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RESOLUTION CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE DEFERMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN TREASURER TO THEIR ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

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and

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Majority Floor Leader**



WHEREAS, with the intent of improving the Sangguniang Kabataan Republic Act No. 10742 or the SK Reform Act of 2015, as amended by Republic Act No. 11768 or an act strengthening the Sangguniang Kabataan, institutionalizing additional reforms to revitalize youth participation in local governance and by providing Honorarium, other benefits, and privilege, amending privileges, amending for the purpose certain sections of the Republic Act No. 10742, was approved into law on May 6, 2022;

WHEREAS, in connection to abovesited law, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued MC 2023-167 dated November 07, 2023, subject of which is amendment to certain provisions of the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2018-131 dated August 15, 2018, relative to the guidelines on the Appointment of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Secretary and Treasurers;

WHEREAS, the qualifications for the SK Treasurer, among others, requires an educational or career background relating to business administration, accountancy, finance, economic or bookkeeping and shall undergo mandatory bookkeeping training and equivalent assessment from Technical Education And Skills Development Authority (TESDA) before assumption of office;

WHEREAS, the current available bookkeeping training and equivalent assessment from TESDA is for NC III only, which requires a minimum of 292 hours of training with training cost of more than Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Pesos (PhP 15,115.00) and assessment fee of Eight Hundred Forty-One (PhP. 841.00) in comparison to the possible compensation of, more or less, than One Thousand Pesos (PhP. 1,000.00) per month;

WHEREAS, no less than the Chairperson of the National Youth Commission (NYC) aired his concern over the stringent requirements of the SK Treasurer prior to their assumption of office, which have resulted in the inability of the forty-two thousand and one (42,001) Sangguniang Kabataan councils to proceed with any projects and/or transactions;

WHEREAS, the stringent qualification and requirements for the position of the SK Treasurer and the corresponding responsibility and liability versus the realistic compensation and benefit of being an SK Treasurer will most likely result in prospective SK Treasurers from turning down the position which will prevent the Sangguniang Kabataan from performing their functions;

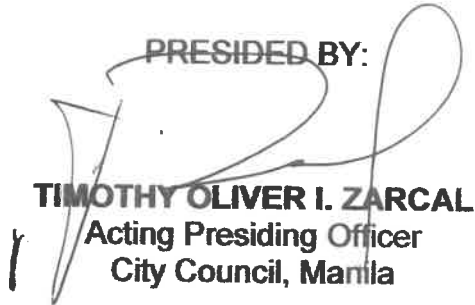
WHEREAS, it is significant to mention that the Sangguniang Barangay Treasurer which has more responsibility and accountability does not have education, experience or long and rigid training on bookkeeping requirement prior to their assumption of office, the SK Treasurer requirement should at least be consistent with the principle of *ejusdem generis* in legal hermeneutics or the phrase "other officers of equivalent rank". The latter being an offshoot of the former;

WHEREAS, the situation resulting from the stringent qualification and requirements for the position of the SK Treasurer will work contrary to the very nature and intent of the SK Reform Act as amended: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to call, as it hereby calls the Department of the Interior and Local Government for the deferment of implementation of the stringent requirements for the Sanggunian Kabataan Treasurer to their assumption of office; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the City Legal Office of Manila, the SK National Federation for possible study of filing a Declaratory Relief case on this matter and all local and national government departments, agencies and instrumentalities concerned.

PRESIDED BY:



TIMOTHY OLIVER I. ZARCAL
Acting Presiding Officer
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on January 23, 2024.

ATTESTED:



LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

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