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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-562

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE ACTION OF THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS AND ITS OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUDDEN AND ILLEGAL CLOSURE OF THE ROAD LEADING TO KATARUNGAN VILLAGE 1 AND 2, MUNTINLUPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MNHS) AND PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA (PLMUN)

Sponsored by: *Hon. Coun. Atty. Raul R. Corro*
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WHEREAS, in the evening of **26 November 2021**, the Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR) erected another concrete wall this time along the University Road, Barangay Poblacion, Muntinlupa City, which road serves as the main access point to the City Proper by thousands of residents of Katarungan Village 1 and 2, and teachers and students of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMUN) and Muntinlupa National High School-Main;

WHEREAS, it is the third concrete road blockade constructed by the BUCOR this year, following the closure of the Insular Road on 20 March 2021 affecting thousands of residents of Southville 3, a socialized housing project undertaken by the National Housing Authority (NHA), and the closure of Type B, NBP Reservation on 13 June 2021;

WHEREAS, closing the University Road not only prevented the residents of Katarungan Village 1 and 2 from using the existing road right of way going to the City Proper, but greatly affected the school-goers, including students and teachers, of the Muntinlupa National High School-Main Campus (MNHS-Main) and the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMUN), especially with the expected face-to-face classes implemented soon;

WHEREAS, such closure was implemented without prior consultation with the City Government as required by the Sections 2 (c) and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", to wit:

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"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – (c) it is likewise the policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate local government units, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdictions."

Section 27. Prior Consultations, required. -- No project or program shall be implemented by government authorities unless the consultations mentioned in Sections 2(c) and 26 hereof are complied with, and prior approval of the Sanggunian concerned is obtained: Provided, That occupants in areas where such projects are to be implemented shall not be evicted unless appropriate relocations sites have been provided, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution."

WHEREAS, such road closure is also violative of the due process and equal protection clauses guaranteed by the 1987 Philippine Constitution and is against the policy of the State in giving preferential treatment to the poor in our society;

WHEREAS, BUCOR Spokesperson Gabriel Chacag, on an interview, explained that *"the new wall—and two other walls built within the NBP Reservation Area—is part of the plan to enforce its mandate of protecting the area from unspecified criminal activities' and to prevent the NBP Compound from becoming a 'marketplace'."*

WHEREAS, the *"security reasons"* given by BUCOR can be addressed without suddenly closing the road and can be remedied by imposing additional security measures such as establishment of checkpoints, sticker system, and other means which can also be discussed with the City Government;

WHEREAS, for two consecutive years now, the BUCOR has consistently shown the propensity to implement policies and initiate projects affecting the welfare of the constituents of Muntinlupa without prior consultation and coordination with the City Government notwithstanding the mandate of existing laws;

WHEREAS, in the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in the country in 2020, the BUCOR transferred hundreds of COVID-19 positive inmates from its penal facilities in Mandaluyong City to Muntinlupa City NBP Reservation without prior consultation with the City Government;

WHEREAS, on May 2021, the BUCOR also implemented the demolition and eviction activities involving informal settlers, homeless, and underprivileged citizens, without securing the proper documentary requirements under the Republic Act No. 7279 (Urban Development and Housing Act) and City Ordinance No. 17091, and other related laws and issuances to ensure just and humane conduct of eviction and demolition orders;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, By The 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod Of Muntinlup, to strongly condemning the action of the Bureau of Corrections and its Officials responsible for the sudden and illegal closure of the road going to Katarungan Village 1 And 2, Muntinlupa National High School (MNHS) and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMUN)

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ADOPTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 27th day of November 2021, on its 16th Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

ARTEMIO A. SIMUNDAC
City Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

Date: 02 DEC 2021

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