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QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

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51st Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- **8405**, S-2020

A RESOLUTION URGING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) AND THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TO REVISIT THE POLICY IN LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PASSENGERS ON ALL PROVINCIAL BUSES COMING FROM THE NORTHERN LUZON AT THE CUBAO BUS TERMINAL AND, IN LIEU THEREOF, UTILIZE THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESS TERMINAL (NLET) AT BOCAUE, BULACAN, FOR THE FACILITATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COVID-19 BEFORE ENTERING QUEZON CITY AND/OR OTHER AREAS IN METRO MANILA.

Introduced by Councilors WINSTON "Winnie" T. CASTELO and FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

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WHEREAS, on 16 October 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases announced that the Philippine government is now allowing travel between areas under General Community Quarantine and Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, with this loosening restrictions, people can now pursue tourism and other non-essential activities to and from outside Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, according to LTFRB Memorandum Circular No. 2020-051, buses from the City of San Fernando in Pampanga are allowed to load and unload passengers at the Araneta Bus Port in Cubao, Quezon City;

WHEREAS, with the anticipation that there will be an influx of passengers from these provincial buses, overcrowding will be inevitable which may lead to violations of the guidelines set by the Department of Health and the IATF on social and physical distancing;

WHEREAS, the utilization of bus terminals in Cubao would significantly pose risks to our constituents in Quezon City and the whole of Metro Manila as this grant direct access to and from the concerned region and all other areas in Northern Luzon, without any COVID-19 screening;

WHEREAS, the already operational NLET in Bocaue, Bulacan can accommodate and screen all provincial buses and its passengers before entering Quezon City and/or other areas in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, this is in accord with the stand of Quezon City to establish integrated terminals to help alleviate traffic not only in Quezon City but in the whole of Metro Manila.

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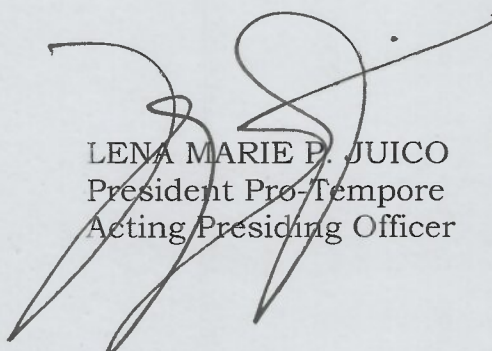
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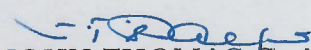
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to revisit the policy in loading and unloading of passengers on all provincial buses coming from the Northern Luzon at the Cubao Bus Terminal and, in lieu thereof, utilize the North Luzon Express Terminal (NLET) at Bocaue, Bulacan, for the facilitation and implementation of safety precautions against COVID-19 before entering Quezon City and/or other areas in Metro Manila.

ADOPTED: December 14, 2020.

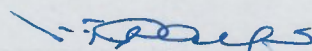

LENA MARIE P. JUICO
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on December 14, 2020 and was CONFIRMED under Suspended Rules on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

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