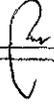


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RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC SERVICES, FINANCE, HEALTH AND
DEMOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AND INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LOOMING GARBAGE CRISIS FACING METRO MANILA.

Whereas, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is mandated to provide services centered on transport and traffic management, solid waste disposal and management, Flood control and sewerage management, Health and sanitation, urban protection and pollution control among others (RA 7924, Sec. 3);

Whereas, research shows that Metro Manila produces 4,000 tons of garbage each day;

Whereas, MMDA claims that it requires 1.6 Billion to pay for the services of private waste disposals per year;

Whereas, MMDA's budget was recently reduced by 52% from last year's 2.076 billion to just 981 million;

Whereas, MMDA spokesperson Cristina Velasco said that the agency's budget for garbage collection and disposal is just enough to cover "service fees" for the next five months as MMDA;

Whereas, General manager Corazon Jimenez said the P981-million budget would imperil many programs on traffic management and transport, solid waste management, flood control, public safety and environmental conservation.

Whereas, MMDA is reported to lay off 1,800 of its contractual employees that will include traffic aides, flood control workers, street sweepers, drivers, painters, plumbers, welders, electricians and clerks, who represent 50 percent of the agency's 3,800 contractual workers, as a result of the agency's budget reduction;

Whereas, Edenison Fainsan, MMDA assistant general manager for finance, admitted that the agency was unable to pay its three dump operators P600 million since July 2010 because the Department of Budget Management failed to release MMDA's remaining P730-million fund out of its 2010 budget appropriation;

Whereas, MMDA has warned the public of possible garbage collection problem and potential disruption of public services offered by the agency in the next five months;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committees on Public Works, Public Services, Finance, Health and Demography, Environment and Natural Resources to conduct and inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the looming garbage crisis facing Metro Manila.

Adopted,



Manny Villar