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12TH CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. 467
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RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HONORABLE MAYOR MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS, TO IMPOSE A 60-DAY PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION, PENDING INVESTIGATION BY THE 12TH CITY COUNCIL, AGAINST BARANGAY KAGAWAD RONNIE B. LIWANAG OF BARANGAY 129, ZONE 11, DISTRICT I, MANILA

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and

**HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
Majority Floor Leader**



WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod as stated under RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 is vested with quasi-judicial power which involves the power to hear and decide administrative complaints against erring elective local officials. For the City of Manila, after an administrative complaint against a local elected position is lodged in the Sanggunian, the same shall be referred to the Committee on Barangay Affairs for the corresponding investigation;

WHEREAS, an administrative complaint against Barangay Kagawad Ronnie B. Liwanag of Barangay 129, Zone 1, District 1, Manila was filed by a minor victim, duly assisted by her mother, from Balut, Tondo, Manila. The case was set for hearing on March 14, 2024 wherein the complainant appeared but the respondent failed to appear despite due notice;

WHEREAS, the minor complainant manifested her fear over the respondent, as stated in her complaint-affidavit, and that the respondent's continuous performance of his duties as Barangay Kagawad could potentially influence the witnesses and pose a threat to the safety and integrity both of the records and evidence;

WHEREAS, Section 63 of RA No. 7160 allows imposition of Preventive Suspension to wit:

"Section 63. Preventive Suspension. –

(a) Preventive suspension may be imposed:

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(3) By the mayor, if the respondent is an elective official of the barangay.

(b) Preventive suspension may be imposed at any time after the issues are joined, when the evidence of guilt is strong, and given the gravity of the offense, there is great probability that the continuance in office of the respondent could influence the witnesses or pose a threat to the safety and integrity of the records and other evidence: Provided, That, any single preventive suspension of local elective officials shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days: Provided, further, That in the event that several administrative cases are filed against an elective official, he cannot be preventively suspended for more than ninety (90) days within a single year on the same ground or grounds existing and known at the time of the first suspension. (emphasis supplied)

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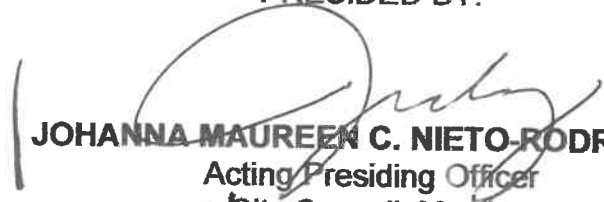
WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of evidence and consideration of existing laws, particularly of the aforementioned underscored provision of Section 63 of RA No. 7160, this Committee recommends that Barangay Kagawad Ronnie B. Liwanag of Barangay 129, Zone 11, District 1, Manila be preventively suspended without pay for a period of sixty (60) days: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to strongly urge, as it hereby strongly urges the Honorable Mayor Maria Sheilah "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS to impose a 60-day preventive suspension, pending investigation by the 12th City Council, against Barangay Kagawad Ronnie B. Liwanag of Barangay 129, Zone 11, District 1, Manila; and be it FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, the Manila Barangay Bureau and other pertinent city government offices of Manila.

PRESIDED BY:


JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ
Acting Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on July 2, 2024.

ATTESTED:


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

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