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HOUSE BILL NO. 3594



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 Central Bicutan (Taguig City) receives its full and properly computed share in national taxes.

Barangay Central Bicutan, with a land area of approximately 492,400 square meters and a population of 37,418¹, was established pursuant to City Ordinance No. 57-2008 enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Taguig and approved on September 1, 2008. Geographically, Barangay Central Bicutan is bounded on the Northeast and East by a creek and Maharlika Road, Lapu-Lapu Street and Bonifacio Street; on the South by Bonifacio Street; and on the West and Northwest by F.T.I. Compound and Parañaque Cadastre. 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. Its recognition as a separate and functioning barangay under the jurisdiction of the City of Taguig has long been established.

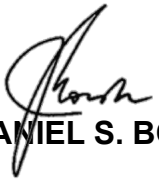
Despite its formal creation and compliance with the legal requisites for barangayhood under Section 386 of the Local Government Code, Barangay Central Bicutan has yet to receive its NTA. As former Barangay Chairman of Barangay Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City, I saw firsthand the difficulties of managing 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.

This proposal seeks to correct an administrative gap and ensure that Barangay Central Bicutan 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.

¹ based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN)

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 IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG TO BE KNOWN AS
BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN

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

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

SEC. 2. Territorial Boundaries. – The territorial boundaries of Barangay Central Bicutan are hereby described as follows:

“Bounded on the Northeast and East by a creek and Maharlika Road,
Lapu-Lapu Street and Bonifacio Street;
On the South by Bonifacio Street; and
On the West and Northwest by F.T.I. Compound and Parañaque
Cadastre.”

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in Barangay Upper Bicutan pursuant to City Ordinance No. 57, Series of 2008 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Taguig, which ratified the creation of Barangay Central Bicutan 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.”

SEC. 4. Incumbent Barangay Officials. – The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Central Bicutan, City of Taguig shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 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 Central Bicutan shall be entitled to the National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,