



Republic of the Philippines  
City of Bago  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1554<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF BAGO HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, BAGO CITY.**

PRESENT:

HON. MA. JOSEFA Y. MATTI	SP Member-Acting Presiding Officer
HON. CARLOS E. MONDIA	SP Member
HON. BERNADETTE M. SOMCIO	SP Member
HON. DONALD A. ALVAREZ	SP Member
HON. ALLAN C. GALUNAN	SP Member
HON. RUBEN T. TORRES	SP Member
HON. ROSARIO F. GAUDITE	SP Member
HON. EAMON GABRIEL V. MATTI	SP Member
HON. LORETO N. CAUNTOY	SP Member
HON. FEDERICO A. MATTI	SP Member
HON. NOEL T. VALENZUELA	SP Member-ABC President

ABSENT:

HON. JAMES ANTON Y. ALINCASTRE	SP Member-SK Federation President
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ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

HON. NICHOLAS M. YULO	City Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-148**

**RESOLUTION APPEALING ON THE SUPREME COURT TO STOP THE ILLEGAL CONVERSION OF MUNICIPALITIES TO CITIES, PROTECT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, UPHOLD THE RULE OF LAW AND RESPECT THE CONSTITUTION.**

**WHEREAS**, after declaring the sixteen (16) cityhood laws unconstitutional in a ruling issued on August 24, 2010, the Supreme Court reversed the said decision once again, and reinstated its December 21, 2009 ruling, which affirmed the constitutionality of the said laws;

**WHEREAS**, this is the third time that the Supreme Court has reversed itself on the issue of whether or not the cityhood laws, which allow 16 municipalities to be converted into cities, is constitutional

**WHEREAS**, the recent change of the decision of the Supreme Court is unprecedented in its history and will set a bad precedent and will disturb the well-established legal principles on finality and immutability of final judgments;

**WHEREAS**, this action of the Supreme Court does not inspire confidence in our judicial processes and is another setback in our quest to restore the people's faith in our judicial system;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court decision will only open the floodgates for more conversions of unqualified municipalities to become cities in violation of the express provisions of the Constitution and the Local Government Code of 1991;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court rulings shall only cause confusion and instability in the development and planning process of Philippine cities and will seriously and adversely affect the delivery of basic public services;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court decision will unduly reduce the income of Philippine Cities intended for anti-poverty, health, education, and other equality significant programs aimed at improving the quality of life of their constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) does not oppose the creation of cities *per se*; LCP is against the conversion of municipalities to cities which do not comply with the requirements under the Constitution and Republic Act No. 7160, as amended by Republic Act No. 9009;

**WHEREAS**, LCP has endorsed and supported the conversion of the cities of Biñan and Dasmariñas; and LCP is also ready to endorse the conversion of qualified municipalities including Bacoor, Imus, Cabuyao and other progressive municipalities who may be determined as qualified for conversion;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon motion of SP Member Allan C. Galunan, unanimously seconded by the SP Members present, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago, on behalf of its constituents and residents, hereby resolves to:

1. **APPEAL** the Supreme Court to honor and uphold the mandates of the Constitution and the rule of law which is the basic foundation of our democratic system.
2. Appeal the Supreme Court to **RESPECT** the well-established legal principles on finality of judgment and preserve the stability of our judicial and legislative system.
3. **CALL** on the Filipino people to safeguard the Supreme Court as the last bulwark of democracy and the final arbiter of all judicial and constitutional issues.
4. **CALL** on the Filipino people to join the effort and advocacy to **Stop** the Illegal Conversion of Cities, **Protect** the Local Government Code, **Uphold** the rule of law and **Respect** the Constitution.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Supreme Court Justices and the LCP Secretariat for their information.

**ATTESTED:**

**MA. JOSEFA Y. MATTI**  
SP Member-Acting Presiding Officer

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

**ATTY. BRIAN N. MARTIR**  
City Secretary(CGDH-I)