

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 21st City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8464, S-2021

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATEMENT OF THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE-ALIMURUNG ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DILIMAN, AND OTHER PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor NOE DELA FUENTE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Freddy S. Roxas.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the said Constitution further provides in Section 5 (2) that academic freedom shall be enjoyed in all institutions of higher learning;

WHEREAS, Quezon City is known as a bastion of higher learning, being host to many colleges and universities;

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WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, assured all faculty and students in the University of the Philippines, Diliman, of the City Government's support for academic freedom;

WHEREAS, there is a need for this measure in order to show that the Quezon City Government is one with its Chief Executive in ensuring that academic freedom will always be protected and upheld in our beloved Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to support, as it does hereby support, the statement of the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte-Alimurung, on the protection of the academic freedom of the University of the Philippines, Diliman, and other private and public institutions of higher learning in Quezon City.

ADOPTED: February 22, 2021.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on February 22, 2021 and was CONFIRMED on March 1, 2021.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III