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ANAKALUSUGAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR,

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE OVERPRICED PROCUREMENT OF FACE SHIELD BY THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XI of the 1987 Constitution states that, "Section 1. Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives."

WHEREAS, Section 4 (A)(a) of R.A. 6713 adds that "Public officials and employees shall always uphold the public interest over and above personal interest. All government resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed and used efficiently, effectively, honestly and economically, particularly to avoid wastage in public funds and revenues."

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Quezon City (QC) local government unit, through Purchase Order 2012367 dated 21 December 2020, procured 400 thousand pieces of Face Shield at a per unit cost of PhP67.50 for a total of PhP27 million;

WHEREAS, the said purchase did not go through a public bidding as it was done via Negotiated Sale with a Single Proprietorship entity (Strength Medical and Drug Supply);

WHEREAS, at the time of QC's purchase (21 December 2020), there were news reports that the price of face shields went up to PhP10 from the previous PhP5[1]. We note, however, that the PhP67.50 negotiated sale per piece price of Strength Medical and Drug Supply and the QC government is more than 600% higher than the going rate of PhP10 in Binondo for face shields during the same time frame;

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[1] https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/12/21/20/presyo-ng-face-shield-tumaas-sa-divisoria

WHEREAS, we note that in usual business practice, a bulk sales results to a lower than normal price per unit in consideration of the high volume procurement. In the case of QC's procurement of face shields, there was an almost PhP60 premium paid per unit; a practice which is contrary to the policy set forth in the Constitution and R.A. 6713 that there be no wastage in public funds and revenues;

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 overpriced procurement of face shield by the Quezon City Government.

Adopted,

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