

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 841, October 26, 2009 ]**

**DIRECTING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS TO IMMEDIATELY REVISIT/REFORMULATE/FORMULATE THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS, IDENTIFYING FOR THE PURPOSE THE AREAS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT/RELOCATION, FURTHER DIRECTING THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (HUDCC) TO FACILITATE THE INVENTORY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS SUITABLE FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 9, Article XII of the Constitution mandates that the State shall, in cooperation with the private sector, undertake a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available, at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 7, Article IV of Republic Act 7279, otherwise known as the "Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992", the inventory of all lands and improvements thereon is to be conducted by all city and municipal governments within one (1) year from the effectivity of said Act, covering residential, government-owned, unregistered or abandoned, idle and other lands within their respective localities; and for planning purpose, directing each local government unit to furnish the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council a copy of said inventory which shall be updated every three (3) years;

**WHEREAS**, it is also mandated under Section 8 of said Act that after the inventory, the local government units, in coordination with the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), the National Mapping Resource and Information Authority (NAMRIA), and the Land Management Bureau (LMB), shall identify lands for socialized housing and resettlement areas for the immediate and future needs of the underprivileged and homeless in the urban areas. The same section of the said law also authorized the immediate transfer to the NHA of all government-owned lands which, for the past ten (10) years from the effectivity of the Act, have not been used for the purpose they have been reserved, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines or by the concerned local government units;

**WHEREAS**, Section 29 of said Act further mandated the local government units, in coordination with NHA, to implement the relocation and resettlement of persons living in danger areas such as esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and in other public places such as sidewalks, roads, parks and playground within two (2) years from the effectivity of the Act. The relocation or resettlement sites shall be provided with basic services, facilities and access to