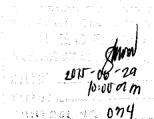




Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1104



Indorsement 29 June 2015

Respectfully referred to Hon. Manuel A. Roxas II, Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government, DILG-NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, the attached Joint Order dated 25 June 2015 in OMB-C-A-15-0171 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0172 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Pio Kenneth I Dasal et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0173 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Pio Kenneth I. Dasal et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0174 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Ulvsses E. Orienza et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0175 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0176 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al." and OMB-C-A-15-0177 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," for implementation, except with respect to respondent Leonila D.G. Querijero and to the City Treasurer for which the Board of Regents of the University of Makati and the Department of Finance have been requested to do it, respectively.

Conchita Carpio Morales

Ombudsman

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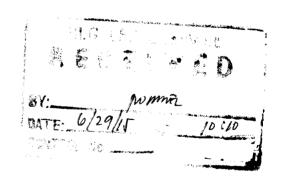
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Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1104

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Respectfully referred to the BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAKATI, through its President, Prof. Tomas B. Lopez, Jr., University of Makati, J.P. Rizal Extension, Barangay West Rembo, Makati City, the attached Joint Order dated 25 June 2015 in OMB-C-A-15-0171 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0172 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Pio Kenneth I Dasal et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0173 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Pio Kenneth I. Dasal et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0174 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Ulysses E. Orienza et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0175 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," OMB-C-A-15-0176 entitled "Field Investigation Office v. Jejomar Erwin S. Binay, Jr. et al.," for implementation, in so far as respondent Leonila D.G. Querijero is concerned.

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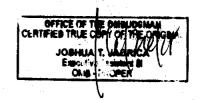
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FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

-versus -

OMB-C-A-15-0171

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best

Interest of the Service; Grave

Misconduct; Dishonesty

(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Architectural and Engineering Services for MSHS

Building)

JEJOMAR ERWIN S. BINAY, JR.

Incumbent Makati City Mayor

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Assistant Department Head II / BAC Member

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Department Head II

Respondents.

FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

OMB-C-A-15-0172

-versus -

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave

Misconduct; Dishonesty

(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase I of MSHS

Building)

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Department Head II

Respondents.

FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

OMB-C-A-15-0173

-versus -

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave Misconduct; Dishonesty

(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase II of MSHS

Building)

PIO KENNETH I. DASAL

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City Accountant III

NELIA A. BARLIS

Department Head II

-versus -

Respondents. --------

FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

OMB-C-A-15-0174

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave

Misconduct; Dishonesty

(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase III of MSHS

Building)

ULYSSES E. ORIENZA

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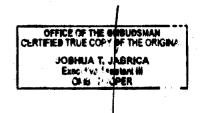
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Complainant,

OMB-C-A-15-0175

-versus -

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave Misconduct; Dishonesty Page 4 of 12 JOINT ORDER FIO v. Binay, et al OMB-C-A-15-0171 to 177



(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase IV of MSHS Building)

JEJOMAR ERWIN S. BINAY, JR.

Incumbent Makati City Mayor

GERARDO K. SAN GABRIEL

Department Head II / BAC Member

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Department Head II

Respondents.

FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

-versus -

OMB-C-A-15-0176

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave

Misconduct; Dishonesty

(For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase V of MSHS

Building)

JEJOMAR ERWIN S. BINAY, JR.

Incumbent Makati City Mayor

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RALPH ENCELA LIBERATO

Administrative Officer V / BAC Secretariat Member Respondents.

FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Complainant,

OMB-C-A-15-0177

-versus -

For: Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service; Grave Misconduct; Dishonesty (For the Procurement and Award of contract for Phase VI of MSHS Building)

JEJOMAR ERWIN S. BINAY, JR.

Incumbent Makati City Mayor

ELENO M. MENDOZA, JR.

