, with a balance of P890,112.77 as of June 30, 2018 has been administered and intrajudicially settled by and among her heirs and for and in consideration of the said intrajudicial settlement of said estate they have thus obtained, hereby executed and absolutely valid, signed and sworn and discharge the **PHIL SAVINGS BANK**, its administrators and assigns under all of its offices or agencies from any and all claims, suits, actions or claims of action which they, their executors or assigns may have, or to the future may have against the said Bank, its executors, administrators, assigns and their heirs, legatees, assignees, executors and assigns, in and to the said Bank, its administrators and assigns under its offices or agencies for any claim or proceedings including, but not limited, or claims by accident, tort or in claims by the government on July 24, 2019 at Zamboanga, Cebu before Honorable Judge Antonio C. Encarnacion, C. J., sitting and acting in his Judicial Region in Div. No. 305, Page No. 78, Book No. 11, Series of 2018.

**Spd. (AR) JOY CLAUDE JOY F. SARANGHILI,**  
sole heir, Represented by Natural Father:  
**RICARDO F. SARANGHILI**

Publication: **DEVARVO KABITENYO**  
Date: August 19, 20 and September 2, 2019

**Psychosensory electronic  
skin technology  
for future AI and  
humanoid development**

**DIGEST** has an theme hands in the future. The attempts to sense human's five senses led to the development of innovative electronic devices such as camera and TV, which are inventions that dramatically changed human life. As a result, many scientists are continuously performing research on how to humanoid robots and imitate tactile, vibratory, and palpe sens-

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT  
OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SPOUSES CIPRIANO  
GARCIA CAMERINO and MELI RODRIGUEZ  
CAMERINO WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CIPRIANO GARCIA CAMERINO** and **MELI RODRIGUEZ CAMERINO** who both died testate on June 23, 2017 and on November 8, 2014 both at Zamboanga, respectively, consisting of over (2) pieces of land described as follows:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-321466**  
**Registry of Books for the Province of Cebu**

A parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Pampang, Barrio, Municipality of Zamboanga, Cebu, containing an area of SIX HUNDRED (600) SQ. METERS.

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-318668**  
**Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cebu**

A parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Aagao, Municipality of Zamboanga, Cebu, containing an area of SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE (631) SQUARE METERS.

**HOUSE-TAX DECLARATION NO. 00-0018-01868**  
has been administered and extrajudicially settled by and among their heirs in the following manner:

a) TCT No. T-321466 - solely and exclusively by **WILFREDO K. CAMERINO** with **MARITON C. CARAAN**, **FELIX B. CAMERINO** and **RAQUEL C. BABA**, waiving all their rights and interests over the said property.

b) TCT No. T-318668 - split being to **MARITON C. CARAAN**, **FELIX B. CAMERINO** and **RAQUEL C. BABA** and **WILFREDO K. CAMERINO** waiving all their rights and interests over the said property.

on July 18, 2019 at City of Zamboanga before Honorable Judge Antonio C. Encarnacion, C. J., sitting and acting in his Judicial Region in Div. No. 3, Page No. 2, Book No. 10V, Series of 2019.

Publication: **DEVARVO KABITENYO**  
Date: August 19, 20 and September 2, 2019

**Spd. (AR) JOY**

as and tactile sensing is expected to be the next metamorphic technology for various reasons. Currently, most tactile sensor researchers are focusing on physical monostatic technologies that measure the pressure used for a robot to grab an object, but psychosensory tactile research on how to imitate human tactile feeling such like soft, smooth or rough has a long way to go. As a result, Professor Jae-Eun Jung's team developed a tactile sensor that can feel pain and temperature like human through a joint research with Professor Cheil Moon's team in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Science, Professor Ji-wonng Choi's team in the Department of Information and

Republic of the Philippines  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
Zamboanga City, Zamboanga  
Branch 21  
Room 215, Cebu

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
represented by DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS  
(DPWH)**

Plaintiff  
vs.  
**CIVIL CASE NO. 8722-18**  
FOR REQUISITION

**JOSE ODE,**  
Defendant

**ORDER**

Before this Court is a Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication filed by the Republic of the Philippines represented by Department of Public Works and Highways. The defendant is an owner of the lot whose whereabouts is unknown and unascertainable.

