



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34
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AN ORDER CREATING THE DAVAO CITY LOCAL PEACE COMMITTEE ("DC-PEACE"), DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there have been efforts by the National Government to pursue peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines in the hope of finding acceptable and lasting solutions to the armed conflict and insurgency issue in the country. However, recent developments hampered this pursuit for the time being;

WHEREAS, the City of Davao supports all the peace initiatives of the National Government in order to locally address the issues and concerns covering the insurgency and how this impacts the lives of the people of Davao City, particularly those who are living in poor, hinterland communities where development and growth have been mostly affected by armed conflict;

WHEREAS, the recent New People's Army (NPA) attacks within the jurisdiction of Davao City underscore the urgency for more decisive steps and focused initiatives that could open doors for localized peace talks;

WHEREAS, the City of Davao, its people, and its leaders, envision the localized peace process to be open, empowering, inclusive, consultative and one that will center on how to tackle insurgency and come up with peaceful and sustainable resolutions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a Local Peace Committee for the City of Davao ("DC Peace") that will particularly initiate, lead, promote, encourage, and facilitate joint and inclusive local peace negotiations with members of the communist movement and within the city's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the creation of the DC Peace is aimed to serve as the foundation for an effective peace infrastructure where the dynamics of conflict can be channeled and the process of transformation can be initiated at a more localized translation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, City Mayor, this City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. **CREATION OF THE DAVAO CITY LOCAL PEACE COMMITTEE (DC-PEACE)**. The Davao City Local Peace Committee (DC Peace) is hereby created with the following composition:

- a. Chairperson,
- b. Four (4) Members, and
- c. Advisers.

The City Mayor shall appoint the specific persons who will compose the Committee via appointment letters. Persons that may comprise the Committee may come from the public or private sector.

In order to effectively uphold and sustain the thrust of the Committee, no representatives are allowed in all its negotiations and meetings.

Section 2. **FUNCTIONS.** The DC-PEACE shall have the following duties, and functions;

- a. To serve as the negotiating arm of the City Government of Davao in all matters involving peace promotion within its jurisdiction;
- b. To formulate and/or review all terms, provisions, and political solutions or settlements that may be proposed by the participating parties at the negotiating table;
- c. To recommend and establish negotiated political settlement with armed groups in this jurisdiction in order to achieve a peaceful community and promote a safer environment free from all security risks and threats; and
- d. To perform such acts and duties as to give full effect to the intents upon which the Committee is created.


Section 3. **FUNDING.** All expenses necessary and incidental to the effective implementation of the operations of the Committee shall be charged to funds made available for the purpose by the Office of the City Mayor.

Section 4. **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this 12th day of September 2017.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