Department Head II

MARIO V. BADILLO

Department Head II

GERARDO K. SAN GABRIEL

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JOINT ORDER

This resolves the prayer for the preventive suspension of the following respondents:

- 1. JEJOMAR ERWIN SOMBILLO BINAY, JR. (Binay, Jr.), Mayor;
- 2. PIO KENNETH ILANO DASAL (Dasal), City Government Assistant Department Head II and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Member;
- 3. LORENZA PUNZALAN AMORES (Amores), City Government Department Head II and BAC Member;
- 4. NORMAN DOMINGO FLORES (Flores), Engineering Assistant and BAC Secretariat Member;
- 5. LEONILA DE GUZMAN QUERIJERO (Querijero), City Accountant III;
- 6. CECILIO P. LIM III (Lim), then Acting City Accountant;
- 7. NELIA ARGANA BARLIS (Barlis), City Government Department Head II;
- 8. GIOVANNI ILIO CONDES (Condes), Chief Administrative Officer and BAC Secretariat Head;
- 9. RALPH ENCELA LIBERATO (Liberato), Administrative Officer V and BAC Secretariat Member;
- 10.ULYSSES ESTANISLAO ORIENZA (Orienza), City Government Assistant Department Head II and BAC Member;
- 11.MANOLITO N. UYACO (Uyaco), BAC Secretariat Head;
- 12.GERARDO KANGLEON SAN GABRIEL (San Gabriel), City Government Department Head II and BAC Member;

There is no showing that he is no longer in government service.

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all of Makati City, as embodied in the May 28, 2015 Complaint filed by the FIELD INVESTIGATION OFFICE (FIO) of the Office of the Ombudsman for **Grave Misconduct, Dishonesty,** and **Conduct Prejudicial to the Best Interest of the Service**, pursuant to Section 24 of Republic Act (R.A.) 6770 (Ombudsman Act of 1989), which provides:

Section 24. Preventive Suspension. – The Ombudsman or his Deputy may preventively suspend any officer or employee under his authority pending an investigation, if in his judgment the evidence of guilt is strong, and (a) the charge against such officer or employee involves dishonesty, oppression or grave misconduct or neglect in the performance of duty; (b) the charges would warrant removal from the service; or (c) the respondent's continued stay in office may prejudice the case filed against him.

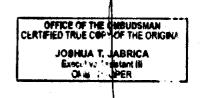
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Under this provision, two requisites must concur: *first*, that in the judgment of the Ombudsman or the Deputy Ombudsman, the evidence of guilt is strong; and *second*, which may be met in either of three (3) different ways – (a) the offense charged involves dishonesty, oppression or grave misconduct or neglect in the performance of duty; (b) the charge would warrant removal from the service; or (c) the respondent's continued stay in office may prejudice the case filed against him.²

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Office of the Ombudsman v. Evangelista, et al., G.R. No. 177211, March 13, 2009.

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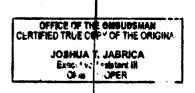
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7) Binay, Jr., Mendoza, Badillo, San Gabriel, Dasal, Amores, Uyaco, Liberato, Pestaño, and Barlis for the irregular and anomalous bid and award of the ₱165,264,847.00 Phase VI construction contract to the pre-selected and pre-arranged bidder Hilmarc, and the approval and release of payments relative thereto, all transactions covering the years 2013-2014.⁹

With respect to the procurement of the architectural design and engineering services, respondents mutually aided one another in ensuring the award of the contract to Infiniti, pursuant to the directive to that effect given by then City Mayor Jejomar C. Binay, Sr. (Binay, Sr.), now Vice President of the Philippines, 10 to then City Engineer Nelson B. Morales (deceased), 11 by purportedly resorting to negotiated procurement but without satisfying the conditions for the resort to alternative procurement and the requisites provided under Section 53 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act), in exchange for a monthly allowance of \$\mathbb{P}200,000.00\$ each to the members of the BAC.¹² Respondents likewise created a semblance of competition by making it appear that they sent letters of invitation¹³ to architectural firms by falsifying proposals, signatures of firms' other than *Infiniti*, representatives, attendance sheets, and minutes of negotiation, with Infiniti the only firm supposedly submitting its proposal in an amount less than the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC). The alleged participants in the negotiation, however, executed sworn statements¹⁴ denying actual participation therein. Notwithstanding the anomalies in the procurement, Infiniti was eventually fully paid, upon knowingly approving the disbursements¹⁵ relative thereto by then City Mayor Binay, Sr. and later by City Mayor Binay, Jr.

