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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3520**, S-2026

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN THE BUDGET PROCESS OF THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Councilors ALY MEDALLA, SHAIRA "Shay" L. LIBAN and KARL EDGAR CASTELO

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WHEREAS, Section 16, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines recognizes the right of the people to effective and meaningful participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making;

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article II of the said Constitution provides that the State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the Nation;

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WHEREAS, Section 3(l) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, encourages the participation of the private sector in local governance, particularly in the delivery of basic services, to ensure the viability of local autonomy as an alternative strategy for sustainable development;

WHEREAS, Section 34 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's organizations and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has issued the Budget Operations Manual for Local Government Units (2023 Edition), which includes guidelines on participatory budgeting;

WHEREAS, Quezon City passed and amended the Participation, Accountability, and Transparency Ordinance (Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-1942, S-2009 and Quezon City Ordinance No. SP-3169, S-2023) to establish the People's Council of Quezon City and strengthen its role in ensuring representation and participation of civil society organizations in local governance;

WHEREAS, to guide the fiscal affairs of Quezon City, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, City Mayor, issued Executive Order No. 5, Series of 2019, as amended, which created and organized the City Finance Committee and its Technical Working Group (TWG);

WHEREAS, Quezon City joined the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local Program, a global initiative that seeks to help build partnerships between local governments and civil society organizations to make the government more open, participatory, accountable, transparent, and responsive to citizens;

WHEREAS, to ensure the implementation of OGP principles within Quezon City, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, issued Executive Order No. 32, Series of 2024, which established the OGP framework in Quezon City, and created the Quezon City OGP Local Steering Committee that is mandated to develop and implement the OGP Local Action Plan;

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WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, pursuant to its first OGP Local Action Plan for 2025-2028, committed to enhancing public participation in the creation of the annual budget of Quezon City Government departments and offices;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the importance of inclusive governance, fiscal transparency, and accountability in public financial management;

WHEREAS, to enable and actualize its goal of enhancing public participation, Quezon City seeks to institutionalize the concept and practice of participatory budgeting across various departments and offices tasked to deliver essential public services.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Quezon City Participatory Budgeting Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – It is the policy of the Quezon City Government to promote participatory governance by ensuring that citizens, civil society organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders have an active role in the local budgeting process, in alignment with national policies and guidelines set by the Department of Budget and Management.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall apply to identified Quezon City Government departments and offices in the preparation of the City’s annual budget pursuant to implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. –

- a. **Accredited CSOs** – government accredited non-state and non-profit associations that work to improve society and the human condition. Basic types of CSOs include non-governmental organizations, people’s organizations, civic organizations, cooperatives, social movements, professional groups, business groups, and people’s councils; and

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- b. **Participatory budgeting** – an approach wherein citizens, through CSOs, are allowed to take part in the process of allocating public resources. It offers citizens the opportunity to contribute in the formulation of options and in making choices that will affect how their government acts.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. –

- a. Accredited CSOs may be engaged in all phases of the budget process, as provided in the Handbook on the Participation of CSOs in the Local Budget Process and the Budget Operations Manual for Local Government Units (2023 Edition) by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).
- b. Accredited CSOs may propose or suggest programs and projects through the City Development Council (CDC), in consideration of the Comprehensive Development Plan, prioritized through the Local Development Investment Plan (LDIP).
- c. Quezon City Government departments and offices shall ensure that accredited CSOs are consulted through the conduct of a budget forum prior to the submission of their respective budget proposals to the City Finance Committee.
- d. Once finalized by the City Finance Committee, the budget proposals shall be presented during another budget forum with accredited CSOs before their official submission to the City Council.
- e. The Quezon City Government shall also devise a way to gather suggestions and proposals from the public regarding programs and projects that may be included in the priority programs for budget allocation.
- f. Accredited CSOs may attend the budget deliberations in the City Council pursuant to its internal rules of procedure.
- g. Accredited CSOs, through their authorized representatives, may participate in the monitoring of ongoing projects and the preparation of the Quezon City Project Monitoring and Evaluation System.



- h. Accredited CSOs may participate in the project evaluation, provide recommendations based on evaluation results, and organize citizens' fora with the local government unit to provide feedback to the community.

SECTION 6. CAPACITY BUILDING. – The necessary training and capacity building programs shall be conducted to capacitate departments and offices of the Quezon City Government and accredited CSOs regarding the process of participatory budgeting.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION. – The implementation of this Ordinance shall be in phases, pursuant to its implementing rules and regulations (IRR). Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Finance Committee and the Quezon City OGP Local Steering Committee shall jointly formulate the IRR for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. FUNDING. – The necessary funding for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged to the City's General Fund, subject to existing budgeting rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. MONITORING AND REPORTING. – The City Finance Committee shall act as an oversight committee tasked to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Ordinance.

Identified departments and offices shall submit a report to the City Finance Committee and the Quezon City OGP Local Steering Committee detailing the implementation of their participatory budgeting initiatives.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after due compliance with the publication requirements.

ENACTED: April 20, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

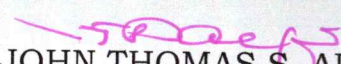
This is to certify that this Ordinance was ENACTED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 20, 2026 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on April 27, 2026.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: JUL 21 2026


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)



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