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**RECONSTITUTING THE QUEZON CITY TASK FORCE MANILA BAY**

WHEREAS, Sections 4 and 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution establish that the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, and that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution enshrines the State Policy to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", mandates that every Local Government Unit (LGU) shall exercise powers essential to the promotion of the general welfare, and within their territorial jurisdiction ensure safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA No. 9275, otherwise known as the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004", declares that the State shall adopt a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the quality of our fresh, brackish and marine waters, pursuing therefor the framework for sustainable development and the streamlining of processes and procedures in the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the country's water resources;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Administrative Order No. 16, s. 2019 of the Office of the President provides that mayors in the National Capital Region shall ensure implementation of critical environmental laws and other relevant laws within their respective territorial jurisdictions, such as water quality monitoring in the Manila Bay Region, implementing measures and participating in efforts towards prevention and control of water pollution, water quality protection and rehabilitation of the Manila Bay Region, among others.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in *Metro Manila Development Authority et. al. v. Concerned Residents of Manila Bay, etc., et al.* (G.R. Nos. 171947-48, 18 December 2008 and 15 February 2011) issued a *Writ of Continuing Mandamus* that directed the



concerned government agencies and private entities to clean up, rehabilitate, preserve, restore and maintain the waters of Manila Bay to a level that is fit for swimming, skin-diving and other forms of contact recreation;

WHEREAS, pursuant further to the aforementioned Supreme Court ruling, the Department of the Interior and Local Government was ordered to direct all LGUs in Metro Manila to inspect all factories, commercial establishments, and private homes along the banks of the major river systems in their respective areas of jurisdiction, and subsequently the Quezon City Government created the **Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay** through local Executive Order No. 17, s. 2014;

WHEREAS, as enunciated in the inaugural address of the Mayor, the Quezon City Government is henceforth adopting the policy of *"SERVING WITH OUR HEARTS AND PLANNING WITH OUR HEADS."* This provides clear direction with which to pursue, firstly, the vision of *Quezon City being a Quality City with an empowered and responsive citizenry who live in a sustainable, well planned, and structurally sound environment with a vibrant economy under progressive leadership;* and secondly, the realization within Quezon City of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 6, *to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;* SDG No. 11, *to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable;* and SDG No. 14, *to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;*

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. RECONSTITUTION.** The Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay is hereby reconstituted.

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.** The Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay shall be composed of the following:

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| 2.1 | Chairperson      | (1) The Quezon City Mayor                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2.2 | Vice-Chairperson | (2) The Assistant City Administrator for Operations                                                                                                                               |
| 2.3 | Action Officers  | (3) The Head, Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department<br>(4) The Action Officer, Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, Cleaning and Disposal Services Management |
| 2.4 | Members          | (5) The Head, City Planning and Development Office<br>(6) The Head, Barangay and Community Relations Department                                                                   |



- (7) The Head, Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department
- (8) The Head, Department of Public Order and Safety
- (9) The Head, Social Services and Development Department
- (10) The Head, City Health Department
- (11) The Head, City Veterinary Department
- (12) The Head, Department of the Building Official
- (13) The Head, City Engineering Department
- (14) The Head, City Tourism Department
- (15) The Head, Parks Development and Administration Department
- (16) The Head, City Architect's Department
- (17) The Head, Business Permits and Licensing Department
- (18) The Head, City Legal Department
- (19) The Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- (20) The Head, General Services Department

**SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.** The Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay shall perform the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- 3.1 Lead, direct and coordinate all efforts, undertakings, and activities of the Quezon City government, its departments, offices, committees, task forces and personnel in connection with the clean up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay and in ensuring that rivers, creeks, *esteros*, and waterways in Quezon City are free from and cleared of garbage, pollution, and all forms of obstruction;
- 3.2 Prepare a Quezon City Manila Bay Clean-up Action Plan for the participation and involvement of the Quezon City government, including the barangays, in the clean-up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay, indicating therein the overall direction, goals, objectives, strategies (programs, projects, and activities), resources required, organizations and persons responsible and time table;
- 3.3 Implement the Quezon City Manila Bay Clean-up Action Plan using the technical, administrative and human resources of the Quezon City government, its departments, offices, committees, task forces, and personnel whose duties, functions and responsibilities as mandated by law, ordinances or regulations relate to or are relevant to ensuring that rivers, creeks, *esteros*, and waterways are free from and cleared of garbage, pollution and all forms of obstruction, or that factories, business establishments, residences, and structures along said rivers, creeks, *esteros* and waterways comply with the laws, ordinances or regulations requiring the installation of facilities and equipment to prevent the pollution and



degradation of said waterways including the provision of water treatment plans and hygienic septic tanks;

