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ORDER OF POSTING AND SUBMISSION OF FINAL MEMORANDUM

02 July 2015

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF IRIGA CITY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR

Through: HON. FELIX Y. ALFELOR

City Mayor

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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod City of Naga, Province of Camarines Sur

DR. DANILO MADRID GERONA

Iriga City, Camarines Sur

RE: Case No. NCCA-3-2015-8 titled: "In Re: Petition to Lift of the Presumption of Importance of Barit Bridge (Presumed Important Cultural Property) in the City of Iriga, Province of Camarines Norte"

The Petition and Counter-Petition filed by the above-named parties are hereby ordered to be posted in the official website (ncca.gov.ph) of this Commission and in its bulletin board for fifteen (15) days, starting on July 06 until July 20, 2015.

Petitioner, Counter-Petitioners, and intervenors are enjoined to submit their FINAL memorandum on the above-stated Petition and Counter-Petition on or before July 20, 2015. Submissions must be focused on two (2) issues: (1) Whether or not the subject heritage property (Barit Bridge) is a considered/presumed Important Cultural Property (PICP), and (2) Whether or not there are, in existence, facts and circumstances as would justify the exemption of the subject property from the protection of the law as prescribed under Sections 5 and 5(f) of Republic Act No. 10066.

All submissions must be in **triplicate** original copies: one copy to be filed with the NCCA Secretariat, one copy to be submitted to the undersigned Hearing Officer, and one copy for your file, and one CD copy thereof to be submitted to the NCCA Secretariat.

Beyond July 20, 2015, no more submission will be accepted by this Commission.

Thereafter, the case will be submitted to the NCCA Board of Commissioners for resolution.

For your information.

ATTY. GEORGE AHAMO G. PAGLINAWAN Hearing Officer Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Intramuros, Manila

In Re: PETITION FOR THE LIFTING OF THE CULTURAL AND / OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BARIT BRIDGE (deemed/presumed Important Cultural Property) IN IRIGA CITY, CAMARINES SUR, A May at 2016 - 03 - 08 2 av

Case No. NCCA -3 - 2015-8

RONALD FELIX Y. ALFELOR,

Petitioner.

NCCAIN HERITAGE OFFICE

PETITION

UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL, for the petitioner RONALD FELIX
Y. ALFELOR, to the Honorable Commission, respectfully states that:

NATURE OF THE PETITION

This is a petition for the removal or lifting of the Cultural and /or Historical Significance of Barit Bridge (deemed/presumed Important Cultural Property), located at Santiago, Iriga City, Camarines Sur.

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND OF THE CASE

The Barit Bridge was constructed during the American Regime, sometime in the year 1901. Section 5 (f) of Republic Act No. 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 provides that:

"For purposes of protecting a cultural property against exportation, modification or demolition, the following works shall be considered Important Cultural Property unless declared otherwise by the pertinent cultural agency:

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Unless declared by the National Historical Institute:

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(f) structures dating at least 50 years old,

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Also, Rule IV, Section 8.4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10066 provides that:

"Unless declared or its presumption removed by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, works of national heroes, movable or immovable structures marked by the NHCP or any of its predecessor agencies or structures at least fifty (50) years old, shall be considered Important Cultural Property."

Hence, pursuant to the above said provisions of law, Barit Bridge is presumed as an Important Cultural Property.

However, the City Government of Iriga deemed it proper to seek for the removal of such presumption due to very cogent reasons hereunder stated.

ARGUMENTS / DISCUSSIONS

At the outset, petitioner would like to impress upon the Honorable Commission that to be considered as an Important Cultural Property the cultural property must have an exceptional cultural, artistic, and historical significance to the Philippines. Admittedly, the Barit Bridge is a century old structure and is therefore presumed Important Cultural Property. However, nothing would show that Barit Bridge possesses exceptional cultural, artistic, and historical significance to the Philippines and more particularly to the City of Iriga aside from its being erected in 1901.

Under the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. 10066, cultural properties whether public or privately owned, movable or immovable, tangible or intangible, belonging to the categories of either Grades I, II or III levels or even uncategorized property, must undergo the procedure of the Declaration or registration pursuant to Section 11 of said Act.

