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Summary:

This study aimed to analyze the effect of political activities in relation to community development as perceived by the selected residents of Mahabang Kahoy Balagbag and Mahabang Kahoy Cerca. Specifically, it sought to answer the perception of the residents if the communities are developing, the mainfestations of economic, political and socio-cultural developments, the role played by the barangay council in fostering this development, the role played by the local government in bringing the development and the political actions that can promote develop-

ment in the community.

The study revealed the following findings:

- 1. The barangays Mahabang Kahoy Balgabag and Mahabang Kahoy Cerca were perceived as developing communities by 60% of the respondents.
- 2. The manifestations of the development as to economic aspects are the livelihood projects and funds allocation. For the political aspects are the regular meetings of the barangay officials, consultations, participatiom in policy and decision making, cooperation of the residents, local government assistance and peace and order. For the socio-cultural aspects are the government information drive, efficiency of the barangays officials, health related projects, cleanliness projects, infrastructures and the civic organizations.
- 3. The role played by the barangay officials in fostering the development are to encourage the participation of the residents in all barangay matters, to serve as linkage between the local government and the residents, to formulate development plans, to maintain peace and order, to implement laws and to promote general welfare.
- 4. The role of the local government and the national government in bringing developments are to encourage the the development viable cooperatives as a good form of marketing linkages, to improve the rate of functional lite-

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racy among the people and to provide adequate educational facilities, to support and develop the rime of growth centers among strategically-located barangays, to provide the residents with higher and equitable distribution and employment benefits and to improve and raise the standard of living of the people of Mahabang Kahoy Balagbag and Mahabang Kahoy Cerca through economic prosperity by rationalizing agricultural production and maximizing industrial activity.

5. The political actions of the residents that promote development are cooperation, unity among residents, participation in policy and decision making and attending regular meeting.

With these findings it is hereby recommended:

- 1. That the citizens be more aware of the significance of political participations through seminars and educational training regarding barangay matters.
- 2. That a study be conducted on non-governmental organizations and other private groups that may help to foster further developments.
- 3. That barangay officials promote and initiate more livelihood projects and health related programs which will benefit less fortunate brothers and sisters.
- 4. That local and national government have a full support in the implementation of rural development project

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