



Republic of the Philippines
City of Baguio
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 19 MARCH 2018

PRESENT:

Hon. Edison R. Bilog, *City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer*;
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr., *Member*;
Hon. Edgar M. Avila, *Member*;
Hon. Joel A. Alangsab, *Member*;
Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *Member*;
Hon. Elmer O. Datuin, *Member*;
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano, *Member*;
Hon. Peter C. Fianza, *Member*;
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iv, *Member*;
Hon. Benny O. Bomogao, *Member*;
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI, *Member*; and
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member*.

ABSENT:

Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member* (on vacation leave).

VACANT:

Ex-Officio Member (President, *Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan*, City Chapter).

*Authored by Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iv,
Hon. Faustino A. Olowan,
Hon. Vice Mayor Edison R. Bilog,
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Hon. Benny O. Bomogao,
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI, and
Hon. Michael L. Lawana;
and based on the report of the
Committee on Laws, Human Rights and Justice and
considered jointly and collectively.*

RESOLUTION Numbered 092
(Series of 2018)

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DROP THE "TERRORIST" TAG AGAINST VICTORIA TAULI-CORPUS, JOAN CARLING, BEVERLY LONGID, ATTY. JOSE MOLINTAS, WINDLE BOLINGET, JEANETTE RIBAYA-CAWIDING, AND JOANNA CARIÑO, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO.

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice, in relation with its application for the declaration of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army (CPP-NPA) as terrorist organization, tagged six hundred individuals as terrorists claiming they are members and/or supporters of the said revolutionary organization;

WHEREAS, several residents of Baguio City who are advocates of Indigenous Peoples rights were included in the 600 individuals, as follows:

- VICTORIA TAULI-CORPUS - a *Kankanaey* from Besao, Mountain Province, former Chairman of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous from 2005 to 2010 and presently the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- JOAN CARLING - a *Kankanaey* from Sagada, a former Secretary General of the Thailand-based Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact, and a Co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group on Sustainable Development;
- BEVERLY LONGID - a *Kankanaey* from Sagada, a former nominee of the *Katribu* Partylist, and the present Global Coordinator of the International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation;
- ATTY. JOSE MOLINTAS - an *Ibaloi* and Human Rights Lawyer and a former Member of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- WINDLE BOLINGET - a *Kankanaey* from Bontoc, Mountain Province, a former Chairperson of the Cordillera People's Alliance, and a regular participant to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- JEANETTE RIBAYA-CAWIDING - a *Kankanaey* from Besao, Mountain Province, former Chairman of the *Tongtongan Ti Umili* who is active in Non-Government Organization work in the City of Baguio; and
- JOANNA CARIÑO - an *Ibaloi*, kin of Mateo Cariño, a member of Cordillera People's Alliance Advisory Council and a Co-Chairman of *Sandugo* Movement of Moro and Indigenous Peoples for self-determination ;

WHEREAS, the above individuals never joined the revolutionary groups but are passionate and active in their advocacy on Human Rights and the Indigenous People's rights both local and international. Their inclusion in the list not only violated legal processes, but now pose a threat to their lives and that of their friends and families; and

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WHEREAS, the United Nations Organization, particularly Special Rapporteur Michael Forst on the Situation of Human Right Defenders and Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Procedures and other international organizations, urged the Philippine Government to drop the "terrorists" tag against the Human Rights Defenders as it is an unacceptable attack and an act of retaliation by the present administration:

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion, duly seconded, be it,

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Government of the Philippine to drop the "terrorist" tag against **VICTORIA TAULI-CORPUS, JOAN CARLING, BEVERLY LONGID, ATTY. JOSE MOLINTAS, WINDLE BOLINGET, JEANETTE RIBAYA-CAWIDING, and JOANNA CARIÑO**, human rights defenders who are residents of the City Baguio.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Department of Justice and the Office of the United Nations Organization.

Unanimously adopted.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



EDISON R. BILOG
*Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer*

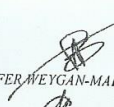
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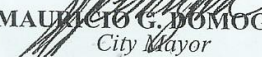


BRENNER L. BENGWAYAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTED: _____



JENNIFER WEYGAN-MARTIN
do
CANDICE CANDELAINE K. SACLAG



MAURICIO G. DUMOGAN
City Mayor

26 MAR 2018