

# GOALS as a private asset after 1990 report

Presidential son and Pampanga Rep. Jose Miguel "Miky" Arroyo has failed to declare in his Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) for the last two years a \$1.32 million or P63.7 million beachfront property in the San Francisco area in California, which he bought and then transferred to his wife Angela in 2006.

The house, located at 1655 Beach Park Blvd, in Foster City in San Francisco County, is up for sale, but does not appear in Miky's 2007 and 2008 SALN.

Under the California Family Code, community ownership of a property acquired during marriage may be transferred or "transmuted" to one spouse by formal agreement. But even if Miky relinquished to his wife any right to the property, guidelines for the filing of SALNs in the Philippines require public officials to declare property owned by their spouses.

The SALNs of both Miky and his brother, Camarines Sur Rep. Diosdado Ignacio "Dato" Arroyo, show them both acquiring houses in taxes when they bought the Foster City property in 2006. Miky's SALN shows P4,239 or P692,000 in property taxes.

Arroyo, 40, wife Angela, his second cousin, on June 24, 2002. They have two daughters, Mikela Gloria and Marie Celeste. Arroyo's father, First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Miky" Arroyo, and Angela's mother, Rosario Arroyo, are first cousins.

Angela's father, Herman Montenegro, was president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries. He is chair and president of the H.M. Group of Companies.

Shortly after Miky and Angela were married, Montenegro became treasurer and chairman of the group and means committee of President Arroyo's party, Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino or Kampi.

The Foster City house was built in 1969 and has a floor area of 1,500 square meters. Information about the property is publicly available on a number of websites, among them [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com). But the Web-

sites do not list the owner of the property.

The eWalk Website has pictures of the house, including the front view, backyard, living room, master bedroom, dining room and kitchen and dining room in 360-degree scenes.

Data from Zillow, which provides real estate information, indicate that the property's market value plunged to about \$1.3 million in the last February amid the financial meltdown in the US, before climbing to \$1.26 million in recent months.

The beachfront property, with the legal description "Lot 710 Foster City Neighborhood No 3 Unit NCM R23 62/43/50" was bought from a certain George Skyllas. The transaction was recorded on Aug. 23, 2006 at the San Mateo County Assessor's Office under document ID 2006-126984.

Data from the assessor's office also show that Angela had twice mortgaged the Foster City property since the couple acquired it in 2006. She redeemed it in April last year.

Miky bought the beachfront house apparently after he and his wife sold in September 2005 their 160-square-meter three-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium unit at 805 Mendocino Way or the Manors Condominiums in Redwood City, also in San Mateo County. They got paid \$900,000 for the property.

Under the assessor's office show that Miky also placed the deed to the Redwood City property in his wife's name before selling it. The condo unit is registered with a legal description "Unit 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000."

Miky's SALN for 2004 does not show him owning any property in the US. It lists only a house and lot in Lubao, Pangasinan, he reported acquired for P4 million and a property at La Vista Subdivision in Quezon City with an P8-million acquisition cost.

**Dato's condo**  
Dato's SALN does not contain details of his San Francisco condominium, but VERA

Files' research found it to be a 75-square-meter one-bedroom, one-bathroom unit (Unit No. 533) at the luxury high-rise, full-service Gramercy Towers located at 1177 California St. in upscale downtown San Francisco.

The database of the San Francisco Assessor's Office lists Dato and his wife, Maria Victoria Celina Manotok, as co-owners of the condominium unit. The couple were married in 2002 and they have two children, Eva Victoria and Miguel Luis.

Dato's wife bought the condo unit for \$570,000 on Sept. 8 last year in December; she declared her husband as co-owner through a deed recorded as Document No. 169529200 at the assessor's office.

The Gramercy Website describes the three-tower complex in 2007. Miky's real property assets plunged from P90.7 million in 2006 to P27 million in 2007 and 2008.

All the business interests Miky declared in his latest SALN were acquired when he was already congressman.

Miky's Horseman Bar and Grill, 2006; director of LPG Auto Gas and shareholder in Los Manos Verdes Inc., 2007; and shareholder in URS Properties Inc. a stockholder of the La Vista Investments and Holdings Inc. in 2008.

He listed his wife as having been a director of her family-owned Activated Carbon Co. Inc., Titan Megalites Industrial Corp., Pacific Activated Carbon Co. Inc., H.M. Montenegro Co. Inc. and Titan Megalabs Industrial Corp.—since the 1990s.

Dato had little property or business interests when he assumed office in June 2007. His only business involvement was a seat on the board of the family-owned LTA Inc. which he held since October 2004.

The rest of Dato and his wife's financial interests had been acquired in 2007. In August 2007, the family-owned LTA Inc. was acquired by Guesalar Trading Inc. In October, Dato and his wife transferred to Samarivill Corp.

**The brothers' SALN**  
Miky placed his net worth at P99.2 million in his SALN for 2008, slightly up from P96.7 million recorded the

previous year. He reported P27 million in real property, P129 million in personal assets and P56 million in liabilities.

His 2007 and 2008 statements reflected only two properties: the Lubao house and lot and a Vista properties acquisition cost of P1.5 million.

The younger presidential son has another shared property in Limbanan, Camarines Sur, which he said he purchased for P7.9 million in 2006.

Dato also owns a shared property at the La Vista Subdivision, where improvements added up to P17.1 million in 2007 and to P21.3 million in 2008.

His SALN for 2008 also stated that he borrowed P7.5 million from his father and entered into an unspecified trust agreement worth P27 million with Pampanga (third district) Rep. and party mate Aurelio Gonzales Jr.

A trust agreement could be in the form of a property, loan or special contract. The SALN guidelines state: "A trust is an arrangement where property is registered in the name of one person (legal owner) but is, in truth, owned by another person (beneficial owner). A trust may also be defined as an arrangement where a trustor (a person who establishes a trust) reposes confidence in a trustee as regards property for the benefit of the trustor or of another person."

By 2008, like his brother, Dato became stockholder of La Vista Investments and Holdings Inc. His wife in 2008 was declared as treasurer of Celina Manotok Lighting and another trustee of Aurelio Gonzales Jr.

Dato describes his wife as an "investor" in his annual declarations.

The purchase of the San Francisco property, Dato's real property assets shot up by 262 percent, from P15.8 million in June 2007 to 375.75 million in December 2007. In January 2008 is P89 million, P5.2 million more than what he reported in 2007.—Ellen Tordesillas, Avigail Olarte, Yvonne Chua and Luz Rimban