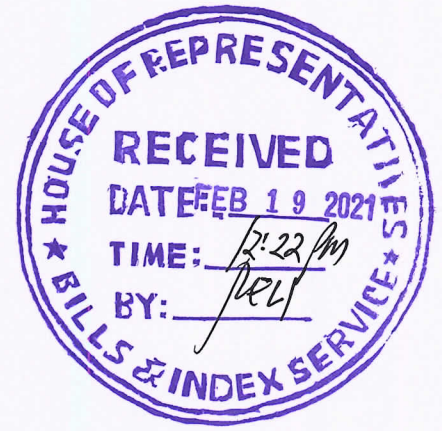


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House Bill No. 8780



INTRODUCED BY
REP. ALFRED VARGAS

AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY GREATER
LAGRO, IN THE CITY OF QUEZON, METROPOLITAN MANILA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the barangay is the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

The basic political unit is the vanguard of providing a wide array of frontline basic services to the citizens and to the community. Its fiscal autonomy shall be crucial in strengthening the capabilities of each barangay to perform its duties and responsibilities to the Filipino people.

The power to create a certain barangay is provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991. However, a Congressional enactment formally provides for its direct share from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) provided for in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Barangay Greater Lagro was created by the City Council of Quezon City through Ordinance No. SP 439, S-1996, and was ratified and approved by a majority of votes cast in the plebiscite held on December 8, 1996. It is one of the three barangays that resulted from the division of Barangay

Pasong Putik; the other two being Barangay North Fairview, and Barangay Pasong Putik.

For 24 years, Brgy. Greater Lagro has been recognized by the Local Government of Quezon City as an official barangay, as provided for by the powers granted by the Local Government Code of 1991. It is included in Republic Act No. 10170, An Act Reapportioning the Second Legislative District of Quezon City, Creating Two (2) Additional Legislative Districts, as one of the fourteen barangays of the Fifth District of Quezon City.

The 1987 Constitution in Section 6, Article X thereof provides that Local Government Units (LGUs) shall have a just share as determined by law in the national taxes which shall be automatically released to them.

However, since its inception, Barangay Greater Lagro has yet to receive its rightful share of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) due to the lack of a formal Congressional enactment providing for its direct share from the IRA as included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

This bill seeks to provide a legislative cure for this almost one-fourth of a decade, rightful recognition and compensation for Brgy. Greater Lagro, and to uphold the potential of local government units and grant meaningful fiscal autonomy to them. This legislation shall establish a Congressional enactment of the creation of Barangay Greater Lagro, in order for them to get their due share of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) provided for in the yearly General Appropriations Act.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay Greater Lagro. – The areas of Greater Lagro are hereby separated from Barangay Pasong Putik, in the City of Quezon, Metropolitan Manila to constitute a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Greater Lagro.

SECTION 2. Territorial Jurisdiction and Boundaries. – The Territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Greater Lagro shall cover the areas of Lagro Subdivision, Hilltop Subdivision, La Mesa Dam Homesite, Neopolitan – Sitio Milan, and MWSS Housing Project.

The boundaries of Barangay Greater Lagro are hereby described as follows:

“Bounded on the North (N) by the Quirino Highway;
On the East (E), by the MWSS Reservoir;
On the West (W), along the lines of Belfast Street, Mindanao Avenue,
Barangay Santa Monica, and Barangay Pasong Putik boundary;
And on the South (S) along the lines of the Creek, and the D.B.T.
Marbay/ Lagro Subdivision.

SECTION 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on the Elections (COMELEC) on December 8, 1996 pursuant to Quezon City Ordinance No. 439, series of

1996, of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Lungsod Quezon, Metropolitan Manila, which ratified the creation of Barangay Greater Lagro, shall serve as substantial compliance with the requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SECTION 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent elected barangay officials of Barangay Greater Lagro, City of Quezon, Metropolitan Manila shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Greater Lagro shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,