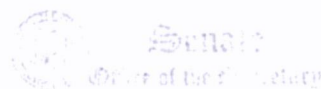


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Krus na Ligas (KNL) is a community in Diliman, Quezon City that has been in existence as early as the Spanish occupation of the Philippines. During the 1896 Philippine Revolution, the area was used as a retreat place of Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros. Numerous other documents indicate the history and existence of KNL as early as the 19th Century, preceding even the establishment of the University of the Philippines (U.P.).

On April 2, 1949, President Elpidio Quirino sold a large parcel of land to the University of the Philippines for one peso, which included the KNL area. Various petitions have been made by the residents to protect their lands, but the right of ownership remained with U.P.

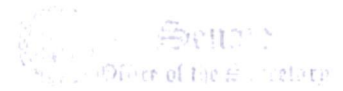
From 1975 to 1981, the administration of U.P. took the initiative to resolve twenty-six (26) cases involving U.P. and the residents of KNL. On July 28, 1979, then U.P. President Onofre D. Corpuz recognized the need to address the issue concerning the ownership of land due to the growing number of residents of

Krus na Ligas and the U.P. Community. A number of U.P. Administrations have also shown resolve to transfer ownership of KNL to its legitimate residents, including an attempt to donate the KNL estate to the Local Government of Quezon City. Unfortunately, these efforts have not come into fruition.

Through the years, the U.P. Administration and the U.P. Community have manifested their willingness to recognize the rights of the people of Barangay KNL, and to transfer the qualified residents of KNL the ownership over the properties upon which they have built their homes and raised their families for generations.


The precepts of social justice that are enshrined in the 1987 Constitution compel us to give the highest and utmost priority to enact this law in order to fully and finally protect and recognize the rights of the people of Barangay KNL to the land over which they have long resided. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PARCELS OF LAND IN
BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS, QUEZON CITY TO ITS
LEGITIMATE AND QUALIFIED RESIDENTS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9500, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
CHARTER OF 2008"

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 23 of Republic Act No. 9500 or the
2 "University of the Philippines Charter of 2008" is hereby amended
3 to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 23. Safeguards on Assets Disposition. –
5 The preservation of the value of the assets of the
6 national university shall be primordial consideration.

7 "The sale of any existing real propeerty of the
8 national university shall be prohibited: *Provided*, That
9 the Board may alienate real property donated after the
10 effectivity of this Act if the terms of the donation
11 specifically allow it[.]: **PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT**
12 **AS A MATTER OF SPECIFIC EXCEPTION,**

1 BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS, QUEZON CITY IS
2 HEREBY DECLARED AS A DISPOSABLE ASSET FOR
3 SALE OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR
4 HOUSING AND URBAN SETTLEMENT PURPOSES
5 ONLY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
6 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
7 THE "URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT
8 OF 1992", AS AMENDED: *PROVIDED,*
9 *FURTHERMORE,* THAT ONLY LEGITIMATE
10 RESIDENTS OF BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS
11 WHOSE LONG-STANDING RESIDENCE IN THE
12 AREA CAN SUFFICIENTLY BE ESTABLISHED BY
13 AUTHENTICATED DOCUMENTARY AND
14 TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE ARE QUALIFIED TO
15 BECOME BUYERS OF PARCELS OF LAND IN
16 BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS: *PROVIDED, FINALLY,*
17 THAT FOR PURPOSES OF EVALUATING THE
18 LEGITIMACY OF APPLICANTS, ONLY THOSE WHO
19 BY THEMSELVES, OR THROUGH THEIR
20 PREDECESSORS-IN-INTEREST, HAVE BEEN IN
21 CONTINUOUS POSSESSION AND OCCUPATION OF
22 THE SAME PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CONCEPT
23 OF OWNER SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, OR FOR A
24 PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) YEARS
25 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPROVAL OF
26 THIS ACT, AND UNCONTESTED BY ANY RESIDENT
27 OF THE SAME PARCELS OF LAND, SHALL HAVE
28 THE OPTION TO SECURE TITLE UNDER THE

1 **PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.**

2 “ x x x.”

3 **SEC. 2.** *Suppletory Application of the Urban Development*
4 *and Housing Act.* – Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as
5 the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992”, shall have
6 suppletory application to the housing and urban settlement
7 components of this Act.

8 **SEC. 3.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – An
9 interagency committee headed by the local government of Quezon
10 City and composed of the University of the Philippines, the
11 Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and the
12 Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor shall issue the
13 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
14 of this Act, including the determination of the actual metes and
15 bounds and the process of valuation of the area of Krus na Ligas:
16 *Provided*, That the area covered under the Transfer Certificate of
17 Title (TCT) No. RD 57197 (192690) shall already be deemed
18 included and part of Krus na Ligas: *Provided, further*, That the
19 total area shall not exceed a maximum of twenty-five (25)
20 heactares: *Provided, finally*, That the total area shall not include
21 any currently existing vital facility of the University of the
22 Philippines.

23 **SEC. 4.** *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this
24 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts hereof
25 not affected thereby shall remain valid.

26 **SEC. 5.** *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, rules and
27 regulation sinconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
28 amended or modified accordingly.

1 **SEC. 6. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
2 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a
3 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,