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RESOLUTION

URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO IMMEDIATELY APPOINT A SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WHO CAN SHEPHERD THE NEWLY-CREATED AGENCY INTO FULFILLING ITS MANDATE AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11201, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT"

WHEREAS, for the last thirty years, the country has been deprived of a rational and systematic way of addressing our nation's housing needs;

WHEREAS, while numerous housing programs have been implemented by the government, it seems that there is no clear integration of programs and plans of the existing key shelter agencies;

WHEREAS, fully cognizant of this crying need of the time, Republic Act No. 11201, otherwise known as the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Act, was enacted with the end in view of holistically addressing the needs of the housing sector;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law the aforementioned Republic Act after a grueling intellectual battle between the members of both houses of Congress to ensure that the then proposed department shall be responsive to the burgeoning housing needs which was estimated at 2 million in 2017 and was foreseen, at that time, to swell to 6 million in 2022;

WHEREAS, it was also the intent of the authors of the said law to create a Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (herein after referred to as Department) which would act as the sole and main planning and policy-making, regulatory, program coordination, and performance monitoring entity for all housing and urban development concerns, primarily focusing on the access to, and affordability of, decent, affordable and secure shelter;

WHEREAS, it is provided in Section 29 of the said law that:

"Sec. 29. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department, DBM and Civil Service Commission shall prepare and issue the implementing rules (IRR) of this Act within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act"

WHEREAS, on 19 July 2019, the IRR of the said law was adopted and promulgated but upon scrutiny by the members of the Senate during its committee hearing which was called for the purpose, it was found out that there are provisions in the said IRR which are not within the ambit of the law creating the said Department;

WHEREAS, had there been a Secretary of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development prior to the crafting of the IRR, the travesty in the crafting of the assailed implementing rules would have been avoided;

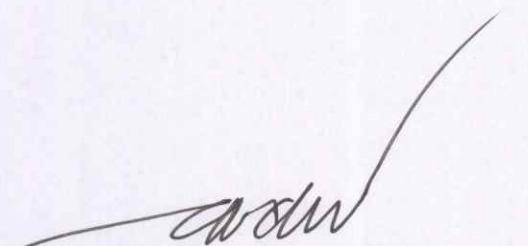
WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Human Settlements must be appointed as soon as possible in order to avert possible blunders in the discharge of the functions of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development which may be further committed in his/her absence;

WHEREAS, it is also imperative for President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to forthwith appoint a Secretary who possesses an impeccable and untarnished integrity and proven probity for the Secretary to be able to apply the letters and the spirit of Republic Act No 11201;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED TO URGE PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO IMMEDIATELY APPOINT A SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WHO CAN SHEPHERD THE NEWLY-CREATED AGENCY INTO FULFILLING ITS MANDATE AS PROVIDED UNDER REPOUBLIC ACT NO. 11201, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT.”

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this Resolution President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his information and appropriate action.

Adopted,



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