

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20th City Council

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51stRegular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 7337 S-2018

A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S ADVOCACY TOWARDS A FEDERAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AS ENVISIONED BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE.

Introduced by Councilor ANTHONY PETER D. CRISOLOGO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Federalism is a form of government where sovereignty and responsibilities are assigned or shared between the federal (national) government, and the state (regional and local) governments;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte stated that "It's hard to achieve economic progress under a unitary government. How can we move forward if all the money is forwarded to the National Treasurer? With federalism, we will bring development to all regions of the country!" (Federalism 101 Pederalismo para sa Pilipinas);

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WHEREAS, the current centralized and unitary form of government does not meet the needs and demands of such diverse constituency of the city since most of administrative powers and resources are with the national government;

WHEREAS, Federalism brings about greater sovereignty for the public thus letting them address their needs and problems in their own way and making the resources readily available to them without waiting for the approval of the national government;

WHEREAS, in federalism, the local government units will have the main responsibility over developing their local industries, public safety, education, healthcare, transportation, recreation, and culture, they will also have more power over their finances, policies, development plans, and laws exclusive to their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Quezon City being one of the many Highly Urbanized Cities in the Philippines if not the most, deals with many challenges of providing basic services to its constituency. With demographics like population of the city reaching 2,936,116 (as per 2015 census) making it by far the most populous city in the Philippines, composed of different religions, business ranging from Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprises, to having a land mass of 165.33 km²;

WHEREAS, the Metro Manila Council predominantly composed of Metro Manila Mayors has recently passed Resolution No. 17-03, Series of 2017, that expresses its advocacy to support a Federal Form of Government, in which our Chief Executive Mayor Herbert M. Bautista is an active member.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to convey, as it does hereby convey the support to the National Government's advocacy towards a Federal form of Government in the Republic of the Philippines as envisioned by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, House of Representatives, Senate of the Philippines, Department of the Interior and Local Government and other offices/agencies concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

ADOPTED: January 22, 2018.

MA. JOSEFUA G. BELMONTE City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS STALFEROS III City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 22, 2018 and was CONFIRMED on February 5, 2018.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary