

Cavite Approves Care Ordinance

By Jaia Yap, GMA News



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CAVITE, Philippines — The Cavite Provincial Board has confirmed that the province now has a formally enacted healthcare proxy policy, known as a “Right to Care” ordinance, allowing patients to designate individuals who

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CvSU hosts career fair for job seekers



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with the Cavite State University, successfully conducted the 2026 Pre Employment Orientation Seminar and Career Fair at the CvSU Trece Martires City Campus in Trece Martires City. The event gathered students, graduates, industry partners,

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P60B, Ibinalik sa PhilHealth



Opisyal nang naibalik sa PhilHealth ang P60 bilyon mula sa National Treasury alinsunod sa direktiba ni Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Layunin ng hakbang na ito na palakasin pa ang serbisyong pangkalusugan sa bansa at pagtibayin ang tiwala sa institusyon bilang katuwang ng bawat Pilipino sa pangangailangang medikal.

Ayon sa PhilHealth, ang pagbabalik ng pondo ay patunay ng tiwala ng Pangulo na kayang gampanan ng ahensya ang mandato nitong maghatid ng maayos at abot-kayang serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa lahat.

Nagpahayag din ng pasasalamat ang PhilHealth sa malinaw na direktiba ng Pangulo at kinilala ang mahalagang papel ng Department of Finance Philippines sa

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Expanded 4PH opens new homes in Naic, Cavite

By Patricia Bermudez



NAIC, Cavite (PIA) — The Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program in Cavite is in full swing as construction of the Naic View Residences Phase 2 and Glori Mor Ville Phase 2 starts. Last May 6, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Undersecretary Ramon Nicholo Molina and National Housing Authority (NHA) Assistant General Manager Alvin Feliciano led

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DOSMDH marks 68 years of service

The Dra. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital in Cavite City is celebrating its 68th founding anniversary this May with a series of meaningful activities and health programs designed to promote wellness and strengthen healthcare services for the community.

The celebration opened on May 5 with a Thanksgiving Mass attended by hospital personnel, partners, and stakeholders in gratitude for nearly seven decades of public health service. Also present were

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PBBM rolls out aid push in Gen. Trias, eyes new PGH in Cavite

By Darryl John Esguerra



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (RTVM screengrab)

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday led the distribution of government assistance in General Trias City, Cavite, while announcing plans to expand healthcare access in the province through a new Philippine General Hospital (PGH) facility.

During the “Bawat Bayan Makikinabang” event, Marcos said financial assistance and rice aid are being rolled out

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PH off-road racing launches insured national series

A major milestone for Philippine motorsports was achieved on April 18 as Ride for Solidarity formally activated a national platform for off-road motorcycle racing at the Philippine National

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'Bawat Barangay Makikinabang' benefits 18,000 GenTri families

By Patricia Bermudez

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Over 18,000 Gentriseño families received various government aid as the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program launched here on May 4. The rollout, led by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during his visit here, saw the distribution of various government programs ranging from rice assistance to financial assistance for students.

Mayor Luis Ferrer IV noted that the students in their city, especially those

finishing their college education, will greatly benefit from the educational assistance. The local chief executive also emphasized the role of the city's 30 barangays in ensuring that the P200,000 worth of education assistance they each received will be delivered to the young residents.

"Lahat ng ating 30 barangay captains ay tatanggap ng tulong. Bawat kapitan ay tumanggap ng P200,000 pang-educational assistance at iba pang klase ng assistance. Talagang tunay na ang bawat

barangay ay mahalaga."

Among the 165 scholars was college student Denise Alexandra Donea who received her benefits under the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program. For Donea, the financial aid is crucial in paying for her school fees.

"Hindi rin po biro 'yung gastusin kasi may mga kailangan rin kaming iwan ng puwedeng gastusin kasi sobrang mahal ang mag-aral. Nakapalaking salamat po dahil target nila ay mga third-year student na alam nating kailangan ng malaking financial

[resources]." Aside from the educational assistance, around 18,000 families also received rice assistance under the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program—a timely gift, according to the city government.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON, Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen said the rice assistance is a big help as Gentriseño families continue to reel from the rising cost of basic food items. "Malaking bagay po ito sa ating mga kababayan lalo't higit ang ating mga ordinaryong



mamamayan kung saan ang bigas na ito ay magagamit ng kanilang pamilya sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailagan." (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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and employment agencies in a coordinated effort to strengthen career readiness and expand job opportunities for aspiring professionals.

The whole day activity served as a platform for 988 students and job seekers to gain essential knowledge on employment preparation, labor market trends, workplace standards, and financial literacy. It also allowed participants to directly engage with employers and industry representatives who joined the career fair.

The program formally opened with a message from Prof. Noel A. Sedigo, Campus Administrator, followed by a welcome message from Mr. Meynard John G. Panganiban, Job Placement Coordinator.

Both emphasized the university's commitment to producing competent graduates who are ready for the demands of the professional world.