Under Section 14, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court, it is not sufficient that the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whatever his whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertainedly through inquiry service may be made of court, he should appear first by publication as a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

**IN VIEW THEREOF** and finding the motion compliant in substance and form, the same is hereby **GRANTED**. Let the plaintiff cause the publication of summons in a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive days at its own costs and expenses.

**SO ORDERED.**  
Given at Zamboanga City this 16th day of March, 2019.

**Spd. (JOSEFINA E. SANCAR**  
Acting Presiding Judge

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Communication Engineering and Professor Hengseon Choi's team in the Department of Robotics Engineering. Its key strengths are that it has simplified the sensor structure and can measure pressure and temperature at the same time and can be applied on various tactile systems regardless of the measurement principle of the sensor. For this, the research team focused on one, oxide nano-wire (ZnO Nano-wire) technology, which was applied as a self-power-tactile sensor that does not need a battery thanks to its piezoelectric effect, which generates electrical signals by detecting pressure. Also, a temperature sensor using Seebeck effect(s) was applied if the sensor tries for one action to do two jobs.

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Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
City of Marikina

**NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.**  
Mortgages

Case No. **Branch No. 2013-412**  
For: **Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage**

**JOSE PERCIVAL E. SERAPION** married to **JOCELYN SERAPION**,  
Mortgages

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE**

Open Contractual for Sale under Act 3125 as amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.**, of 108 Avenida St., Laguna Village, Marikina City, and against the mortgagee, **JOSE PERCIVAL E. SERAPION** married to **JOCELYN SERAPION**, of C/O SPY Unit 302, 7th Flr. Bldg. No. 16/164-4, Marikina City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness therein as of June 2013, amounting to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS & 70/100 (P1,335,124.70)** plus interest, charges of justice charges the undersigned or his duly authorized representative will sell in the public auction on **September 27, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Marikina City, Cavite, in the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to-wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-00686**

"A parcel of Land Cont. 19.801. 1 of the cert. Plan No. 042/101/02/000, being a portion of lot 1994-A, 72-184, 2AC No. 10, situated in Bldg. No. 16/164-4, Marikina City, Cavite, in the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to-wit:

"All undivided interest therein as follows:

"To transfer the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 4, 2013**, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby expected to investigate the description of the site in the said property and measurements. It says there is:

City of Marikina, August 19, 2013

**Ugal OLGA B. VICTA**  
Clerk of Court IV

Case Foreclosed

**ATY BANTE Q. RIZABA**  
OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL, 108 Avenida St., Laguna Village, Marikina City

**Mr. & Mrs. JOSE PERCIVAL E. SERAPION and JOCELYN SERAPION**  
C/O SPY Unit 302, 7th Flr. Bldg. No. 16/164-4, Marikina City, Cavite  
108 Avenida St., Bldg. No. 16/164-4, Marikina City, Cavite

**WARNING:** For attorney fees and other expenses, please refer to the notice of Extrajudicial Foreclosure for the date of sale.

Publication: **DIWARYO KARTEDOSO**  
Date: **September 2, 9 & 16, 2013**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
MULTIPLE SALE  
MARIKINA CITY

**UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK**,  
Mortgages

EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3125 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 4118

**LOVELLA BALDAGO NAVA** for herself and as Attorney-in-Fact of her husband **CHRISTOPHER PERALTA NAVA**,  
Mortgages.

Case No. **2012-19**

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE**

Open contractual for sale under Act 3125 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK**, mortgagee, with principal office at UCFB Executive Bldg., Makati Ave., Makati City against **LOVELLA BALDAGO NAVA** for herself and as Attorney-in-Fact of her husband **CHRISTOPHER PERALTA NAVA**, with residence and postal address at Lot 25, Block D1, Lantawan Village Phase 2, Barangay Alipue, J.C. Jover, Cavite under P2,126,800.00 (Two Million One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred) Philippine Currency, as being interest, penalties and attorney's fees for enforcing thereof's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, for enforcement thereof to-wit: sell at public auction on **NOVEMBER 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, PTC, Marikina City, Marikina City, Batangas, Agaña Highway, Jover, Cavite, in the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements thereon, to-wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 087-2010018541**

A PARCEL OF LAND-LOT 18, BLK. 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCL-0424495, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. SUBD. OF LOTS 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 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PAG-IBIG FUND as TRUSTEE  
Mortgagee.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE ENDEAVOR  
LIT. AL. AMINDED, REPUBLIC ACT 1418

HERMAN L. CABE mortgagor to  
REGINA R. CABE  
Mortgagee.

TC No. 106679

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Copies of this notice are for sale under Act 1333 as amended by Act 5014 filed by PAG-IBIG FUND as TRUSTEE, mortgagee, with principal office at 577 Third Floor JLP Division, Lizaola Center, No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City against HERMAN L. CABE mortgagor to REGINA R. CABE, both of legal age, Filipino, Citizen, with residence and postal address at 409 Tackles Street, Phase 1, Maricor Business Village, Sta. Lucia, Pang City, Marikina and/or Lot 5, Block 5, Starling Meadows, Amdar 1, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage obligations which as of June 5, 2019 amounts to TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN PESOS and 76/100 (P2,491,157.00) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges; the existing owner's share therein's free and of value charge incidental to the foreclosure and sale, the subrogated third party will be public auction on **September 11, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. or near thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Multiple Sala, Imus/Tigay Kamangay, Aguirre Highway, Imus, Cavite, in the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to-wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
NO. 857-201-049782

A PORTION OF LAND LOT 3 OF THE CONS-SUBD PLAN, PCS-84-09784, BEING A PORTION OF THE LINDA DEL ROSO TITAN BLOCK, PCS-84-04891, L.I.C. REC. 281 8843 SITUATED IN THE BLOCK OF ANSILU L. ALON, OF 880/5, 380V, 49 CAVITE, ISLAND OF LILUON, BEING IN THE SW, ALONG LINE 1, 2 BY LOT 5 IN THE 4 N.E., ALONG LINES 2, 4 & 5 BY LOT 10, BOTH OF THE CONS-SUBD PLAN, IN THE 4 N.E., ALONG LINES 4, 5 & 7 & 8 BY ROAD LOT 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 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"It is noted that must be referred to the subrogated or the second time and date."  
"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 18, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice."

Respectful Solicitors and hereby intended to investigate the Defendant the title to the said properties and proceedings herein. Copy them to:  
Imus, Cavite, Philippines, August 14, 2019.

Charl ORAZOLA MEDINA  
Attorney At Law

APPROVED:

Charl REGALADO E. RUMBO  
Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff

Case Foreclosed

PAG-IBIG FUND as TRUSTEE

179 First Floor JLP Division, Lizaola Center,  
No. 409 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City

HERMAN L. CABE mortgagor to  
REGINA R. CABE,  
409 Tackles Street, Phase 1, Maricor Business Village,  
Sta. Lucia, Pang City, Marikina and/or

Lot 5, Block 5, Starling Meadows, Amdar 1, Imus, Cavite

Publication: DIVAYO KARTENVO  
Date: September 2-8, 2019

# New ways of developing treatment of chronic inflammation

Researchers from Aarhus University Hospital and Aarhus University in Denmark in collaboration with researchers from Colorado in the United States have found a new way to treat the inflammation involved in chronic diseases such as psoriasis, asthma and HIV. A group of transmitters, substances (cytokines) in the immune system, the so-called IL-1 family, has been shown to play an important role in many of these diseases by regulating the body's immune responses.

Professor Charles A. Dinarello from University of Colorado Denver is also an honorary doctor at Aarhus University. He is an expert in regulation and transmission of these cytokines. He is primarily known for discovering the important cytokine IL-1 $\beta$ , which plays an important role in countless diseases. In collaboration with Charles

Dinarello, the Danish researchers have investigated a more efficient way of reducing the effect of the IL-1 family and in this way improve treatment of chronic inflammatory diseases.

Previous research has often focused on blocking a single cytokine or signaling pathway at a time. However, many diseases and signals are driven by more than one cytokine. This has caused researchers to wonder if it could be possible to block more important signaling pathways of the IL-1 family at the same time, and in this way make it possible to develop better treatments. The researchers try to find a broader anti-inflammatory treatment impacting several important cytokines at the same time, but also trying to avoid that the same unwanted side-effects.

In this study, the researchers have investigated if a compound (IL-1R3), which is

not just involved in the signaling of one but in different inflammatory cytokines in the IL-1 family, could be a possible target in the treatment of chronic inflammatory disease. Using an antibody to block the effect of IL-1R3, it was possible for the researchers to investigate the effects in both studies on rats and mice.

In this way, researchers could study some of the consequences of the blocking of this receptor on the immune system. At the same time, the research is specifically studied the effect of blocking IL-1R3 in mice with a high grade allergic inflammation (asthma) or psoriasis.

"The experiments showed that it was possible to effectively block the response and reduce manifestation of disease, which underlines the potential in our new approach," says MD and PhD Søren Egeberg, which is

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Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Regional Trial Court Of Cavite  
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
New Justice Hall, 1P West Avenue, Alabang Town, Taguig City

**MANAYAT MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE** represented by JEMUEL C. FELICIANO,  
*President/Mortgagee*

ED 141, PG-18-872  
FOR Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Ref No. 1178, as amended.

**SPO. ROBERTO J. DELLOSAN, JR., and GRIEZEL S. DELLOSAN**  
*Respondent/Mortgagee*

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Ref. 1178, as amended by Act 4118, filed on August 8, 2019 by **MANAYAT MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE**, *Plaintiff/Mortgagee*, a duly registered cooperative duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at Bonifacio 2nd Phase, Bulacan, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the "Guarantee or Pledge/Security for Loan/Purchase" dated October 24, 2015 that was entered by **SPO. ROBERTO J. DELLOSAN, JR., and GRIEZEL S. DELLOSAN**, *Respondent/Mortgagee*, with present address at Block 11 Lot 22, Woodland 5th, Marikina, Cavite, in favor of the Plaintiff/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements therein, described in and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-28860496 of the Registry of Deeds for Taguig City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligations of the Mortgagee to the amount of **NINE HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT PESOS (P996,668.06)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of July 31, 2019, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite-4th Judicial Region, Alabang Town, Cavite, hereby announces that on **OCTOBER 24, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Justice Hall of Taguig City, in the highest bidder, in cash or Mortgage Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements therein, to-wit:**

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-28860496**  
Registry of Deeds for Taguig City

THE ROBERTO CERTIFIED description and location is: **BARANGAY OF MOUNTING BLOO, MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNTING BLOO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON**, more particularly described as follows:

LOT NO. 492-B-1 PLAN NO. PG-44-27766  
POSITION: DIV. LOT 492-B-1  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF MOUNTING BLOO, MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNTING BLOO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NORTH	LOT 490, W. CGD-64-22980-D (BOYAR, Y.M. WISOL)
2-3	EAST	LOT 490, W. CGD-64-22980-D
3-4	SOUTH	LOT 1238, E.A. 442-D

4-1 WEST

**DE POINTS: BEARING, DISTANCE**

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	S 75° 37' E	260.43 N.
2-3	S 89° 34' E	41.45 N.
3-4	S 09° 34' E	66.42 N.
4-1	N 03° 14' W	237.71 N.

**AREA: TWO THOUSAND SQUARE METERS (2,000) MORE OR LESS**

**DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: POINTS 7 & 1 BY OLD P.C.T. COR. - 54996, 13561 CALACE THE RIGHT BY P.C.T. COR. - 14038 - 13620 COR.**

**BEARINGS: 0/00**  
**DECLINATION:**  
**DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: DEC. 1, 1973-DIV. 4, 1973**  
**DATE OF SUB-COMPARATIVE: DECEMBER 20, 2014**  
**DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: APRIL 24, 2017**  
**GEODETIC ENGINEER: TUMARA B. DOMALAG**

**NOTES:**  
It is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of:  
**Owner: SPO. ROBERTO J. DELLOSAN, JR., AND GRIEZEL S. DELLOSAN, FILIPINOS**  
**Addres: WOODLAND 5TH PHASE, BLOCK 11, CAVITE CITY**

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, a shall be held on **OCTOBER 31, 2019** without further notice.

Prospective bidders may on any business day, examine and verify the true contents of the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-28860496, the instrument in question, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date, Taguig City, Philippines, August 19, 2019.

By: **JUVY ANNEAL RUBAY**  
Office in Charge/Clerk of Court 4

By: **TEODORO O. CRIBO**  
Sheriff in Charge

**WARNING:**  
**IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.**

Copy Furnished:  
**MANAYAT MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE**  
Batasan 2nd Phase, Bulacan

**SPO. ROBERTO J. DELLOSAN, JR., and GRIEZEL S. DELLOSAN**  
Block 11 Lot 22, Woodland 5th, Marikina, Cavite

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Eliminating visual stimulation may help counter symptoms of spatial neglect after stroke

A recent report by postdoc in a patient with spatial neglect following central hemorrhage. A case report, was published by Physiotherapy Complications of the hemorrhagic stroke of the right basal ganglia and surrounding area included marked right gross, severe postural asymmetry, and inadequate responses to multi-step commands. These symptoms limited the ability of the 55-year-old woman to participate in therapy, and hindered the use of conventional paper-based tools for evaluating her for spatial neglect. Under these circumstances, the diagnosis of spatial neglect was based on the Kessler Foundation Neglect Assessment Process (KF-NAP), i.e., observation of her performance of daily life activities. The team found ev-

idence in the literature that indicated that some individuals performed better on tests of spatial neglect when visual stimuli were eliminated. They hypothesized that eliminating visual input would increase spatial awareness.

The authors are Pei Chen, PhD, of Kessler Foundation, Shannan E. Minick, DPT, Christi-

na Conding, DPT, Irene Ward, DPT, and Noel N. Josey, MD, of Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation.



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In compliance with Section 2 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served the public that **MA. THERESA E. SAGUERRA** has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from **MARIA THERESA** to **MA. THERESA** in the birth certificate of **MARIA THERESA TRANO FERRE**, who was born on **FEBRUARY 6, 1978** in **Sanilo, Aliboa, Cavite**, and whose parents are **Rolando A. Ferrer** and **Lilian M. Taula**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **September 18, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **TERESITA A. GALANG**  
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In compliance with Section 2 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served the public that **ALBERTO D. MARJES** has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from **EDILBERTO** to **ALBERTO** in the birth certificate of **EDILBERTO DINGLASAN MARJES**, who was born on **March 18, 1961** in **Sanilo, Aliboa, Cavite**, and whose parents are **Pedro Crisostomo Marjes** and **Julia del Mundo Diaguana**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **September 16, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **TERESITA A. GALANG**  
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**Discovery paves the way for earlier detection of type 1 disease**

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Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that typically emerges before the age of 20, wipes out the body's ability to produce insulin — a hormone that's essential in life.

Diagnosis often comes after symptoms arise, at which point the disease has taken hold. But if there were a way to test at risk patients for very early signs of the disease, it may be



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**MA. TERESA E. DISMABANAN**  
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There is a petition for the Change of First Name of **MARIA DOLORES A. FEJER** from **MARIA DOLORES** to **MA. TERESA** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 15, 1967** at **MEÑDEZ, CAVITE** and whose parents are **ROVEDO FEJER** and **ATROBA ALIRE**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any interested person is cited to notify this office and show cause why the same should not be granted.

LETTERS NOTICE be published at least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation as required under Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9048.

(Sgd.) **REYNALDO F. BACOS**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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possible to delay its onset.

In new research published in *Science Immunology*, scientists at Scripps Research have discovered what may be the earliest possible biological marker of type 1 diabetes, formerly known as juvenile diabetes. If their mouse study can be replicated in humans, which they are now attempting to do, the timing of therapeutic intervention may be drastically improved for patients who are on course to develop the disease.

**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **JULITO E. BABOC** who died testate on October 23, 2017 in Tagay City, Metro Manila, consisting of a parcel of land located at Cavite City covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-9794 of the Registry of Deeds for the City of Cavite with improvements existing thereon, containing an area of **NINETY EIGHT (98) SQUARE METERS, more or less**, has been adjudicated and extra-judicially sealed by and between his being father, on and in consideration of the sum of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00)** Philippine currency, they do hereby, **SELL, CONVEY** and **TRANSFER** by way of **ABSOLUTE SALE** unto **RPS MING A. SILVANO** and **BENJIE M. SILVANO**, their heirs and assigns, all their rights and interests in the parcel of land with all the building and improvements situated thereon on August 14, 2019 at the City of Cavite, Philippines before Notary Public **Atty. Nestor A. Baling** and recorded in the Provincial Register at Que. No. 5942, Page No. 32, Book No. 128, Series of 2018.

(Sgd.) **Both Debs**  
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Roughly 1.25 million American children — that among people and adults have type 1 diabetes, and the incidence rate is increasing for reasons that aren't fully understood. For those with the disease, more than 25 years ago — that among people with type 1 diabetes, a distinct genetic signature is always present among a certain class of immune-regulating molecules known as the immune system attacks pancreatic beta cells that are solely responsible for producing insulin. Without insulin, their body is unable to move sugars out of the bloodstream and into cells, where glucose is needed for energy. Because of this, people with type 1 diabetes need to closely monitor their blood-glucose levels and inject insulin daily to survive.

The scientific community has known for a long time — ever since a landmark genetic study of type 1 diabetes

In the case of type 1 diabetes, the mutated HLA protein binds to fragments of insulin made by beta cells, prompting destruction by the immune system.

# Pancreas on a chip: Organ-on-a-chip and stem-cell tech combined

By combining two powerful technologies, scientists are taking diabetes research to a whole new level. In a study led by Harvard University's Kevin J. Parker, microfluidic and human islet-producing beta cells have been integrated to an "islet-on-a-chip." The new device makes a model for scientists to screen insulin-producing cells before transplanting them into a patient, test its fundamental biology of diabetes.

The design of the islet-on-a-chip was inspired by the human pancreas, in which thousands of cells ("islets") receive a continuous stream of information about glucose levels from the bloodstream

and adjust their insulin production as needed. "If we want to cure diabetes, we have to restore a person's own ability to make and deliver insulin," explained Douglas Melton, Xander University Professor of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology and co-director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute (HSCI). "Beta cells, which are made in the pancreas, have the job of measuring sugar and secreting insulin, and normally they do this very well. But in diabetes patients these cells can't function properly.

Now, we can use stem cells to make healthy beta cells for them. But like all transplants, there is a lot involved in making sure that can work safely." Before transplanting beta cells into a

patient, they must be tested to see whether they are functioning properly. The current method for doing this is based on technology from the 1970s giving the cells glucose to elicit an insulin response, collecting samples, adding reagents, and taking measurements to see how much insulin is present in each case. The manual process takes so long to run and interpret that many clinicians give up on it altogether.

