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RESOLUTION NO. SP-**1721** S-2002

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE MAYOR FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR. TO LOOK INTO THE IMMEDIATE RELOCATION OF THE QUEZON CITY JAIL.

Introduced by Councilor **RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO**.

Co-Introduced by Councilors *Wilma Amorano-Sarino, Vincent P. Crisologo, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Bernadette R. Cruz-Herrera, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Aiko M. Yllana, Ramon P. Medalla, Eric Z. Medina, Mary Ann L. Susano, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon, Dante M. De Guzman, Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Antonio E. Inton, Jr., Janet M. Malaya, Restituto B. Malañgen and Almario E. Francisco.*

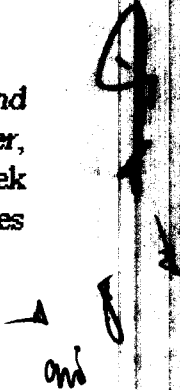
WHEREAS, the present Quezon City Jail (QCJ) and its facilities were originally planned to accommodate only nine hundred (900) inmates. At present, however, there are approximately one thousand eight hundred (1,800) inmates detained at the QCJ severely limiting available open space necessary for an effective penal correction and rehabilitation program;

WHEREAS, this overcrowding has a serious impact on the health and welfare of the inmates inasmuch as the utilities and the medical, dental and other facilities inside the QCJ could no longer cope up with the actual service requirements;

WHEREAS, this explosive situation brought about by the unavoidable overcrowding inside the QCJ is compounded by the growing presence of several notorious gangs intent on gaining peer control of the prison grounds. In the year 2000 alone and despite regular surprise checks and raids by the severely undermanned but dedicated jail management personnel, an estimated average three (3) gang wars still broke out within the jail premises per month;

WHEREAS, the QCJ, located right in the middle of a highly urbanized and populated area, shares its borders with a public high school, commercial center, Lions and Jaycees offices and even a church. The jail also straddles a main creek that is not only prone to frequent flooding but is also a convenient and easy access to EDSA, a major Metro Manila thoroughfare;





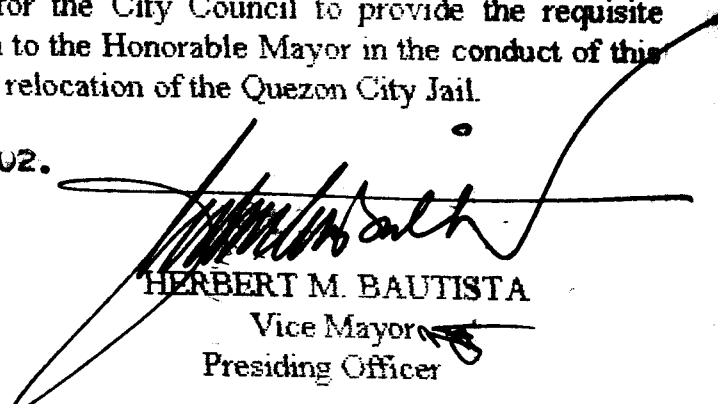
WHEREAS, there is now the urgent need for the Quezon City government to take immediate positive action/s to prevent this extremely explosive situation at the QCJ from further worsening by relocating the present jail to a bigger and more secure area within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Honorable Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. to immediately look into and study the possibility of the immediate relocation of the present Quezon City Jail and all its inmates and facilities to a bigger and more secure area within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, for the City Council to provide the requisite support, assistance and cooperation to the Honorable Mayor in the conduct of this inquiry and study, and the eventual relocation of the Quezon City Jail.

ADOPTED: January 29, 2002.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on January 29, 2002, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on February 12, 2002.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary