

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ANTI BASTOS LAW SAFE SPACES ACT PRACTICES IN BARANGAY NAGKAISANG NAYON, QUEZON CITY

ABSTRACT

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This study examines the implementation of Republic Act No. 11313, also known as the Safe Spaces Act or Anti-Bastos Law, in Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City. The law was enacted to address gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces, workplaces, educational institutions, and online platforms, promoting respect, safety, and gender sensitivity. This research focuses on understanding how the law is introduced and practiced at the barangay level, particularly in terms of community awareness, perceptions, and local initiatives supporting its implementation. This study used a quantitative method with a descriptive research design to evaluate the implementation of Republic Act No. 11313 in Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City. The researchers selected fifty (50) respondents through purposive sampling, including barangay officials, residents, students, and employees, to gather different perspectives from the community. A structured survey questionnaire was used to collect data about their awareness, perceptions, and assessment of the law's impact in workplaces, schools, and the community. The findings of the study showed that the majority of respondents in Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon were aware of Republic Act No. 11313 and understood its general purpose of preventing gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces, workplaces, schools, and online platforms. Many participants agreed that the law plays an important role in promoting respect, safety, and gender sensitivity within the community. The results reflected that residents, students, employees, and barangay officials recognized the value of the Safe Spaces Act in creating a more secure and inclusive environment. The results of the study show that even though many people in Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon are aware of Republic Act No. 11313, not everyone fully understands how it works or how it is properly implemented. While respondents generally agree that the law is important in preventing gender-based sexual harassment, some are still unsure about the correct reporting process and the specific responsibilities of barangay officials. There are also concerns about fear of retaliation and limited information. These findings suggest that stronger information campaigns, clearer reporting systems, and more active enforcement are needed to make the law more effective in the community.

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