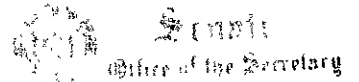
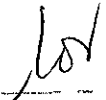


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC), THROUGH ITS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT AND/OR UNDERTAKE THE INTEGRATION OF THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004, WHICH IS APPARENTLY AFFECTING THE UNITY AND HARMONY OF ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9266, otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004 was enacted by Congress to develop and nurture competent, virtuous, productive and well-rounded professional architects whose standards of practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class and globally competitive through inviolable, honest, effective and credible licensure examinations and through regulatory measures, programs and activities that foster their professional growth and development;

WHEREAS, Section 40 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the aforementioned law provides that "*the Architecture profession shall be integrated into one (1) national organization which shall be accredited by the Board, subject to the approval by the Commission, as the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects*";

WHEREAS, in cognizance of the above provision, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) through its Board of Architecture, accredited the United Architects of the Philippines as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA) by virtue of the Board's Resolution No. 3 series of 2004;

WHEREAS, however, there have been allegations that the Board failed to properly implement the integration of the profession as espoused by the law, and purportedly disregarded other architects' organizations, such as the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), as they were not given the opportunity to participate in the integration process;

WHEREAS, the PIA asserts that the UAP was purportedly '*handpicked*' by the Board of Architecture, without taking into consideration that there were other existing private organizations that are distinct from UAP and which have members of their own;

WHEREAS, in fact, the PIA, in a letter to the PRC, expressed its concern on the alleged directive of the PRC/Board of Architecture for compulsory membership of all architects with, and submission to the authority of, the UAP;

WHEREAS, it is important to inquire whether or not there was a genuine integration of the association/organization in the architectural profession which did not contravene the clear legislative intent of the law, and which actually undertook the process of integration;

WHEREAS, moreover, the UAP has allegedly overstepped its mandate as the IAPOA by requiring all architects to pay not only the annual IAPOA dues but to pay UAP's chapter dues, as well, thereby discouraging said architects from renewing their membership and complying with the law;

WHEREAS, there may be a need to re-examine the law and/or its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as well as the Board's related Resolution, in order to ensure that the spirit of the law, which seeks to establish a genuine umbrella organization of architects as professionals united in the practice of their profession, is fulfilled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the *Philippine Senate* to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged failure of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), through its Board of Architecture, to properly implement the integration of the Architecture Profession, as provided by Republic Act No. 9266, otherwise known as the "*Architecture Act of 2004*", which is apparently affecting the unity and harmony of architects in the Country.

Adopted,


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