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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 2 of Republic Act 6636, amending Executive Order 270, provides that "The City of Pasay and the municipalities of Makati, Parañaque, Pasig, Marikina and Valenzuela, each of which comprises a representative district, shall have twelve (12) councilors each to be elected at large by the qualified voters of the said city or municipality." When Republic Act 7166 was enacted, the municipality of Valenzuela was divided into two (2) legislative districts. Pursuant to this division, each legislative district was allowed to elect six (6) councilors.

By virtue of Republic Act 8526, the Municipality of Valenzuela was converted into a Highly Urbanized City. Almost a decade has passed and the City of Valenzuela has immensely developed, posting an estimated income of P1.6 billion and a projected population of 636,608 in 2007. However, since its Charter was enacted in 1998, Valenzuela City still continues to have the same number of six (6) councilors for each of its two (2) legislative districts.

This bill proposes that the number of councilors per district of Valenzuela City be increased to eight (8) in order for the city's *Sangguniang Panglungsod* to be more responsive to the needs and concerns of its people, be attuned to the developments in their locality and be active in the pursuit of the legislative agenda of the city government.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
LOREN LEGARDA  
Senator

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
**VALENZUELA, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC**  
**ACT NO. 8526, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHARTER OF THE CITY OF**  
**VALENZUELA"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8526, otherwise known as the  
2 Charter of the City of Valenzuela is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4           "Section 10. The Sangguniang Panlungsod - (a) The  
5 sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be  
6 composed of the city vice-mayor as presiding officer, [the] **EIGHT**  
7 regular Sanggunian members **IN EACH OF THE TWO (2)**  
8 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE**  
9 **DISTRICT WHERE THEY RESIDE**, the president of the city chapter  
10 of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na  
11 pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, and the sectoral  
12 representatives, as members.

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14           **SECTION 2.** All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent  
15 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
16 accordingly.

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18           **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
19 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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21           Approved,