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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED UNOCCUPIED SOCIALIZED HOUSING UNITS BUILT BY THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR THE MARGINALIZED SECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, under Executive Order No. 90, the National Housing Authority (NHA) shall be the sole government agency engaged in direct shelter production. It shall focus its efforts in providing housing assistance to the lowest 30% of urban income earners through slum upgrading, squatter relocation, development of sites and services and construction of core-housing units. In addition, it shall undertake programs for the improvement of blighted urban areas and provide technical assistance for private developers undertaking low-cost housing projects;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the flagship projects of the NHA include the Housing Program for Informal Settler Families (ISFs) Residing in Danger Areas and the AFP/PNP Housing Program;

**WHEREAS**, according to the report of the National Housing Authority (NHA) there are 13,328 units produced in the Housing Program for ISFs in Danger Areas in Pandi, Bulacan alone, 9,380 units are occupied by beneficiaries, leaving 3,948 units unoccupied;

<sup>1</sup> [http://hlurb.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/laws-issuances/charter/eo\\_90.pdf](http://hlurb.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/laws-issuances/charter/eo_90.pdf)

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 9 implemented the AFP/PNP Housing Program for the military and police personnel. Specifically, in Pandi, Bulacan, there has been a total of 2,300 units built, only 300 are occupied, 2,000 units are left vacant;

**WHEREAS**, allegedly there are more than 60,000 units from the other housing and resettlement projects by the NHA all over the country remain idle and already damaged and deteriorating;

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2017, Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap (KADAMAY) an urban poor group occupied vacant housing units in National Housing Authority's housing projects located in the Municipality of San Juan Del Monte and Pandi, Bulacan. According to the group, their action was meant to call the government's attention to address long-term solution to housing and poverty and pushed for national industrialization and genuine land reform to finally resolve poverty.

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we make an inventory of available, unoccupied and idle housing units for the immediate awarding to qualified homeless beneficiaries in order to prevent wastage of public funds and properties and decrease the number of housing needs in the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** directing the Senate Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged unoccupied socialized housing units built by the National Housing Authority (NHA) with the end view of crafting laws, rules and regulations for an effective and efficient socialized housing programs for marginalized sector.



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