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5th Special Session

RESOLUTION NO. ~~SP-1160~~ S-99

A RESOLUTION URGING ALL BARANGAYS IN QUEZON CITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATIONALIZE A BARANGAY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION CENTER (BHRAC) AND TO TRAIN A BARANGAY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION OFFICER (BHRAO).

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FRANCISCO.

Sponsored by Councilors Godofredo T. Liban II, Marciano P.
Medalla, Jorge L. Banal, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Eric Z.
Medina, Bayani V. Hipol, Antonio L. Sioson, Elizabeth
A. Delarmente, Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Alma F.
Montilla, Marciano P. Medalla and Marcel C. Rillo.

WHEREAS, the local government units, as stated in the Local Government Code, shall exercise powers expressly granted to ensure and support among other things, the promotion and protection of social justice and human rights;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights, pursuant to its commitment to promote and protect human rights, has launched a nationwide Barangay Human Rights Action Center (BHRAC) Program designed to bring the services of the Commission down to the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular 94-194 enjoining all barangays to pass/adopt a resolution for the establishment of a Human Rights Action Center and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commission on Human Rights, various Leagues and Liga ng mga Barangay, to jointly implement a continuing National Rights Advocacy Program as well as institutionalize the Barangay Human Rights Action Centers;

WHEREAS, the Barangay, being a general purpose government for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of its inhabitants, should take an active role in the protection and promotion of social justice and human rights;

WHEREAS, the setting-up of the BHRAC, supporting its operations and the training of a BHRAO will serve the best interest of the people in the barangay;

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WHEREAS, the Commission on Human Rights and the Quezon City Government must synchronize their efforts and available resources in empowering the people in promoting and protecting human rights at the grassroots level;


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge, all barangays in Quezon City through their respective Punong Barangay, to establish and operationalize a Barangay Human Rights Action Center (BHRAC) and to train a Barangay Human Rights Action Officer (BHRAO), with the following stipulations:

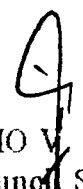
1. The BHRAC and the BHRAO shall receive complaints of human rights violations in the barangay, monitor developments of the complaints, refer the same to the Commission on Human Rights field office and other government agencies for proper action, conduct human rights information education activities and mobilize communities for human rights purposes.
2. The BHRAO shall hold office in the Barangay Hall and shall be provided with the necessary facilities and supplies for the purposes.
3. The Barangay Council shall provide in its annual budget, sufficient funds for reasonable honorarium of the BHRAO, capacity-building program, supplies/materials, equipment and other necessary expenses.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to all barangays in Quezon City for immediate consideration and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: May 6, 1999.


CONNIE S. ANGELES
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary