



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DILG-NAPOLCOM Center
EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

February 2, 2017

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2017-18

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF ARMM AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATING DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2005-63, DATED JUNE 28, 2005 ENTITLED, "OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS"

Pursuant to Rule VI, Article 21, of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 9994, also known as the "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010," *An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, further amending RA No. 7432 of 1992 as amended by RA No. 9257 of 2003*, there shall be established in all cities and municipalities an Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA).

Section 1. OSCA Head- The senior citizen to be appointed by the City or Municipal Mayor as OSCA Head should have the following qualifications:

- a) A Filipino citizen and resident of the municipality or city for at least one (1) year;
- b) A registered voter of the concerned city or municipality;
- c) Able to read and write;
- d) Must be physically and mentally capable of performing the tasks of OSCA Head;
- e) A bonafide member of a duly registered senior citizens organization which has a track record of at least three consecutive years;
- f) Good moral character; and
- g) At least a high school graduate

Section 2. Selection and Term of OSCA Head- The OSCA Head shall be chosen from a list of three (3) nominees as recommended by a general assembly of DSWD-accredited or LGU-registered senior citizens organizations in the city or municipality. He/she shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an extension not exceeding three (3) months, if exigency so requires.

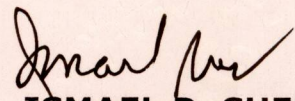

The OSCA Head shall be appointed to serve the interest of senior citizens and shall not be removed or replaced except for reasons of death, permanent disability, or ineffective performance of his duties to the detriment of fellow senior citizens, as stated in a resolution issued by the general assembly. In case of death or permanent disability, the remaining term shall be served by the new appointee, who has undergone the selection process. The new Head may be reappointed if he/she has not served one-half of the full term.

However, the National Anti-Poverty Commission-Senior Citizens' Sectoral Council (NAPC-SCSC) issued Resolution No. 14, Series of 2016, entitled, "*RESOLUTION URGING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS TO ENGAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADHERE AND COMPLY WITH THE CLEAR MANDATE OF RA 9994 ON THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF OSCA HEADS*", which state that field report shows that there are Local Chief Executives who deliberately violate the process of selection and appointment by ignoring the manner of nomination and appointing proteges who are not qualified senior citizens, tolerating the continuance of the years of service in utter disregard of the three (3) year fixed term of office of an OSCA Head.

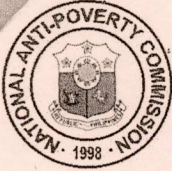
In this regard, we are reiterating that all City and Municipal Mayors are enjoined to comply with the provisions of the law and DILG MC 2005-63 dated June 28, 2005.

All DILG Regional Directors and the Regional Governor of the ARMM are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Circular, and ensure that this Memorandum Circular is effectively communicated to all concerned local authorities.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


ISMAEL D. SUENO
Secretary 





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RESOLUTION NO. 14, SERIES OF 2016

RESOLUTION URGING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS TO ENGAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADHERE AND COMPLY WITH THE CLEAR MANDATE OF R.A. 9994 ON THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF OSCA HEADS

WHEREAS, the selection and appointment of OSCA Heads in cities and municipalities is governed by the provisions of Republic Act No. 9994 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations which sets the procedure on the manner of nomination and appointment;

WHEREAS, reports from the field show that there are Local Chief Executives who deliberately violate the process of selection and appointment by ignoring the manner of nomination and appointing proteges who are not qualified senior citizens, tolerating the continuance of the years of service in utter disregard of the three (3) year fixed term of office of an OSCA Head;

WHEREAS, Section 6, of Republic Act No. 9994, "The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010" succinctly provides:

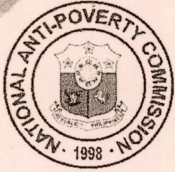
"Section 6. The Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA)- There shall be established in all cities and municipalities an OSCA to be headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of three (3) years without reappointment but without prejudice to an extension if exigency so requires. Said appointee shall be chosen from a list of three (3) nominees as recommended by a general assembly of senior citizens organizations in the city or municipality."

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"The head of the OSCA shall be entitled to receive an honorarium of an amount at least equivalent to Salary Grade 10 to be approved by the LGU concerned."

"RULE VI, Article 21, Section 1 provides:

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(Implementing Rules and Regulations)

WHEREAS, in order for Local Chief Executives of cities and municipalities to adhere to and abide by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9994 on the appointment of OSCA Heads, all accredited and registered senior citizens associations must endeavor and to implore all local government units to observe due process in the selection and appointment of OSCA Heads,

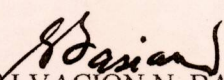
NOW, THEREFORE, on joint motion of all members present.

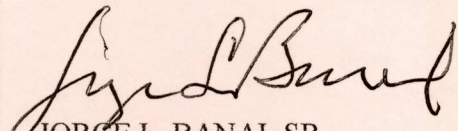
RESOLVE, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to urge all senior citizens organizations to engage Local Government Units to adhere and comply with the clear mandate of Republic Act No. 9994 on the nomination and appointment of OSCA Heads.

APPROVED, unanimously, this 25th day of November, 2016 at Madison 101 Hotel, New Manila, Quezon City.



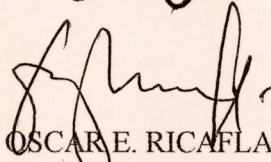
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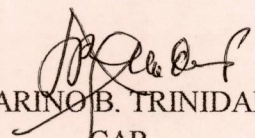

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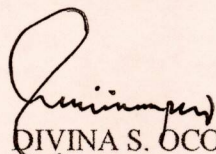

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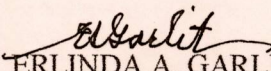
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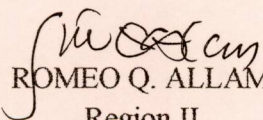

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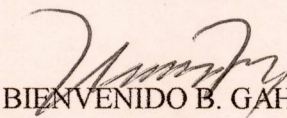

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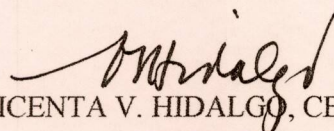

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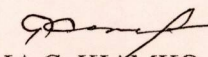
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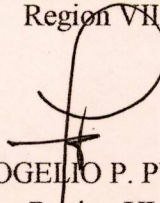

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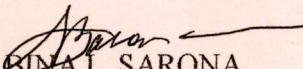

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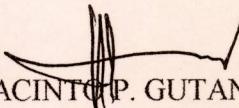
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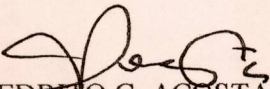

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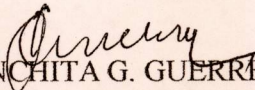


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