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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION NO. SP4000 S-2007
(PR2007-151)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (SSDD) AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION OFFICE (PAISO) IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY COUNCILORS, TO CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE, CITY-WIDE INFORMATION DRIVE/COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006 OR REPUBLIC ACT 9344; AND UNDERTAKE COMMUNITY FORA, DIALOGUES, CAUCUSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS ON THE BARANGAY LEVEL, TO DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006 OR REPUBLIC ACT 9344.

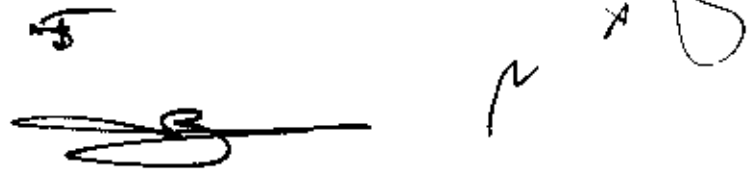
Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH P. JUICO, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO, RAMON P. MEDALLA, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, AIKO S. MELENDEZ and JORGE B. BANAL, JR.

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 or Republic Act No. 9344 was enacted to protect the rights of children in conflict with the law (CICL);

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act 2006 or Republic Act No. 9344 is based on the following state principles and policies:

- a) The State recognizes the vital role of children and youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual and social-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.
- b) The State shall protect the best interest of the child through measures that will ensure the observance of international standards of child protection, especially those to which the Philippines is a party. Proceedings before any authority shall be conducted in the best interest of the child and in a manner which allows the child to participate and to express himself/herself freely. The participation of children in the program and policy formulation and implementation related to juvenile justice and welfare shall be ensured by the concerned government agency.

- c) *The State likewise recognizes the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation, and other condition prejudicial to their development.*
- d) *Pursuant to Article 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the State recognizes the right of every child alleged as, accused of, adjudged, or recognized as having infringed the penal law to be treated in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth, taking into account the child's age desirability of promoting his/her reintegration. Whenever appropriate and desirable, the State shall adopt measures for dealing with such children without resorting to judicial proceedings, providing that human rights and legal safeguards are fully respected. It shall ensure that children are dealt with in a manner appropriate to their well-being by providing for, among others, a variety of disposition measures such as care, guidance and supervision orders, counseling, probation, foster care, education and vocational training programs and other alternatives to institutional care.*
- e) *The administration of the juvenile justice and welfare system shall take into consideration the cultural and religious perspective of the Filipino people, particularly the indigenous peoples and the Muslims, consistent with the protection of the rights of children belonging to these communities.*
- f) *The State shall apply the principles of representative justice in all its laws, policies and programs applicable to children in conflict with the law.*

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WHEREAS, on August 16, 2007 Her Excellency, President, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has approved the release of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) to construct more "transition homes" for underage law offenders, as a follow-on measure to her recent order directing authorities to release minors from regular jails. The regions that will be given new juvenile rehab facilities are Cagayan Valley (Region II), Southern Mindanao (XII) and the Cordillera Administrative Region. In Metro Manila, one more will be added to the existing centers in Pasay City, Quezon City and Manila;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for Concerned Executive Departments of the City Government such as: the Social Services and Development Department (SSDD) and Public Affairs and Information Service Office (PAISO) to raise the level of public awareness about the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 or Republic Act No. 9344.

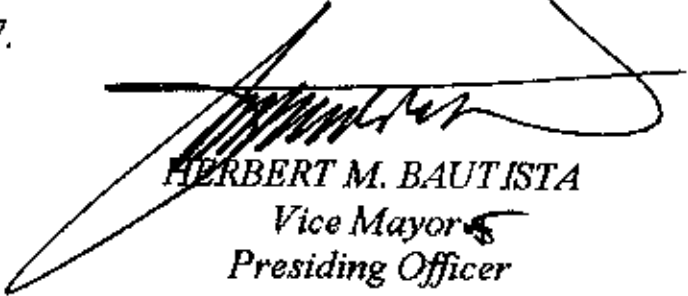
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Social Services and Development Department (SSDD) and Public Affairs and Information Office (PAISO), in coordination with the City Councilors, to conduct an extensive, city-wide information drive/communication campaign on Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 or Republic Act 9344; and undertake community fora, dialogues, caucuses, seminars and symposiums on the barangay level, to disseminate knowledge about the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 or Republic Act No. 9344.



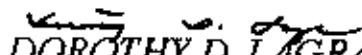
RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the, Social Services and Development Department (SSDD) and Public Affairs and Information Service Office (PAISO), for their information.

ADOPTED: October 8, 2007.



HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

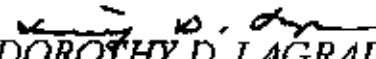
ATTESTED:



DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was APPROVED on Second Reading on October 8, 2007, was CONFIRMED by the City Council on October 15, 2007.



DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, DPA
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

