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SUBJECT: A LETTER FROM HON. ANGELES M. PEGOLLO, PUNONG BARANGAY OF PALANGUE 2&3 REQUESTING FOR THE DENIAL OF BUSINESS PERMIT TO A CERTAIN "BATCHING PLANT" OPERATED BY PACIFIC TOWN VENTURES INC., DUE TO AN UNSAFE AND IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES)

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 AM by the Committee Vice-Chairperson Raymond P. Senia, with the presence of Barangay Secretary Carla May Cayas, Punong Barangay Angeles Pegollo (Barangay Palangue 2 & 3), Engr. Michael Caesar (MENRO), Ms. Krizza Paula Nazareno (OIC-BPLO), Mr. Roldan Ramilo (Representative, Pacifictown Ventures Inc.), several residents of Barangay Palangue 2 & 3 and SB Member Bonifacio M. Atienza Jr.

During the meeting, the Committee presented the complaints filed by the residents against Pacifictown Ventures Inc. The primary concerns raised were:

1. Noise pollution
2. Dust pollution
3. Harmful effects on crops and plants



4. Health concerns, particularly respiratory issues

It was established that the batching plant does not have the required business permit. This was confirmed by the BPLO and admitted by the company's representative. The company clarified that the batching plant is only an auxiliary facility supporting their subdivision projects with approved development permits. It is temporary in nature and is dismantled upon project completion. The company also stated that concrete materials are not sold externally but are used solely for their own projects, similar to their operations in Trece Martires City.

The batching plant began operations in 2025. According to Punong Barangay Pegollo, complaints were raised within the first week of operation. In February 2025, residents observed cement dust emissions during mixer loading. The Punong Barangay conducted an inspection and recommended mitigation measures such as installing barriers or using wet cloth. While the company complied, these measures were insufficient to resolve the issue. An incident involving damage to a resident's ampalaya crops, allegedly due to dust emissions, resulted in a settlement wherein the company paid PHP 100,000.00 as compensation.

Despite relocation of the batching plant nearer the gate and implementation of mitigation measures, complaints persisted. Coordination between the company and residents at the barangay level became difficult. The company acknowledged initial operational issues and stated that corrective measures were undertaken in accordance with municipal standards. However, due to continued complaints and interruptions, including a one-month stoppage, the company incurred financial losses.

On March 24, 2026, an attempt to resume operations was made but was unsuccessful due to obstruction by some residents. The company decided to cease operations and dismantle the batching plant after consuming the remaining cement in the silo.

The company requested 10–12 days to complete this process. However, residents strongly opposed the request due to ongoing health and environmental concerns. Residents proposed an alternative method that could be completed within 2–3 hours and expressed willingness to temporarily evacuate. The company explained that such a method may result in greater dust emissions, higher risks, increased costs, and technical difficulties.

Other issues were likewise raised during the meeting, including a land dispute involving areas occupied by some residents, which was noted but considered separate from the main issue. Several residents also shared their personal experiences, citing alleged health effects such as skin diseases and respiratory issues; however, allegations of deaths purportedly linked to the plant remained unsubstantiated. An incident of tension was also reported, involving an attempt to block operations and a resident allegedly carrying a bladed weapon, which was promptly addressed and managed by the Punong Barangay to prevent escalation.

A signed agreement by approximately ten (10) residents opposing the resumption of operations was presented and duly noted by the body, with the same having been witnessed by the BPLO representative. In response, Pacifictown Ventures Inc. expressed its agreement not to resume operations in the area and to relocate the batching plant to another project; however, it was noted that the method and timeline for the removal of the remaining cement in the silo remain unresolved.

A resident proposed that, should the company be allowed to operate for ten (10) days solely to consume the remaining materials in the silo, such allowance be conditioned upon an agreement that the company will no longer interfere with the land presently occupied by the residents, even if such land is under the ownership of Pacifictown Ventures Inc. In response, the company representative stated that he has no authority to decide on the matter but assured the body that the proposal will be relayed to the company president for consideration. He further committed that any final decision from the company's management will be promptly communicated to the Punong Barangay and the affected residents.



The committee recommends the following:

1. To elevate the matter to the Sangguniang Bayan for appropriate action;
2. To prioritize the welfare and health of the residents;
3. To encourage Pacifictown Ventures Inc. to demonstrate full understanding and cooperation with the community;
4. To await the final decision of the company's management regarding the residents' request, particularly on the conditions for the removal of the batching plant.

There being no other matters discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.