



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 430, S-2009

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING LANSANGANG DAANG BAKAL
FROM GENERAL KALENTONG TO BARANGKA ILAYA
OF THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG AS
SEN. NEPTALI A. GONZALES STREET

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as *"The Renaming of Lansangang Daang Bakal to Sen. Neptali A. Gonzales Street"*.

SECTION 2. STATEMENT AND THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE RENAMING OF LANSANGANG DAANG BAKAL TO SEN. NEPTALI A. GONZALES STREET.

- a. WHEREAS, during the pre-war, the Manila Railroad Company was established as one of the major road streets from Tutuban, Manila up to the far north San Fernando, La Union, and up to Cabanatuan City, then, from Tutuban to Legaspi City. And one major road factor that helped develop the present Metropolitan Manila is the Tutuban, Manila to Guadalupe railroad route, which after the fall of the Martial Law dictatorship, the said route was abandoned and no longer in use;
- b. WHEREAS, this development gave the idea to the Local Government of Mandaluyong to buy the said idle land owned by the Manila Railroad Company for the City Government's *"Home for the Homeless and Land for the Landless Program"* envisioned by then former Mayor BENJAMIN S. ABALOS, SR.;
- c. WHEREAS, the Manila railroad property in Mandaluyong stretches from General Kalentong Street passing through Barangay Harapin ang Bukas, Daang Bakal, Bagong Silang, Hagdang Bato Libis, Hagdan Bato Itaas, San Jose, Hulo, to Barangka Ibaba, up to the foot of the Guadalupe Bridge which at present that portion along Barangka Ilaya is now a part of the linear project under the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission;
- d. WHEREAS, all the property belonging to the Manila Railroad Company was purchased by the City Government of Mandaluyong for its aforementioned project and several hundreds of its settlers are now the proud owners of said property with each respective Certificate of Title of ownership and that what is left is the eight (8) linear meter wide Lansangang Hagdang Bato that was not sold to the Local Government but at present it has already been developed into an all weather road street that convenience vehicular and foot traffic within the vicinity;

- e. WHEREAS, the Liga ng mga Barangay Councils of Mandaluyong City in its Resolution No. 1, S-2009 dated January 14, 2009 has proposed and recommended to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong the renaming of Lansangang Daang Bakal to Sen. Neptali A. Gonzales Street as a fitting tribute to its prominent citizen, statesman, legal luminary and an honest-to-goodness public servant who deserves it as a legacy for his unsullied reputation in government service as a man for all reasons, action, dedication and steadfast principle;
- f. WHEREAS, Senator NEPTALI A. GONZALES was an exalted son of Mandaluyong who was born on June 10, 1923 when the Municipality was then known as San Felipe Neri, and passed away on September 16, 2001, leaving behind a legacy of outstanding achievements in legal education, jurisprudence, governance, moral and educational wisdom, and wide range of public service in the Municipality, Province of Rizal, later City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila and the Nation;
- g. WHEREAS, the late Senator started his political life in 1968, when he was elected Vice Governor of Rizal Province; then in 1969-1972, served as Representative for the First District of Rizal; remained with the opposition during the Marcos Martial Law Regime, and elected Member of the Batasang Pambansa, a position he held from 1984 to 1986; appointed as Minister of Justice in 1986; elected Senator in 1987 for six-year term, and reelected to the Senate in 1992 for another six (6) years; first held the Senate Presidency from August 1995 to October 1996; and as the crowning glory of his career, chosen for the third time to the top Senate post in January 1998; and on May 25, 1998, in his last act as Senate President, bid his colleagues goodbye, thereby culminating his *"life-long career as a public servant which spans 31 years"*;
- h. WHEREAS, through all these 31 years of unstinted public service and his strong stance against the imposition of Martial Law, he gained national prominence and a recognized and venerated statesman befitting a true advocate of freedom and democracy; and thereto had contributed so much to the development and upliftment of social order not only in his native town of Mandaluyong, but, all throughout the nation;
- i. WHEREAS, as a responsive gesture of gratitude to the late Senator and to perpetuate his legacy and memory in the minds of the people of Mandaluyong of the present and succeeding generations, as well as other Filipinos throughout the Nation, it is one of the most fitting tributes that a major thoroughfare be renamed in his honor and deemed as the most appropriate is the whole length of Lansangang Daang Bakal extending from Barangay Harapin Ang Bukas, Daang Bakal, Bagong Silang, Hagdan Bato Libis, Hagdan Bato Itaas, San Jose, Hulo to Barangay Barangka Ibaba to be renamed as SEN. NEPTALI A. GONZALES STREET.

SECTION 3. The following offices or agencies shall each be furnished a copy of this Ordinance:

- a. The National Historical Institute for its information and record purposes;
- b. The Mandaluyong City Planning and Development Office for its information and corresponding change and annotation in the Official Political Map of the City of Mandaluyong;
- c. The Mandaluyong City Engineering Department for its information and corresponding change of the street sign to SEN. NEPTALI A. GONZALES STREET;
- d. Mandaluyong Central Post Office;
- e. Other concerned local government offices or agencies.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila.

ENACTED on this 4th day of February, 2009 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


JIMMY D. LACEBAL
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED:


RENATO B. STA. MARIA
City Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


BENJAMIN DC. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

Date: _____

JONATHAN DC. ABALOS (Absent)
Councilor


EDWARD G. BARTOLOME
Councilor

ANTONIO DLS. SUVA (Absent)
Councilor

CHERRY LYNN P. SANTOS (Maternity Leave)
Councilor


TERESITA C. PILLAS
Councilor


MICHAEL R. OCAMPO
Councilor


MARIO L. DE GUZMAN
Councilor

NOEL E. BERNARDO (Absent)
Councilor


SEVERO N. SERVILLON
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Liga President


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SK Federation President