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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69



Introduced by: **Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.**

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, NEGOTIATIONS OR TRANSACTIONS SEEKING TO PRIVATIZE PUBLIC MARKETS IN THE CITY OF MANILA.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to provide basic public services to its citizens, such as primary health care, peace and order, and protection of their basic rights, among others;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, Chapter II on the General Powers and Attributes of Local Government Units, b) Such basic services and facilities include, but are not limited to, the following, (1) For Barangay: (viii) Satellite or public market, where viable; (2) For a Municipality: (ix) Public markets, slaughterhouses and other municipal enterprises;

WHEREAS, the local public markets in various cities and municipalities provide a basic service to the communities through fresh produce at low prices, at ideal locations, while at the same time giving local farmers and fisherfolk a venue to sell and earn their livelihood;

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing wave of privatization of public markets, through so-called Joint Venture Agreements between the city government of Manila and private corporations, wherein public markets in prime locations are converted into malls and supermarket-type structures;

WHEREAS, once converted into malls, the objective for the market's operations changes, becoming more profit, than service-oriented, wherein the prices of basic goods become higher, while many previous stallholders can no longer afford stall prices;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, NEGOTIATIONS OR TRANSACTIONS SEEKING TO PRIVATIZE PUBLIC MARKTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA.


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