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APPROVED BY: 

Introduced by Senators M.A Madrigal and Alfredo S. Lim

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE LOTS VACATED BY THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RAJA SOLIMAN SCHOOL LOCATED IN BINONDO, MANILA FOR NON-EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS, a parcel of land owned by the Republic of the Philippines, bounded by Calle Numancia, Calle Urbiztondo and Calle Barraca in San Nicolas, Manila, containing an area of 21,727 square meters, more or less, has been reserved for educational purposes only;

WHEREAS, the said parcel of land is the site of the Jose Abad Santos High School and the Raja Soliman High School;

WHEREAS, on 29 November 2005, the City Council of Manila adopted City Council Resolution Nos. 172 and 179 authorizing the Mayor of Manila to enter into an agreement with an investor for the development of the site purportedly into an educational center that would have schools, dormitories, and a "housing project" as part therein;

WHEREAS, on 14 April 2006, a Memorandum of Agreement was executed by the City of Manila and the MEGAWORLD Corporation for the said development;

WHEREAS, the students of the aforementioned schools, together with their parents and the schools' alumni, have opposed the said development as they do not see the necessity of undertaking it;

WHEREAS, the said site has been expressly reserved solely for educational purposes and to allow the entry of commercial establishments within the area will not only cause undue prejudice to the student populace but will likewise result in their displacement;

WHEREAS, the said site has a historical significance and to allow its commercialization may also cause the loss of precious historical artifacts in the area, which have yet to be thoroughly recovered;

WHEREAS, the wanton disregard and absence of any effective and efficient land use policy has aggravated the situation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to urgently reassess the implications of the said conversion of the properties herein mentioned from educational to non-educational and commercial purposes so as not to unnecessarily displace the students as well as result in the loss of historical artifacts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE LOTS VACATED BY THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RAJA SOLIMAN SCHOOL LOCATED IN BINONDO, MANILA FOR NON-EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

Adopted,


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