

May 28, 2009

MR. BONIFACIO P. ALESNA
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Carcar City
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Dear Mr. Alesna:

This has reference to your undated letter requesting clarification on the provision of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2005-63 dated June 28, 2005, as regards the qualifications of the Head of the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs particularly on being a bonafide member of a duly accredited senior citizens organization with a track record of at least three (3) years.

The Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD) official who was your resource speaker was correct in saying that the condition “a track record of at least 3 years” attaches to the senior citizen organization which a nominee or candidate as Head of the OSCA is a member, and not the nominee or candidate. Said official should know since its his office, the DSWD, which promulgated the rules and regulations implementing R.A. 9257, The Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003.

Truly yours,

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director