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**AN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZING THE QUEZON CITY COMMITTEE
AGAINST SQUATTING SYNDICATES AND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS
PURSUANT TO DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2012-04**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Government to safeguard the interest of legitimate landowners, title holder, and bonafide occupants/settlers of urban lands in Quezon City, as well as the welfare of the City's inhabitants and the citizens from other localities who are potential victims of professional squatters syndicates;

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2012, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2012-04, mandating all City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Sangguniang Bayan and DILG Regional Directors to create local committees and/or similar bodies against squatting syndicates and professional squatters;

WHEREAS, while there was a previous order directing barangay officials and the local anti-squatting unit to prevent professional squatters from building structures and taking root in the city's communities, the proliferation of these activities are still rampant and continue to besiege the City. As such, there is still an imperative to stop this illegal and nefarious practice;

WHEREAS, the City Government shall pursue an intensive and unrelenting campaign against professional squatters and squatting syndicates through an integrated system of monitoring, planning, implementation and enforcement of pertinent city ordinances and national laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The "Quezon City Committee Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters (QC-CASSPS) shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Head, City Legal Department
Vice Chairperson:	Head, Housing, Community Development and Resettlement Department
Members:	District Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Quezon City Field Office
	Secretary to the Mayor

Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod, Committee on Urban Poor and Human Settlement

Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod, Committee on Public Works and Infrastructures

Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod, Committee on Justice and Human Rights

President, Liga ng mga Barangay

Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department

Head, Department of Public Order and Safety

District Director, Quezon City Police District

Designated Representative, Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP),

President of a PCUP-accredited Quezon City Urban Poor organization or his designated permanent alternate, as may be approved by the other members

Designated Representative, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development

Designated Representative, Commission on Human Rights (CHR), National Capital Region

Representative from the private sector who shall be chosen by the above members

The body may invite provisional non-voting representatives from national government agencies, regulatory bodies, private sector and such other persons or agencies as may be deemed necessary, to introduce comments and recommendations. The Quezon City Prosecutor's Office shall be an observer and invited to Committee meetings accordingly.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Committee shall have the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- a) Adopt the necessary measures to identify and effectively curtail the activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, including the names of public officials and/or private individuals or entities suspected of abetting or tolerating the commission of said acts;
- b) Provide the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the National Housing Authority (NHA) copies of the list of identified professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to safeguard against their inclusion in future government housing

programs/projects and recommend their disqualifications in existing programs;

- c) Provide legal assistance to victims of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, giving priority to small property owners, and make available, through the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), a consolidated list of professional squatters and squatting syndicate;
- d) File or assist the complainant in filing appropriate charges before the Prosecutor's office;
- e) Undertake investigation of cases of violation of laws or rules on eviction and demolition forwarded to it and recommend appropriate actions on the same to the concerned agencies;
- f) Monitor eviction and demolition activities and establish its own monitoring system;
- g) Submit reports to the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and to the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of RA 11201 and RA 7279;
- h) Request for assistance from any government entity, if necessary; and
- i) Perform any other functions as may be authorized and appropriate under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2012-04 and any applicable laws.

In fulfilling the abovementioned functions, duties, and responsibilities, the body shall be guided by SP-2771, S-2018, otherwise known as the "Quezon City Comprehensive Socialized Housing Code of 2018," SP-2491, S-2016, otherwise known as the "Anti-Professional Squatting Ordinance of Quezon City," and other ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to squatting syndicates and professional squatters.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department (HCDRD) shall provide secretariat services to the QC-CASSPS. Accordingly, it shall assist in the conduct of meeting, take charge of communications and notices, prepare reports and take custody of all records, data information and documents of the QC-CASSPS.

SECTION 4. FUNDING. Funds for the operation of the QC-CASSPS and its Secretariat shall be allocated from the available appropriation under the Office the City Mayor.


SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared separable and in the event that any such provision is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force effect.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. DISSEMINATION. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance, pursuant to Sec. 455 (1) (xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 26 February 2020, Quezon City.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor