



Republic of the Philippines
City of Baguio
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT:

Hon. Edison R. Bilog, *City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer*;
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr., *Member*;
Hon. Edgar M. Avila, *Member*;
Hon. Joel A. Alangsab, *Member*;
Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *Member*;
Hon. Elmer O. Datuin, *Member*;
Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member*;
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano, *Member*;
Hon. Peter C. Fianza, *Member*;
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw, *Member*;
Hon. Benny O. Bomogao, *Member*;
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI, *Member*;
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Baguio City Chapter)*; and
Hon. Levy Lloyd B. Orcales, *Ex Officio Member (President, Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, Baguio City Chapter)*.

ABSENT:

None.

Introduced by,
Hon. Vice-Mayor Edison R. Bilog,
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano,
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr.,
Hon. Edgar M. Avila,
Hon. Joel A. Alangsab,
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Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw,
Hon. Benny O. Bomogao,
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI,
Hon. Michael L. Lawana; and
Hon. Levy Lloyd B. Orcales; and
Considered jointly and collectively.

RESOLUTION Numbered 316
(Series of 2018)

EXPRESSING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGUIO'S SUPPORT TO THE PETITION SPEARHEADED BY GREEN PEACE PHILIPPINES FILED BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) OF THE PHILIPPINES, ENTITLED "REQUESTING FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARBON MAJORS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OR THREATS OF VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE".

WHEREAS, for the past few years the world including the Philippines has seen the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events (EWEs), ranging from the hottest global temperatures to the strongest super typhoons ever recorded. The catastrophe brought on by the recent typhoon "Omping" and other EWEs before it, shows the reality of climate change and its disastrous aftermath. There is no doubt that the country is already in the midst of climate crisis and at greatest risk;

WHEREAS, various scientists are now able to associate the occurrence of EWEs to many factors, including human-induced climate change stemming from the activities of Carbon Majors. Carbon Majors are fossils fuel producers, including coal, oil, gas, and cement companies, that release massive quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The world's largest carbon producers, are responsible for more than half of all human-made Carbon Dioxide Emissions (CO₂e) that have greatly contributed to climate change and EWEs that threaten all life on earth;

WHEREAS, the impact of climate change is a humanitarian concern because it puts people at a greater risk of death, injury, diseases, starvation, displacement, and psychological and economic distress. These directly threaten the various rights of people-life, health, culture, an adequate standard of living for one's self and one's family, and the right to a balanced and healthful environment. Climate change undermines all these inalienable rights and leads to social unrest because it denies people their most basic needs, especially food and shelter. That is why Carbon Majors must be held accountable for their crimes not just against the environment but also against humanity. Thus, Climate Justice is warranted;

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WHEREAS, in a petition to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) of the Philippines, entitled "*Requesting for Investigation of the Responsibility of Carbon Majors for Human Rights Violations or Threats of Violations Resulting from the Impacts of Climate Change*" the petitioners spearheaded by the Greenpeace Philippines, the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, 12 other non-profit groups and 18 individuals, and supported by over 132 people around the globe asserted that climate change interferes with the enjoyment of the Filipinos' fundamental rights. The respondents named in the petition are limited to investor-owned fossil producers including Chevron, Exxon, Shell, BHP Billiton, and 42 other investor-owned coal, oil, gas, and cement transnational corporations;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Baguio likewise has not escaped the wrath of the climate change and has adopted the "*Green Governance*" as a major flagship program to sustain its aggressive campaigns/programs. It is committed to the preservation of the environment for a balanced, stable, and healthful ecology not only to maintain its status as one of the sought-after tourist destination in the Philippines and Southeast Asia but also for the benefit of its present and future constituents, and those who wish to visit the city for whatever purposes; and


WHEREAS, the City Government of Baguio due to its genuine support to the preservation of the environment supports the petition filed before the Commission on Human Rights to make the Carbon Majors accountable for violations or threats of violations of Filipinos' rights to life, the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, food, water, sanitation, adequate housing, and self-determination resulting from the adverse impacts of climate change, given special attention to marginalized and disadvantaged people and communities that are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change:

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion, duly seconded, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the City Government of Baguio's support to the petition spearheaded by Green Peace Philippines filed before the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) of the Philippines entitled "*REQUESTING FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARBON MAJORS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OR THREATS OF VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE*".

Unanimously adopted.

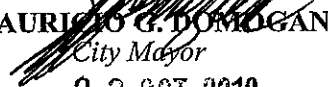
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


EDISON R. BILOG
City Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer
OCT 22 2018

Attested:


BRENNER L. BENGWAYAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTED:


MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN
City Mayor
23 OCT 2018


JONATHAN M. FONTANOS


JENNIFER WEYGAN-MARTIN