Thus, all existing cultural properties declared by the NHCP & National Museum are included and listed in the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property (PRECUP), National Cultural Treasures of the Philippines, the different categories and subcategories of Cultural Properties of the Philippines (by Region) and the 21 subcategories of Landmarks in the Philippines. Of all these listings, Cultural Properties of the Philippines in Bicol Region showed only two (2) sites of interest, namely: 1) Iriga Church, with Cultural Identifier No. PH-050021; and 2) Philtranco Services Enterprise, Inc., with Cultural Property Identifier No. PH-05-0022. All other categories did not identify the Barit Bridge as a cultural property. Even the document "Puentes De España"

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en las Filipinas (SpanishColonial Bridges in the Philippines) did not include the Barit Bridge.

Assuming that it is listed as being of special architectural or engineering interest or of historical value, or may fall within the cartilage of a listed bridge, or within any of the categories of cultural properties, in both cases, redevelopment and/or reconstruction of the bridge is still required pursuant to the findings and recommendations of both Department of Public Works and Highways, Region V and the City Engineer's Office of Iriga City, on its structural integrity. But in this instance, the subject bridge is not listed or declared as a National Cultural Treasure or Important Cultural Property or Property Deemed Important Cultural Property or within designated Heritage Zone by NHCP, NM & NCCA.

Moreover, present conditions of said bridge dictates that it has to be demolished to go with the changing economic tide as the herein petitioner sees that it is more practicable and advantageous to the public.

Furthermore, the existing Barit Bridge is a one-lane bridge located at a very sharp and blind curve along a downhill approach on both sides. Attached hereto are pictures showing the Barit Bridge as Annexes "A", "B" and "C";

The bridge is a traffic bottleneck not to mention that it is high risk for accidents. In fact, there were already major accidents and deaths in the area. Attached hereto is a Police Report as Annex "D".

The bridge is structurally hazardous due to old age - the bridge was constructed using old technology and materials that are no longer suitable to the present engineering design and requirements for bridges. Thus, pose dangers to users.

There is also increasing number of users – there is the danger of collapsing due to increasing tonnage capacity of vehicles brought about by increasing cargo and freight to and from Iriga City and Buhi.

The Regional Development Council-Bicol passed and approved the inclusion of the Barit Bridge Redevelopment Project sometime in 2010 and included it under the Annual Investment Program of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). The project was also included in the Local Development Investment Program of the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) of the City of Iriga for 2011-2020.

Hence, there is a proposed demolition of the Barit Bridge by the DPWH Region V to implement the Tourism Circuit Infrastructure Program of the National Government. In turn, the City Government of Iriga represented by the herein petitioner as City Mayor issued a Certificate of No Objection to the proposed project based on the favorable recommendations and result of the public consultations conducted by the DPWH Region V sometime in January and May 2014.

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The said project was anchored on the long clamor of not only the residents, motorists and commuters in Barangays Santiago and Banao in Iriga City but more particularly those coming from the Municipality of Buhi, Camarines Sur.

In fact, the Sangguniang Barangay of Santiago, Iriga City passed a resolution approving and confirming the reconstruction and redevelopment of the Barit Bridge during the barangay assembly and general consultation held on May 8, 2014 at the LRV Multi-Purpose Hall, Santiago Integrated School, Iriga City. In fact, the reconstruction and redevelopment of Barit Bridge into a 2-lane bridge was favorably concurred in by the attendees to the consultation. Attached hereto is the Barangay Resolution as Annex "E" together with the confirmatory signatures of the attendees.

Moreover, people in the area are all aware of the economic transformation undergoing in the City of Iriga and the Municipality of Buhi, Camarines Sur. This bridge has an important role to play in meeting the present and future needs and demands for government services such as infrastructure and public safety. Both national and local planning policy supports their redevelopment for purposes that contribute to the local economy and the principles of sustainable development. Bridges form the basis for transformation and communication. They constitute the most critical infrastructure in urban-rural development. The Iriga-Buhi Road section is now upgraded to a national road in view of the growth potential in the area and therefore higher traffic density is expected. Iriga and Buhi is declared as an eco-tourism development area. Recent development could point to this trend. There is also a possibility of road opening leading to Albay.

