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**PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**  
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

*EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025*

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Rommel T. Debulgado	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Samson C. Mirhan	Member - 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

**ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

Hon. Manuel Frederick O. Ko	Member - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Hon. Andrew Martin Y. Torres	Member - 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Anthony Dennis J. Occeño	Member - 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District
Hon. Valentino Miguel J. Alonso	Member - 6 <sup>th</sup> District

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**RESOLUTION NO. 0538**  
**Series of 2025**

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR TO SIGN, FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCE, THE PRESCRIBED FORMS AND FILE FOR THE APPLICATION FOR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR ALL SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 12, 2025, NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND BARMM PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS PURSUANT TO COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 11060***

***WHEREAS***, this Resolution was certified urgent by the Provincial Governor Eugenio Jose "Bong" Lacson relative to the Resolution of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, is responsible for enforcing election-related laws, including Section 261 (v) of the Omnibus Election Code (OEC), which prohibits the release of public funds for social services and housing projects within forty-five (45) days before a regular election, except under specific exemptions. COMELEC Resolution No. 11060 allows exemptions for such projects, provided a request is filed by February 11, 2025;

***WHEREAS***, the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental currently has one (1) housing related project and Eighty-Four (84) social welfare and services projects that require exemption to ensure uninterrupted service delivery;

***WHEREAS***, this Resolution aligns with COMELEC Resolution No. 11060 and is crucial for ensuring the continuous delivery of services to the people of Negros Occidental;

***NOW THEREFORE***, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr., unanimously seconded by all the members present,



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**THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves to pass and approve this Resolution, to wit:

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**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

**HON. RICHARD JULIUS L. SABLAN**  
Temporary Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON**  
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:

**HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Provincial Governor

Date: MAY 20 2025

**NOTE: The Presiding Officer, Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer relinquished the chair to the Temporary Presiding Officer, Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan.**

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