

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE  
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY  
ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AT THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr.,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Glenn M. Aldover,	Councilor
Hon. Ma. Claudette U. Ambida,	"
Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	"
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	"
Hon. Sergie Rex M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	"
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. dela Roca,	"
Hon. Ma. Kristine Josefina G. Balmes,	"
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	"
Hon. Prudencio A. Cepillo,	(ABC-Rep.)
Hon. Richard I. Cabatay,	(SK-Rep.)

**ABSENT:**

None

"On motion of Councilor Atienza seconded by Councilor Ambida, the following Resolution was Approved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 180 S. 2013**

**A RESOLUTION ELEVATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY THE ISSUE ON FUEL PRICE DISPARITY IN BATANGAS CITY IN COMPARISON TO OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNTRY, APPEALING TO THE SAME TO INCLUDE AND CONSIDER THE POSITION OF THIS SANGGUNIANG FOR THE FAVORABLE REVIEW OF THE OIL DEREGULATION LAW OF 1998, THEREBY IN ADDITION THERETO, TO REQUEST TO THE FOUR (4) CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM BATANGAS PROVINCE TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LAW TO RESOLVE THE DISPARITY ISSUES ON FUEL PRICES**

**WHEREAS**, it has been apparent and further determined by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas that the discrepancy in high gasoline/fuel prices has been long existent and experienced in the city that may be considered to be causing adverse effect to the economic life and condition of the people in the city who are in poverty therefore, with the mandate and obligation of this Sanggunian to uphold and protect the welfare of the general public, this body deems that it is necessary to seek for the aid and intervention of national government agencies and officials in favour of the existing clamour of the public for fair fuel prices;

**WHEREAS**, the discrepancy on fuel prices reaches up to Php. 2.00 to Php. 3.00 or more in comparison to Paranaque, Tagaytay/Nasugbu, Calamba and Manila despite the fact that Batangas City hosts one of the largest oil refineries in the country, Pilipinas Shell, and geographically being adjacent and/or being relatively in close proximity to other Petroleum Refineries/Depots and to the National Capital Region;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the prior reason, the Sangguniang Panlungsod deems that fuel prices in Batangas City should only be Php. 1.00 or less liter difference if not at par to those cities with lower prices considering that heavy industries, economic zone the apparent high volume of vehicles results in high consumption of fuel, all in relation to the reasons cited in Cebu City by oil firm, representatives of the plummet of fuel prices;

Continuation of Resolution No. 180 S. 2013

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**WHEREAS**, this Sangguniang Panlungsod is aware of the action, intervention and facilitation of the Department of Energy to other Local Government Units with the same grievance as of this City, thus this body would like to appeal for the inclusion of the situation in Batangas City for investigation, necessary actions and/or possible surprise inspections, all as part of the noble performance of their duties together with the Department of Justice set forth by R.A. 8479.

**WHEREAS**, last August 12, 2013, Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla made a manifestation that the department will undertake the review of the Oil Deregulation Law of 1998 and will submit the results of the agency's review and recommendations to Congress therefore this Sangguniang Panlungsod, would like to request the distinguished secretary to consider the fuel price issue in this city in their reassessment of the law and request Honorable Eileen Ermita Buhain, Honorable Raneo Abu, Honorable Nelson Collantes and Honorable Dong Mendoza, for support, necessary legislation and/or formulation of vital amendment/s to R.A. 8479 to address the issues on fuel price disparity;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED**, elevate to the Department of Energy the issue on fuel price disparity in Batangas City in comparison to other areas in the country, appealing to the same to include and consider the position of this Sanggunian for the favorable review of The Oil Deregulation Law of 1998, thereby in addition thereto, to request to the four (4) congressional representatives from Batangas Province to support and/or encourage the formulation of amendments to the aforementioned law to resolve the disparity issues on fuel prices.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Undersecretary of the Department of Energy, Department of Justice, Congresswoman Eileen Ermita Buhain, Congressman Raneo Abu, Congressman Nelson Collantes, Congressman Dong Mendoza and all other agencies concerned.

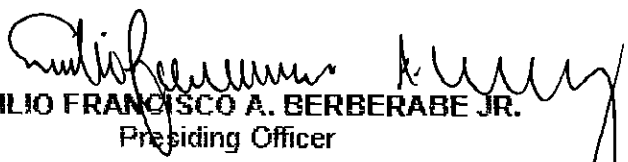
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on this 30th day of September 2013."

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the copy of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

**ATTESTED:**

  
**EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.**  
Presiding Officer

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