

February 3, 2010

MR. SEVERINO S. MACAPOBRE
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Dear Mr. Macapobre:

This has reference to your letter dated January 20, 2010, requesting legal opinion on whether or not barangay officials other than the Punong Barangay can issue certifications.

Going through the copies of the certifications attached to your letter and the subject of your query, it is observed that both were signed separately by two sangguniang barangay members of San Nicolar Proper. On that regard, please be advised that under Section 392 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that in addition to their duties as members of the sangguniang barangay as provided in Section 391 of the same law, said members of the sangguniang barangay may assist the punong barangay in the discharge of his duties and functions and perform such other duties and functions as the punong barangay may delegate. Hence, sangguniang barangay members may issue certifications as part of the duties delegated to them by the punong barangay.

Truly yours,

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director