

April 14, 2008

HON. RITCHIE R. WAGAS
Mayor
Compostela Municipal Hall
6003 Cebu

Dear Mayor Wagas:

This has reference to your letter dated March 31, 2008, inquiring whether the local development council has the authority to realign plans and programs in case of the reenactment of the previous year's 20% development fund.

As we have stated before in our letter to you dated March 24, 2008, the Municipal Development Council does not have the authority or power to realign the use of the 20% development fund. The said body has nothing to do with appropriations. But as regards changing the plan itself or realigning it, the body may propose to do so. It cannot, however, change the plan approved and authorized by the sanggunian for funding. If said body had made the changes, it cannot be implemented for this could result in technical malversation. Funds are to be used only for the purpose they have been appropriated.

Truly yours,

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director

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