Thus, there is a need for the bridge to undergo redevelopment/reconstruction into a two (2) lane bridge. The City Government of Iriga would like to take advantage of these changing economic circumstances where socio-economic development opportunities initiated by both the government and private sector is evident. At the same time, an increasing number of people are seeking to live and work in the area and this has generated greater demand for services.

All told, change is the only constant thing in this world. There are times that we need to go forward and need not be bound by the past especially if what is at stake is the future and general welfare of our posterity.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully prays of this Honorable Commission to give due course and favorable consideration on this petition, thereby:

Lifting the Cultural and /or Historical Significance of Barit Bridge as an Important Cultural Property;

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Petitioner further prays for such other relief and remedies as this Honorable Office may find just and equitable in the premises. Iriga City for City of Manila, Philippines. March 20, 2015.

RUBENT. ALMELOR, JR.

Counsel for the Petitioner
New Government Center
Sta. Cruz Sur, Iriga City
IBP No. 0991288 01/10/15
PTR No. 2011008 01/05/15
Roll No. 48696
MCLE Compliance No. IV-0000770

VERIFICATION / CERTIFICATION

I, RONALD FELIX Y. ALFELOR, of legal age, Filipino, married and with office address at the New Government Center, Sta. Cruz Sut, Iriga City, under oath hereby deposes and say that:

I am the petitioner in this case;

I have caused the preparation of the foregoing petition, I have read the same and the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records;

I have not filed nor is there pending any petition or proceeding involving the same issue before any other court or tribunal and should there be any, I undertake to inform the Honorable Commission of the same within five (5) days from knowledge thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ____ day of March 2015 at _____ need to the control of March 2015 at _____ need to the control of March 2015 at _____ need to the control of March 2015 at _____ need to the control of the contr

RONALD FELIX Y. ALFELOR

Petitioner

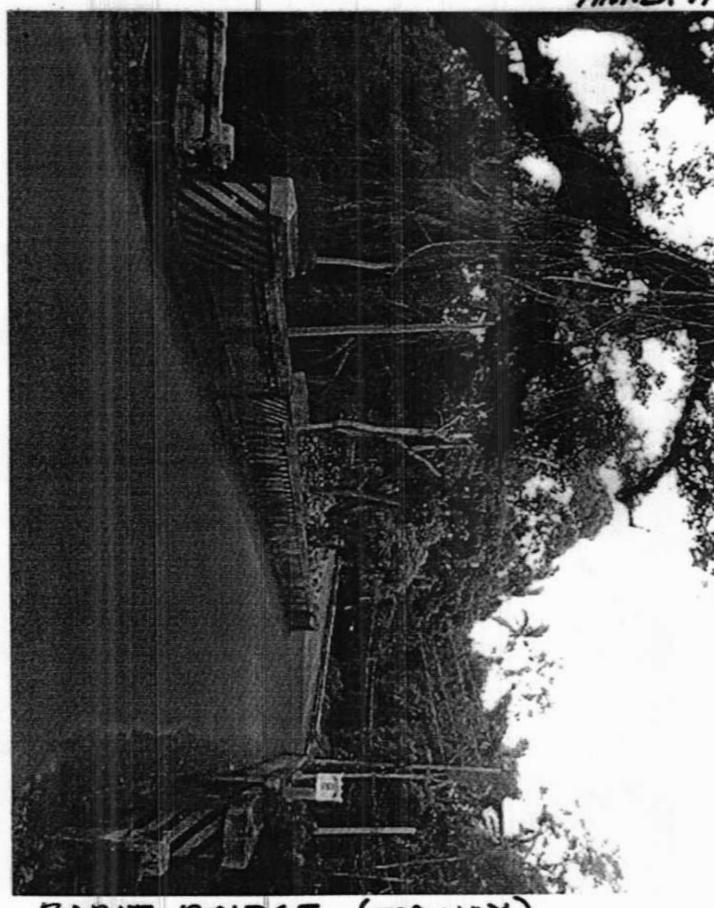
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ANNEX"A

