



LEGISLATING GOOD GOVERNANCE:

A Primer for the 23rd Sangguniang Panlungsod of Quezon City





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Message from The Office of the Mayor

Mabuhay!

Over the past six years of serving as City Mayor, and even earlier during my time as Vice Mayor, I have witnessed how governance is most effective when it is anchored on sound legislation. In a city as large and dynamic as Quezon City, data-driven and well-crafted legislation is essential to achieving progress and delivering meaningful and impactful services to more than three million people.

Each ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council, a product of meticulous study, open dialogue, and complete staff work, enhances the effectiveness of every program and ensures that our services reach those who need them most.

Every success story of our QCitizens whose life has improved through our initiatives is a result of the strong collaboration between the executive and legislative bodies of the City Government. Without this partnership, even our most well-intentioned ideas would fall short. The legislative process ensures that our efforts are strategic, organized and institutionalized to create long-term impact.

Having presided over the Sanggunian, I know firsthand the weight carried by every piece of legislation. Each one holds the power to transform lives not only by addressing the current problems of our constituents, but also by anticipating the needs of future generations. Most importantly, with the ordinances and resolutions we pass, we write the story of the Quezon City we all aspire to become.

To the hardworking Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, your leadership in the City Council has been instrumental in guiding the legislative direction of our city. Your experience and sense of purpose continue to bring unity to the Council, helping ensure that each ordinance passed responds to the needs of our QCitizens.

To our past, reelected and returning legislators, we are grateful for your dedication in serving our citizens. May you continue to champion meaningful policies that put our people first.

To the new members of the Council, welcome to Team Quezon City! We look forward to the fresh insights you will bring to the table as we continue our work of building a better city. Your perspectives will be valuable in addressing emerging challenges.

And to our beloved QCitizens, you remain at the heart of every decision we pursue. I will work hard to make the next three years the best and most impactful years of my service as your local chief executive.

As the 23rd Council commences, it is my fervent hope that our legislators will continue to craft policies with wisdom and compassion. May every ordinance and resolution strengthen our vision for a more inclusive and progressive Quezon City.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat. Padayon sa pagsasabuhay ng mabuting pamamahala!

Mabuhay ang Sangguniang Panlungsod at mabuhay ang ating pinakamamahal na Lungsod Quezon!

Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte
City Mayor



Message from The Office of the Vice Mayor

With grateful hearts and a steadfast commitment to public service, I am honored to offer this message for the Quezon City Council Primer—an essential publication that seeks to deepen public understanding of the legislative processes that guide the governance of our city.

As leaders entrusted by the people and guided by divine providence, we in the Quezon City Council are called not only to legislate with wisdom and integrity, but to serve with humility, compassion, and faith. This Primer stands as a testament to our collective desire to uphold transparency, accountability, and good governance. It offers a clear overview of our Council's legislative mandate, committee work, and the principles that underpin our Internal Rules of Procedure.

Beyond its technical purpose, this publication is a reflection of our shared responsibility to ensure that every ordinance, every resolution, and every decision we make is rooted in the genuine pursuit of the common good. It is my hope that through this Primer, our constituents, stakeholders, and future public servants will be encouraged to engage more deeply in the democratic process, guided by truth, justice, and moral conviction.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Councilor Aly Medalla and the team behind this initiative for their dedication to producing a resource that not only informs but also inspires. May this effort continue to be blessed, and may our city remain united in faith, service, and purpose.

With God's grace, let us continue to build a Quezon City that is responsive, inclusive, and truly reflective of the hopes and prayers of its people.

Mabuhay ang Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Lungsod Quezon. Pagpalain tayo ng Diyos.

Gian Carlo G. Sotto
City Vice Mayor

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established"
– Proverbs 16:3

QUEZON CITY IN NUMBERS

161.1 square kilometers of land area

6 congressional districts

142 barangays

355 developed parks and open spaces

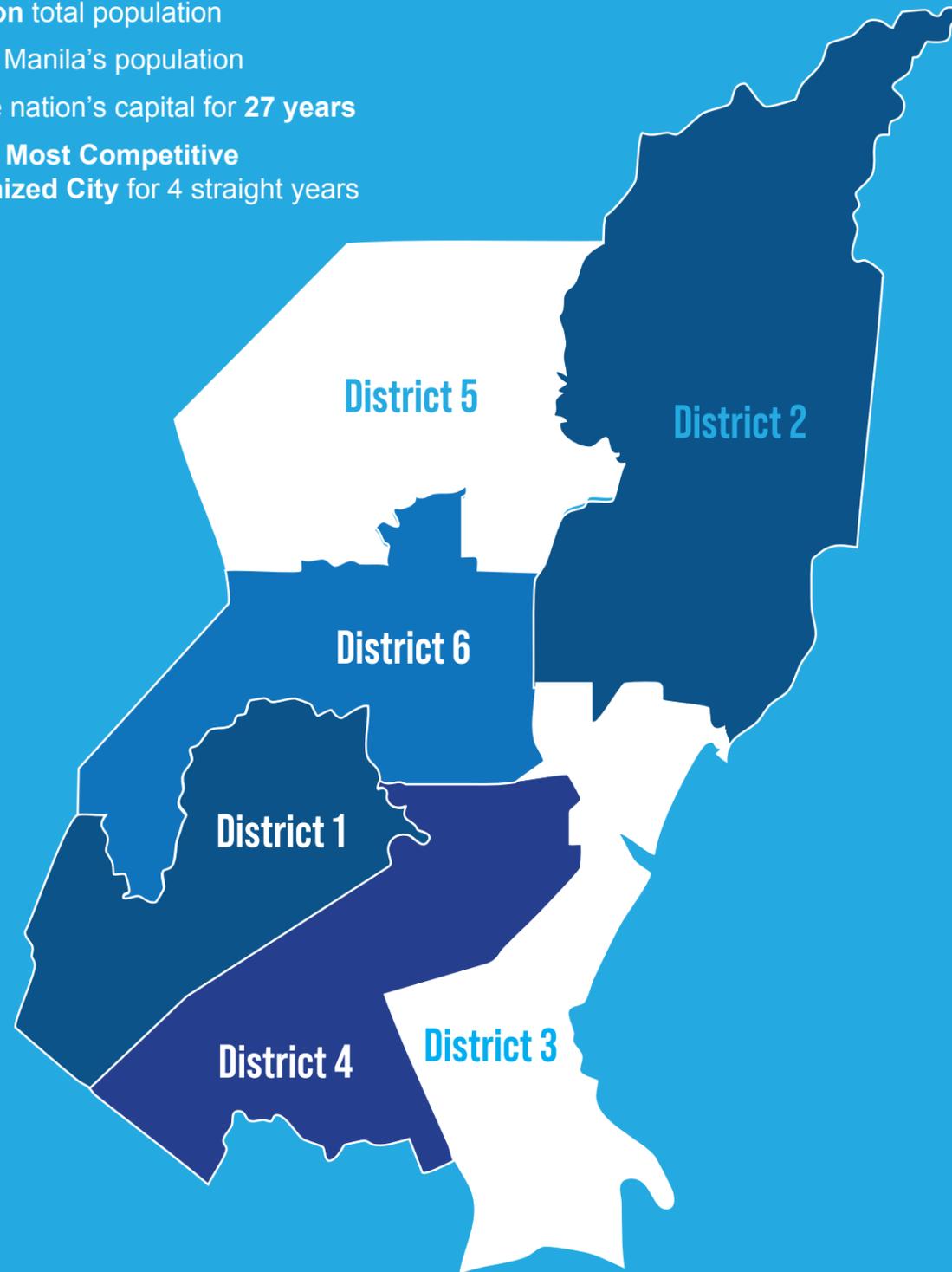
47.77 square kilometers of green space

About 3 million total population

22% of Metro Manila's population

Served as the nation's capital for 27 years

The country's **Most Competitive Highly Urbanized City** for 4 straight years



ABOUT QUEZON CITY

Quezon City, the Philippines' largest and most populous metropolis, is a living testament to visionary urban planning and inclusive development. Conceived from President Manuel L. Quezon's aspiration for a planned national capital, the city has evolved far beyond its original role as a government seat. Today, it is a dynamic convergence of commerce, culture, and community.

Anchored by top-tier universities, cutting-edge ICT firms, world-class medical institutions, and vibrant entertainment districts, Quezon City thrives on the energy of a young, educated workforce that drives its growing entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The city's economic landscape reflects a strategic balance between tradition and transformation. While small and medium enterprises remain the backbone of sectors such as manufacturing and retail, Quezon City has also emerged as a global hub for business process outsourcing (BPO), attracting major tech players and spurring growth in allied industries—from high-rise residences to lifestyle and leisure developments.

This economic vitality is reinforced by progressive governance. Simplified business permitting processes, aggressive tax management strategies, and investor-friendly reforms have cemented Quezon City's reputation as Metro Manila's fastest-growing investment destination.

Beyond growth, Quezon City remains committed to sustainability and livability. Its efforts to harmonize economic ambition with ecological responsibility, guided by data-driven and inclusive governance, position it as a model for 21st-century urban development—a blueprint for cities striving to build a future that is both prosperous and resilient.

QUEZON CITY DISTRICTS



FIRST DISTRICT

First District

District 1 serves as Quezon City's residential backbone, characterized by a mix of established subdivisions and government housing projects. It is home to notable landmarks such as the Santo Domingo Church and the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center. Economic activity is centered along the Quezon Avenue transportation corridor, which is also seeing the rise of creative industries. The district comprises Barangays Alicia, Bagong Pag-asa, Bahay Toro, Balingasa, Bungad, Damar, Damayan, Del Monte, Katipunan, Lourdes, Maharlika, Manresa, Mariblo, Masambong, N.S. Amoranto, Nayong Kanluran, Paang Bundok, Pag-ibig sa Nayon, Paltok, Paraiso, Phil-Am, Project 6, Ramon Magsaysay, Salvacion, San Antonio, San Isidro Labrador, San Jose, Siena, St. Peter, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Teresita, Sto. Cristo, Sto. Domingo, Talayan, Vasra, Veterans Village, and West Triangle.



SECOND DISTRICT

Second District

District 2 is the most densely populated area in Quezon City, encompassing the barangays of Bagong Silangan, Batasan Hills, Commonwealth, Holy Spirit, and Payatas. It is home to key national government institutions, including the House of Representatives in Batasan Hills and the Sandiganbayan, reinforcing its political significance. The district's rapid urbanization has led to the development of large residential communities, serving as a hub of grassroots resilience and innovation. This is achieved through ongoing city-led programs in urban agriculture and community-based livelihood initiatives.



THIRD DISTRICT

Third District

District 3 is a vibrant and multifaceted area that blends historical significance, commercial development, and academic excellence. It is home to the People Power Monument, which commemorates the 1986 EDSA Revolution and Eastwood City, a pioneering mixed-use development that integrates residential, commercial, and business process outsourcing (BPO) spaces. Prestigious educational institutions such as Miriam College and Ateneo de Manila University are also located here. The third district stretches across Barangays Amihan, Bagumbayan, Bagumbuhay, Bayanihan, Blue Ridge A, Blue Ridge B, Camp Aguinaldo, Dioquino Zobel, Duyan-duyan, E. Rodriguez, East Kamias, Escopa I, Escopa II, Escopa III, Escopa IV, Libis, Loyola Heights, Mangga, Marilag, Masagana, Matandang Balara, Milagrosa, Pansol, Quirino 2-A, Quirino 2-B, Quirino 2-C, Quirino 3-A, Quirino 3-B (Claro), San Roque, Silangan, Socorro, St. Ignatius, Tagumpay, Ugong Norte, Villa Maria Clara, West Kamias, and White Plains.



FOURTH DISTRICT

Fourth District

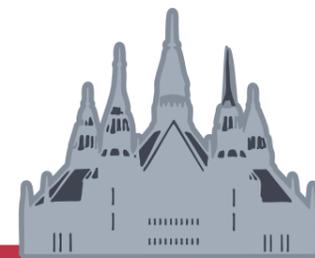
District 4 is characterized by dense residential zones interwoven with heritage sites and start-up incubators, creating a unique urban fabric where student housing, commercial establishments, and government offices coexist. It features iconic landmarks, such as the Kamuning Market, and is home to the University of the Philippines Diliman, a premier academic institution. The vibrant food and creative scene along Maginhawa Street also adds to its cultural appeal. The district covers Barangays Bagong Lipunan ng Crame, Botocan, Central, Damayang Lagi, Don Manuel, Doña Aurora, Doña Imelda, Doña Josefa, Horseshoe, Immaculate Concepcion, Kalusugan, Kamuning, Kaunlaran, Kristong Hari, Krus na Ligas, Laging Handa, Malaya, Mariana, Obrero, Old Capitol Site, Paligsahan, Pinagkaisahan, Pinyahan, Roxas, Sacred Heart, San Isidro Galas, San Martin de Porres, San Vicente, Santol, Sikatuna Village, South Triangle, Sto. Niño, Tatalon, Teachers' Village East, Teachers' Village West, UP Campus, UP Village, and Valencia.



FIFTH DISTRICT

Fifth District

District 5 exemplifies Quezon City's rapid urban expansion, characterized by large-scale housing developments and expanding transportation infrastructure. Notable landmarks include the La Mesa Ecopark, a vital ecological preserve, and the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Mercy. The district includes Barangays Bagbag, Capri, Fairview, Greater Lagro, Gulod, Kaligayahan, Nagkaisang Nayon, North Fairview, Novaliches Proper, Pasong Putik Proper, San Agustin, San Bartolome, Sta. Lucia, and Sta. Monica.



SIXTH DISTRICT

Sixth District

District 6 is rich in historical and cultural heritage, highlighted by the Tandang Sora Shrine, which honors Filipina revolutionary Melchora Aquino. It also hosts the Iglesia ni Cristo Central Temple, one of the largest places of worship in the city. The district encompasses a mix of residential and institutional areas across Barangays Apolonio Samson, Baesa, Balon Bato, Culiati, New Era, Pasong Tamo, Sangandaan, Sauyo, Talipapa, Tandang Sora, and Unang Sigaw.

Sources: *The Quezon City Local Government Annual Report July 2023-2024*, *Quezon City Government's Official Website*



THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Mandate & Legislative Role

The Quezon City Council, or Sangguniang Panlungsod, serves as the legislative body of the Quezon City Government. It is tasked with crafting local laws, approving policies and resolutions, and allocating resources that address the needs of Quezon City residents.

Councilors are elected to represent their constituents and are empowered to:

- Enact ordinances that promote public welfare, health, safety, and economic growth
- Approve the city's annual budget and local development investment plan
- Grant franchises, permits, and licenses
- Ensure transparency and accountability through legislative oversight
- Support programs in education, social services, urban development, environment, and public safety
- Provide policy direction on land use, investments, and infrastructure

The Council works through regular and special sessions, committee hearings, and consultations to ensure participatory and responsive legislation.

Legal Bases

The powers, structure, and functions of the Quezon City Council are grounded in the following legal frameworks:

1. **1987 Philippine Constitution**
 - Article X mandates Congress to enact a Local Government Code that decentralizes governance and empowers local legislative bodies.
2. **Republic Act No. 7160 – The Local Government Code of 1991**
 - This is the primary law governing local governments.
 - Section 458 outlines the powers and duties of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, including lawmaking, budget approval, oversight, and public welfare legislation.
3. **Republic Act No. 537 - Quezon City Charter**
 - This charter formally established Quezon City and defines its governmental structure.
 - It complements the Local Government Code and guides local governance.
4. **Internal Rules of Procedure of the 23rd Quezon City Council**
 - These internal rules define how the Council organizes its sessions, processes legislation, forms committees, and exercises internal governance.

COUNCIL COMPOSITION

The Quezon City Council is composed of both elected and ex-officio members who together form the City's legislative body. The Council ensures representation across all six legislative districts, as well as key sectoral groups within the city.

The City Vice Mayor serves as the Presiding Officer.

Regular Members:

36 Councilors (6 from each of the City's 6 legislative districts¹)

Ex-Officio Members:

- President of the Liga ng mga Barangay
- President of the Sangguniang Kabataan²

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILORS

The following are the primary duties and responsibilities of the Sanggunian members:

1. Identify, aggregate, and articulate the needs, problems, and aspirations of their constituents in the Sanggunian and in other public decision-making fora. This implies productive, sustained interaction with that part of the community which they represent in the Sanggunian;
2. Ensure that what is finally decided by the Sanggunian matches the needs and expectations of their constituencies;
3. Communicate to the constituency local decisions and actions that ultimately affect their lives and destinies;
4. Monitor the performance of every legislative measure enacted, and ensure that legislative intent is given full meaning;
5. Initiate amendments to a local policy, when necessary, towards the promotion of effective local governance and general welfare;
6. Provide a proactive role in bringing about a more enlightened citizenry within the community they represent to encourage more active citizen participation in local governance; and
7. Mobilize support systems within the Sanggunian, the local administrative bureaucracy, and the community for purposes beneficial to their constituency.

¹ Republic Act 10170 otherwise known as "An Act Reapportioning the Second (2nd) Legislative District of Quezon City, thereby Creating Two (2) Additional Legislative Districts and Twelve (12) Sangguniang Panlungsod seats from such Reapportionment"

² Section 22 of Republic Act No. 10742 otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015".

COUNCIL OFFICERS

The following are the Officers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and their corresponding duties:



PRESIDING OFFICER
Hon. Vice Mayor Gian Sotto

The Presiding Officer, who is the Vice Mayor, leads all regular and special sessions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The Presiding Officer signs approved ordinances and resolutions and ensures the session runs smoothly according to the agenda. The Presiding Officer also decides on points of order, enforces rules, appoints Ad Hoc Committee members and the Sergeant-At-Arms with deputies, maintains order, ensures the publication of the Sanggunian’s annual report, and votes only to break a tie.



PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE
Hon. Bernard R. Herrera

The President Pro-Tempore presides over sessions when the Presiding Officer is unavailable. The President Pro-Tempore assists the Presiding Officer in carrying out presiding duties and also serves as an ex-officio member of all regular committees.



MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER
Hon. Aly Medalla

The Majority Floor Leader chairs the Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government and serves as an ex-officio member of all committees. The Majority Floor Leader reads, screens, and considers proposed measures for inclusion in the Agenda. The Majority Floor Leader assumes the duties of the President Pro-Tempore or any Committee Chairperson in the event of incapacity or inability of the said officers.



ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADERS
Hon. Albert Alvin “Chuckie” L. Antonio III
1st Assistant Majority Floor Leader



Hon. Atty. Bong Liban
2nd Assistant Majority Floor Leader

Hon. Charm M. Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD
3rd Assistant Majority Floor Leader

The Assistant Majority Floor Leaders may temporarily act as Majority Floor Leader when necessary. They provide assistance to carry out the Majority Floor Leader’s duties and perform other tasks assigned by the Presiding Officer or President Pro-Tempore, with the concurrence of the Majority Floor Leader.



MINORITY FLOOR LEADER
Hon. Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D.

The Minority Floor Leader serves as an ex-officio member of all regular committees and performs additional functions and responsibilities as may be entrusted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.



ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR LEADERS
Hon. Don De Leon
1st Assistant Minority Floor Leader



Hon. Tany Joe “TJ” L. Calalay
2nd Assistant Minority Floor Leader

The Assistant Minority Floor Leaders may temporarily act as Minority Floor Leader when necessary. They provide assistance to the Minority Floor Leader in fulfilling their duties and perform other tasks assigned by the Presiding Officer with the concurrence of the Minority Floor Leader.

SESSIONS AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



SCHEDULE & VENUE

- Regular Sessions shall be held every **Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 P.M.** at the **Carlos Albert Hall** or such other place designated by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- Special sessions may be held through the use of **video conferencing, teleconferencing**, or other appropriate information and communications technology systems, **only in cases of force majeure**³.



