

Please read. Bobby Reyes mentions a letter to FVR that was not answered. If there is a response, Bobby's email is [MEDIA@AOL.COM](mailto:MEDIA@AOL.COM). He has an online newsletter. Amina

Where did we go wrong (after EDSA I)? . . . Poverty has worsened. Criminality has risen. Armed conflicts between government and the MILF have displaced more than half-a-million Mindanaoans . . . Millions of Filipinos have escaped abroad . . . the Philippine economy has been kept afloat by the remittances of these hard-working Overseas-Filipino workers (OFWs) . . . the children of OFWs have fallen by the wayside . . . suffer increasingly from substance abuse, teenage pregnancies, worsening education performance -- Amina Rasul

18 Mar 2009 By email, followed by FEDEX Dear Bobby M. Reyes I thank you and Amina Rasul for calling my attention to some lapses on my part for not "responding to your love letters. My response to you is coming your way by FEDEX in the form of my 4 latest books which comprehensively covers all your concerns - EDSA, Elections, OFWs, Veterans.

**Ms.** Amina Rasul, the chairperson of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy, has captured perfectly the true sentiments of millions of Filipinos and Overseas Filipinos about the 1986 EDSA Revolution. Many Filipinos say, "*Sayang lang ang EDSA*" (the EDSA Revolution was a waste of efforts). After all, it appears now that the Philippines was better off in so many ways under the Marcos Administration than in the present Arroyo Dispensation, which is said to be the most-corrupt presidency ever in Philippine history.

Poverty, Corruption, Competitiveness, Environment, Education, Peace, Development, ETC.

Thus, Ms. Amina writes further, "The dream is morphing into a nightmare and people are waxing nostalgic about the Marcos years." To read Ms. Amina's latest column, please go to Forgetting EDSA I. Readers may like also to read her February 2008 article about the EDSA Revolution in this hyperlink: [People-power Demonstrations \(in Metro Manila\) Do Not Address Human-rights Violations in Rural Areas](#)

You will note from my annotations that Unity of Purpose, Solidarity in Values, + Teamwork in Nation-Building underpins my concept of governance and citizenship (1-5-7).

On Nov. 21, 1993 (1-9-9-3), this writer wrote on behalf of a Southern California-based coalition, as spearheaded by the Media Breakfast Club (MBC) of Los Angeles, to then visiting President Fidel V. Ramos a proposal to "reinvent" the EDSA Revolution into an "Economic-Development & Social-Advancement" Evolution. (A separate original was submitted through channel, via the Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles.) The Office of the President of the Philippines (OP) and the Philippine Consulate General did not bother even to acknowledge our suggestion, if not a formal proposal. An identical copy of our proposal bundled in a three-ring binder was handed at the same time on Nov. 21, 1993, to then First Lady Ming Ramos by an MBC cofounder, Nena Aragon Decena, a Filipino-American publisher, as she was a personal friend of Mrs. Ramos. Ms. Decena (now deceased) did not receive also the courtesy of even a receipt of the proposal from the Office of the First Lady.

All this, however, starts from Empowering People so that they can truly be more Caring, Sharing and Giving for each other and for the Nation. If one phrase must Our coalition is that makulit (obstinate, hard-headed and determined). We never give up on an idea. And so, when former President Ramos visited again Los Angeles on May 20, 2006, we prepared another "love letter" to him and

submitted it through the then Consul General Willy C. Gaa (now the Philippine ambassador to the United States), as per protocol. The letter is reproduced in its entirety at the end of this article.

define all of the above, it is love of Country. You may also appreciate that these words constitute a Call to Action addressed to the leaders we elected to lead us, gain, former President Ramos did not even acknowledge receipt of our "love letter" or much more address the proposals contained therein.

from their GMA down to our local govt officials. It is ok to be makulit for the common good. But, Mrs. Ramos and I hope you and your group understand that we do So, our Southern California-based coalition - in cooperation with other progressive-minded Overseas-Filipino entities - will launch the "EDSA Evolution" as part of our budding OF-led political alliance's platforms of governance and socioeconomics for the 2010 elections. More details can be found in this document, The OFW-led Political Party's "Vision RP 2021" Master Plan

not have an adequate staff to efficiently handle the mountains of letters, emails, faxes, requests, recoms, visits, referrals etc that come our way. Nevertheless, So, whether former President Ramos and the other Filipino national leaders like it or not, we will push the reinvention of the EDSA from a revolution to an evolution called the "ReVOTElution," as may be described in the [www.ReVOTElution.com](http://www.ReVOTElution.com) (URL: <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/Sections/Phi-Shadow-govt.html>)

we try thru best efforts, that is why I do and continue to do a lot of writing, "sermonizing," and workshops. Consider the 4 volumes as the capstone but NOT Young Filipinos, especially the Overseas-Filipino youth, may like also to join an experimental version of a social website called [www.revotelution.com](http://www.revotelution.com)

the cure - all because the govt and the concerned citizenry must still put their acts together. Feel free to use any portions of all my writings without prior permission from me, as long as there is proper attribution, within context. Mabuhay!!! M. Camoz