The seminar proper featured a series of discussions aimed at preparing participants for employment. Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, Provincial PESO Manager, discussed resume writing, interview skills, job readiness, and career preparation. Mr. Demetrio C. Villanueva, Labor and Employment Officer I, provided insights on labor market information, while Mr. Francis Tiu Atang handled topics on labor standards. Financial literacy for new employees was also discussed by Mr. Gideon Luke Ty, Financial Advisor,

giving attendees practical guidance for workplace success. In the afternoon, the much awaited Career Fair opened, with 17 participating employers

offering around 2,870 job vacancies across different industries. The activity provided a wide range of employment options and reinforced the initiative's goal of supporting career development and workforce readiness among Caviteños. Source: OPIO

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agarang pagreremita ng naturang halaga.

Muling pinagtibay ng PhilHealth ang kanilang pangako na pangalagaan ang tiwalang ibinigay ng pamahalaan at ng taumbayan.

Tiniyak ng ahensya na gagamitin ang pondo

sa pagpapahusay ng benepisyo, pagpapaigting ng mga sistema para mapabilis ang serbisyo, at pagtiyak na maiparating sa bawat Pilipino ang mabilis, patas, at maaasahang serbisyong pangkalusugan. Source: PhilHealth Press Release

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the groundbreaking of the two housing projects.

Once completed, Naic View Residents Phase 2 and Glori Mor Phase 2 will provide a total of 590 housing units under the Expanded 4PH for families affected by the Manila Bay Mandamus Program and other government infrastructure projects.

The project includes 336 housing units in Naic View Residences Phase 2 and 254 housing units in Glori Mor Ville Phase 2.

In a statement, the NHA noted that the housing projects are expected to provide high-quality and affordable homes to Caviteño families.

"Ang itatayong gusali ay

inaasahangmakakatulong sa pamilyang Caviteño para sa ganap na pagsasakatuparan ng kanilang pangarap na abot-kaya at de-kalidad na pabahay, na isa sa mga layunin ng Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino Housing ng pamahalaan."

Following the groundbreaking ceremony,

key housing agencies also led the awarding of land titles to qualified NHA beneficiaries who were affected by the Supreme Court Mandamus Program to Clean Up the Manila Bay, among other government infrastructure projects. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development/Facebook, National Housing Authority/Facebook)

PH off-road racing launches insured

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Off-Road Motorcycle Track in Vermosa, Imus, Cavite.

The event marked the official introduction of Philippine Off Road Motorcycle Racing, "The Onslaught National Series," bringing together riders, teams, partners, and key stakeholders from across the country to present the 2026 race season, competition framework, and athlete development system.

The program opened with a welcome address from Ayala Vermosa Estate Project Development Manager Medard Paler, who emphasized the importance of Vermosa as the home of Philippine off road motorsports and its role in supporting the growth of the industry and its athletes.

Leaders and icons from the four major racing disciplines Motocross, Enduro, Rally Raid, and Hooligan Flat Track were present, signaling a unified direction for the sport under a structured national system.

Among those in attendance were some of the country's most recognized riders, including the current number one motocross rider, Bornok Mangosong, who traveled from Davao to show his support, Enduro's leading figure and entrepreneur John Mascarinas from Tarlac, and Karl Bayron from Puerto Princesa, who also expressed plans to host a future national Onslaught leg.

During the program, National Motorcycle Sports & Safety Association President Stephan "Macky" Carapiet presented the official race mechanics and implementation framework for the 2026 season, reinforcing the alignment of the series with national and international standards.

A key highlight of the event was the presentation of the RFS Membership System by Rupert Ambil II, Head of Operations and Social Innovation of Ride for Solidarity. The program introduced a historic first

in Philippine motorcycle racing, where riders competing in a nationally sanctioned series are insured.

Under this system, riders are provided with race insurance coverage during sanctioned events, with protection extending beyond the track.

The membership also extends to non-racing riders and supporters of the off road riding movement, opening participation to a broader community and strengthening the foundation of the sport.

Representing Sun Life Grepa Financial Inc., Vice President for Group Business Peter Miranda reaffirmed the company's commitment to rider protection and the long-term development of Philippine motorsports through the RFS membership system.

Another highlight of the event was the integration of electric motorcycles into the national racing platform.

Electric bike demo

sessions, led by HSV through its proprietor Ali Khalid, allowed participants to experience the developing track and showcased the role of electric motorcycles as a core category in future competitions.

The program also featured the presentation of the track design, the introduction of National Off Road Development Partners, and controlled riding sessions that allowed participants to engage with the facility while ongoing development continues.

More than a launch, the April 18 activation served as a convergence point for the off-road community, bringing together riders from different disciplines, regions, and backgrounds under a shared vision of national development and international competitiveness.

With the establishment of The Onslaught National Series and the RFS Membership System, Ride for Solidarity sets the foundation for a safer, more structured, and globally competitive future for Philippine off-road motorcycle racing. (PR)

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Mayor Denver Chua, Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit, and 1st District Board Members Jygs Gandia and Romel Enriquez, who expressed continued support for the hospital and its programs. The gathering served as a reflection on the hospital's accomplishments and its long standing commitment to compassionate and accessible healthcare for

Caviteños. As part of the month long observance, the hospital has prepared a series of medical outreach and wellness activities for the public. On May 15, OB wellness services will be offered with a focus on women's health and early disease detection. These include breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, and Visual

Inspection with Acetic Acid or VIA, a preventive procedure used to detect early cervical abnormalities. The initiative aims to increase awareness on the importance of regular checkups and preventive care among women.

On May 22, a wider range of health services will also be provided to community beneficiaries.

These include medical consultation, pediatric consultation, Operation Tuli, and dental services, all aimed at improving access to essential healthcare and promoting overall community wellness. Through these activities, the hospital continues to uphold its mission of delivering quality healthcare while strengthening its bond with the community it has served for 68 years. The anniversary celebration highlights not only its legacy

of public service but also its continued commitment to expanding programs

that respond to the needs of every Caviteño. Source: OPIO

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can make medical decisions for them if they become unable to do so. The board on Monday provided GMA News Research with a signed copy of Provincial Ordinance No. 532-2026, dated April 20, 2026. The measure seeks to uphold the wishes of patients such as solo parents, single individuals, persons in same sex relationships, and members of non traditional households in matters involving healthcare decisions.

Under the province wide ordinance, designated healthcare proxies will be issued a "CareCavite ID," which must be renewed every year.

"The CareCavite ID is subject to yearly renewal, and both the principal and the Health Care Proxy need to participate in the renewal process to confirm their ongoing consent and agreement... [It] will continue to be valid until it is formally revoked by the principal," the ordinance states.

It also adds: "Upon presentation of the CareCavite ID, the Health Care Provider must immediately acknowledge the document's validity and the authority it grants to the Health Care Proxy." The ordinance clarifies that the healthcare proxy does not have absolute authority. Their decision making power applies only if a first degree relative of the patient

is unavailable or unable to decide. "In accordance with the provisions provided in this ordinance that if a health care decision is needed during a critical-medical situation and the principal is not mentally and physically capable to make any decision for themselves, on the condition that, a first-degree relative is incapable and/or not present, the Health Care Proxy shall decide on behalf of the principal," the ordinance reads.

It further states: "The determination of the Principal's incapacity to make health care decisions shall be certified by the attending physician and properly documented in the Principal's medical records prior to the exercise of H authority by the Health Care Proxy, except in situations where immediate life-saving intervention is required." Cavite joins a growing number of local governments adopting healthcare proxy policies in the country.

Just last week, Dasmariñas City and Parañaque City were also confirmed to have passed their own versions of "Right to Care" ordinances. "Subject to any express limitations, the Health Care Agent shall have the authority to make any and all Health Care decisions on the Principal's behalf that the Principal could make," the Dasmariñas City Council

stated in Ordinance No. 04 s 2026 posted on its official Facebook page on May 5.

Meanwhile, the Parañaque City Council endorsed its approved ordinance to the Office of the Mayor on May 6, according to GMA News

Research. Quezon City, San Juan City, and Iloilo City were among the first local governments to implement similar measures, with Quezon City pioneering the policy in June 2023.

At the national level, several bills have already been filed in Congress seeking to expand the policy into a nationwide law. — JCB, GMA News

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL
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Mortgagee,

FNC-2023-797

-versus-

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as Amended by Act 4118

LADILYN DELA CRUZ MERTO,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)**, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on **September 13, 2018** by Mortgagor, **LADILYN DELA CRUZ MERTO, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen**, with postal residence and postal address at **LOT 1 BLOCK 54 PHASE 2 VILLA APOLONIA, NAIC, CAVITE, LADILYN DELA CRUZ MERTO is herein represented by BIENVENIDO P. BALTAZAR as her Attorney-in-fact**, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2019000885** of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR PESOS & 25/100 (P434,974.25)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of **November 06, 2023**, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Janelle V. Lagadon, will sell at public auction on **June 1, 2026 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2019000885

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:
Lot No: 8, Block No. 11, Plan No: Pcs-04-031079
Portion of: Cons.-Subd. of Lot 2959-A-2, Psd-04-226956, Lots 2959-A-1-A, 2959-A-1-B, 2959-A-1-C & 2959-A-1-D, all of Psd-04-245660, LRC (continued on next page)
is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: LADILYN DELA CRUZ MERTO, SINGLE, FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE
Address: Blk. 54 Lot 1 Phase 2 Villa Apolonia, Naic, Cavite as owner thereof in fee simple, subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be subsisting.
IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered as follows:
Case No: Record No.: 8340
Orig. Reg. Date: 04 05 1913 Decree No.: 10213

Original RD: PROVINCE OF CAVITE OCT No.: OCT-181
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Original Owner:
This certificate is a transfer from TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2018032327 (TOTALLY CANCELLED) by virtue hereof in so far as the above-described land is concerned.
Entered at Province of Cavite, Philippines on the 23rd day of October 2018 at 07:08 am.

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (continued from page 1)
Record No. 8340

Location: Barangay of Timalan, Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

Line	Direction	Adjoining Lot (s)
1-2	SW	Lot 7, Block 11, Pcs-04-031079
2-3	NW	Alley Lot 2, Pcs-04-031079
3-4	NE	Lot 9, Block 11, Pcs-04-031079
4-5	SE	Lot 15, Block 11, Pcs-04-031079
5-1	SE	Lot 16, Block 11, Pcs-04-031079

Tie Point: Mon. No. 17, Naic Estate, Province of Cavite

Line	Bearing	Distance
To corner 1	S.47° 54'E	2749.88 M.
1-2	N.41° 12'W	8.00 M.
2-3	N.48° 48'E	3.50 M.
3-4	S.41° 12'E	8.00 M.
4-5	S.48° 48'W	1.27 M.
5-1	S.48° 48'W	2.23 M.

