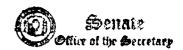
## SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC ) OF THE PHILIPPINES )

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SENATE P. S. Res No. <u>813</u>

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

## **RESOLUTION**

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED BINONDO-INTRAMUROS BRIDGE ON SEVERAL HERITAGE SITES IN THE CITY OF MANILA

- 1 WHEREAS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- 2 Philippines, strongly discourages the construction of a vehicular bridge between
- 3 Intramuros and Binondo due of its anticipated negative impact on several heritage
- 4 sites, ongoing conservation efforts and current and future tourism efforts<sup>1</sup>;

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WHEREAS, ICOMOS Philippines is the duly recognized National Committee of ICOMOS International in the country. As part of the ICOMOS global network of cultural heritage experts, members of ICOMOS Philippines have been working with various local and international institutions and organizations, both government and non-government, by providing technical assistance in various fields of heritage conservation<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the planned Binondo-Intramuros Bridge, which is part of the "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program will span the Pasig River, connecting San Fernando Street in Binondo and Solano Street in Intramuros<sup>3</sup>;

WHEREAS, in Intramuros, to be affected are Intendencia or Aduana Building, which will likely be affected by piling given its soft foundation,

<sup>3</sup> Supra [Citation1]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inquirer News Website, Unesco advisory group warns vs planned Binondo-Intramuros bridge, http://lifestyle.inquirer.net/301461/unesco-advisory-group-warns-vs-planned-binondo-intramuros-bridge/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ICOMOS Philippines Website, ABOUT ICOMOS, http://philippines.icomos.org/index.php/about-us-2/

Ayuntamiento Building, American-era Chamber of Commerce Building and Plaza Mexico, with its monuments of the Legazpi expedition and Mexican president Adolfo Mateos<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS,** in Binondo, the sites to be affected included the historic Estero de Binondo, which will be covered over by the bridge, and Puente de San Fernando or Puente Blanco, which will be demolished to give way to the project<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS,** on July 2018, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) announced the commencement of the construction of the Binondo-Intramuros bridge<sup>6</sup>;

**WHEREAS,** ICOMOS added the proposed bridge may negatively affect Intramuros' chances of becoming a World Heritage Site given that it has been nominated by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). It cited the case of the Waldschlösschen Bridge in Dresden, Germany, which resulted in the delistment of the City of Dresden in the World Heritage List in 2009<sup>7</sup>;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the possible negative impacts of the planned Binondo-Intramuros Bridge on several heritage sites in the City of Manila.

Adopted,

MARIA LOURDES MANCY S. BINAY
Senator

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Business Mirror News Website, DPWH to start construction of Estrella-Pantaleon, Binondo-Intramuros bridges by next week–Villar, https://businessmirror.com.ph/dpwh-to-start-construction-of-estrella-pantaleon-binondo-intramuros-bridges-by-next-week-villar/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Supra [Citation 4]