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HOUSE BILL NO. 3010



Introduced by **HON. JORGE DANIEL S. BOCOBO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many barangays, the National Tax Allotment (formerly the Internal Revenue Allotment) is the primary and largest source of operating revenue for financing basic services, development projects, and various devolved functions. These include among others, the delivery of basic health and social services, maintenance of local roads and utilities, support for public order and safety, and management of community facilities. Given the central role of the NTA in sustaining these legally mandated services and related budgetary obligations, it is urgent that Barangay Pinagsama (Taguig City) receives its full and properly computed share in national taxes.

Barangay Pinagsama, with a land area of approximately 192,000 square meters and a population of 59,759¹ was established pursuant to City Ordinance No. 67-2008 enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Taguig and approved on September 15, 2008. Following the conduct of a plebiscite and the election of its first set of officials on October 25, 2010, the barangay began to operate as a distinct corporate entity, consistent with Section 14 of the Local Government Code.

Despite its formal creation and compliance with the legal requisites for barangayhood under Section 386 of the Local Government Code, Barangay Pinagsama has yet to receive its NTA. As former Barangay Chairman of Barangay Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City, I saw firsthand the difficulties of managing a fast-growing community without its proper share of the NTA. This persistent exclusion has deprived the barangay of critical resources necessary for the delivery of basic services and facilities enumerated in Section 17 (b) of the Local Government Code, particularly those devolved by the national government.

Geographically, Barangay Pinagsama is bounded by the American Battle Monument, Pres. Garcia Avenue (C-5) and Diego Silang (BCDA), Palakol Area (BCDA) and Barangay Signal Village, and M.R.T. Avenue (formerly Bayani Road) — all within or adjacent to territories historically associated with boundary disputes in Metro Manila. Nonetheless, its recognition as a separate and functioning barangay under the jurisdiction of the City of Taguig has long been established.

¹ based on the official website of Barangay Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN) data pegs population at 12,190

This proposal seeks to correct an administrative gap and ensure that Barangay Pinagsama is granted full fiscal recognition as a local government unit so it can deliver the basic services and fund local projects for the benefit of its residents.

No less than the 1987 Constitution mandates that “Local government units shall have a just share, as determined by law, in the national taxes which shall be automatically released to them.”

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



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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PINAGSAMA IN THE
CITY OF TAGUIG

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

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay Pinagsama. – Pinagsama Proper in Barangay Western Bicutan, City of Taguig, Metro Manila is hereby separated from Barangay Western Bicutan and constituted into a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Pinagsama.

SECTION 2. Territorial Boundaries. – The territorial boundaries of Barangay Pinagsama shall consist of permanent natural boundaries identified as follows:

“Bounded on the North by the American Battle Monument;
On the East by Pres. Garcia Avenue (C-5) and Diego Silang (BCDA);
On the South East, by Palakol Area (BCDA) and Barangay Signal Village;
On the North and North West, by the American Battle Monument and M.R.T. Avenue (formerly Bayani Road); and
On the South and South West by M.R.T. Avenue, Pres. Garcia Avenue, Proclamation
No. 172 Western Bicutan and Veterans Center.”

SECTION 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in Barangay Western Bicutan pursuant to City Ordinance No. 68, Series of 2008 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Taguig, which ratified the creation of Barangay Pinagsama as proclaimed by the City Board of Canvassers on December 28, 2008, shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite 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 barangay officials of Barangay Pinagsama, City of Taguig shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. – All public infrastructure and facilities 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. National Tax Allotment Shares. – Barangay Pinagsama shall be entitled to the National Tax Allotment 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,