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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51 Series of 2019

RECONSTITUTING THE QUEZON CITY ENVIRONMENT POLICY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (QC EPMC)

WHEREAS, Section 16, Chapter II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution enshrines the policy of the State to afford full protection and the advancement of the right of the people to a healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9729 also known as the Climate Change Act of 2009, the State declares that the State adopts the principle of protecting the climate system for the benefit of humankind, on the basis of climate justice or common but differentiated responsibilities and the Precautionary Principle to guide decision-making in climate risk management and enjoin the participation of national and local governments, businesses, nongovernment organizations, local communities and the public to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of climate change and, at the same time, maximize the benefits of climate change.

WHEREAS, The Philippines adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and subsequently crafted the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 which specifically mentions Ensuring Ecological Integrity, Clean and Healthy Environment strategy as one of the components for the Foundations for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, it was enunciated in the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) of the City Mayor, the Quezon City Government's vision towards building a livable, green, sustainable and climate-resilient City

WHEREAS, The Quezon City Government is member to international organizations and networks such as C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability as well as signatory to various international commitments and declarations in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize, integrate and consolidate the functions pertaining to climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable development into one Council that will serve as the Policy Direction and Making Body of the City Government concerning the environment, climate change, and sustainable development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order the reconstitution of the Quezon City Environment Policy Management Council (QC EPMC):

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SECTION 1. Composition, The QC EPMC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: The City Administrator

Vice Chairperson: Head, City Architect Department

Co-Vice Chairperson: Head, Environmental Protection and Waste

Management Department

Members: Head, Investment Affairs Office

Head, Business Permits and Licensing Department Head, City Planning and Development Office Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

Head, Department of Engineering Head, Department of Building Official Head, General Services Department

Head, City Budget Department Head, Parks Development and Administration

Department

Head, Department of Public Order and Safety Head, Quezon City Health Department

Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee (Goods and

Services)

Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(Infrastructure)

Head, Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat (BAC-

SEC)

The Sustainable Development Projects Officer, Office

of the City Mayor

Action Officer, Task Force for Transport and Traffic

Management

Action Officer, Task Force on Solid Waste Collection,

Cleaning and Disposal Services Management

SECTION 2. Functions, Duties and Responsibilities. The QC EPMC shall set the direction of all policies adopted by the City Government concerning the environment, climate change, and sustainable development. It shall likewise recommend and adopt measures to carry out and implement the aforesaid policies:

- 2.1. Recommend policies and strategies to climate change and environment-related programs and projects adopted by the Quezon City Government that require interdepartmental collaboration, such as Green Building/Energy Efficiency Initiatives, Renewable Energy Projects, Sustainable Water Management Projects, Green Public Procurement Program, Air Quality Management Projects and other local climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives;
- 2.2 Ensure the continuous implementation of the Green Building Ordinance and recommend possible innovation and/or improvements of the same to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for appropriate disposition;
- 2.3 Ensure the City's compliance to its international commitments, such as the Mexico City Pact, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Paris

Pledge of Action, Deadline 2020, as well as declarations such as the C40 Climate Action Programme (CAP), C40 Cities' Clean Air Cities Declaration and C40 Good Food Cities Declaration, among others, and participation in international networks and organizations such as the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement, among others;

- 2.4 Actively participate and maximize opportunities for climate financing with international organizations and networks to help the City realize its full greenhouse gas reduction potential and foster participation in the carbon market;
- 2.5 Provide a venue for the discussion of environment-related concerns that are beyond the mandate of the concerned Departments, and to make necessary recommendations on said concerns; and
- 2.6 Perform such other functions as may be determined by the Chairperson of the QC EPMC in relation to the implementation of climate change and other environmental policies and/or regulations.

SECTION 3. Consultations. The Chairperson may call other experts and resource persons on the program areas of the QC EPMC whom shall be consulted to assist the QC EPMC and its Technical Working Group.

SECTION 4. Technical Working Group. For purposes of providing technical assistance to the QC EPMC, a Technical Working Group is hereby created to be designated by each respective Member, through formal writing addressed to the Secretariat, to provide the technical assistance to the Council. The TWG shall have the following functions:

- 4.1 Assist the QC EPMC in the creation of policies and strategies relevant to the environmental issues covered by the functions of the QC EPMC;
- Evaluate project proposals submitted to the QC EPMC and recommend appropriate actions;
- Assist in monitoring of the implementation of projects recommended by the QC EPMC; and
- 4.4. Perform such other functions as may be determined by the QC EPMC in relation to the implementation of environmental policies and/or strategies.

SECTION 5. C40 CAP TWG & C40 CFF TWG. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 22, series of 2019 (Creating the Quezon City C40 Cities Finance Facility Technical Working Group (TWG) and Executive Order No. 23, series of 2019 (Creating the Quezon City Climate Action Planning (CAP) Technical Working Group (TWG), it is hereby ordered that the aforementioned TWGs shall be placed under the supervision of the QC EPMC, likewise, the said TWGs will retain their composition, to effectuate the efficient discharge of their respective functions, duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 6. Secretariat. The Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department shall provide the necessary Secretariat functions for the QC EPMC. SECTION 7 Funding. The necessary appropriations shall be taken from the Office of the City Mayor for the discharge of its functions.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All other orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared separable and in the event any of such provisions is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions, which are not affected, thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 10. Dissemination. Pursuant to Section 455 no. (1) paragraph (vii) of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, a copy of this Executive Ordinance will be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for their information and guidance.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued 23 DESPMEN 2019, Quezon City.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor