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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY**

# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on June 14, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:*

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**PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 543-2021**

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING AS ITS DECISION EN BANC, THE RESOLUTION/RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SP ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 04-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is in receipt of a verified administrative complaint filed on July 27, 2020 by Mr. Joker Ignacio, incumbent Punong Barangay of Bantog, Asingan, Pangasinan against Mayor Julius C. Ramos of Sta. Maria, Pangasinan for Grave Misconduct and which was referred to the Committee on Good Government and Accountability of Public Officers, Justice and Human Rights as SP Administrative Case No. 04-2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Good Government and Accountability of Public Officers, Justice and Human Rights, on June 14, 2021 submitted its Decision embodied in Committee Report No. 28-2021, to wit:

**DECISION**

*This is an administrative complaint of GRAVE MISCONDUCT instituted by Joker Ignacio, incumbent Punong Barangay of Bantog, Asingan, Pangasinan against Mayor Julius C. Ramos, incumbent Mayor of Sta. Maria, Pangasinan.*

*After the respondent filed his Answer and the complainant submitted his Reply thereto Pre-trial Conference was held for the purpose of simplification of issues and the possibility of stipulation of facts.*

*During the Pre-trial Conference respondent Mayor Julius Ramos was represented by his counsel Atty. Russel A. Barroga while complainant Joker Ignacio was without counsel, having earlier manifested before the committee that he does not intend to engage the services of a counsel.*





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*Thereafter, the parties agreed to submit the case for decision on the basis of the evidence so far adduced and the documentary proofs submitted in support of their respective claims.*

*Thus this Decision:*

*As collated, evidence for the complainant tend to establish that sometime early January, 2020, several men entered, extracted and hauled sand and gravel from a parcel of land along the Agno River bank located inside Barangay Bantog, Asingan, Pangasinan. That the persons were identified as Ambeth Mendoza, backhoe operator and Renato dela Pena, truck driver. They reasoned out that they were just following the orders of their employer, herein respondent Mayor Julius Ramos. Since then up to the present, despite repeated warnings and demands to cease and desists, and without permit from Barangay Bantog, they continued their illegal quarrying. That consequently, a demand letter was sent to the respondent and his employees to stop their illegal activity, to no avail.*

*Several documents were submitted by the complainant to support the administrative complaint against Mayor Julius Ramos to wit;*

- a. Demand letter dated July 13, 2020 addressed to Mayor Julius Ramos.*
- b. Several pictures showing backhoe and truck gathering sands and gravel inside the gravel pit, allegedly belonging to barangay Bantog.*
- c. Pictures showing the location where the quarrying was made.*

*In his Answer, respondent articulated that the administrative complaint filed against him has no factual and legal leg to stand on and merely a retaliatory move of the complainant because the respondent deliberately ignored the demand letter that he sent to him. Respondent further claimed that the pieces of evidence on record do not constitute substantial evidence for him to be held administratively culpable for Grave Misconduct.*

*In support of his contention, respondent submitted the following documentary evidence;*

- a. May 8, 2018 Memorandum Report re: request for site inspection of quarry site by Presley G. Agbanlog (Annex "1");*
- b. DPWH prepared vicinity map of the quarry site applied by Presley G. Agbanlog (Annex "2");*
- c. Area Status and Clearance of the Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit Application of Presley G. Agbanlog (Annex "3");*
- d. Sketch Map and Technical Description of the quarry site applied by Presley G. Agbanlog (Annex "4");*
- e. Sketch Plan of the quarry site applied by Presley G. Agbanlog (Annex "5");*