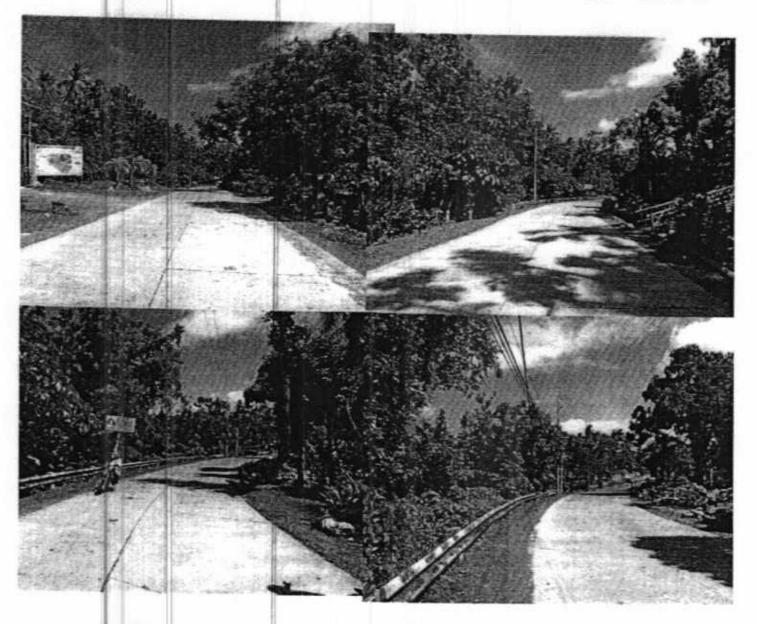


BARIT BRIDGE (ONE WAY)

ANNEX "B

CRACKED FOUNDATION

ANNEX"C"



HIGHWAY LEADING TO AND AFTER THE BRIDGE (2 WAY NATIONAL ROAD)....

ANNEX"C-1



BARIT BRIDGE - One Way Lane







Republic of the Philippines NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IRIGA CITY POLICE STATION Iriga City -000-



MEMORANDUM

FROM

: Acting Chief Of Police,

Iriga City Police Staion

FOR

: Hon. Ronald Felix Y. Alfelor

City Mayor

SUBJECT

: Crime Incidents and/or Accidents happened at Barit-

Bridge, Santiago, Iriga City

DATE

: February 20, 2015

Reference: Letter request from the Office of the City Mayor re Police Reports on Crime Incidents and/or accidents happened in the vicinity of Barit-Bridge Santiago, Iriga City.

 ICOW the above reference, list below are the Incidents and Details that happened at the Vicinity of Barit-Bridge, Santiago, Iriga City covering the period of 2009 to Present

INCIDENT	OF INCIDENT	BRIEF NARRATIVE	STATUS OF THE CASE
VEHICULAR INCIDENT (Reckless Imprudencew Resulting to Homicide)	January 5, 2014 / 4:30 PM	At about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon of this date, January 5, 2014 at Baret bridge Santiago, Iriga City one NATIVIDAD MARPURI-RACELES, 66 years old, widow, resident of Yakal St. Santiago, Iriga City while walking along with her companions at the aforementioned place of incident was accidentally bumped by an Isuzu canter truck bearing plate number WTN 292, while travelling from city proper going to Buhi, Camarines Sur. Incident happened when the aforesaid vehicle suddenly stopped at the place of incident to gave way of the upcoming tricycle but unfortunately was accidentally bumped from behind by a passenger jitney with plate no. EVD 254 also travelling on the same direction thereby causing the victim instantaneous death.	Committee of the Commit
TRAFFIC INCIDENT (Reckless	February 22, 2014 / 7:00 pm	Mother of Joseph Vargas reported that Allegedly on or about 7:00pm last night, 22 Feb 2014 her son Joseph Vargas y Nario, 27 years old (12-18-	apprehended

