

House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7453



Introduced by Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure has as its primordial objective the consolidation of four small adjacent barangays located in the City of Caloocan, merging and forming them into one single barangay in order to attain viability, sustainability and efficiency in its management and operations, and to guarantee optimum utilization of available resources for their fullest development as a political unit or subdivision.

Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 have been experiencing a growing disenchantment amongst its residents in terms of the quality of public services the citizens thereof have been receiving from those charged to provide it. However an examination of the combined resources of these barangays will show that they could only pull down a modicum amount of revenue allotment which when applied to the prevailing standard, quality and kind of services which a barangay in urban areas need, these budgetary supports appear to be utterly inadequate and insignificant.

Based on the 2015 Census of Population conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 have a population of 1,949, 1,347, 1,277 and 1,301, respectively, with internal revenue allotment of Php2.2 million, Php1.8 million, Php1.7 million and Php1.8 million for each barangay. The area also covers a total land area of 30.7 hectares with an aggregate number of households of 1,365 only.

Section 386 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that a barangay may be created out of a contiguous territory which has a population of at least two thousand (2,000) inhabitants as certified by the National Statistics Office except in cities and municipalities within Metro Manila and other metropolitan political subdivisions or in highly urbanized cities where such territory shall have a certified population of at least five thousand (5,000) inhabitants. Thus, a strict compliance with this provision will essentially disqualify all four barangays to be as such on sheer number of population alone.

But the paramount consideration in the creation and/or existence of any barangay is its capacity and viability to meet and supply the needs of its people using its given authority, power and resources. Short on this, will only spur disillusionment and discontent, and will necessitate a review of its

composition in order to achieve or re-achieve the desired goals for which it has been created.

This bill is therefore a step towards that direction as far as Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 are concerned. By merging them into a single barangay, the newly formed political unit will realize an increase in its internal revenue allotment (IRA), improve the delivery of basic services by hiring as many workforce as maybe necessary for an effective and efficient delivery thereof , assures the salaries of its workers, and become the kind of unit it is supposed to be in effecting positive change, development and progress not only for the barangay but of the city as well.

Hence, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT

MERGING BARANGAYS 82, 83, 84 AND 85 OF THE CITY OF CALOOCAN, METRO MANILA INTO A SINGLE BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MORNING BREEZE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Merger of Barangays.* - Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 in the City of Caloocan are hereby merged into a single barangay to be known as Barangay Morning Breeze with the following boundaries:

North : Reparo Road
South : Epifanio Delos Santos Avenue (EDSA)
East : Gen. Tinio St.
West : MCU Wall along Gen. Simeon St.

Containing an area of 307,800 square meters, more or less.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* - Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite to be held in Barangays 82, 83, 84, and 85 in the City of Caloocan within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for the plebiscite shall be borne by the City of Caloocan.

SEC. 3. *Condition of Merger of Barangays.* - The merger of the Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 as herein provided shall take effect if a majority of the voters who cast their votes shall approved the same in a plebiscite that shall be called for the purpose in accordance with Section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Appointment of Barangay Officials.* - The first set of officials of Barangay Morning Breeze created under Section 1 hereof shall be appointed by the City Mayor of Caloocan City within sixty (60) day from approval by majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite held for the purpose and shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified during the

regular barangay elections as provided by law. Meanwhile, pending the appointment of the first set of officials of Barangay Morning Breeze, Barangays 82, 83, 84 and 85 shall continue to function under the administration their respective incumbent barangay officials.

SEC. 5. *Dissolution of the Old Barangays.* - Upon assumption of office of the first set of barangay officials of Barangay Morning Breeze who are appointed in accordance with the preceding section, the old barangays shall cease to exist and all moneys and obligations shall be assumed by the newly formed barangay.

SEC. 6. *Public Works and Facilities.* - All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 7. *Internal Revenue Allotment Share.* - Barangay Morning Breeze herein created shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,