As regards Phases I to VI construction of the MSHS Building, respondents mutually aided one another in ensuring the award of the pertinent contracts to Hilmarc, again following the directive of then City Mayor Binay, Sr. to that effect through then City Engineer Morales. In similar fashion, they made it appear that public biddings (for Phases I, II, IV, V, and VI) and a legitimate negotiated procurement (Phase III) were conducted when in truth there were none. To ensure that the procurement processes would not be open to other competitors, they prepared Invitations to Bid¹⁶ which have incomplete information, falsified publications, 17

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¹⁰ Not included as respondent in these administrative cases.

¹¹ Annex V³ of the Complaint.

¹² Annexes F⁵ and G⁵, id.

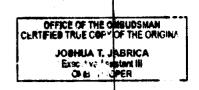
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falsified bid proposals, 18 and proceeded with the receipt and opening of the incomplete proposals without the attendance of the end-user and COA auditors, all in violation of R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and Again, despite these patent irregularities, Hilmarc was eventually fully paid in all six phases, upon knowingly approving the disbursements¹⁹ relative thereto by then City Mayor Binay, Sr. and later by City Mayor Binay, Jr.

All the circumstances for the second requisite are likewise present. Respondents are charged for mutually aiding one another in rigging and prearranging the procurement of the architectural design and engineering services in favor of Infiniti, and of the construction services for Phases I to VI in favor of Hilmarc of the 10-storey MSHS through falsification of documents, indubitably involving Grave Misconduct and Dishonesty. These charges, if proven true, constitute grounds for their removal from public service under the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service. Further, since their respective positions give them access to public records and influence to possible witnesses, and considering the apparent repeated and similar schematic pattern applied in these transactions, respondents' continued stay in office may prejudice the cases filed against them.²⁰ Thus, their preventive suspension without pay for a period of six months is in order.

WHEREFORE, complainant's prayer to place JEJOMAR ERWIN SOMBILLO BINAY, JR., PIO KENNETH ILANDO DASAL, LORENZA PUNZALAN AMORES, NORMAN DOMINGO FLORES, LEONILA DE GUZMAN QUERIJERO, CECILIO P. LIM III, NELIA ARGANA BARLIS, GIOVANNI ILIO CONDES, RALPH ENCELA LIBERATO. **ULYSSES ESTANISLAO** ORIENZA. MANOLITO N. UYACO, GERARDO KANGLEON SAN GABRIEL, RAYDES BARIAS PESTAÑO, ELENO MONASTERIAL MENDOZA, JR., and MARIO VALENZUELA BADILLO under preventive suspension is GRANTED.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 24 of R.A. 6770, in relation to Section 9, Rule III²¹ of Administrative Order No. 07,²² as amended, they are

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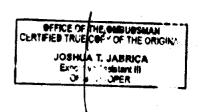
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TIDCORP v. Manalang-Demigilio, G.R. No. 176343, September 18, 2012.

Section 9. Preventive Suspension. - Pending investigation, the respondent may be preventively suspended without pay if, in the judgment of the Ombudsman or his proper deputy, the evidence of guilt is strong, and (a) the charge against such officer or employee involves dishonesty, oppression or gross misconduct, or gross neglect in the performance of duty; or (b) the charge would warrant removal from the service; or (c) the respondent's continued stay in office may prejudice the just, fair and independent disposition of the case filed against him.

The preventive suspension shall continue until the case is terminated; however, the total period of preventive suspension should not exceed six months. Nevertheless, when the delay in the disposition of the case is due to the fault, negligence or any cause attributable to the respondent, the period of such delay shall not be counted in computing the period of suspension herein provided.

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hereby PREVENTIVELY SUSPENDED for SIX (6) MONTHS WITHOUT PAY during the pendency of these cases. In case of delay in the disposition of these cases due to the fault, negligence, or any cause attributable to respondents, the period of such delay shall not be counted in computing the period of suspension.

In accordance with Section 27, paragraph 1 of R.A. 6770, this Order is **immediately executory**. Notwithstanding any motion, appeal, or petition that may be filed by respondents seeking relief from this Order, unless otherwise ordered by this Office or by any court of competent jurisdiction, the implementation of this Joint Order shall **not** be interrupted within the period prescribed.²³

The Honorable Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government, **MANUEL A. ROXAS II**, is directed to implement this Joint Order immediately upon receipt hereof and notify this Office within five (5) days of the status of implementation.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Philippines. June 25, 2015.

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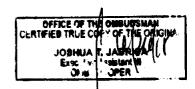
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