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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6536**, S-2015

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG DISAPPROVAL AGAINST ANY PLAN TO DISPOSE FOREIGN WASTE AT THE PAYATAS SANITARY LANDFILL IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, a total of 103 shipping containers of mixed garbage from Canada misdeclared as "plastic scraps" for recycling entered the country between June 2013 to January 2014;

WHEREAS, 55 container vans of these illegal garbage imports were consigned to Chronic Plastics based in Valenzuela City and the other 48 containers were consigned to Pampanga-based Lived Green Enterprises;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) duly charged the consignees for violation of Section 3601 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order 1994-28;

WHEREAS, such illegal garbage importation contravenes R.A. 6969, Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990, R.A. 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, as well as the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, which also covers "waste collected from households";

WHEREAS, 26 of the 55 containers consigned to Chronic Plastics were dumped at a landfill facility operated by the Metro Clark Waste Management Corporation (MCWMC) without authorization from the provincial government, prompting Tarlac Governor Victor Yap to stop further disposal of the Canadian garbage at the facility situated in Capas, Tarlac;

WHEREAS, the Tarlac Provincial Board led by Vice Governor Enrique Cojuangco, Jr., on July 24, 2015, adopted Resolution 056-2015 "demanding for the immediate rescission/cancellation of the contract between the BOC and the MCWMC relative to the dumping of the garbage from Canada in the Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill in Capas, Tarlac";




WHEREAS, Bulacan Governor Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado, on July 24, 2015, stated that the provincial government will not allow Canada's garbage to be disposed in landfills operating in Bulacan as "this would be a health risk", saying, "if other places did not accept it, the province of Bulacan will not accept it too";

WHEREAS, the BOC is reportedly scurrying for alternative sites where the illegal garbage imports from Canada can be disposed of after Tarlac and Bulacan provincial officials have raised legitimate objections to foreign waste being dumped in local landfills;

WHEREAS, the Eco-Waste Coalition, a Quezon City-based environmental watchdog group, has called upon concerned local government units to pass preemptive measures that will prohibit foreign waste disposal in facilities under their jurisdiction, describing such actions as "a patriotic and precautionary act in the name of public health and the environment";

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government stands firm on its commitment to protect human health and the environment in line with the state policy affirming the people's right to health and to a balanced and healthful ecology as provided for in the Constitution;


WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council finds the dumping of foreign waste into our country as totally inexcusable and unacceptable and demands that such unethical and unlawful act be brought to a halt.

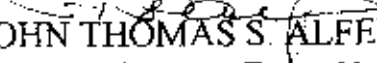
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express the strong disapproval against any plan to dispose foreign waste at the Payatas Sanitary Landfill in Quezon City.

ADOPTED: September 21, 2015.



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 September 21, 2015 and was CONFIRMED on September 28, 2015.


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