Resulting to Homicide)		86), single, was involved and met an accident at Barit Bridge, Santiago, Iriga City and same was already brought at Lourdes Hospital, Iriga city for medical treatment and was later transferred at the Bicol Medical Center, Naga City for further treatment, but then declared dead while being treated at said hospital at around 11:00pm last night.	court.
TRAFFIC INCIDENT (Self Accident)	August 15, 2014 / 11:00 pm	That at about 10:35 PM of August 15, 2014 at Baret Bridge, Zone 4, Santiago, Iriga City, one Isuzu Utility Vehicle, bearing Plate No. RCV 304, registered to Eduardo N. Nachor of 2629 Espiritu St., Malate Manila, NCR, First District, National Capital Region, covered with CR.No. 4282914-6, OR No. 487970066 dated 08-26-2006, travelling en-route from Iriga City proper going to Buhi, Camarines Sur, upon reaching at Barit Bridge of the aforementioned place accidentally lost its direction and swerved at right side causing the said driver to maneuver left to avoid his driven vehicle to fell under the Barit River, however, it simultaneously bumped at the left portion of the bridge. Incident resulted to the damaged of said involved Isuzu Utility Truck of still undetermined amount.	FOR RECORD ONLY
VEHICULAR INCIDENT (RIR in Multiple Physical Injury	June 24, 2011/ 5:50 AM	On or about 5:50 am this date june 24, 2011 that a passenger jitney that allegedly lost its brakeshas fallen on the Barit-Bridge Santiago, Iriga City., Driver and passengers was brought to Hospital.	
VEHICULAR INCIDENT (RIR in Physical Injury)	December 11, 2012/8:20 pm	On or about 8: 20 pm December 11, 2012 two motorcycle were involved in an incident, a PMR motorcycle bumped by Honda XRM Motorcycle travelling in opposite driven by a person with influence by liquor, both MC were direction. Both sustain injuries.	Case were settled

- These Initial Report covers year 2009 to present only on which E-Blotter system are operationally introduced and made easy to recover the data.
- Further, this office still undergoes record check and backtracking of PNP Blotter book year 2005 to 2008 for additional information.
- 4. For information and reference.

VIRGILIO OBIA OLALIA JR Police Superintendent Acting Chief Of Police



Barangay Santiago Office of the Sangguniang Pangbarangay



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Tel. No. (054) 299-7168

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BARANGAY ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL CONSULTATION IN RE: RECONSTRUCTION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BARIT BRIDGE LOCATED IN BARANGAY SANTIAGO, THIS CITY HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014 AT THE LRV MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, SANTIAGO INTEGRATED SCHOOL, IRIGA CITY.

Present

PB LUZ I. PADAYAO
BK BENJAMIN C. CAIGAS
BK JEANY N. IBARRETA
BK JHOMER I. ROSAL
BK SOFRONIO B. BARELA
BK NIKO M. CEPE
BK RODOLFO M. ASYAO
BK GENER M. PERIABRAS

BS MA. CECILIA R. BORROMEO BT SHIRLEY R. MARTINEZ

Brgy Santiago Constituents (Pis. refer to the attached attendance sheet)

Guests:

Engr. MARILOU N. LACUNA - Asst. Division Chief, Planning & Design, DPWH V
Engr. MENDIBEL N. SAÑOSA - Section Chief, Structural Engineering, DPWH V

Engr. MENDIBEL N. SANUSA - Section Chie
Engr. LEONORA L. BAUTISTA - DPWH V
Engr. CLIFFORD MADRONA - DPWH V
Engr. JORAM ZEUS REVILLA - DPWH V
Engr. DENNIS M. NATE - DPWH V
Engr. J.M. LEE - DPWH V
Engr. KRISTINE JOY L. LOBETE - DPWH V

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City Mayor RONALD FELIX Y. ALFELOR - CMO, Iriga City
Former City Mayor MADELAINE ALFELOR-GAZMENCity Councilor SOFRONIO S.B. MAGISTRADO - SP, Iriga City
City Councilor MANVIR B. IGNAO - SP, Iriga City
Former City Councilor RUFINO L. VILLAGOMEZ - CMO, Iriga City

