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His Excellency
BENIGNO C. AQUINO III
 President of the Philippines
 Malacañang Palace, Manila

My dear Mr. President,

Greetings from our Rizal provincial constituents!

We are writing His Excellency regarding the Php18.5B Laguna Lake Rehabilitation Project (the Project).

We wish to inform His Excellency that, at the very onset, our Provincial leadership has expressed its earnest support for the rehabilitation of the Laguna Lake. We also put forward that dredging, though a major component of the Project because of the very large sum of money allocated to it, must be complemented, primordially, by systematic and massive reforestation of the watershed and no-nonsense and well-planned relocation of all the informal settlers colonizing the lakeshore lands of the Lake.

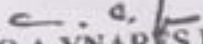
It is our impression, as common sense dictates, that unless the mountainous and watershed areas of the Lake are entirely reforested, silts coming from unabated and indiscriminate land development and resource extractions of these areas of the Lake region, will continue to make the Lake vulnerable to sedimentation within an accountable period of time. Corollarily, until the thousands of informal settler colonies are resettled out of the lakeshore areas, their domestic wastes, which account to 77% of wastewater that goes to the Lake will continue to remain polluting the Lake within a given period of time. This is notwithstanding dredging the Lake.

It is along this context, His Excellency, that pending implementation of the Project, our Provincial leadership feels that there is an urgent need for a general moratorium in the issuance of land development permits and locational clearances within the Lake Region. This general moratorium or suspension should include mining and quarrying permits whether LGU-issued or DENR-MGB issued, within the Laguna Lake and its Region until these are rationalized and the standard parameters set by existing statutes, rules and regulations are complied with or in place, by the appropriate government agency/ies.

It may be recalled that right after the devastations caused by typhoon *Ondoy*, this Provincial leadership had ordered the immediate suspension of all mining and quarrying operations and related activities permitted by this Provincial government. The Officer-In-Charge of the Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office No. IV-A-Calabarzon, DENR, was also called upon to assess the damages brought about by typhoon *Ondoy* to all mining/quarrying operations in the Province. In its subsequent report, MGB claimed that out of the 246 hectares of active mining/quarrying permits, some 178.2 hectares or 72.7% were DENR-MGB issued. Only 27.3% of the total area of the Marikina Watershed which is 53,500 hectares. Hence, considering the foregoing, any self-limiting impositions by LGU to reduce siltation of the Lake is meaningless unless any imposition of the proposed moratorium or suspension is extended to national government issued mining and quarrying permits.

Thank you very much and we wish to assure His Excellency of our Provincial leadership's continued and unwavering support to your Administration.

Very truly yours,


CASIMIRO A YNARES III, M.D.
Governor

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RIZAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
"Antipolo City"

25th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 305, s. 2009

Sponsored by: EM ARMANDO B. VILLAMAYOR, SR.
EM RONALD R. BARCENA

RESOLUTION NO. 244, s. 2009

A RESOLUTION
URGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGDs), MUNICIPAL AND
CITY GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO HAVE A
MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R. A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, expressly provides that, "every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, R. A. 7160 empowers the sanggunians of municipalities and component cities to process and approve subdivision plans for residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes, adopt a comprehensive land use plan, reclassify land within their territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, in the recent effect of typhoon "Ondoy" particularly in the Province of Rizal, one of the causes of flooding is the unusual amount of rain which triggered massive flooding and virtually submerged seventy (70%) percent of major parts of Rizal;

WHEREAS, as per initial report, the continuous flooding was aggravated by the development of new subdivisions on former agricultural lands, construction of high-end subdivisions on the hills and mountain tops in some parts of Rizal;


WHEREAS, likewise, the loss of our forest cover reduces the capacity of our watershed that will absorb huge volumes of water that can prevent flooding and landslides in the lowlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved, as it is hereby Resolved, urging all Local Government Units (LGUs), Municipal and City government to have a "MORATORIUM" on the issuance of Development Permit within their respective territorial jurisdiction,

Resolved finally, to furnish copies of this Resolution the following: (a) Municipal/City Mayors-Rizal, (b) Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod - Rizal, Municipal/City Planning & Development Coordinator [MPDO], (c) HLURB, (d) DENR, and (e) LLDA for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2009, Rizal Provincial Capitol, Antipolo City.

CERTIFIED APPROVED, TRUE AND CORRECT:



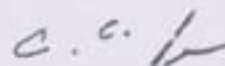
JOSEPH G. CENIDOZA
Board Secretary IV
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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ZACARIAS L. APALES
Board Member, 2nd District of Antipolo
Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED



CASIMIRO A. YNARES III, M.D.
Governor