SPECIAL SESSIONS, HOLIDAYS, AND CANCELLATION

- When public interest so demands, special sessions may be called by the Local Chief Executive or by a majority of the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- If the regular session day falls on a **legal or special holiday**, the session shall be calendared on the next immediate regular session.
- In the event of a **fortuitous occurrence** that causes the cancellation of a regular session day, the session shall be rescheduled for the **next immediate regular session**.
- However, if a Monday session is already rescheduled to Wednesday due to a fortuitous event and is **again cancelled**, the session shall be held on the **next business day**.



MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

- English and Filipino may be used as a medium of communication during the sessions
- In the month of August, the medium of communication should be in Filipino to celebrate Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa.



VOTING PROCEDURES

- Voting occurs after the debate and amendment periods are closed.
- Members must declare any conflicts of interest prior to voting.
- Reconsideration of a motion can only be requested by those who voted with the majority.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Public hearings are mandatory for certain legislative measures in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991, such as measures imposing taxes, zoning regulations, land use plans, etc.
- The general public can participate in the crafting of the Resolution or Ordinance through the official website of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, where they can give their opinion and suggestions that are relevant to the proposed measure. This can only be viewed by the introducer/s for their consideration.

³ As amended by Resolution No. SP.9641, S.2025

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

STEP 1: FILING

The legislative process begins when a member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod files a proposed measure in the form of an ordinance or a resolution.

- The proposed measure must be signed by the introducer(s) to validate the submission.
- It is then filed with the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, where it is officially recorded and assigned a docket number (e.g., PR23CC-001).

STEP 2: FIRST READING

The first reading is the initial presentation of the proposed measure to the body.

- The First Reading is when a filed measure is introduced to the plenary in a regular session.
- No debate or discussion occurs at this stage.
- After the reading, the proposed measure is referred to the appropriate committees for further consideration.

STEP 3: COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

The committee/s assigned to the measure conducts a thorough examination and discussion within **thirty (30) days** from the receipt thereof.

- Members of the committee shall analyze the measure, discussing its **implications** and **potential amendments**.
- When a proposed resolution or ordinance is referred to more than one committee, the Majority Floor Leader shall move for the designation of the **main committee**. The report of the main committee shall then be the basis for the consideration by the Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government.
- **Consultation** with the executive departments, experts, and relevant stakeholders is highly encouraged at this stage.
- Committees may opt to hold joint hearings or meetings with other committees, with a **maximum of two (2) committees** conducting joint sessions at any one time.
- Committees may hold **public hearings** to gather input from constituents and stakeholders.
- The committee shall **recommend approval, disapproval, or suggest amendments** to the proposed measure.
- Following the committee's deliberations, a **Committee Report** is prepared, summarizing the findings and recommendations, which are then submitted to the Secretary to the Sanggunian **within fifteen (15) days** from the conduct of the committee meeting
- If the author of a proposed measure has failed to appear for three (3) consecutive meetings set by the committee, the measure introduced shall be **archived**.



STEP 4: SECOND READING

The second reading is a critical stage where the proposed measure is presented again in a regular session for further discussion.

- After a proposed measure is reported favorably by the Committee concerned and approved in the Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government, it shall be calendared for Second Reading.
- At this stage, the introducer/s of the proposed measure shall deliver their **sponsorship speech** and the **members engage in discussion** regarding its merits.



STEP 7: VETO POWER

- The City Mayor can veto an ordinance if it exceeds legal powers or does not promote public welfare. The veto can be used **only once** for each ordinance.
- The Sanggunian can **override** the City Mayor's veto if at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members vote for it. Once overridden, the ordinance becomes law even without the Mayor's approval.

STEP 5: THIRD READING

The third reading serves as the final opportunity for members to review the proposed measure before voting.

- Final reading and **confirmation** of proposed measures are done at this stage.
- All ordinances and resolutions approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be returned to the Secretary to the Sanggunian for finalization and then forwarded to the Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government for review.
- The approved ordinances and resolutions shall be included in the calendar of proposed ordinances or resolutions for Third Reading by the Secretary to the Sanggunian in their **final form** for purposes of confirmation by the Sangguniang Panlungsod not later than the second session day immediately following the day of their approval.

STEP 6: APPROVAL

The final stage involves formal approval of the measure by the appropriate authorities.

- All ordinances and resolutions passed by the Sanggunian shall be submitted for **approval and signature** by the authorized officials.
- It is then **published** for public knowledge, ensuring transparency and accessibility of the new ordinance or resolution.
- The measure becomes effective following the publication, completing the legislative process.

COMMITTEES OF THE SANGGUNIANG

The Committees shall regularly convene meetings to study, deliberate, and act on referred measures and recommend those that serve the people’s welfare for approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Committees must ensure affected groups have opportunities to be heard through consultations, research, and expert engagement. The Committees also have oversight duties to review how ordinances and programs are implemented, propose new legislation when needed, and may form subcommittees or conduct hearings and inquiries within their jurisdiction.

The Committees of the Sanggunian shall be **composed** of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson/s
- Ex-Officio members
- Additional member of at least three (3) but not exceeding seven (7) regular members

The **Committee on Laws, Rules, and Internal Government** and the **Committee on Appropriations**, however, shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson/s
- Ex-Officio members
- Additional members of at least three (3) but not exceeding eleven (11) members

The Committee shall, during its first hearing, adopt its **Rules of Procedure** by a majority vote of its members. These rules shall govern the conduct of its meetings, deliberations, decision-making processes, and any other matters necessary for the effective performance of its functions.

