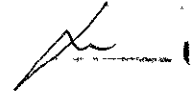


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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GOVERNING LAW AND MANDATE OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) VIS-À-VIS THE OFFENSIVE AND BRUTAL SURPRISE SIDEWALK CLEAN-UPS, AND ITS BLATANT VIOLATION OF RA 7279 OR THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT CONCERNING THE SUMMARY DEMOLITIONS OF SQUATTER HOUSES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND LIVELIHOOD OF STREET VENDORS AND THE URBAN POOR

Whereas, Article II, Section 11 of the Philippine Constitution affirms, "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

Whereas, Filipinos who have a few hundred pesos in their name, often resort to street/sidewalk vending in an effort to earn a decent living;

Whereas, It is common that the small capital they use to put up their business, comes from loansharks or the neighborhood 5-6;

Whereas, the MMDA, under the pretext of their mandate to promote peace and order and ease traffic, drive out sidewalk vendors in a manner that is both offensive and brutal;

Whereas, the actions of the MMDA on the helpless sidewalk vendors are bordering on the inhuman, as they employ excessive or unnecessary violence by confiscating, destroying or scattering their wares on the ground and throwing them in jail if they fight back;

Whereas, Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chairwoman Leila de Lima said that the cases of human rights violations committed by the MMDA "have become really alarming";

Whereas, as reported, the MMDA has been violating the Urban Development and Housing Act by evicting families and demolishing homes without consulting and relocating the people concerned;

Whereas, per records, the MMDA has been snubbing invitations to attend the hearings on the alleged human rights cases before the CHR;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate committee on Justice and Human Rights and other appropriate committees to conduct a review, in aid of legislation, on the governing law and mandate of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) vis-à-vis the offensive and brutal surprise sidewalk clean-ups, and its blatant violation of RA 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act concerning the summary demolitions of squatter houses, with the end in view of protecting the rights and livelihood of street vendors and the urban poor.

Adopted,

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MANNY VILLAR