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Dear Fellow Residents:

I was invited to a town hall meeting-dinner organized by the barangay for Thursday, June 15, 2023 in CSA to discuss the proposed DVA Community Center. It is my duty as President to explain to you why I or the DVA Board of Governors cannot participate in that meeting.

As you all know, the soon-to-be-built Community Center was designed and intended for the use and benefit of all residents and their guests. A few who are against its construction are the same proponents of the town hall meeting. They seek to go against the decision of the majority of residents who had been apprised of and had favored the project as far back as 2019. Its purpose and function had been discussed in a public face-to-face meeting of the members in March 2020. It also has been the subject of numerous updates and circulars concerning its design, bidding sessions for construction cost, benefits, features, amenities, and green areas around the proposed facility.

Your Board had unanimously decided not to attend the town hall meeting because (a) it favors and is a mouth-piece for a few who are opposed to the project, (b) it undermines the will of the majority of the residents who had confirmed their support for the new Board who believe the proposed facility will be beneficial for all residents, and (c) it violates the distinction between private activities of a homeowner's association and the non-partisan character of a barangay.

In sum, the majority of the residents had chosen to pursue the project through your Board who had been duly elected by them. Under the law, the barangay cannot involve itself in or otherwise influence what DVA can or cannot do. The few oppositors to the project cannot pretend to speak for the majority of the residents.

Finally, the claimed MOA that had been signed in 2009 giving rent-free use of the barangay premises refers to a **completely constructed 300-square meter barangay building** facing Calumpang Street. It does not apply to the current offices within the DVA Town Hall used by 38 barangay employees with 18 government vehicles at their beck and call, all rent-free for over a decade despite their being funded by public money and our taxes.

I again write to dispel the disinformation disseminated by a few who had been incessant in twisting facts and depicting your Board as an enemy when it is not.

Very truly yours,


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President