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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5365, S-2011

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, SO AS TO MAKE THE DUTY OF EVERY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AUTHORIZING OR INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY PROJECT OR PROGRAM THAT MAY CAUSE POLLUTION, CLIMATE CHANGE, DEPLETION OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES, LOSS OF CROPLAND, RANGELAND, OR FOREST COVER, AND EXTINCTION OF ANIMAL OR PLANT SPECIES, TO CONSULT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER SECTORS CONCERNED MANDATORILY.

Introduced by Councilors GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO, RICARDO T. BELMONTE, JR., JOSEPH P. JUICO, PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO, ALFREDO D. VARGAS III, EDEN "Candy" A. MEDINA, JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA, JULIAN ML. COSETENG, ALLAN BENEDICT S. REYES, JOSE MARIO DON S. DE LEON, GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO, EUFFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, JESSICA CASTELO DAZA, RAQUEL S. MALAÑGEN, VINCENT DG. BELMONTE, MARVIN C. RILLO and RANULFO Z. LUDOVICA.

WHEREAS, the duty of the national government agencies in the maintenance of ecological balance is provided under Section 26 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as follows:

"Sec. 26. Duty of National Government Agencies in the Maintenance of Ecological Balance - It shall be the duty of every national agency or government-owned or controlled corporation authorizing or involved in the planning and implementation of any project or program that may cause pollution, climate change depletion of non-renewable resources, loss of cropland, rangeland, or forest cover, and extinction of animal or plant species, to consult with the local government units, nongovernmental organizations and other sectors concerned, and explain the goals and objectives of the project or program, its impact upon the people and the community in terms of environmental or ecological balance, and the measures that will be undertaken to prevent or minimize the adverse effects thereof."

WHEREAS, rampant complaints have been reported of the utter neglect or omission, if not complete disregard, by some national government agencies of their obligations to conduct consultations with the local government units and other private sectors concerned including, but not limited to, direct principles and policies of the projects, course of actions and measure to be undertaken for the effective implementation of the projects;

WHEREAS, in order to carry into effect and ensure the effective implementation of the law, there is now a need to amend Section 26 of Republic Act No. 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Congress of the Philippines to amend Section 26 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, so as to make the duty of every national government agencies or government-owned or controlled corporations authorizing or involved in the planning and implementation of any project or program that may cause pollution, climate change, depletion of non-renewable resources, loss of cropland, rangeland, or forest cover, and extinction of animal or plant species, to consult with the local government units, nongovernmental organizations and other sectors concerned mandatorily.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish the copy of this resolution to the City Mayor of Quezon City, Honorable Herbert M. Bautista, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honorable Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., and the Senate President, Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile.

ADOPTED: October 17, 2011.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 17, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on November 21, 2011.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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