Mr. BENJAMIN D. GONZALES - CPDO, Iriga City
Engr. ELVIN V. MABANSAY - CEO, Iriga City
Engr. NONA VANESSA M. SANTIAGO - CTourO, Iriga City

Engr. PEPITO C.V. MORA - CPDO, Iriga City/Brgy. Santiago Resident.
Engr. HILDA C. POJARDA - CEO, Iriga City
Engr. ARMIN E. GUEVARA - CEO, Iriga City
Mrs. ERLINDA C. CONTRERAS - CPDO, Iriga City

Mrs. PAULINA CYRILL L. BORROMEO - CSpU, Iriga City/Brgy. Santiago Resident
Mr. CARLOS D. NACARIO - CMO, Iriga City/Brgy. Santiago Resident
Mr. LOU L. BORROMEO - CSpU, Iriga City/Brgy. Santiago Resident

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 17

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BARIT BRIDGE LOCATED IN BARANGAY SANTIAGO, IRIGA CITY.

WHEREAS, the infamous Barit Bridge of Santiago, Iriga City was constructed during the American Regime sometime in the year 1901;

. WHEREAS, the City Government of Iriga has long considered the reconstruction and redevelopment thereof because of wear and tear for such a long period of time;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Iriga had brought to the attention of the Bicol Regional Development Council its sad state and finally considered and approved the aforesaid project sometime in the year 2010;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Highways, Regional Office No. V was mandated to implement said project;

WHEREAS, after a thorough technical survey and evaluation thereof, the DPWH, RO V has finally come up with the decision to reconstruct and redevelop the Barit Bridge located in Brgy, Santiago, Iriga City;

WHEREAS, after a series of public consultations with the concerned City Government of Iriga officials and the constituents of Brgy Santiago, this City have manifested support and approval for the realization of the project amounting to PhP37M;

WHEREFORE, on motion of BK Rodolfo M. Asyao , jointly seconded by All the Members present, be it-

RESOLVED, to approve and confirm the reconstruction and redevelopment of the Barit Bridge located in Barangay Santiago, Iriga City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Department of Public Works & Highways, Regional Office No. V, the Department of Tourism, Regional Office No. V, the Department of Interior & Local Government, Regional Office No. V, the Bicol Regional Development Council, the City Government of Iriga through the Hon. Engr. Ronald Felix Y. Alfelor, City Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Iriga through the Hon. Omar Erasmo G. Ampongan, City Vice-Mayor and the Municipal Government of Buhi, Camarines Sur through the Hon. Rey P. Lacoste, Municipal Mayor, for their kind information and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Sponsor: BK Rodolfo M. Asyao, Chair, Committee on Infrastructure.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

