



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

05 September 2019

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CASE NO: NCCA – 09 – 2019 – 05

SUBJECT: PETITION TO REMOVE THE PRESUMPTION OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTY (ICP) ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) BUILDING LOCATED AT AYALA AVENUE CORNER RUFINO STREET, MAKATI CITY

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to Section 8 of Republic Act 10066 and Section 11 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby served to the public that the petitioner, Social Security System has filed with this office a Petition to Remove the Presumption of Important Cultural Property (ICP) on the work of National Artists for Architecture, Ildefonso P. Santos and Leandro V. Locsin on the following grounds:

1. The antiquated design of the SSS Makati Building, having been built in 1965, no longer conforms to the latest structural standards. Further, being in existence for fifty-four (54) years, the building may no longer be structurally sound;
2. The SSS Makati Building is only one of the several structures designed by NA for Architecture Ildefonso Santos and Leandro Locsin. Hence, its re-development would have no exceptional impact, or at most, would only have a minimal impact on their works and contributions to culture and the arts.

Under Section 3 of R.A. 10066, an **Important Cultural Property** is defined as a cultural property having exceptional cultural, artistic, and historical significance to the Philippines, as shall be determined by the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) and/or National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

Furthermore, the last paragraph of Section 5 of the aforementioned law provides:

“The **property owner** [emphasis added] may petition the appropriate cultural agency to remove the presumption of important cultural property which shall not be unreasonably withheld.”



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While Section 11 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 10066 further provides that:

“A declaration or a lifting of cultural property as National Cultural Treasure or Important Cultural Property shall commence upon the filing of a verified petition by the **owner, stakeholder or any interested person** [emphasis added] with the Commission, which shall issue temporary remedies, if necessary to protect a site prior to declaration, after which it shall refer the matter to the appropriate cultural agency.”

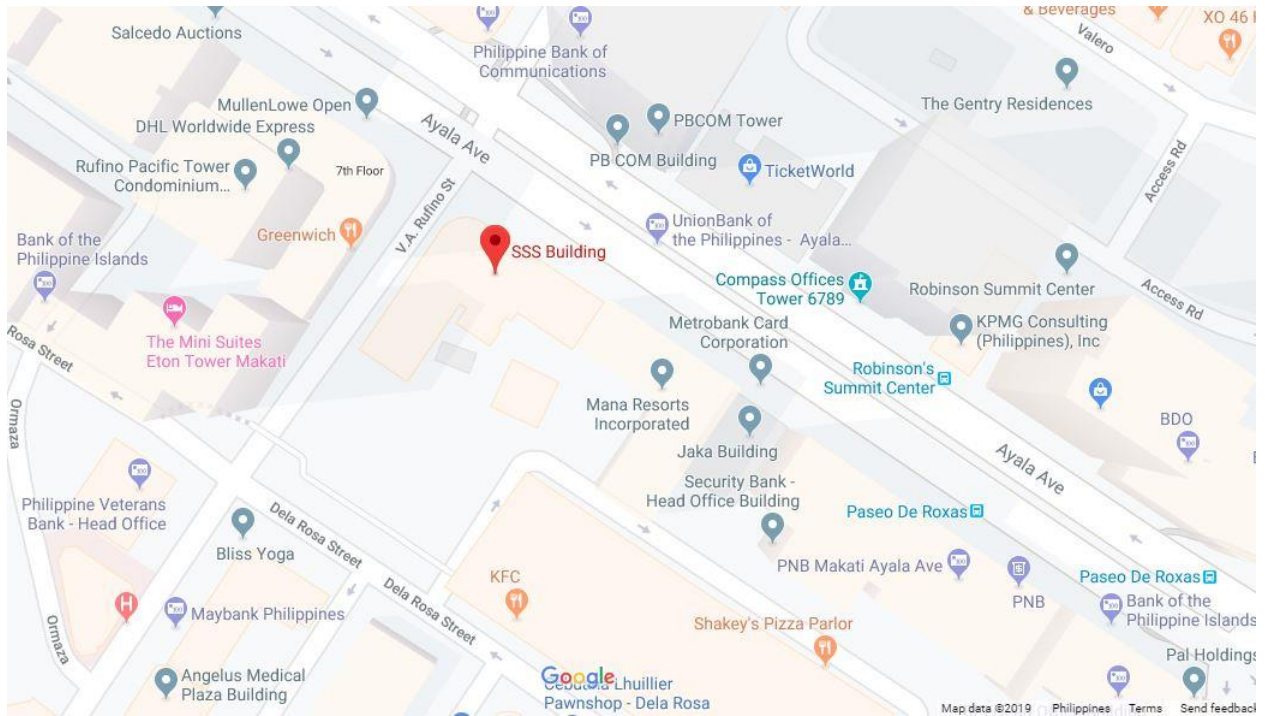
In view of the foregoing, the appropriate cultural agency having jurisdiction in determining whether or not the subject property bear significance is the NCCA. Any person adversely affected by said petition may file their written support or opposition with this Office not later than **September 19, 2019**.



SSS Building



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Location Map

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