The new, automated, miniature device gives results in real time, which can speed up clinical decision making.

"Our device arranges islets into separate lines, delivers a pulse of glucose to each one simultaneously, and detects how much insulin

is produced," said Aaron Gliberman, co-first author on the paper and Ph.D. candidate in the Parker lab. "It couples glucose stimulation and insulin detection in the same flow path, so it can give a clinician actionable information quickly. The design also uses materials that are amenable to larger-scale manufacturing, which means more people will be able to use it."

"The islet-on-a-chip lets us measure how donated or manufactured islet cells are releasing insulin, as cells in the body can," said Parker, Vert Faculty Professor of Bioengineering and Applied Physics at Harvard. "That means we can make serious headway towards cell therapies for diabetes. The device makes it easier to

screen drops that stimulate insulin secretion, test stem cell-derived beta cells, and study the fundamental biology of islets. There is no other quality-control technology out there that can do it as fast, and as accurately."

Harvard's Office of Technology Development has filed patent applications relating to this technology and is actively exploring commercialization opportunities.

"It was exciting to see our lab's method for measuring islet function taken forward from individual cells to much bigger groups of cells, and incorporated into a device that can be used widely in the community," said co-author Michael Hogen of Florida State University, whose lab focuses on the fun-

damentals: biology of islets. "Now, we have a device that integrates glucose delivery, islet positioning and capture, reagent mixing, and insulin detection, and requires far fewer reagents. So labs can use it to do more experiments at the same cost, using a much shorter and easier process."

"My main interest is in diabetes itself — all the adults in my family have type 2 diabetes, and that is the reason I've pursued science as a career," said Benjamin Pope, co-first author of the study and postdoctoral fellow in the Parker lab. "I am really excited about seeing this technology used in diabetes research and transplantation screening, because it enables cellular therapies for diabetes."

# Number of years in NFL, certain positions portend greater risk for cognitive, mental health problems

Longer NFL careers and certain playing positions appear to each spell greater long-term risk for serious cognitive problems such as confusion, memory deficits, depression, and anxiety in former football players, according to a new report published Aug. 30 in *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*.

The study is believed to be the first to explore the interplay between career length, position and cognitive and mental health outcomes among professional football players.

The analysis — based on a survey of nearly 3,500 former NFL players — was conducted by investigators at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School as part of the ongoing Football Players Health Study at Harvard University.

The study results

show that players who experienced concussions had elevated risk for serious cognitive problems, depression and anxiety, which persisted over time, as long as 20 years following injury. The investigators caution that their analysis relied on players' memories of experiencing concussion rather than on diagnosis at the time of injury. And the findings do not mean that everyone with concussion will necessarily experience cognitive or mental health problems, they add. Contrary to previous reports, the new research did not find a link between starting football at a young age and cognitive problems in adulthood.

On one level, the researchers say, many of their findings make intuitive sense and confirm what some might have already suspected: The longer players remain in the game, the more likely they are to suffer a head injury, which increases the risk for neurocognitive problems. It also affirms that certain positions are more prone to concussions and, therefore, players in them face greater risk for experiencing the downstream effects of head injury.

Nonetheless, the researchers said, the analysis is the first to document and quantify the risk that stems from lengthier careers and certain high-impact positions.

Specifically, the analysis showed that players who reported the most concussion symptoms had 22-fold risk of reporting serious long-term cognitive problems and six times the risk of having symptoms of depression and anxiety, compared with those who reported the fewest symptoms.

Our findings confirm what some have suspected — a consistently and persistently elevated risk for men who play longer and who play in certain positions," said study lead investigator Andrea Roberts, a research scientist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "Our results underscore the importance of preventing concussions, vigilant monitoring of those who suffer them, and finding new ways to mitigate the damage from head injury."

