

# Lawmaker seeks more rolling stores in Metro

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QUEZON City Fifth District Rep. Alfred Vargas has filed a resolution calling for the deployment of more Kadiwa rolling stores in the metropolis to give consumers access to low-priced basic commodities.

House Resolution 1495, which was filed on January 22, is addressed to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, which jointly oversees the Kadiwa program, a scheme adopted from the Marcos regime in which basic commodities are sold to low-income communities by rolling stores deployed by the government. “Kailangang ma-deploy ang mga dagdag na rolling store sa lalong madaling panahon. Sa ngayon walang katiyakan kailan magiging stable ang presyo ng mga bilihin at sa bawat araw na lumilipas na mga kababayan natin(There is a need to deploy more rolling stores as soon as possible, as there is no clear timetable as to when prices of commodities will stabilize. More people are getting hungry each day),” Vargas said in a statement on Thursday.

According to the Agriculture department, the Kadiwa program had benefitted more than 12,000 farmers and consumers and had gained support from various local government units, villages and homeowners’ associations in Metro Manila, as well as in major urban centers.

“Recognizing the importance and success of the Kadiwa Program to maintain and stabilize prices, make accessible many affordable basic commodities, and support farmers and fisherfolk, the government must ensure full support for this program and the deployment of additional Kadiwa Rolling Stores in areas determined to be in need of such services,” the resolution read.