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Introduced by

ANAKALUSUGAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR,
DEPUTY SPEAKER RODANTE D. MARCOLETA

AND HON. ANTHONY PETER "ONYX" D. CRISOLOGO

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY
THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING
THE SUPERSPREADER EVENT IN
MATANDANG BALARA, QUEZON CITY

WHEREAS, Article II Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that “The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”;

WHEREAS, the number of Covid-19 cases in Matandang Balara, Quezon City showed a statistically significant decrease after an April 30 Ivermectin distribution event. From a high of 138, cases declined to 39 in less than a month according to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team;

April 29, 2021- 138 cases
WHEREAS, according to Dr. Rafael Castillo, “The reduction in active cases in Matandang Balara (MB) from April 29 to May 22 is 57.2% compared to just 34.2% in the rest of District 3 excluding MB; and 48% in District 2”.

WHEREAS, it is therefore very unfortunate that after the significant decrease in Covid-19 cases in Matandang Balara, where the number of Covid cases was reduced by more than half (57.2%, 138 to 39 cases) in less than a month, a superspreader event was held in Brgy. Matandang Balara by a city councilor;

WHEREAS, various news sources reported that more than 6000\(^1\) people participated in a May 25 event where food packs were distributed in Brgy. Matandang Balara. As of June 4, it was reported that 6 streets in Matandang Balara are already in lockdown to prevent the further transmission of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, it was also reported that as of June 4, there are already 197 cases of Covid-19 in Matandang Balara, and that 73 cases are directly traced to the “ayuda” distribution conducted in May 25.\(^2\)

WHEREAS, there is a need to study the fall and rise of Covid-19 cases in Matandang Balara, Quezon City in order to produce a more effective procedure in the distribution of social welfare programs in the context of this pandemic.

THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the proper Committee of the House of Representatives conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation regarding the superspreader event in Matandang Balara, Quezon City.

Adopted,

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\(^2\) https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/04/21/pumaren-superspreader-qc-matandang-balara
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