For the study, former players, average age 53, were asked about the number of seasons played in the NFL, their positions and any history of blows to the head or neck followed by symptoms of concussion such as dizziness, confusion, stress problems, loss of consciousness, nausea, headaches and seizures, among other symptoms. Based on

the number and severity of symptoms, players were given a concussion score.

Overall, one in eight players (12 percent) reported signs of serious cognitive problems. By comparison, about 2 percent of people in the general population in the United States report such problems. Age made no difference in the interplay between concussion and cognitive problems, the study showed. Those under age 32 reported serious cognitive problems at a similar rate as the rest (13 percent), a finding that suggests neurocognitive decline was likely not a function of mere aging. Alarmingly, that risk remained magnified even in those 45 and younger. Indeed, 30 percent of players 45 and younger who had the most concussions reported serious cognitive problems.

To gauge whether the number of seasons played and position type were linked to depression, anxiety and cognitive problems, the researchers used standard questionnaires commonly used to screen for the presence of such disorders. The researchers compared the proportion of players with serious cognitive problems among individuals with various career lengths — one season, two to four seasons, five to six seasons, seven to nine seasons and 10 seasons or more. Overall, those with the longest careers — 10 seasons or more — were twice as likely to report severe cognitive problems compared with players who'd played a single season — 12.6 percent in the 10-plus season group reported signs of severe cognitive problems compared with 5.8 percent in the single-season category.

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# Skin cancer risk in athletes: The dangers of ultraviolet radiation

The dangers of ultraviolet radiation exposure, which most often comes from the sun, are well-known. Speaking at The Physiological Society's Extreme Environmental Physiology conference next week, W. Larry Kenney, Penn State University, will discuss how broad its effects can be, from premature aging to cancer, and how this can be influenced by different skin tones and the use of sunscreen.

Athletes ranging from bikers to tennis and runners exceed the recommended ultraviolet exposure limit by up to eight-fold during the summer and autumn months. While regular physical activity is associated with

a reduced risk of most cancers, skin cancer is an exception. For malignant skin cancer, those in the 90th percentile for physical activity have an increased risk of cancer than those in the 10th percentile. Sun protection is especially important as multiple studies demonstrate an elevated risk of skin cancer for those who regularly participate in outdoor sports or exercise.

The ultraviolet radiation spectrum is categorized by wavelength as UV-A (320-400 nm), UV-B (290-320 nm), and UV-C (200-290 nm) and the biological effects vary per type. UV-A constitutes around 95% of ultra-

violet radiation that reaches the earth's surface, with the remainder being UV-B. In the skin, UV-A is able to reach the skin's blood circulation but most of UV-B is absorbed in the outer layers of the skin (called the epidermis and upper dermis) due to its shorter wavelengths.

Skin pigmentation is another factor that affects our response to sun exposure. UV radiation affects the body's ability to create two important substances, vitamin D and folate, which contribute to both a health pregnancy and early childhood development. It helps vitamin D be synthesized, whereas it causes folate to break down.

## Emotion recognition deficits impede community integration after traumatic brain injury

Kessler Foundation researchers have found a correlation between deficits in facial emotion recognition and poor community integration in individuals with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. Their findings have implications for the development of rehabilitative interventions to reduce social isolation in this population, improve outcomes, and increase

quality of life. The article, 'Community integration in traumatic brain injury: The contributing factor of affect recognition deficit,' was published ahead of print on June 10 in the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society by Cambridge University Press. The authors are Allison S. Binder of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, Austin, TX, and Kate Lancaster

Ph.D., Janine Langenfelder, PhD, Nancy Chalmers, PhD, and Helen Genova, PhD, of Kessler Foundation.

Among people with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury, social isolation is prevalent and contributes to poor rehabilitation outcomes. Social isolation manifests as lack of community integration, which comprises the home, social settings, and educational and employment settings.

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