



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-243  
Series of 2023

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY MAYOR THE PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION OF BARANGAY COUNCILOR CENEN M. JIMENEZ OF BARANGAY BAYANAN, CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE.**

Sponsored by:

**Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica**

Co-Sponsored by:

**Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Ramon N. Bautista, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Mac Raven Espiritu, Hon. Catherine S. Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Adriellito G. Gawaran, Hon. Victoril L. Guerrero, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Michael E. Solis, and Hon. Levy M. Tela.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2023, the Sangguniang Panlungsod received a sworn statement and complaint from Nida M. Martin (Martin), requesting the investigation of Barangay Councilor Cenen M. Jimenez (Jimenez) of Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite for verbal abuse.

**WHEREAS**, it was alleged in the complaint that on November 21, 2022, from around 8pm to 9pm, Jimenez arrived at the wake of the late Barangay Tanod Dominador Felizardo. It was alleged that Jimenez was drunk at the time he arrived. He was then alleged to have pressured Martin to drink liquor, despite the latter's numerous attempts to refuse. In response, Jimenez allegedly told Martin not to act as if her hands were clean because she was a "puta" (whore). Jimenez then threatened that he would have Martin removed as a Barangay Justice because he was elected by his constituents, and she was not. Because of this incident, Nida M. Martin's blood pressure spiked and she fainted.

**WHEREAS**, acting on the complaint, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacoor City referred the same to the Committee on Ethics, where hearings were conducted on February 2, February 9, and March 2, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2023, the Committee on Ethics released a Committee Report which states that, based on the discussion and the evidence presented during the aforementioned hearings, Kagawad Cenen M. Jimenez was found guilty of the accusation levied against him.

**WHEREAS**, under Section 60 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, an administrative complaint may be filed on the grounds of dishonesty, oppression, misconduct in office, and abuse of authority, among others.

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**WHEREAS**, Under Section 61 of the same Code, a complaint against any elective barangay official shall be filed before the Sangguniang Panlungsod concerned whose decision shall be final and executory.

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor is not a court of law, and is thus not required to strictly comply with the Rules of Court, especially with respect to the Rules governing the form of pleadings and complaints. In this case, the sworn statement executed by Nida M. Martin was validly treated by the Sanggunian and the Committee on Ethics as a complaint within the purview of Section 61 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

**WHEREAS**, under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, every public official has a duty to act with justness and sincerity at all times. More specifically, it states that "they shall **at all times** respect the rights of others and shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest." (Emphasis supplied)

**WHEREAS**, the phrase "at all times" in the aforementioned provision of law implies that even if a public officer is not performing their official functions, they are nevertheless bound by that provision of the Code of Conduct.

**WHEREAS**, under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11313 (or the "Safe Spaces Act"), uttering unwanted and threatening sexist and misogynistic slurs in public spaces is considered gender-based sexual harassment. One such slur is the word "puta," when it is meant to call a woman a prostitute instead of an exclamation of frustration or anger.

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing considered, the acts committed by Barangay Councilor Jimenez are oppressive and tantamount to misconduct. Thus, there are valid grounds for disciplinary action and suspension in this case.

**WHEREAS**, under Section 66 of the Local Government Code of 1991, within thirty days after the end of the investigation, the Sanggunian concerned shall render a decision in writing stating clearly and distinctly the facts and the reasons for such decision.

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution serves as the decision of the Sanggunian with respect to the complaint filed by Nida M. Martin and contains the facts and reasons for the decision in compliance with Section 66 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, unanimously seconded by the rest of the Body, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite to suspend Barangay



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Councilor Jimenez for seven (7) days without pay effective upon receipt by the same of this Resolution.

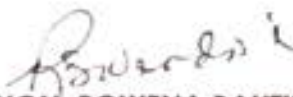
**RESOLVED, FURTHER,** to furnish Barangay Councilor Jimenez, Nida M. Martin, and Punong Barangay Alfie O. Gawaran of Barangay Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite with copies of this Resolution.

**RESOLVED LASTLY,** to furnish the Office of the City Mayor and the University of the Philippines-Office of the National Administrative Register (UP-ONAR), and other government agencies concerned with copies of this Resolution.

**APPROVED** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true and correct and that it was passed in accordance with law.

Certified by:

  
HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

  
MS. CRISTINA R. MALAWIG  
Supervising Admin. Officer

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HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA  
City Mayor  
15 MAY 2023

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_