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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(City Council)

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 1309, S-99

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REDUCE THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) BY TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) AMOUNTING TO P30.455 BILLION, AND ADOPTING THE POSITION PAPER OF THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (ULAP), FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Introduced by Councilors EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, GEORGE M. CANSECO, JORGE L. BANAL, and WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Rommel R. Abesamis, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Eric Z. Medina, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Anthony C. Castelo, Fernando V. Avanzado, Nanette Castelo Daza, Marcel C. Rillo and Bayani V. Hipol

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of Local Governments Units (LGUs) throughout the country would seriously disrupt the delivery of basic social services, and gravely affect food security programs, health and social services, mass housing initiatives, social and physical infrastructure projects, and other efforts to help improve the quality of life of our people;

WHEREAS, at least eighty percent (80%) of LGUs rely on their respective IRA share, and the proposed cut is highly prejudicial to the 4th to 6th class LGUs;

WHEREAS, with the proposed reduction, LGUs cannot comply with the proposed increase in the salary of government employees by ten percent (10%) across the board effective January 1, 2000;

WHEREAS, the proposed IRA reduction which represents only thirty percent (30%) of the national internal revenue taxes violates the constitutional guarantee of local autonomy and contradicts the clean provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 which states that LGUs shall have a forty percent (40%) share in the national internal revenue taxes based on the collection of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year, i.e., FY 2000;

WHEREAS, the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) has adopted a position paper concurred by its member leagues opposing such move to reduce the IRA by P30.445 Billion or transfer the proposed cut from "programmed" to unprogrammed for being arbitrary, discriminatory, grossly unfair and illegal;

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to oppose, as it does hereby strongly oppose, the proposal of the Senate Finance Committee to reduce the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of Local Government Units by twenty-five percent (25%) amounting to P30.455 Billion for the Year 2000, for consideration by Congress Bicameral Conference Committee.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Quezon City adopts the position paper of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) opposing the proposal to reduce the IRA share of LGUs for being arbitrary, discriminatory, grossly unfair and illegal;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Senate President Blas Ople, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Manuel Villar, the members of the Senate of the Philippines and the concerned members of the House of Representatives and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines.

ADOPTED : December 14, 1999.

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Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED :

Eugenio V. Jurilla
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City Council Secretary
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