



LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Unit J & K, 7th Floor, CyberOne Building, Eastwood Avenue, Bagumbayan, Quezon City, Philippines 1110

Tel. No.: +632.470.6837, +632.470.6813, +632.470.6843 | Fax No.: +632.470.7210

URL: <http://www.lcp.org.ph>

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

2016-2019

MA. LAARNI L. CAYETANO

National Chairman

RONNEL C. RIVERA

National Vice Chairman

EDGARDO D. PAMINTUAN

National President

ALLAN L. RELLON

Executive Vice-President

AMADEO GREGORIO E. PEREZ IV

Vice-President for Luzon

FELIPE ANTONIO B. REMOLLO

Vice-President for Visayas

MARIE L. GUINGONA

Vice-President for Mindanao

JAIME R. FRESNEDI

Vice-President for NCR

FRANCIS ANTHONY S. GARCIA

Secretary General

JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO

Deputy Secretary General for Luzon

EVELIO R. LEONARDIA

Deputy Secretary General for Visayas

JOSEPH R. PEÑAS

Deputy Secretary General for Mindanao

MARCELINO R. TEODORO

Deputy Secretary General for NCR

ANTONIO A. FERRER

Treasurer

MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN

Regional Representative for CAR

JUAN CARLO S. MEDINA

Regional Representative for Region I

BERNARD FAUSTINO M. DY

Regional Representative for Region II

NESTOR L. ALVAREZ

Regional Representative for Region III

ANTONINO G. CALIXTO

Regional Representative for NCR

ANTONIO C. HALILI

Regional Representative for Region IV-A

ARNAN C. PANALIGAN

Regional Representative for Region IV-B

MADELAINE Y. ALFELOR-GAZMEN

Regional Representative for Region V

JESRY T. PALMARES

Regional Representative for Region VI

AGUSTIN ERNESTO G. BASCON

Regional Representative for Negros Island

JOHN GEESNELL L. YAP II

Regional Representative for Region VII

NACIONAL V. MERCADO

Regional Representative for Region VIII

BENG G. CLIMACO

Regional Representative for Region IX

PHILIP T. TAN

Regional Representative for Region X

AL DAVID T. UY

Regional Representative for Region XI

PETER B. MIGUEL, M.D.

Regional Representative for Region XII

ERNESTO T. MATUGAS

Regional Representative for CARAGA

ROSITA U. FURIGAY

Regional Representative for ARMM

SALLY ANTE-LEE

Women Sector Representative

LUCILO R. BAYRON

Auditor

OSCAR G. MALAPITAN

Public Relations Officer

ROLEN C. PAULINO

Deputy P.R.O. for Luzon

PAZ C. RADAZA

Deputy P.R.O. for Visayas

AZUCENA P. HUERVAS

Deputy P.R.O. for Mindanao

EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ

Deputy P.R.O. for NCR

NICEPURO L. APURA

Focal Mayor for the SDGs

PATRICK G. ESCALANTE, M.D.

Focal Mayor for Health

MAJUL USMAN GANDAMRA

Focal Mayor for Muslim Affairs

NOEL E. ROSAL

Focal Mayor for the Environment,
Climate Change and Disaster Risk and
Reduction Management

CHRISTIAN D. NATIVIDAD

Focal Mayor for Housing and
Urban Development

CIELO KRISSEL B. LAGMAN-LUISTRO

Focal Mayor for Education

JOSEPH S. TAN

Focal Mayor for Infrastructure Development

LINA O. MONTILLA

Focal Mayor for Gender and Development

LCP Statement on the Violence that occurred during the Police Dispersal on October 19, 2016 at United States embassy in Manila

As Advisers to the GRP peace panel and president and immediate former president of the League of Cities of the Philippines, we, Mayors Edgardo Pamintuan and Herbert Bautista of Angeles City and Quezon City, respectively, express our indignation and deep concern over the violence that occurred during the police dispersal last Wednesday (Oct. 19) of a rally by militant groups in front of the United States embassy in Manila.

We deplore, most specifically, what we view as the deliberate mowing down of rallyists by a police van driven by a police officer. What we clearly saw in the video, now being viewed in websites of news agencies worldwide, was an unnecessary -- even excessive -- use of force that hurt, and endangered the lives of, unarmed demonstrators who were supportive of the President's call for an independent foreign policy.

We call for an impartial investigation of this very unfortunate incident. If indeed they violated the rules of engagement on maximum tolerance, the commander of the police unit and driver of the van should be made answerable and must be appropriately charged.

We also appeal for calm and sobriety. We hope that the incident will not derail us from our endeavor of seeking just and lasting peace.

We firmly believe and are extremely confident that those involved in the peace process are mature and determined enough that incidents like this will not obscure and deter our quest for peace.

We have had encountered, and hurdled, greater challenges before. We shall keep our faith, and continue our journey to peace.

Mayor **EDGARDO PAMINTUAN**
LCP National President

Mayor **HERBERT BAUTISTA**
Former LCP National President