



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Area Office for Luzon

Sen. Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue (formerly Agham Road)
Brgy. Bagong Pag-asa, Diliman, Quezon City 1105

FIRST INDORSEMENT

JUN 26 2025

Respectfully referred to the **VICE-MAYOR / PRESIDING OFFICER**, Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, Tuguegarao City Hall, Linao-Carig Road, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan 3500, the attached complaint of Susan T. Valenzuela against Barangay Kagawad Socorro C. Delos Santos of Barangay Hall, Barangay Leonarda, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, for the institution of administrative proceedings or other appropriate action.¹

Your advice to this Office on the action taken by the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, referencing to **IC-OL-NOV-24-1192**, will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

By authority of the Ombudsman:

CORNELIO L. SOMIDO
Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon

Copy furnished:

SUSAN T. VALENZUELA
Consuelo Heights Subdivision,
Barangay Leonarda, Tuguegarao City,
Cagayan 3500
EOA/mcca

¹ The referral is made pursuant to Section 23(2) of Republic Act No. 6770 and Section 4(c), Rule III of Administrative Order No.07, as amended, to wit:

Section 23 of RA 6770. Formal Investigation – xxx xxx xxx

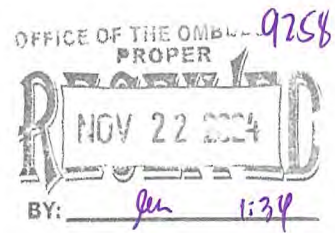
(2) At its option, the Office of the Ombudsman may refer certain complaints to the proper disciplinary authority for the institution of appropriate administrative proceedings against erring public officers or employees, which shall be terminated within the period prescribed in the civil service law. Any delay without just cause in acting on any referral made by the Office of the Ombudsman shall be a ground for administrative action against the officers or employees to whom such referrals are addressed and shall constitute a graft offense punishable by a fine of not exceeding five thousand pesos (P5,000.00). *(Emphasis supplied)*

Section 4 of Rule III of Administrative Order No. 07 – Upon receipt of the complaint, the same shall be evaluated to determine whether the same may be: xxx xxx xxx

(c) referred to other disciplinary authorities under paragraph 2, Section 23, R.A. 6770 for the taking of appropriate administrative proceedings. *(Emphasis supplied)*

November 12, 2024

HON. SAMUEL R. MARTIRES
Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
3rd floor, Ombudsman Bld.
Barangay Bagong Pag-asa
Diliman, Quezon City



Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to seek **administrative sanction** against **Socorro C. Delos Santos**, an elected Kagawad of Barangay Leonarda, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, for maliciously spreading false rumors against my person in our community and her continued abuse of her power, a conduct unbecoming of a public officer.

I am a resident of Consuelo Heights Subdivision, Leonarda for twentyeight (28) years now and it saddens me that in all my years of living in my beloved community, my peace and quiet life has been disturbed by Kagawad Socorro C. Delos Santos.

It has come to my attention that Ms. Socorro C. Delos Santos has been spreading false rumors against me, insinuating awful things, and accusing me, behind my back, that I leaked the information that a complaint against her was filed by another resident to the Office of the Ombudsman, to which of course is not true.

She held on to her narrative and continued to spread this accusation and more, which I longer can account the multiple times she talked about me and shamed me to my neighbors.

It escalated further when in one instance, while my grandson, Kairo Quiros, 19, was dining at a certain panciteria, a public place, she came from nowhere and pointed fingers at him, spitting things such as '*anong pinagsasabi mo sa lola mo na may kaso ako sa Ombudsman!*' with people within the vicinity hearing it. My young grandson, who was blameless, innocent and knew nothing about the accusation, just cowered in fear to the Barangay official, denied that he knew nothing about her accusations against me and that he had nothing to do with it.

She relentlessly spewed malicious accusations while pointing her fingers that she was already causing scandal in the panciteria. It was so scandalous that they had to be brought to the Leonarda Barangay Hall.

It is clear as daylight that the acts of Ms. Socorro C. Delos Santos constitute conduct unbecoming of a public official. Her actions have disrupted our peace, order and tranquility. Her utterances and habit of spreading false rumors and news have caused divisive effects to me, my family, and our friends. She is using her position to strong-arm me and my family.

Worse of all, she has caused me stress and sleepless nights. My once peaceful life has been disrupted which has already impacted my health in a negative way, especially now that I am in my senior years.

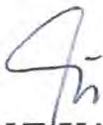
Under Republic Act No. 6713, every public official or employee is expected to exercise professionalism at all times. She shall perform and discharge her duties with the highest degree of excellence, professionalism, intelligence and skill.

As a public official, it is expected of her to embody justness and sincerity. She shall remain true to the people at all times. She shall act with justness and sincerity and shall not discriminate against anyone, especially the poor and the underprivileged. They shall at all times respect the rights of others, and *shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest.*

It is my prayer that Barangay Kagawad Socorro C. Delos Santos, be sanctioned administratively for if we leave public officers like her unchecked, her kind will multiply and spread like a disease to the community. It is therefore my utmost prayer that your esteemed office will act on my complaint.

Your prompt action on the matter is highly appreciated.

Sincerely,



SUSAN T. VALENZUELA
Resident-Complainant