

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
LA FORTALEZA
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

Executive Order No. *OE-2003-66*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCE AS
THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
PLANNING OF USES IN ROOSEVELT ROADS, AND
ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS
AN ADVISORY GROUP ON ALL MATTERS REGARDING
THE REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

- WHEREAS:** President George W. Bush signed into law, Public Law 108-87 on September 30, 2003, which provides that the Secretary of the Navy shall close Naval Station Roosevelt Roads no later than March 31, 2004, and that such closure is to be carried out in accordance with the procedures and authorities contained in the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Title XIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. § 2687 note), commonly referred to as the BRAC process.
- WHEREAS:** The BRAC process provides the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico significant advantages for the speedy reuse, redevelopment, and protection of the lands and infrastructure currently occupied by the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads.
- WHEREAS:** The BRAC process requires that the Commonwealth Government designate a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) as the entity responsible for developing a redevelopment plan for Roosevelt Roads.
- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to the BRAC process, the LRA can be any entity established by the Commonwealth Government and recognized by the Secretary of Defense, through the Office of Economic Adjustment.

WHEREAS: A coordinated effort is needed to conduct this process with an integrated view involving the government both at the local and the central level, the private sector, and the affected communities.

WHEREAS: The Department of Economic Development and Commerce was created by the Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1994 to implement and supervise the execution of Puerto Rico's public policy on economic development in various entrepreneurial sectors of industry, commerce, tourism, services, credit unions and others.

NOW: THEREFORE, I, SILA M. CALDERÓN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, do hereby order and direct as follows:

FIRST: The Department of Economic Development and Commerce, as created by Reorganization Plan No. 4, June 22, 1994, as amended, is hereby designated as the agency representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico before agencies of the federal government with regard to the planning process for the reuse and redevelopment of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and is directed to make immediate contact with appropriate federal agencies in order to ensure that the Commonwealth's interests are appropriately represented and available funding sources are promptly pursued.

SECOND: The Department will be the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) responsible for all planning issues involved in the BRAC process, including the development of a

"Redevelopment Plan" to be presented to the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

THIRD:

A Redevelopment Committee is hereby created and directed to work with the LRA on all matters regarding the planning for the reuse, redevelopment, and protection of Roosevelt Roads, with the goal of converting Roosevelt Roads to productive private and/or public uses that will increase employment opportunities, and bolster the local economy and serve to protect the environment.

FOURTH:

The Redevelopment Committee shall work in conjunction with the LRA to promote a consensus for the redevelopment of the Roosevelt Roads installation, as well as to identify, pursue and coordinate the delivery of available federal and state resources, and to serve as an advocacy and advisory group on all matters affecting the redevelopment process.

FIFTH:

The LRA, through the Redevelopment Committee, shall evaluate redevelopment alternatives and models, and receive input from local community organizations, businesses and residents affected by the closure. In this fashion, it is directed to review one or more alternative redevelopment plans which shall lead to a revitalization of the Roosevelt Roads facility for the long-term benefit and economic growth of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its citizens.

SIXTH:

The LRA is requested to assemble the Redevelopment Committee, schedule and staff its meetings, which should begin as soon as practical.

SEVENTH:

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Secretary of Economic Development and Commerce, who shall chair the Committee;
2. Secretary of Environmental and Natural Resources;
3. President of the Planning Board;
4. Executive Director of the Tourism Company;
5. Executive Director of the Ports Authority;
6. Mayor of the Municipality of Ceiba;
7. Resident Commissioner, or his designee;
8. Representative of the business community in the Roosevelt Roads area, to be designated by the Governor;
9. Representative of the community in the Roosevelt Roads area, to be designated by the Governor.

EIGHTH:

The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to comply with the requirements of the BRAC process and prepare a successful Redevelopment Plan in conjunction with the LRA. The Committee shall accept comments from interested parties and the public at large on the preparation of the Redevelopment Plan and shall hold at least one public hearing on the preparation of such plan.

NINTH:

Each department and agency responsible for functions and activities that can contribute to the objectives of the Committee shall carry those functions and activities forward in such a manner as to make the fullest possible contribution to its objectives.

TENTH:

The Department of Economic Development and Commerce is hereby authorized to call upon any department, office, or agency of the Commonwealth Government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, officer, division and agency of this Commonwealth is required to cooperate with the Department and the Committee and to furnish them with such information and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to be affixed, at this 24 day of October, 2003.



[Signature]
SILA M. CALDERÓN
GOVERNOR

Promulgated according to law, at this ~~28th~~ day of October, 2003.

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FERDINAND MERCADO RAMOS
SECRETARY OF STATE