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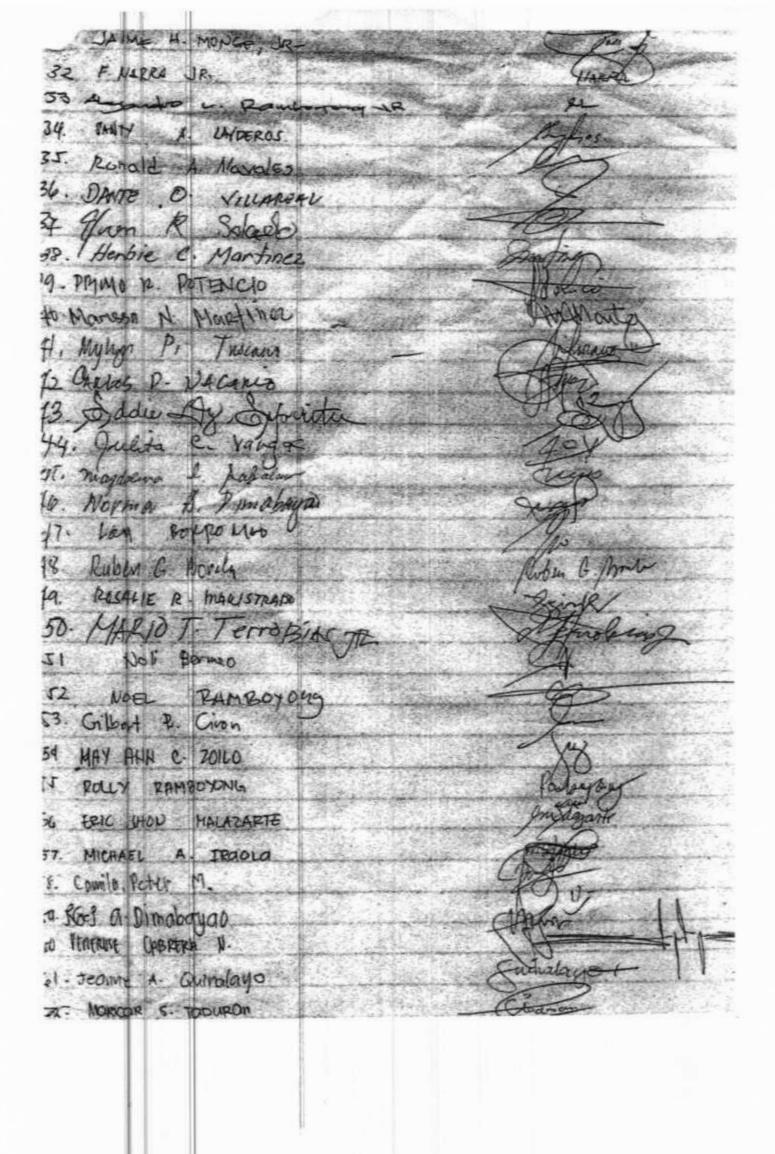
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MA. CECILIA R. BORROMEO Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

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Kami ay nagpapaabot ng aming mahigpit na pagtutol sa planong demolisyon ng Barit Bridge dito sa barangay Santiago, Iriga City. Ang tulay na Ito ay luma/antigong istruktura na itinayo noon pang unang bahagi ng panahon ng mga Amerikano na siyang nagdudugtong ng Iriga at munisipyo ng Buhi, Camarines Sur. Tumatawid ito sa ilog ng Barit na ang daloy ay galing sa Lake Buhi na popular dahil sa "sinarapan" na tunuturing bilang pinakamaliit na commercial fish sa mundo. Hanggang sa ngayon ay dinadahan ang tulay na Ito ng mabibigat at malalaking sasakyan tulad ng truck at bus. Kahit luma na ang tulay ay ginagarantiya ng mga exsperto ang tibay ng istrakturang ito. Sa pagthan ng panahon, ang Barit Bridge ay nagsilbing isa sa pangunahing historical landahank ng Lungsod ng Iriga.

Subalit plano ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region V, na lubusang sinusuportahan ng Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Lungsod ng Iriga, na gibain ang Barit Bridge at palitan ng mas malawak at mataas na tulay. Ipinamumukha nila sa mga tao na wala ng ibang pamamaraan o solusyon sa pagtatayo ng mas malaking tulay kundi ang gibain ang Barit Bridge. Nakikita namin na marami pang ibang pamamaraan na magkaroon ng malawak na tulay na hindi maaapektuhan ang kasalukuyang Barit Bridge. Tinututulan namin ang paggiba sa Barit Bridge dahil ayon sa R.A. 10066 o National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, Section 4 (f), ang mga istrukturang limampung (50) taon pataas na naging bahagi na ng kasaysayan ng isang lugar sa bansa ay tinuturing na "Important Cultural Property" at kailangang pangalagaan laban sa modipikasyon o demolisyon. Ang tulay ng Barit ay tinatayang mahigit isandaang (100) taon na.

Dahil dito, kami ay nananawagan sa mga kinauukulang ahensya na huwag gibain, sa halip ay tuloy-tuloy na i-preserba at pangalagaan ang luma/antigong tulay ng Barit dahil ito ay mahalagang historical landmark at natatanging yaman hindi lang ng Iriga kundi pati na rin ng ating bansang Pilipinas.

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