



SPPR NO. 1718 - _____

RESOLUTION APPEALING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BEFORE RELEASING PRONOUNCEMENTS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC WELFARE

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WHEREAS, under Executive Order (EO) 292, the DOJ is the government's principal law agency. As such, the DOJ serves as the government's prosecution arm and administers the government's criminal justice system by investigating crimes, prosecuting offenders and overseeing the correctional system;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice envisions a just and peaceful society anchored on the principles of transparency, accountability, fairness and truth;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Secretary of the Department of Justice to uphold these principles in all his actions, and pronouncements;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice fell short of its legal mandate by making unverified public pronouncements, thereby advocating "fake news" such as showing a photo linking some public officials to the terror attack in Marawi City;

WHEREAS, it is the concern of the Sangguniang Panlungsod that this action may erode the people's trust to the institution mandated to serve as the legal counsel and the prosecution arm of the Philippine government;

WHEREAS, this would send an alarming signal since it is a far cry from what is supposed to be a public office that advocates impartiality, justice, and equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of City Councilor Jose Edmar J. Yumang, duly seconded by City Councilors _____, be it -

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to appeal to the Department of Justice to conduct a thorough investigation before releasing pronouncements affecting the public welfare.

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