



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA
KALAKHANG MAYNILA

Sangguniang Panglungsod

RESOLUTION NO. 97-01

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO RESTORE THE P890-MILLION I.R.A AUGMENTATION FUND FOR CITIES IN THE 1997 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE AND LASTING SOLUTION OF THE I.R.A. ISSUE.

Sponsored by: ALL SANGGUNIANG MEMBERS

WHEREAS, on March 16, 1996, the League of Provinces and the League of Cities forged a breakthrough agreement on the I.R.A issue, to the effect that the latter would support the full deduction of the cost of devolved functions from the I.R.A prior to its allocation provided that the P890 million that the Cities would lose would be returned back to them.

WHEREAS, both leagues issued a joint statement on that breakthrough agreement furnishing copies to both the Senate and the House, as well as the executive department.

WHEREAS, the leadership of the House of Representatives, expressing its desire to finally resolve the contentious issue, supported the agreement and committed on numerous occasions to incorporate the P890-million I.R.A. Augmentation Fund;

WHEREAS, this fund is intended to serve as a safety net for cities once the agreement is enforced and full deduction of the cost of devolution is carried out;

WHEREAS, during the last Cities Sharing Workshop in Dagupan City on August 14-16, 1996, no less than Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, Jr. assured the League of Cities that the Fund is already a certainty. During the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the 1991 Local Government Code on October 10, 1996, reassurances from both the Executive and Congress that the I.R.A. issue will finally be settled were again roundly made;

WHEREAS, when the House version of the 1997 General Appropriations Act was finally approved, the P890-million Augmentation Fund promised to cities by the House leadership was not included.

WHEREAS, the impact of this development to our respective 1997 budget is tremendous, as this means a clear P21.3 million cut from our individual share which is huge from anywhere one looks at it.

WHEREAS, without that augmentation fund, any solution to the I.R.A. issue will continue to divide the leagues of local governments;

WHEREAS, the House version of the 1997 General Appropriations Act is not acceptable to Philippine Cities;

NOW, THEREFORE, on joint and collective motion, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Muntinlupa to strongly urge the Senate and the House of Representatives to restore the P890-million I.R.A. Augmentation Fund for Cities in the 1997 General Appropriations Act to ensure the equitable and lasting solution to the I.R.A. issue;

Let copies of this resolution be furnished Senate President Ernesto Maceda, House Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr., Senate Finance Committee Chair Ernesto Herrera and House Appropriations Committee Chairperson Rolando Andaya for their information and appropriate action.

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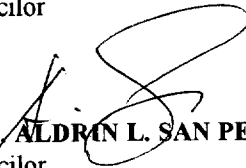
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APPROVED this 13th day of January, 1997 by the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Muntinlupa, on its 66th Regular Session.

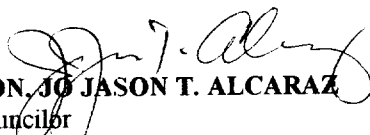
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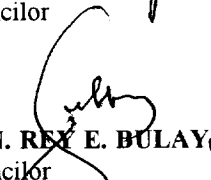

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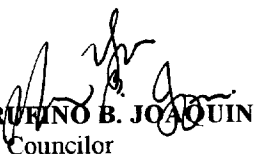

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I HEREBY CERTIFY as to the correctness of this resolution:

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City Mayor

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