Area: Twenty Eight Square Meters (28), more or less
Description of Corners: All points are referred on the plan by P.S. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 CMS.

Bearings: True

Declination:

Date of Original Survey: January 1907

Date of Subd/Cons Survey: August 1-15, 2017

Date of Approved Survey: December 11, 2017

Geodetic Engineer: Elmerito C. Robles

Notes:

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **June 8, 2026** without prior notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2019000885** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

Naic, Cavite, April 30, 2026

JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA
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WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE (OF LATE SPOUSES COSME B. MAGLAHUS AND PETRONILA A. MAGLAHUS)

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late Spouses COSME B. MAGLAHUS who died on December 5, 2017 in Bacoor, Cavite and PETRONILA A. MAGLAHUS who died on September 17, 1993 in Bacoor, Cavite, without leaving any last will and testament, consisting of two parcels of land: one under TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-24101 containing an area of 144 square meters in Barangay Talon, Las Piñas, Metro Manila, and another under TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-440156 containing an area of 275 square meters in Barangay Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, both registered in the names of the deceased spouses, had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE by and among the sole heirs, namely MARISSA ALVAREZ MAGLAHUS-MALLO, MITZI ALVAREZ MAGLAHUS-ORNEDO, MYRNA ALVAREZ MAGLAHUS-LAMUG, and MINI ALVAREZ MAGLAHUS, adjudicating unto themselves the said parcels of land, as per Document No. 450, Page No. 91, Book No. XLIV, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Joey E. Bajjas dated March 14, 2025.

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR
 GUARDIANSHIP OF THE
 MINOR SYNA ALMONTE,**

**NICKA ALMONTE ROBBS,
 Petitioner.**

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Spec. Pro. No. 2015-26

ORDER

The Court **NOTES** the Compliance (*With Motion to Admit Amended Petition*), dated April 10, 2026, filed by the Petitioner, through counsel, and hereby **ADMITS** the attached Amended Petition, incorporating the required details, under Section 7(f) of the Rule on Guardianship of Minors, in compliance with the Order of this Court, dated March 25, 2026.

In her *Amended Petition*, the Petitioner alleged that:

1. Petitioner is of legal age, a Filipino citizen, married, and with domicile address at Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite.

2. Petitioner is the aunt of **SYNA ALMONTE** ("Syna"), whose guardianship is the subject of the present Petition. Syna is a minor who resides at the same address as the Petitioner at Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite. A copy of the Barangay Certificate attesting to the minor's residency and a copy of the minor's School Identification Card showing the same address are attached as **Exhibit "A"** and **Exhibit "B,"** respectively.

3. Syna was born on November 05, 2018, in Quezon City. Her mother, **AMALENE CEJAS ALMONTE** ("Amalene"), the sister of the Petitioner. Copies of the Birth Certificate of the minor, the Birth Certificate of the Petitioner, and the Birth Certificate of Amalene Cejas Almonte showing the familial relationship among the parties are attached as **Exhibit "C," Exhibit "D,"** and **Exhibit "D-1,"** respectively.

4. Amalene is a single mother. From the time of Syna's birth up to the present, the identity and whereabouts of the child's biological father have remained unknown.

5. Consistent with this circumstance, no father is indicated in Syna's Certificate of Live Birth, and the portion therein intended for the father's name was left as "N/A," reflecting that no paternal acknowledgement was ever made.

6. Since the biological father has never been in the picture and has provided no support, guidance, care, or supervision to Syna, Amalene has exercised sole parental authority over the minor since birth.

7. However, Amalene had no stable source of income and relied heavily on the support of the Petitioner for the sustenance of both her and the minor.

8. Even during this period, Petitioner had already been providing substantial financial and personal support for the child, including the child's daily needs and household expenses.

9. In December 2018, Petitioner began working in Australia in order to alleviate the growing financial burden of supporting the family, including the daily needs, care, and upbringing of the minor Syna.

10. Despite working abroad, Petitioner remained actively involved in decisions concerning the welfare, upbringing, and needs of the minor, and consistently provided financial assistance for the child's sustenance, education, and medical care.

11. Moreover, despite her employment abroad, Petitioner frequently returns to the Philippines in order to personally spend time with the minor and attend to her needs. Even while overseas, Petitioner maintains constant communication with Syna through regular calls, video calls, and voice messages.

12. These voice messages reflect the close and continuing relationship between the Petitioner and the minor. In several of these recordings, the minor addresses the Petitioner as "Mama" and the Petitioner's husband as "Daddy," and communicates with the Petitioner regarding her daily activities, school needs, and requests for assistance, such as school supplies, shoes, and medical needs.

