

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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Excerpt from the journal of the 96<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

**PRESENT:**

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

**OFFICIAL LEAVE:**

Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson

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**RESOLUTION NO. 371  
Series of 2024**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURE(S) THAT WILL ADEQUATELY ADDRESS AND CUSHION THE IMPACT OF THE BREWING CRISES CONSEQUENT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE (PUV) MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

Upon unanimous motion of the Members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

**RESOLVED**, to pass the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, at the 3 May 2024 Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City the transport sector of Bacolod City through KABACOD NEGROS TRANSPORT President Lilian Sembrano (KNETCO-PISTON-NPTC) articulated their sentiment regarding the PUV Modernization Program of the Government whereby they expressed their conformity to the PUV modernization on a personal voluntary basis but at the same time ventilated their vehement objection to the mandatory consolidation scheme thereof for reasons, among others, that: (1) it is constitutionally infirm as it transgresses their right to freedom of association, (2) the

cost of consolidation is high and inhibitive, (3) it will instantly render useless their traditional jeepney units which they had for years spent for, and (4) it will disenfranchise thousands of jeepney operators and drivers in the country and thus deprive millions of Filipino families of their basic source of income for daily sustenance and for their children's education;

**WHEREAS**, this current crisis in the transport industry has also affected seriously thousands of daily commuters who have to stand in long queue under the heat of the sun for lack of PUVs that could take them to their respective destinations;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City was informed that public hearings on this current issue were already conducted in Congress, more particularly in the House of Representatives, where both the sides of the Government and of the transport sector were comprehensively articulated;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that this current crisis in the transport industry, seriously affecting as it does the whole country, must be promptly addressed and resolved to prevent it from escalating into a more severe social unrest consequent to massive economic dislocation of millions of Filipino families;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to earnestly urge the Congress of the Philippines, through the House of Representatives and the Senate, to expedite the passage of legislative measure(s) that will adequately address, resolve and cushion the impact of the brewing crises in the transport industry of the country consequent to the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program of the Government;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish with dispatch copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Speaker Martin Romualdez of the House of Representatives and the Honorable Senate President Juan Miguel Zubiri;

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, to also furnish with dispatch copies of this Resolution to the Office of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. through the Office of the Honorable Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative :

Councilors : Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

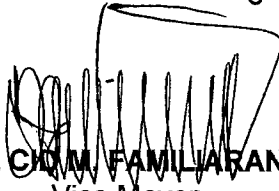
Councilors Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas and Jason Isidro S. Villarosa were not around when this resolution was passed.

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**EL CIM FAMILIARAN**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:

  
**CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA**  
Board Secretary IV

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