BASIC: LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, FROM DR. PATRICIO G. GABUYA, CITY DIRECTOR, DILG CEBU CITY OFFICE

1st **Indorsement** September 18, 2008

Respectfully returned to Dr. Patricio G. Gabuya, City Director, DILG Cebu City Office, the herein basic communication inquiring on the status or nature of the league of barangay kagawads, whether it is a government or private organization.

The Local Government Code of 1991 recognizes only two (2) classes of leagues, namely the leagues of local government units and the leagues of local elective officials (Sections 491 to 510). These leagues are created by authority of law and therefore invested with legal personality and juridical capacity. Section 508(a) of said law provides that vice-governors, vice-mayors, sannggunian members of barangays, municipalities, component cities, highly urbanized cities and provinces and other elective officials of local government units may form their respective leagues or federation. Such being the case, DILG Central Office has concluded that these leagues established or organized on the basis of the authority provided in the Local Government Code of 1991 are government organizations and not private associations. (DILG Legal Opinion No. 103, October 25, 2004).

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR. Regional Director

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