13. Copies of representative voice message recordings exchanged between the Petitioner and the minor are stored in a USB drive and are attached as **Exhibit "E" series.**

14. Through the years, the minor Syna developing a strong emotional bond with the Petitioner, regarding her as a second mother, while the Petitioner likewise treats and cares for Syna as if she were her own child. Photographs showing the close relationship and bonding between the Petitioner and the minor are attached as **Exhibit "F" and series.**

15. Unfortunately, sometime in January 2025, Amalene abandoned the minor and left the family residence after departing with another man, leaving Syna behind without parental care of supervision.

16. Prior to leaving the family residence, Amalene Cejas Almonte personally informed minor's grandmother that she intended to leave and live with another man. She packed her personal belongings and departed from the residence, knowingly leaving the minor behind under the care of the family. From that time up to the present, she has not returned to resume parental responsibilities over the minor.

17. Since leaving the family residence in January 2025, Amalene has likewise failed to communicate with the minor, provide financial support, or otherwise exercise any form of parental authority over Syna, leaving the child entirely under the care and support of the Petitioner and Syna's grandmother.

18. From January 2025 up to the present, Petitioner and other members of the family exerted reasonable effort to locate Amalene and determine her whereabouts, but all such efforts proved unsuccessful, and her current location remains unknown.

19. As a result of the abandonment by Amalene Cejas Almonte and the complete absence of the minor's biological father, Syna has effectively been left without the care, custody, and supervision of either parent. Since leaving the family residence in January 2025, Amalene has made no attempt to return to the minor, inquire about her welfare, provide financial support, or otherwise exercise parental authority over Syna.

20. Following the abandonment of the minor, Syna remained physically residing with her maternal grandmother, **ARLENE C. ALMONTE**, ("Arlene") while Petitioner continued to provide financial support and assume responsibility for the minor's needs.

21. However, Arlene is already of advanced age and is likewise responsible for the care of other minor children within the household, which has significantly limited her ability to provide long-term parental care and supervision to Syna.

22. In addition, Arlene's husband, **AMADOR E. ALMONTE** ("Amador"), the minor's maternal grandfather, suffers from a heart condition requiring daily care and assistance, further restricting the grandmother's capacity to provide sustained care for the minor. A copy of the Marriage Certificate of Arlene C. Almonte and Amador E. Almonte is attached as **Exhibit "G."**

23. Recognizing these circumstances and acting in the best interests of the minor, Arlene and Amador have expressly manifested their consent to and full support for the appointment of the Petitioner as Syna's legal guardian.

24. At present, Petitioner is the person who continuously provides for Syna's financial, educational, medical, and daily needs, and has demonstrated both the willingness and the capability to assume full legal responsibility for the minor's welfare. Copies of Petitioner's tax return, pay slip, and records of remittances sent by the Petitioner to support the minor and the household are attached as **Exhibit "H"** and **"H-1" and Exhibit "I" series,** respectively.

25. At present, the Petitioner is the one primarily and continuously providing for Syna's needs, including but not limited to her food, schooling, medical care, and other daily necessities.

26. Syna does not own or possess any real or personal property, income, or assets. There is no property or estate of the minor that requires administration or management, and the guardianship sought herein pertains solely to the person of the minor.

27. In compliance with Section 7 (f) of A.M. No. 03-02-05-SC, the names, ages, and residences of the relatives of the minor within the fourth civil degree, as well as the persons having the minor in their care and custody, are as follows:

A. Persons Having Care and Custody over the Minor who are also Relatives Within the Fourth Civil Degree:

Name	Relation	Age	Address
Arlene C. Almonte	Grandmother	55	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite
Amador E. Almonte	Grandfather	58	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite
Nicka Almonte Robbs	Aunt	34	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite

B. Relatives Within the Fourth Civil Degree:

Name	Relation	Age	Address
Amalene C. Almonte	Mother	29	Previously at Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite

Nick Anthony C. Almonte	Uncle	38	Block 3 Lot 23 Champaca St., Maligaya Park Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Nikki A. Cascarro	Aunt	32	Blk 3 Lot 23 Campaca St., Maligaya Park Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Amadeo C. Almonte	Uncle	26	Blk 3 Lot 23 Campaca St., Maligaya Park Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Amador C. Almonte, Jr.	Uncle	25	Blk 3 Lot 23 Campaca St., Maligaya Park Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Nichole Antonette C. Almonte	Aunt	20	Blk 3 Lot 23 Campaca St., Maligaya Park Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Symon Gabriel A. Musa	Brother	10	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite
Syrus A. Musa	Brother	3	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite
Syriel A. Musa	Sister	5	Previously at Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite, current whereabouts unknown
Prince Kian A. Hallig	Cousin	17	Block 1 Lot 36, Summerville Subdivision, Barangay Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite
Patria Ann Almonte	Cousin	16	Address unknown, last known to be in Samar, Leyte
Nosyaj Ikkin A. Moran	Cousin	13	Block 3 Lot 23 Champaca Street, Maligaya Park subdivision, Brgy. Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Kiella A. Cascarro	Cousin	3	Block 3 Lot 23 Champaca Street, Maligaya Park subdivision, Brgy. Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City

Kcin Gabe Ian Morales	Cousin	11	Block 3 Lot 23 Champaca Street, Maligaya Park subdivision, Brgy. Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City
Geybrel Nicolo M. Almonte	Cousin	11 months	Block 3 Lot 23 Champaca Street, Maligaya Park subdivision, Brgy. Pasong Putik Proper, Quezon City

Pursuant to Section 9, A.M. No. 03-02-05-SC, May 1, 2003, Court Social Worker Belen Azuelo-Viegan, RTC-OCC, Imus City, Cavite is ordered to conduct a case study of the minor and the prospective guardian and submit a Report and recommendation to the Court for its guidance before the scheduled hearing. The social worker may intervene on behalf of the minor if it finds that the petition for guardianship should be denied.

