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(City Council)

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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 985 -98

A RESOLUTION URGENTLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JOSEPH E. ESTRADA TO RECONSIDER THE ORDER OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY FIDEL V. RAMOS, WITHHOLDING THE RELEASE OF INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENTS (IRA) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

Introduced by Councilors JORGE L. BANAL, ANTONIO L. SIOSON
and ALMA F. MONTILLA.

Sponsored by Councilors Vincent P. Crisolago, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, George M. Canseco, Rommel R. Abesamis, Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P. Medalla, Eric Rey Z. Medina, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Jesus "Bong" Suntay, Marcel C. Rillo and Bayani V. Hipol.

WHEREAS, it was reported that the President approved the recommendation of the Economic Monitoring Committee to suspend the release this year of the IRA earmarked for the local government units;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", it is the "declared policy of the state that the territorial and political subdivision of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective in the attainment of national goals;"

WHEREAS, Section 284 of the Local Government Code provides for internal revenue allotments for local government units and authorizes the President to make the necessary adjustments in the event of an unimaginable public sector deficit but "in no case the allotment be less than thirty percent (30%) of the collection of internal revenue taxes of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the local government units (LGUs) have already appropriated their allotments for their 1998 budgetary outlays;

WHEREAS, the suspension of the release of the IRA to the local government units this year will severely affect the local government operations and hamper development to the detriment of a great majority of our people who are the direct beneficiaries of local government programs;

WHEREAS, in a bid to trim down the projected revenue shortfall and the budget deficit, His Excellency, President Joseph E. Estrada, has ordered the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the Hon. Benjamin Diokno, to hold the release of the IRA of local government units provided for in the 1998 General Appropriation Act;


WHEREAS, the projected IRA of each LGU have been programmed into their Annual Budget covering essential services and urgently needed public works and the non-release of these expected LGU income would throw into disarray the local government operations of seriously jeopardize the delivery of basic services to their constituents .

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to appeal, as it does hereby appeal, to President Joseph E. Estrada to reconsider the order of former President Fidel V. Ramos withholding the release, this year of Internal Revenue Allotment for local government units.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this Resolution be personally delivered to the Office of the President, thru the Executive Secretary and necessary representation be made thereon.

ADOPTED: August 11, 1998.


CONNIE S. ANGELES
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
Secretary to the Sanggunian