Below are the Committees of the 23rd Sangguniang Panlungsod, their corresponding Chairperson, and description:



COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES, AND INTERNAL GOVERNMENT
Hon. Aly Medalla

Handles all legal matters involving actions of the Sanggunian, the legality of city contracts, organization of local offices, codification and revision of ordinances, and reviews the Rules of the Sanggunian. This committee handles matters relating to harmonization of similar proposed legislative measures, its form and style, and the conduct of public hearings as needed.



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS⁵
Hon. Shaira ‘Shay’ L. Liban

Handles all matters on City Government spending, claims, debts, and disbursement of funds. Reviews and approves jointly with the Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government and Committee on Barangay Affairs, the budget of all the Barangays and the Sangguniang Kabataan, subject to plenary confirmation.



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Hon. Joseph P. Juico

Covers all matters on collecting city revenues, taxes, fees, loans, property valuations, and other revenue-related concerns.



COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS
Hon. Jose Maria ‘Mari’ M. Rodriguez

Handles all issues related to barangay governance, welfare of officials and employees, investigations, and reviews barangay budgets jointly with the Committee on Laws, Rules and Internal Government and Committee on Appropriations, subject to plenary confirmation.



COMMITTEE ON BLUE RIBBON AND ETHICS⁶
Hon. Bernard R. Herrera

Oversees matters concerning conduct, rights, privileges, integrity, and accountability of Sanggunian members, including investigations of complaints and irregularities.



COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN’S WELFARE
Hon. Atty. Christoffer Allan ‘Tope’ A. Liquigan

Addresses all issues about children’s rights, protection, welfare, and development, especially for abandoned or neglected children.



COMMITTEE ON CITY PLANNING, BUILDING, AND ZONING
Hon. Mikey F. Belmonte

Responsible for city master planning, zoning, building regulations, enforcement of the National Building Code, and settling barangay boundary disputes.



COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE, APPOINTMENTS, AND REORGANIZATION
Hon. Atty. Bong Liban

Deals with civil service operations, employee status, retirement and pensions. It also determines and recommends to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the confirmation of the appointments by the City Mayor.



COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS
Hon. Wencerom Benedict ‘Wency’ C. Lagumbay

Covers the regulation and operation of public and private communication services, including internet, cable, and telephone, ensuring compliance with laws.

⁵As amended by Resolution No. SP-7536, S-2018

⁶As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022



**COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMMUNITIES
AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS⁷**
Hon. Dorothy A. Delarmente M.D.

Protects the rights of cultural communities, safeguards religious freedom, and promotes respect for diverse beliefs and practices.



COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS⁸
Hon. Don S. De Leon

Focuses on the formulation of policies related to the rehabilitation of drug users and the prevention of drug abuse. It also monitors and evaluates the performance of all Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils and the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse and Advisory Council in aid of legislation.



COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION⁹
Hon. Alfred Vargas, MPA

Manages disaster risk reduction policies to minimize hazards, protect people and property, and improve preparedness and resilience.



COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY
Hon. Nicole Ella "Nikki" V. Crisologo

Handles matters related to education at all levels, libraries, scholarships, lifelong learning, and the promotion of science and technology.



**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, WATER,
AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES**
Hon. Ram V. Medalla

Manages policies on the use, conservation, and distribution of energy, water, and other natural resources.



**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION¹⁰**
Hon. Vito Sotto Generoso

Develops policies for environmental protection, sustainability, climate action, and compliance with environmental laws.



COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY AND URBAN AGRICULTURE¹¹
Hon. Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina

Promotes programs ensuring food security, addresses hunger and malnutrition, and supports sustainable urban gardening and agriculture.



COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS
Hon. Dave Valmocina

Supervises the regulation and operation of games, amusements, entertainment venues, and grants related to franchises.



**COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES AND PATRIMONIAL
AND PROPRIETARY PROPERTY¹²**
Hon. Edgar "Egay" G. Yap

Oversees maintenance and management of city properties, supply and records management, lease evaluations, and disposal or use of assets.



COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION
Hon. Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN

Addresses public health and sanitation policies, compliance with the Department of Health's standards, and local animal welfare and pet ownership laws.



**COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY OR CYBERTECHNOLOGY**
Hon. Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay

Covers the use, development, and regulation of ICT and cyber technology, including measures to prevent abuse and misuse.



COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS¹³
Hon. Aiko S. Melendez

Promotes a fair justice system, protects individual rights, reviews crime prevention and rehabilitation programs, and studies alternative dispute resolution.

⁷As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

⁸As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

⁹As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

¹⁰As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

¹¹As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

¹²As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

¹³As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022



COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Hon. Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III

Manages relations with sister cities and other municipalities, fostering cooperation, cultural exchange, and shared development.



**COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT,
AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS**
Hon. Candy A. Medina

Focuses on labor disputes, employment, manpower development, industrial peace, and welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers, cultural exchange, and shared development.



COMMITTEE ON MARKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES
Hon. Vic Bernardo

Supervises public and private markets, slaughterhouses, and ensures compliance with related rules and franchises.



**COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES**
Hon. Charm M. Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD

Promotes local entrepreneurship, supports micro, small, and medium-scale businesses and enterprises, and assists cooperatives' development and growth.



COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES¹⁵
Hon. Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar

Focuses on all matters aimed at developing skills, uplifting socio-economic conditions, and promoting respect and dignity for persons with disabilities.



**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SOCIAL AND MASS MEDIA
INFORMATION, AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION**
Hon. Karl Edgar Castelo

Handles public information, relations with other government agencies, and ensures citizen participation and consultation in local governance.



COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY
Hon. Ranulfo "Tatay Rannie" Z. Ludovica

Covers all matters relating to the Police and Fire Department, Jail Management, public safety, enforcement of local laws, and maintenance of peace and order.



COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Hon. Imee A. Rillo

Manages construction, maintenance, and improvement of city infrastructure, including roads, bridges, drainage, flood control, and public buildings, shrines, monuments, and other public edifices and structures.



COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS
Hon. Geleen "Doc G" G. Lumbad

Focuses on protecting senior citizens from abuse, promoting education and community programs, and ensuring access to health and social services.



COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
Hon. Joseph Joe Visaya

Handles social welfare programs and interventions to improve community and individual quality of life.



COMMITTEE ON SUBDIVISION PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE
Hon. Luigi Pumaren

Oversees subdivision planning, real estate issues, acquisition, and expropriation of land, and defines property boundaries.



**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURAL AFFAIRS,
AND HERITAGE**
Hon. Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay

Promotes tourism, arts, culture, and heritage, and manages museums and national language concerns.

¹⁴ As provided in Ordinance No. SP-3139, S-2022

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COMMITTEE ON TRADE, COMMERCE, AND INDUSTRY
Hon. Nanette Castelo Daza

Supports business growth, regulates commerce and trade, supervises fair pricing, and protects consumers from unfair practices.



COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Hon. Raquel S. Malañgen

Regulates public and private transportation operations, facilities, franchises, and related welfare and safety rules.



COMMITTEE ON URBAN POOR AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT
Hon. Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr.

Covers all matters relating to enhancing the quality of life in urban areas while ensuring inclusive growth through infrastructure and housing.



**COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS,
 AND GENDER EQUALITY**
Hon. Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D.

Protects women's rights, promotes family welfare, addresses gender equality, and supports their education, work, and empowerment.



COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
Hon. Jhon Angelli "Sami" Neri

Supports youth development and welfare, and promotes sports programs to build responsible and active citizens.

RULES OF CONDUCT AND DECORUM

PROPER ATTIRE

- Members are required to wear **formal business attire** during sessions
- Men may wear corporate suits, Filipiniana, short-sleeved Barong (paired with an undershirt or camisa de chino), long-sleeved shirts with formal slacks, and comfortable formal shoes.
- Women may wear Filipiniana, dresses, skirts, blazers, sweaters, or blouses, and coordinated slacks or top combinations.
- **Prohibited attire** during sessions includes short-sleeved shirts (unless it is a Barong Tagalog), sleeveless tops without a blazer, plunging necklines, or sheer (see-through) clothing, t-shirts, mini-skirts, shorts, denim pants, jackets, casual wear, sandals, or any other informal footwear.
- Members not adhering to the dress code will be noted in the minutes of the session.

Special Observances

- On the first **Monday** of each month, members are encouraged to wear **Asian-inspired attire** to celebrate the region's rich cultural heritage.
- During the month of **August**, members are required to wear **Barong Tagalog** or **traditional Filipino attire** to honor the celebration of *Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa*¹⁶.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR, TARDINESS, AND ABSENCES WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE

