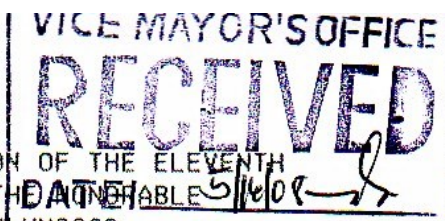




REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
BUILDING ON MAY 08, 2008

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,	City Councilor, Floor Leader
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,	City Councilor, Assist. Floor Leader
Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon,	City Councilor
Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,	City Councilor
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	City Councilor
Hon. Fe S. Lladoc,	City Councilor
Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang,	City Councilor
Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr.,	City Councilor
Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla,	City Councilor
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,	City Councilor
Hon. Lea Doris C. Villar,	Ex-Officio City Councilor,
	Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc
Hon. Corinne M. Corro,	Ex-Officio City Councilor,
	SK Federation President

ABSENT:

N O N E

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-090

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE EXTENSION OF
THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) AS
IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR).

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) under Republic Act 6657 as amended, was passed with the principal aim of alleviating the plight of landless farmers and regular farm workers by giving them the opportunity to own directly or collectively the lands they till;

WHEREAS, under the CARL, the State has declared that it is its policy to ensure that the welfare of the landless farmers and farm workers will receive the highest consideration to promote social justice and to move the nation toward sound rural development and industrialization;

WHEREAS, the CARL directed that the compressive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) be undertaken, with the end being the equitable distribution and ownership of land, with due regard to the rights of landowners to just compensation and to the ecological needs of the nation;

WHEREAS, the CARP has existed and has been implemented as such for almost twenty (20) years already, following the CARL being signed into law last June 10, 1988;

WHEREAS, the CARP itself, following an extension of its implementation, is set to expire in the month of June, 2008;

WHEREAS, there is presently a move to extend the life and implementation of the CARP, a move that if news reports are to be believed, is being discussed and considered at the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, however, this august Body believes that the 20-year implementation of the CARP, through the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), has adequately shown that the said program is fraught with many disadvantages not just to the farmers but also to the landowners and to the government, as well, hence, it is deemed impractical, counter-productive and no longer reasonable to extend the CARP;

WHEREAS, in his letter to the Member of the 11th Sangguniang Panlungsod, this city, dated May 8, 2008, the Honorable Eric C. Codilla, City Mayor of Ormoc City, requested the Sanggunian to pass a Resolution supporting his stand in opposing the proposed extension of the CARP;

WHEREAS, Mayor Codilla, in his letter of May 8, 2008, detailed the reasons for his opposition, among other grounds being as follows:

1. The CARP has failed to deliver its main thrust and objectives and has brought no beneficial results to the nation's economy, nor has it improved the living status of our Ormoc farmers;
2. It has become a factor in the reduction of production of basic crops like rice since CARP-related disputes, have resulted in idle lands which could have been productive or planted with rice for that matter;
3. The CARP has also affected the revenue and tax collection of our City, as both the landowners, and the tenants/beneficiaries have expressed qualms on paying the taxes;
4. The CARP has also become a factor in the present instability of our community's peace and order has caused conflicts between the landlord and the beneficiaries ... because of the program too, illegitimate NGOs have flourished, grabbed the opportunity ... to take over and arrogantly harvest the produce of some "problematic" farms;
5. There are reported cases too, wherein the lands were awarded to other persons instead of to the deserving farmer-beneficiaries;
6. The CARP, too, lacks the necessary factor which would have been the most important feature to accompany the Certificates of Land Ownership: the financial support to the farmer-beneficiaries. In the case of CARP ... farmer-beneficiaries are forced to sell their lands because of lack of capital, some resort to go to loan sharks for capital. And when natural calamities like typhoons strike, affecting their farms, these farmers find themselves in dire financial predicament.

WHEREAS, the Sanggunian, after extensive deliberation, agrees with the assessment of the Honorable Eric C. Codilla, and has therefore determined that the passage of the Resolution he asks for is not only justified but is also meritorious and deserving of support;

WHEREFORE, FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on MASS MOTION OF THE Body; be it

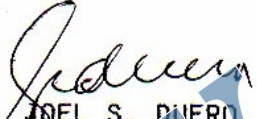
RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass a resolution EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE EXTENSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR);

ADOPTED, May 08, 2008.


RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution each the Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, The President, Philippine Senate, The Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, The President, League of Provinces, The President, League of Cities, The President, League of Municipalities, The Honorable City Mayor Eric C. Codilla, The City Administrator and other Offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JOEL S. DUERO
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


NEPOMUCENO P. APARIS I
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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