



**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS**  
*Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on  
December 16, 2019, NCCA, Manila*

**Resolution**

[U]pon motion made and duly seconded, the majority of the Commission approved this **Resolution**:

**Resolution No. 2019-370**

**Removing the Presumption of Important Cultural Property on the Social Security System (SSS) Building located at Ayala Avenue Corner Rufino Street, Makati City as Important Cultural Property**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10066, the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009” specifically vested the National Commission for Culture and the Arts with the responsibility and authority of implementing pertinent provisions of the said Act;

**WHEREAS**, Article I Section 3 (w) of Republic Act No. 10066 and Section 6 (w) of its implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) refers to an Important Cultural Property as a cultural property having exceptional cultural, artistic and historical significance to the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 (b) of Republic Act No. 10066 provides that for purposes of protecting cultural property against exportation, modification or demolition, the works of the National Artists shall be considered and/or presumed as important cultural property, unless otherwise declared by the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of Republic Act No. 10066 indicates the procedure for removal of Important Cultural Property wherein the appropriate cultural agency shall have a maximum of ninety (90) days from the deadline of the submission of all the answers within which to submit its resolution and render its decision on the application;

**WHEREAS**, the Social Security System, property owner, filed a petition to the Commission on 03 September 2019 to remove the presumption of the Social Security System Building in Makati as Important Cultural Property 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.



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