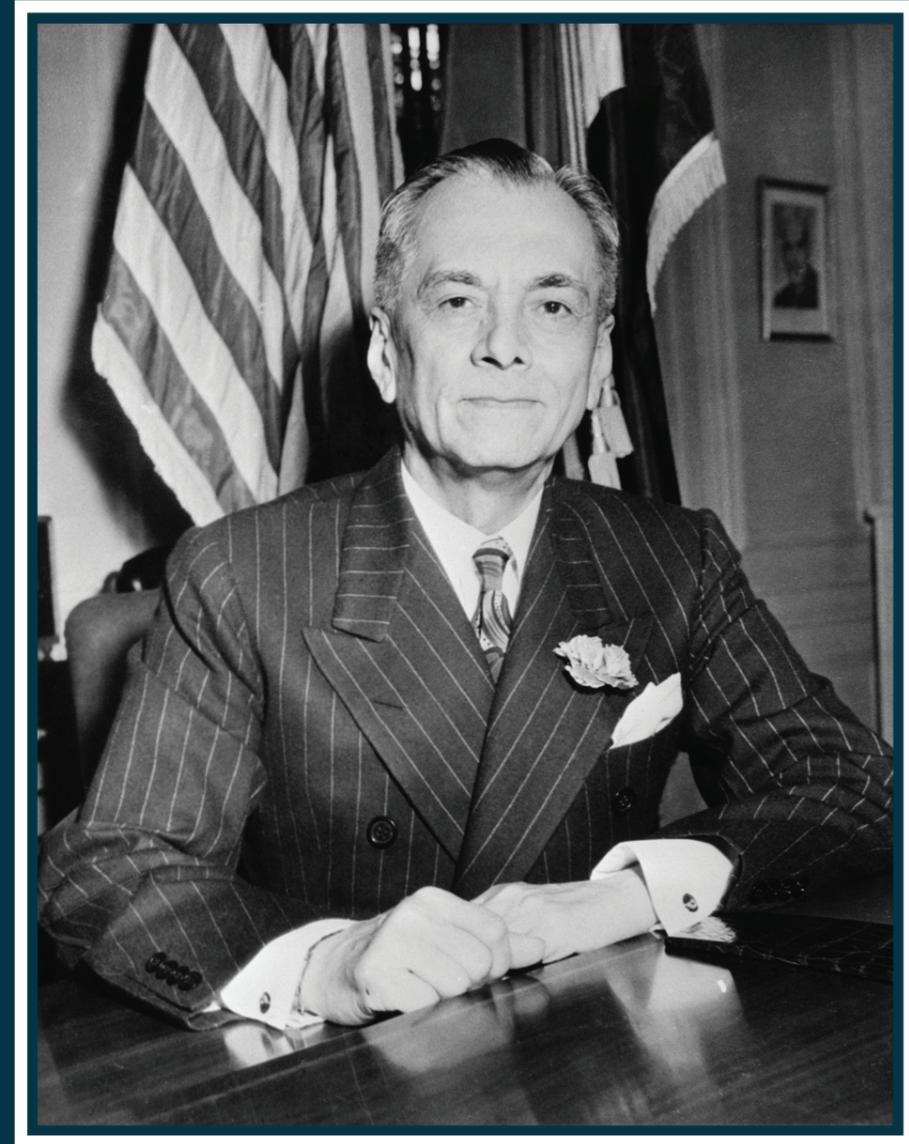
- Members who arrive **after the roll call** shall be considered **tardy**
- Members who may be found guilty of **disorderly behavior**, incurring **absences without justifiable cause**, or for being **tardy for four (4) consecutive sessions** may be censured, reprimanded, excluded from the session, or suspended for not more than sixty (60) days, or expelled as concurred by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members.
- No member of the Sanggunian, under any circumstance and during any debate, shall use offensive or improper language or innuendos against other members of the Sanggunian or against any public officer or institution.
- All acts, words, and declarations which personally **offend any person or public institution** shall be declared **unparliamentary** upon proper motion duly seconded, in which case the matter shall be referred to the Committee on Blue Ribbon and Ethics.
- A member **convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of six (6) years and one (1) day** shall be automatically expelled from the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

¹⁶ Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3141, S.-2022

QUEZON'S CODE OF CITIZENSHIP AND ETHICS

In 1939, President Manuel L. Quezon issued an Executive Order adopting Quezon's Code of Citizenship and Ethics, composed of the following principles, which mandated moral character, personal discipline, civic conscience, and citizenship duties.

1. Have faith in Divine Providence that guides the destinies of men and nations.
2. Love your country for it is the home of your people, the seat of your affections, and the source of your happiness and well-being. Its defense is your primary duty. Be ready at all times to sacrifice and die for it if necessary.
3. Respect the Constitution which is the expression of your sovereign will. The government is your government. It has been established for your safety and welfare. Obey the laws and see that they are observed by all and that public officials comply with their duties.
4. Pay your taxes willingly and promptly. Citizenship implies not only rights but also obligations.
5. Safeguard the purity of suffrage and abide by the decisions of the majority.
6. Love and respect your parents. It is your duty to serve them gratefully and well.
7. Value your honor as you value your life. Poverty with honor is preferable to wealth with dishonor.
8. Be truthful and be honest in thought and in action. Be just and charitable, courteous but dignified in your dealings with your fellow men.
9. Lead a clean and frugal life. Do not indulge in frivolity or pretense. Be simple in your dress and modest in your behavior.
10. Live up to the noble traditions of our people. Venerate the memory of our heroes. Their lives point the way to duty and honor.
11. Be industrious. Be not afraid or ashamed to do manual labor. Productive toil is conducive to economic security and adds to the wealth of the nation.
12. Rely on your own efforts for your progress and happiness. Be not easily discouraged. Persevere in the pursuit of your legitimate ambitions.
13. Do your work cheerfully, thoroughly, and well. Work badly done is worse than work undone. Do not leave for tomorrow what you can do today.
14. Contribute to the welfare of your community and promote social justice. You do not live for yourselves and your families alone. You are a part of society to which you owe definite responsibilities.
15. Cultivate the habit of using goods made in the Philippines. Patronize the products and trades of your countrymen.
16. Use and develop our natural resources and conservation for posterity. They are the inalienable heritage of our people. Do not traffic with your citizenship.



"I dream of a capital city that politically shall be the seat of the National Government, aesthetically the show-place of the nation..."

Manuel L. Quezon
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