SO ORDERED.

Imus City, Cavite, April 20, 2026.

ADELIZA H. MAGNO-GINGOYON
Presiding Judge

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28. Petitioner further states that, to the best of her knowledge, the foregoing constitutes all known relatives of the minor within the fourth civil degree. Despite diligent efforts, no other relatives within the same degree could be identified.

29. Considering that the identity of the minor's biological father is unknown, no paternal relatives can be ascertained or included.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on **AUGUST 3, 2026**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Let this Order be published once in a newspaper of general circulation. Any interested party may appear and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

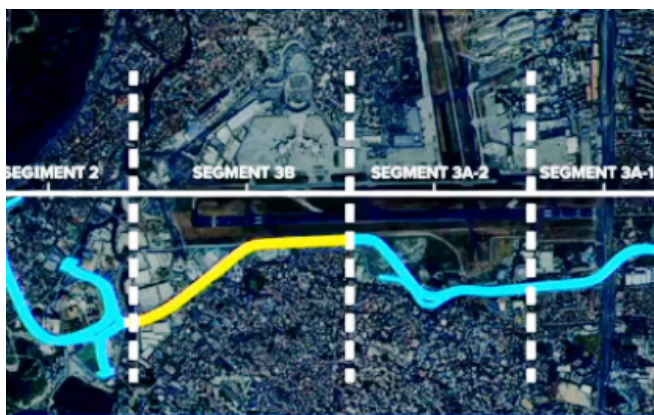
Notify all the relatives mentioned in this Petition, including the minor Syna Almonte, at her given address.

PRA delays C5 Link toll rollout amid fuel cost concerns

By Wilnard Bacelonia

The Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) on Monday announced that toll collection on the C5 Link Expressway will not push through as scheduled, pending inter-agency consensus amid rising fuel costs and the declared state of national energy emergency. In a statement, the PRA said the Notice to Start Collection (NTSC) issued by the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) for Segment 3B of the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway (MCTEP) will depend on the outcome of deliberations by the project committee under the joint venture agreement.

"The timing of the implementation of the NTSC shall depend on the result of the deliberations and agreement of the MCTEP Project Committee," the PRA said. The agency clarified that no new toll fees will be imposed on May



IMPROVING MOBILITY. A map presented by the PEA Tollway Corp. during a media briefing on March 5, 2026 shows the alignment of the CAVITEX C5 Link Expressway, highlighting Segment 3B (yellow), the portion which would connect existing sections of the expressway between CAVITEX and C5 Road. The Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) on Monday (May 4) announced that toll collection on the C5 Link Expressway will not push through as scheduled, pending inter-agency consensus amid rising fuel costs and the declared state of national energy emergency. (Screenshot from PEATC presentation)

5, as discussions continue among the PRA, PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC), and Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC). It added that inspections are ongoing to ensure that remaining "punch list" items following the Certificate of Substantial Completion, Road Safety

Audit, and Site Acceptance Test are addressed before toll collection begins.

The PRA said the move would allow stakeholders to agree on an appropriate rollout schedule while minimizing potential issues that could affect motorists. (PNA)

NextGen Naic leaders join Cavite learning tour

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — Walong student leaders mula sa Naic ang sumabak sa isang educational tour sa New Provincial Government Center noong Abril 29, 2026 bilang bahagi ng programang naglalayong



palalimin ang kanilang kaalaman sa pamamahala at serbisyon publiko.

Inisagawa ang aktibidad ng Provincial Government of Cavite sa pamamagitan ng Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer sa pamumuno ni Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle S. Sangalang. Layunin nitong palakasin ang partisipasyon ng kabataan at ihanda sila sa papel ng pamumuno sa hinaharap. Pinangunahan ni Ms. Trisha Emerlyn D. Santiaguel mula sa Office of the Vice Mayor of Naic ang grupo sa isang guided tour kung saan kanilang nasaksihan ang aktuwal na proseso sa loob ng pamahalaang panlalawigan. Kabilang sa mga naging bahagi ng programa ang orientation mula sa Office of the Provincial Governor at Office of the Provincial Youth Development Office tungkol sa mga proseso ng mga tanggapan. Nagkaroon din ng pagbisita sa Legislative Building kung saan nagbigay ng maikling talakayan si Atty. Nathaniel C. De Leon hinggil sa paggawa ng ordinansa. Sinundan ito ng aktuwal na pag obserba ng public hearing sa Session Hall ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Nilibot din ng mga kalahok ang Legislative Library at nagtapos ang aktibidad sa isang photo opportunity sa Roof Deck ng gusali. Tumulong sa maayos na daloy ng programa sina Tourism Operations Officers I Scarlett I. Bantog at Krizza Ricohermoso. Ipinapakita ng inisyatibang ito ang patuloy na pagsisikap ng lalawigan na hubugin ang mga kabataang may sapat na kaalaman, malasakit sa komunidad, at kakayahang maging susunod na mga lider. Ulat mula sa OPIO

