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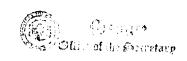
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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OF BURNHAM PARK

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism (DOT) is mandated as the primary planning, programming, coordinating, implementing, and regulatory government agency in the development and promotion of the tourism industry, both domestic and international, in coordination with the attached agencies and other government instrumentalities;

WHEREAS, Baguio City is a popular tourist destination for its breathtaking views, cool climate, and indigenous culture. It is also chosen as one of the Creative Cities by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

WHEREAS, Burnham Park is a treasured landmark located at the heart of Baguio City in the Cordillera Mountain Range with an area of 32.84 hectares;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1981, Presidential Decree No. 1762, the ownership, administration and control over the Burnham Park Reservation was transferred to the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA), now known as the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 224, s. 1995 transferred the administration, maintenance, management and operation of the Burnham Park Reservation to the City Government of Baguio however the Department of Tourism and the PTA shall

continue to provide promotional support and technical assistance for the operation and further development of the Park;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 695, s. 2008 transferred full control of the administration, operation, maintenance and management and further development of Burnham Park Reservation to the City Government of Baguio;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the City Council of the City of Baguio passed Resolution 051 (Series of 2018), entitled "APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC LEGISLATION AS CONTAINED IN ITS 4TH INDORSEMENT DATED 15 FEBRUARY 2018 RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NR. PR 00740-17 (A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PODIUM CAR PARKING IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO PARTICULARLY AT THE AREAS OF GANZA, IN BETWEEN ORCHIDARIUM AND CHILDREN'S PARK, FORMER PANTRANCO AND THE WHOLE STRETCH OF THE CITY LIBRARY);

WHEREAS, the recommended construction of a podium car parking made by the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation within Burnham Park will greatly affect its purpose and character;

WHEREAS, one of Baguio City's main tourism selling point is its natural scenery and building another concrete structure would destroy its picturesque environment;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the tourism development of Burnham Park.

Adopted,

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