



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
 City of Manila

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26
 Series 2022

**CREATION OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
 AGAINST SQUATTING SYNDICATES AND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS
 (LCASSPS)**

WHEREAS, under *Section 455 paragraph (b)(1) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160*, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Manila exercises general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services, and activities of the city government;

WHEREAS, in relation to *Section 27 of Republic Act No. 7279*, also known as *Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992*, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on 04 January 2012, issued *Memorandum Circular No. 2012-04*, mandating the creation of a Local Committee Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters (LCASSPS), which shall serve as the operating arm of the national drive against professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to combat the squatting problem;

WHEREAS, in view of the proliferation of squatting syndicates and professional squatters in the City of Manila, the city supports the National Government's campaign against professional squatters and squatting syndicates under *Executive Order No. 153* dated 10 December 2002;

THEREFORE, I, **MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, M.D, FPDS**, Mayor of the City of Manila, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the Local Government Code of 1991, and existing laws, hereby order the creation of the Local Committee against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters (LCASSPS) as follows:

Section 1. *Composition.* Pursuant to *Section 2.2.1 of Executive Order 129* and *Section 9(a) of its Implementing Guidelines*, the LCASSPS shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairman | : | Mayor of the City of Manila |
| Vice-Chairman | : | Chief, Manila Police Department |
| Members | : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officer-in-Charge, Manila Urban Settlements Office - Officer-in-Charge, Manila Barangay Bureau - Representative, Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) - Representative, PCUP accredited Urban Poor Organization - Representative, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development |

Section 2. *Functions.* In accordance with *Section 2.2.2 of Executive Order 129* and *Section 9(b) of its Implementing Guidelines*, the functions of LCASSPS are as follows:


- a. Adopt measures to identify and effectively curtail the activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, including the names of public officials and/or private individuals or entities suspected of abetting or tolerating the acts and nefarious activities of the said syndicates, etc.;
- b. Provide the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and the National Housing Authority copies of the identified professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to safeguard against their inclusion in future government housing programs/projects and recommend their disqualification in existing programs;
- c. Submit quarterly reports regarding identified professional squatters, squatting syndicates, and demolition and eviction activities to the Department of the Interior and Local Government Field Office;
- d. Provide legal assistance to victims of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, giving priority to small property owners, and make available, through the Philippine National Police and the Department of Justice, a consolidated list of professional squatters and squatting syndicates;
- e. File or assist the complainant in filing the appropriate charges before the City Prosecutor's Office;
- f. Undertake investigation of cases of violation of law or rules on eviction and demolition forwarded to it and recommend appropriate actions on the same to the concerned agencies;
- g. Monitor eviction and demolition activities and establish its own monitoring system;
- h. Submit reports to the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and to the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of Republic Act No. 7279; and
- i. Request assistance from any government entity, if necessary.

Section 3. All prior inconsistent orders, issuances, or directives are considered repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Order consists of only two (2) pages and shall take effect immediately upon issuance.


Section 5. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished the Office of the President, Malacañang Palace, pursuant to paragraph (b)(xii), Section 455 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Done this 22nd of AUGUST 2022, in the City of Manila, Philippines.



MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN MD, FPDS
Mayor of the City of Manila

ATTESTED BY:



ATTY. MARLON M. LACSON
 Secretary to the Mayor