84 bata nabakunahan sa Tanza immunization drive



TANZA, Cavite — Umabot sa 84 na bata at sanggol ang nabigyan ng bakuna sa isinagawang aktibidad para sa World Immunization Week noong Abril 29, 2026 sa Municipal Hall ng Tanza. Dumalo sa programa sina Municipal Councilors Derek Matro at Alexis Dones na nagpahayag ng suporta sa mga inisyatibang pangkalusugan, lalo na sa patuloy na pagbibigay proteksiyon sa mga batang Tanzeño sa pamamagitan ng pagbabakuna.

Pinangunahan ang aktibidad ng Municipal Government of Tanza sa pamumuno ni Mayor Archangelo "SM" Matro, katuwang ang Office of the Provincial Health Officer at ang Tanza Rural Health Unit. Nagkaloob ng libreng bakuna sa mga kwalipikadong benepisyaryo bilang bahagi ng tuloy tuloy na pagsisikap ng lokal na pamahalaan na mapanatili ang kalusugan ng komunidad. Nakiisa rin sina Cavite 8th District Board Member Jasmin Maligaya Bautista at Dr. Nelson C. Soriano, Provincial Health Officer I, na nagbigay diin sa kahalagahan ng immunization. Ayon sa kanila,

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE (OF LATE YUSHIRO YOKOYAMA)

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **YUSHIRO YOKOYAMA** who died on July 10, 2025 in Kanagawa Ken, Japan, without leaving any last will and testament, consisting of a **Savings Deposit with Account No. 392-3-39221587-6 at Metro Bank**, City of Bacoor, Cavite branch, had been the subject of an **AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE BY SOLE HEIR** executed by ROSALINDA MORES YOKOYAMA, widow and sole surviving heir of said deceased, adjudicating unto herself the aforesaid savings deposit, as per Document No. 210, Page No. 42, Book No. 482, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Reina M. Villa dated October 2, 2025.

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mas nagiging ligtas ang mga batang nababakunahan laban sa mga sakit na maaaring maiwasan. Bahagi ang nasabing aktibidad ng pagdiriwang ng World Immunization Week mula Abril 24 hanggang 30 sa buong bansa sa pangunguna ng Department of Health. Ulat mula sa OPIO

Megaworld eyes growth on Cavite west coast

CAVITE — Large scale township developments are steadily expanding across the province as property developers move beyond the more established eastern corridor to emerging areas along the Antero Soriano highway on Cavite's western coast.

During a media briefing on April 23, Megaworld senior vice president Eugene Lozano said most developments have traditionally been concentrated in cities closer to Metro Manila such as Bacoor, Imus, and Dasmariñas due to earlier development and better accessibility.

"Most developments in Cavite are on the eastern side, closer to Metro Manila, like Bacoor, Imus, and Dasmariñas, because these areas were developed earlier and are more accessible," Lozano said. "The Antero Soriano area is newer, but it is now growing because of improving roads and its coastal location."

Megaworld is among those tapping this shift through its 140 hectare Maple Grove Township located along the Antero Soriano Highway in General Trias City. The company is positioning the project as the area's first central business district, following a model similar to Makati.

"Maple Grove is planned to help grow this part of Cavite and turn it into a complete community for living, working and leisure," Lozano said.

As part of the development, the company



Overview of the Maple Grove clubhouse. IMAGES FROM MEGAWORLD

recently presented the new clubhouse of Maple Grove Park Village, the township's residential enclave, ahead of its scheduled turnover to lot owners by May 2026. The project is described as an exclusive resort inspired community.

Lozano, who also heads Megaworld Cavite sales and marketing, said the development aims to offer residents an urban retreat.

"We want residents and guests to feel like they are on a holiday the moment they enter the village and the clubhouse," he said.

He added that Megaworld took a different direction in designing the project by working with a firm known for hospitality design rather than traditional residential planners. For the residential component, the company partnered with global architecture firm Wimberly Allison Tong and Goo, known for projects such as Atlantis Hotel at The Palm in Dubai, Shangri La Maldives,

and Shangri La Boracay.

The clubhouse serves as the centerpiece of the community, built with a contemporary tropical design that highlights wellness and open spaces. It features natural ventilation, shaded structures, and design elements that connect indoor and outdoor areas.

A water feature at the entrance allows guests to walk across floating stone steps leading to the main hall. Inside, the design emphasizes internal views, with three pools serving as focal points: a wellness pool with jacuzzi, a lap pool, and a children's pool, all surrounded by landscaped greenery and activity areas.

Other amenities include a fitness gym, movement studio, massage and sauna rooms, playground, alfresco lounge, water and sensory garden, and function spaces.

