

**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 JUNE 6, 2023 AT THE SAMPAGUITA FARM,  
SAMPAGA, BATANGAS CITY**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	Councilor
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	”
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	”
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	”
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	”
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	”
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	”
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	”
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	”
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	”
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	( SK-Rep.)
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz	Presiding Officer
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	Councilor
Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha,	(ABC-Rep.)

“On motion of Councilor Gamboa seconded by Councilor Nestor Dimacuha and Councilor Chavez, the following Resolution was Adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-238 S. 2023**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING ATTY. SONNY JOSE MARIÑO RICABLANCA, A  
RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE OF BATANGAS CITY, AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE  
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC), BRANCH 2, BATANGAS CITY,  
BATANGAS**

**WHEREAS**, the Judicial and Bar Council, on 19 May 2023, has announced that **ATTY. SONNY JOSE MARIÑO RICABLANCA** is among those included in the shortlist of nominees for the position of **Presiding Judge, Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC), Branch 2, Batangas City, Batangas**, submitted on 16 May 2023 to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.;

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Ricablanca is a regular employee of the City Government of Batangas since 2018, holding the positions of Attorney I for the same year, Attorney III for the years 2019-2023 and currently, Internal Auditor IV, of the Internal Audit Services;

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Ricablanca has since then, carried out efficient and effective tasks for the City of Batangas, among many other special projects: Commission on Audit (COA)-related cases, tax assessment appeals cases, administrative complaints against officials and employees, and civil cases filed against the City of Batangas;

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Ricablanca is born and raised in Batangas City. He currently resides at RK Village, Kumintang Ibaba, Batangas City;

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**WHEREAS**, Atty. Ricablanca has completed his primary and secondary education at the St. Bridget College, Batangas City. He has earned his **Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts Major in Industrial Design** at the University of Sto. Tomas (UST), Manila, in 2007, **Cum Laude** and was awarded, **Outstanding Thesis**. Added to his credentials is a **Juris Doctor** degree at the University of Batangas (UB), Batangas City in 2016, **with Special Recognition**. He further journeyed into earning his **Master of Laws** degree at the UST in 2021, **Magna Cum Laude**. At present, he attends to his **Doctor of Civil Law** post-graduate studies at the same University (42 units earned);

**WHEREAS**, as a testament to his scholastic excellence, he obtained an **89.03% satisfactory rating** in the recently concluded **60<sup>th</sup> Pre-Judicature Program**. Moreover, in the **2016 Bar Examinations**, he garnered an **81.80% rating**. In the following year, he also passed the **Civil Service Commission (CSC) Foreign Service Officer Examinations** with an **81.62% rating**;

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Ricablanca also manages his own law office in Batangas City, **RICABLANCA LAW** since 2017. He is also a **Faculty Member of the UB College of Law** teaching Statutory Construction, Banking Laws and Administrative Law. At the same time, he has actively served as **Director of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) – Batangas Chapter** and **Junior Chamber International (JCI) – Batangas Caballero** since 2019 up to present;

**WHEREAS**, with his exemplary roles in the public service, academe and legal practice, the City of Batangas can be assured as to his level of merit, competence and fitness as **First Level Court Judge of MTCC, Branch 2, Batangas City, Batangas**, should he be appointed;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City hereby **ENDORSES ATTY. SONNY JOSE MARIÑO RICABLANCA** for the position of Presiding Judge, **Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC), Branch 2, Batangas City, Batangas** and humbly asks the President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., to **APPOINT** him for the said position.

**APPROVED** by all members present during the Regular Session on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023.”

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-238 S. 2023 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on June 6, 2023.

  
**LUNINGNING A. AQUINO**  
Board Secretary III

NOTED:

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
**HAMILTON G. BLANCO**  
Acting Presiding Officer

