MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION NO. 154
Series of 2010

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADVOCACY OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III TO CERTIFY AS URGENT A BILL URGING CONGRESS TO REVIEW AND AMEND THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

Sponsored by Hon. Avelino Solis, Reynaldo Fabian, Janairo San Miguel, Reynaldo Palabraca, Jaime Sapanghila, Ramon Revilla III and Ma. Eliza Boutista

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 (more commonly known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”) was enacted during the administration of former President Corazon C. Aquino in response to an overwhelming clamor to provide genuine local autonomy and usher in the decentralization of powers from the national government in favor of local government units.

WHEREAS, the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (the “League”) is the organization of all municipalities created under the Local Government Code of 1991 for the primary purpose of ventilating, articulating and crystallizing issues affecting municipal government administration, and securing, through proper and legal means, solutions thereto.

WHEREAS, the League’s primary function is to assist the National Government in the formulation and implementation of policies, programs and projects affecting municipalities as a whole.

WHEREAS, it is the common sentiment of the members of the League that the Local Government Code of 1991 needs to be amended in light of numerous decisions of the Supreme Court that significantly affected the interpretation and implementation of the said law.

WHEREAS, municipal governments are presently tied up with outdated concepts in governance significantly hindering their ability to deliver basic services to the general public. Unfortunately, the very law that was envisioned by Congress and by former President Aquino to empower local government units is the same piece of legislation that is preventing them from utilizing their full potential.

WHEREAS, Sec. 521 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that Congress shall undertake a mandatory review of the said law, at least once every five (5) years and as often as it may deem necessary with the primary objective of providing a more responsive and accountable local government structure. The members of the League collectively believe that the time to review the Local Government Code of 1991 by Congress has already arrived.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor strongly supports the advocacy of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines to respectfully request President Benigno Simeon Cojuangco Aquino III to certify as urgent a bill urging Congress to review and amend the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 to make it more responsive to the needs of the Filipino people.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be presented to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and other government offices concerned.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Cavite during its special session held this 16th day of December 2010 at Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true and correct.

Certified by:

HON. VENUS D. DE CASTRO
Municipal Councilor/Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
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