About 40 percent of the 22 hectare village is allocated to open spaces, including eight themed

gardens such as an edible garden, fitness and activity garden, and areas for relaxation and meditation.

"Maple Grove Park Village is masterplanned to integrate nature and wellness that support a more relaxed and well rounded lifestyle," Lozano said.

The development offers 377 residential lots ranging from 280 to 518 square meters, priced between P20.4 million and P37.1 million. Launched in 2022, about 85 percent of the lots have already been sold.

Maple Grove is about 40 minutes from Makati and Fort Bonifacio via Cavite. Future infrastructure projects including the LRT 1 Cavite Extension, Sangley Point International Airport, Cavite Calax link, Cavite Tagaytay Batangas Expressway, and the Bataan Cavite Interlink Bridge are expected to further improve connectivity in the area. With reporting from Michele T. Logarta

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PATRICK UY CUA,
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-25-140
FOR: Extra Judicial

-versus-

ERINEO LABOGA SINSAY,
Mortgagor,
X-----X

Foreclosure
Proceedings of
Mortgaged Real
Property Under Act
3135, as amended by
Act No. 4118

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **PATRICK UY CUA**, of legal age, Filipino, Single and with postal address at 19 Antonio Juan Street, San Juan City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Promissory Note with Real Estate Mortgage executed and notarized on November 6, 2012 by Mortgagor **ERINEO LABOGA SINSAY**, single, of legal age, Filipino, and with residence address at (1) 005 Pasong Matanda Looban St., Barangay 5, Amadeo, Cavite and (2) 141 A. Mabini St., Poblacion 5, Amadeo, Cavite, in favor of the mortgagee, over real estate property including improvements, thereon, described in and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. **076-2012005293** of the Registry of Deeds of Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of **TWO MILLION PESOS (Php 2,000,000.00)** excluding filing fees and other fees that may be incurred, as of November 20, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **August 18, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City**, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012005293 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF AMADEO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

LOT 5732, CASE 5, CADM-482-D A PARCEL OF LAND, LOT 5732, CASE 5, CADM-482-D, AMADEO CADASTRAL MAPPING PROJECT, SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF AMADEO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE NW., BY LOT 4888, CADM-482-D; ON THE NE., BY LOT 4919, CADM-482-D; AND ON THE SE., AND SW., BY CREEK. CONTAINING AN APPROXIMATE AREA OF THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (308) SQUARE METERS. THIS LOT WAS SURVEYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND EXISTING REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER BY PRIMITIVO PAPA, GEODETIC ENGINEER AND APPROVED ON AUGUST 6, 1976. NOTE: THIS LOT IS COVERED BY FREE PATENT APPLICATION NO. (IV-2) 8625

Is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the of

Owner: ERINEO L. SINSAY, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: 141 A. MABINI ST., POBLACION 5, AMADEO, CAVITE

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 25, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2012005293 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, May 6, 2026.

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CHIZ SAYS SENATE IMPEACHMENT COURT SHOULD UPHOLD LAW, SHUN POLITICAL NOISE

Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero urged his colleagues in the Senate to carry out their duties in accordance with the law and set aside political noise when they convene as an impeachment court for the trial of Vice President Sara Duterte. Speaking in the pilot episode of his Chiz Wiz! podcast, Escudero said senators should shed political colors and approach the process with sobriety and fairness. "Hindi sila dapat magpadala sa kung sino ang mas maingay. Nangyari na 'yan sa bibliya, hindi ba? May mas malakas sumigaw, may napako nga sa krus dahil dun," Escudero said. "Ang impeachment trial ay hindi eleksyon o botohan sa kung sino ang mas popular. Ang dapat sundan ay kung ano ang naayon sa batas," he added, stressing that the Senate must uphold constitutional discipline rather than respond to online agitation or political theatrics. In the 35-minute podcast, the veteran lawmaker also shared with his guests the Senate's experience under his watch as Senate President during the 2025 impeachment proceedings, explaining why the chamber did not convene immediately despite the constitutional term "forthwith." He said the Senate needed reasonable time to prepare for a process of such gravity, a position that was later affirmed by the Supreme Court in a 14-0-1 vote favoring the Senate's handling of the impeachment timeline. The High Court rejected a petition seeking to compel the Senate to convene at once, saying the chamber acted within constitutional bounds when it declined to begin trial while in recess. In clarifying "forthwith," the Court ruled that the term means action taken within a "reasonable time," and not an instantaneous or mechanical response. The decision underscored that the Senate retains discretion on when and how to convene as an impeachment court, provided it acts within a reasonable period. Atty. Regie Tongol, spokesperson of the Escudero led impeachment court in 2025 and a guest in the podcast, said the ruling effectively vindicated the Senate's earlier stance. He noted that the Court's definition of "forthwith" validated the chamber's deliberate approach and dispelled criticisms that it had acted too slowly. Tongol added that the decision strengthened institutional stability by ensuring that impeachment proceedings cannot be dictated by public pressure or unrealistic timelines. "They were wrong, and the Supreme Court has proven them wrong." According to the former spokesperson, the Supreme Court ruling reinforces the Senate's independence by ensuring that impeachment proceedings are guided by constitutional standards rather than public pressure or political noise.