- 3.4 Formulate infrastructure or waterways or flood control projects including dredging activities especially on bodies of waters which are discharging into the Manila Bay;
- 3.5 Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Quezon City Manila Bay Clean-up Action Plan and other similar plans and when necessary, make or recommend changes and adjustments to achieve effectively the objectives and attain the goals of the said plans;
- 3.6 Coordinate with the Metro Manila Development Authority and other law enforcement agencies to ensure that *esteros*, riverways and waterways are cleared of illegal structures, constructions and encroachments, and to cause the prosecution of all violators of environmental laws relating to rivers, creeks, *esteros* and waterways;
- 3.7 Conduct census survey of informal settler families (ISFs) occupying easements of riverbanks and waterways, and eventually conduct consultations with these affected ISFs;
- 3.8 Develop in-city relocation sites, prepare housing designs and ensure to meet minimum requirements, provide assistance as provided by law and undertake social preparation for the affected ISFs;
- 3.9 Gather data as to the current status of rivers, creeks, *esteros* and other tributaries that lead to Manila Bay;
- 3.10 Strictly implement the provisions of RA No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000";
- 3.11 Work closely with the Metro Manila Development Authority, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the National Housing Authority, the Laguna Lake Development Authority and other national government agencies directed under the continuing mandamus to ensure that the order of the Supreme Court is carried out and implemented within the Quezon City jurisdiction;
- 3.12 Develop plans for cleared areas to construct sites of linear parks and implement greening projects and other rehabilitation/beautification activities; and

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- 3.13 Perform other functions as may be directed by law or ordinance relative to the Manila Bay clean-up, preservation and rehabilitation.

**SECTION 4. MANDATES OF DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES.** Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to diminish, minimize or limit the mandates, functions, duties and responsibilities of all departments, offices, committees, task forces and personnel of the Quezon City government that are by law, ordinance, or regulations required or tasked to deliver services, perform functions and undertake activities related or relevant to the protection of the environment, particularly in the clean up and rehabilitation of Manila Bay and in ensuring that the rivers, creeks, *esteros*, and waterways in Quezon City are free from and cleared of garbage, pollution, and obstructions. Accordingly, said departments, offices, committees, task forces and personnel shall continue to exercise and perform effectively and efficiently their mandates, functions, duties, and responsibilities; provided that the exercise and performance thereof, insofar as they may be relevant to this order, shall be aligned with, harmonized and coordinated with the plans and efforts of the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay.

**SECTION 5. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.** To ensure proper integration and coordination, the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group (TWG) to be composed of a representative from each member office. The TWG will be tasked to coordinate and integrate planning and implementation, provide whatever technical assistance that may be needed, and assist in determining resource requirements whenever necessary.

**SECTION 6. SECRETARIAT.** The Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department (EPWMD) and the Task Force on Solid Waste Collection, Cleaning and Disposal Services Management shall provide secretariat services to the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay. Accordingly, it shall assist in the conduct of meetings, take charge of communications and notices, prepare reports, and take custody of all records, data, information and documents of the Task Force.

**SECTION 7. CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL PLANS.** For planning purposes, the Quezon City Manila Bay Clean-up Action Plan shall be consistent with the Quezon City Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and included in this Administration's Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), Local Development Investment Program (LDIP) and Annual Investment Program (AIP). Only in extremely justifiable cases shall emergency projects and/or purchases be considered, as duly approved by the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay and the Quezon City Council, subject to pertinent laws, guidelines and procedures.

**SECTION 8. RESOURCE AVAILABILITY.** Funds necessary for the implementation of the Quezon City Manila Bay Clean-up Action Plan and the operations of the Quezon City Task Force Manila Bay shall be sourced from available



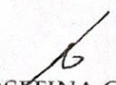
funds of the Office of the City Mayor and from the respective funds of the various member departments, offices, committees and task forces.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Executive Order No. 17, s. 2014 is hereby repealed. Further, all ordinances, Executive Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. DISSEMINATION.** A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metro Manila Development Authority for information and guidance, pursuant to Sec. 455(1) (xii) of RA No. 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 8 October 2019 Quezon City

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor