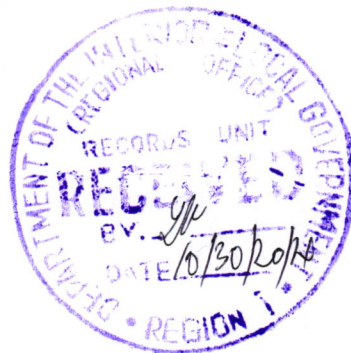




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Dear Ms. Vale:

This pertains to your letter request seeking clarification on the following issues, to wit:

1. What right does the Liga ng mga Barangay have on the non-government organization of Federated Barangay Health Workers of Bayambang to reorganize and call for a new election?
2. The petition was addressed to the Liga ng mga Barangays without lawful endorsement from the ABC President Rogelio Domalanta to the Sangguniang Bayan. Does the Sangguniang Bayan has the right to investigate and hold hearing with proper endorsement of the Liga ng mga Barangay?
3. Regarding the contention of Councilor Cathy De Vera regarding holding two (2) positions: 1 – barangay Kagawad; 2 – being an officer/president of the Federated BHW of Bayambang. Do you have any document to prove this contention?

Before dwelling on the issues, may we first invite your attention on the provisions of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 particularly on section 495 which states that:

**Section 495. Powers, Functions and Duties of the Liga.** - The liga shall:

- (a) Give priority to programs designed for the total development of the barangays and in consonance with the policies, programs and projects of the national government;
- (b) Assist in the education of barangay residents for people's participation in local government administration in order to promote united and concerted action to achieve country-wide development goals;
- (c) Supplement the efforts of government in creating gainful employment within the barangay;
- (d) Adopt measures to promote the welfare of barangay officials;
- (e) Serve as a forum of the barangays in order to forge linkages with government and non-governmental organizations and thereby promote the social, economic and political well-being of the barangays; and