

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Imus City, Cavite

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION FOR RE-
ACCREDITATION IN THE WEEKLY
RAFFLE OF JUDICIAL AND LEGAL
NOTICES,

P.A. Case No. 238-21

CAVITE NGAYON, as represented
by its Publisher, BAYANI N.
ZOLETA,

Petitioner,

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ORDER

This is a verified petition¹ for re-accreditation in the weekly raffle of Judicial and Legal Notices filed by petitioner on November 4, 2021. The Court issued a Notice of Hearing dated November 18, 2021² setting the petition for initial hearing on January 11, 2021.

At the initial hearing of the petition on January 11, 2021, the petitioner, through counsel, marked several exhibits to prove compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. There being no opposition, the Court allowed petitioner to present evidence *ex parte* on January 3, 2022 before the Commissioner/Officer-in-Charge.³

On February 8, 2022, petitioner presented the testimony of its publisher. There being no more witnesses to present and documentary exhibits to mark, the Commissioner submitted the formal offer of exhibits (to be submitted within five days after the *ex parte* hearing) to the Court's discretion.⁴

On February 14, 2022, the Court issued an Order acknowledging receipt of the petitioner's formal offer of documentary exhibits with the reserved exhibits filed by the petitioner, through counsel, Atty. Evelyn Dominquez; finding the

¹Petition marked as Exhibit "A".

²Notice of Hearing marked as Exhibit "B".

³Court's Order dated January 11, 2022.

⁴TSN dated February 8, 2022.

documents submitted by petitioner to be in proper order; and admitting Exhibits "A" to "S" and series as evidence for petitioner. The Court also submitted the petition for decision in the same Order.⁵

After going over the petition and the documentary evidence presented, the Court made the following findings:

Petitioner Bayani N. Zoleta, is the publisher/owner and Editor-in-Chief of Cavite Ngayon, a weekly newspaper with principal office address at 271 Virata Subd., Palico 3, Imus, Cavite, Telephone No. 02-7757-8963, Cellphone No. 0969-0102911.

Cavite Ngayon is duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry ("DTI"), the National Library of the Philippines ("NLP"), the Philippine Post Office ("Philpost"), the City Government of Imus, Cavite, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue ("BIR").

It is a weekly newspaper of general circulation in all the Cities and Municipalities of Cavite. It has been duly recognized and registered as a newspaper since February 1981.

It publishes legal and Judicial Notices and Orders emanating from the different Regional Trial Courts and Municipal Trial Courts in the Province of Cavite and does not participate in the raffle of legal and judicial notices in other provinces and/or cities. It has been in circulation for the last 40 years, with its maiden issue published dated February 18, 1981.

Cavite Ngayon has a weekly circulation of One Thousand (1,000) copies printed and released every Monday. It has an advertising display rate of One Hundred Sixty Pesos (P160.00) per column centimeter for legal and judicial notices and Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) for commercial ads.

It has no paid advertisement section/page or commercial ad insertion as of the date of this petition and therefore unable to present any receipt or contrasts for such and those whatever commercial ads printed in its previous edition were done free of charge to their advertisers.

The petitioner faithfully complies with the requirements of the law in publication of judicial notices and orders pursuant with the provisions under P.D. 1079 and A.M. No.01-1-07 SC. Cavite Ngayon does not merely reproduce or reprint news pages from other

⁵Court's Order dated February 14, 2022.

periodicals or newspapers within the region of the Province or City under the jurisdiction of the Regional Trial Court of Imus City, Province of Cavite. It also submitted at least three of its newspaper issues, showing format for legal and judicial notices prescribing the following:

- i. Font size of eight points for the text or less and not more than 10 points for the heading;
- ii. Column width of more, but not less than nine cms.; and
- iii. Single spacing for text and heading.


From the foregoing, it is established that the petitioner has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications as set forth under Presidential Decree No. 1079 and A.M. No. 01-1-07-SC (Guidelines in the Accreditation of Newspapers and Periodicals Seeking to Publish Judicial and Legal Notices and Other Similar Announcements and in the Raffle Thereof).

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the instant petition is hereby GRANTED. The accreditation shall be valid within five (5) years from the date of approval unless suspended or revoked in accordance with the guidelines.

Let the **Cavite Ngayon** be included in the list of accredited newspapers, which shall be posted in three conspicuous places, including the bulletin boards of the Courts in Imus City, Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

City of Imus, Cavite, February 15, 2022.


MARY CHARLENE V. HERNANDEZ-AZURA
Executive Judge

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