

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 19<sup>th</sup> City Council

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58th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 6359 S-201.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT INTO LAW OF SENATE BILL NO. 2472 ENTITLED "AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER'S EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA" AUTHORED BY SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO.

Introduced by Councilor DONATO C. MATIAS.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Dorothy A. Delarmente, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera. Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla. Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Marvin C. Rillo, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Godofredo T. Liban II, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marvic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan and Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides "that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, Section 3 (2), Article 14 of the said Constitution further provides among others that "all Educational Institutions shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship xxx";

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WHEREAS, youth participation in public affairs uphold the democratic ethos of our country. It is inherent in a democratic country that all citizens participate in decision and policy-making processes, particularly in the area of electing choosing their leaders through the electoral process;

WHEREAS, as the largest demographic group in our country comprising one-third of the entire population, youth participation is now an important if not indispensable element in nation-building, and excluding them from the democratic process would deprive a substantial number of our population the opportunity to decide on matters affecting not only their interests but those of the future generations as well;

WHEREAS, in light of the inherent idealism of our Youth in espousing societal change, there is an imperative need to harness their critical and fresh insights on matters relating to public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, our policy makers, both at the national and local level, must enact laws that would mandate educational institutions to include "voter's education" as an integral part of the educational curriculum that would focus in the dissemination of information, materials, and programmes designed to inform voters about the specifics and mechanics of the voting process for a particular election with information on who is eligible to vote; where and how to register, how electors can check the voter lists to ensure they have been duly included; what type of elections are being held; when , where, and how to vote; who the candidates are, and how to file complaints.

## NOW, THEREFORE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGITLAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express support, as it does hereby express support for the immediate, enactment into law of Senate Bill No. 2472 entitled "An Act Integrating Voter's Education in the Junior and Senior High School Curricula" authored by Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Senate President Franklin Drilon, House Speaker Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr., and the Chairperson of the Committees on Electoral Reforms and Education of both Houses of Congress.

4DOPTED: May 4, 2015.

ANATIONY PLEER D. CRISOLOGO
Acting Vice Mayor
Acting 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 May 4, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on May 11, 2015.

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