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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>24</u> Series of 2024

## AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOOD, GREEN JOBS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF QUEZON CITY AND CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, climate change poses a significant threat to the environment, public health, and the economy, necessitating immediate and comprehensive action;

WHEREAS, Good, Green Jobs as defined by C40 Cities, are initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect nature, improve wellbeing, provide fair wages, ensure safe working conditions, offer stable employment, and span various sectors including construction, transportation, energy, waste management, healthcare, and other emerging industries.

**WHEREAS**, Quezon City is a member of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40), a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change and driving urban action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10771, otherwise known as Philippine Green lobs Act of 2016, the State shall identify needed skills, develop training programs, and train and certify workers for jobs in a range of industries that produce goods and render services for the benefit of the environment, conserve natural resources for the future generation, and ensure the sustainable development of the country and its transition into a green economy.

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10771, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall be responsible for the promotion of green jobs by facilitating job matching, providing employment services, and supporting the development of skills necessary for green industries.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants local government units the power to promote the general welfare, including the enhancement of the right of the people to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10691 otherwise known as the Amendments to the PESO Act of 1999, designates the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) as a conduit of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), facilitating employment services, job matching, and other labor-related programs to promote employment at the local level.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. SP 2657, S-2017 Section 2 (b), rationalizing the QC PESO to undertake holistic strategies, programs and activities to transform into a modern public employment service intermediary that provides multidimensional facilitation services.

WHEREAS, in the new normal, urban agriculture has been crucial to ensuring a healthy and sustainable food supply system, generating green jobs, alleviating poverty and protecting the environment through innovation and development;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. 6, series of 2018, aims to build strong partnerships and organize linkages with the Local Government Units, Civil Society Organizations, State Universities and Colleges, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools, home-owners and community associations in the implementation,

promotion, and development of urban agriculture in the National Capital Region and other highly urbanized areas in the country;

WHEREAS, Urban Mining, defined as the process of reclaiming raw materials from spent products, buildings, and waste, is supported by various environmental laws and regulations that promote recycling and the efficient use of resources, such as Republic Act No. 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Δct of 2000;

WHEREAS, greening the economy and creating sustainable green jobs are essential to achieving the city's environmental goals, mitigating the worst effects of climate change and ensuring a just transition for workers and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE**, Mayor of Quezon City, in the interest of public service and by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order and direct the following:

**SECTION 1. CREATION.** This Executive Order do hereby create the "Good, Green Jobs Development Program of Quezon City."

**SECTION 2. GENERAL OBJECTIVES.** The objectives of the Good, Green Jobs Development Program are:

- a. To generate employment opportunities in sectors that contribute to environmental sustainability, such as but not limited to renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, sustainable agriculture, and green construction.
- b. To provide the necessary knowledge and skills through training/upskilling or work-based learning, to transition to green jobs.
- c. To assist and capacitate Resource Collectors, Urban Farmers, and other informal worker groups in every community through circular economy and social solidarity economy.
- d. To raise public awareness, commitment and adoption of environmentally sustainable practices and promotion of green job opportunities.
- e. To collaborate with national and international organizations, including C40 Cities, to leverage resources, technology, knowledge, and best practices.

**SECTION 3. PROGRAM COMPONENTS.** This Program shall include the following components:

- a. Development and implementation of training programs in partnership with educational and training institutions, industry experts/practitioners, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), in such fields as:
  - i. Life Skills and Green Skills Training
  - ii. Cultural Values Transformation
  - iii. Lifelong Learning
  - iv. Community Occupational Safety and Health Training
  - v. Social Protection and Inclusion
- b. Provision of technical assistance to Resource Collectors, Urban Farmers, and other informal worker groups engaged in green practices, including:
  - i. Basic Business Processes

- ii. Digital Technology
- iii. Financial Literacy
- iv. Community Savings
- v. Bookkeeping
- vi. Social Enterprise Development
- vii. Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) Law
- c. Organize Resource Collectors, Urban Farmers, and other informal worker groups into Workers Association.
- d.Initiate massive awareness campaigns and people's participation through Tripartism towards green job opportunities and sustainable practices.
- e. Mobilize partnerships with local, national, and international stakeholders to support program goals and expand impact.
- f. Promotion of and support for urban agriculture under the flagship of "The Joy of Urban Farming Program" to achieve a healthy and sustainable food production system, increase biodiversity, reduce carbon footprints, and create green jobs in nature-friendly urban farming practices.
- g. Promulgate urban mining activities to Resource Collectors (RCs) for practicing waste management, waste segregation and proper disposal of resources and materials at the source.
- h. Develop and implement innovative and sustainable green initiatives.

**SECTION 4. LEAD OFFICE.** Under the supervision of the Office of the City Mayor, the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall serve as the lead agency, responsible for the implementation and coordination of the program in alignment with its existing mandates.

**SECTION 5. CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.** A Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created to ensure the efficient and effective service delivery of the program. The TWG shall be composed of representatives from the following offices:

- a. Office of the City Mayor (OCM)
- b. Public Employment Service Office (PESO)
- c. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD)
- d. Social Services Development Department (SSDD)
- e. City Health Department (CHD)
- f. Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office (SBCDPO)
- g. Department of Sanitation and Cleanup Works (DSQC)
- h. Quezon City Public Library
- i. Competency Training and Assessment Center (CTAC)
- j. Education Affairs Unit (EAU)
- k. Other department/offices as may be assigned by the City Mayor

## **SECTION 6. FUNCTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.** The TWG shall have the following functions:

- a. Formulate work plan and develop strategies for the effective implementation of the Good, Green Jobs Development Program.
- b. Ensure effective coordination among the involved departments/offices in the implementation of various programs and services and foster partnerships with stakeholders, including national government agencies, private sector, civil societies

and non-governmental organizations, people's organizations, and international organizations.

- c. Identify and secure funding sources, including grants and donations, to support the program's initiatives.
- d. Conduct knowledge/skills gap assessment as basis for identifying appropriate capacity building interventions for workers and entrepreneurs in green industries.
- e. Develop and implement a monitoring and quantitative evaluation framework to assess the progress and impact of the program and, on the basis of which, propose recommendations for its improvement.
- f. Provide regular updates and reports to the Office of the Mayor on the status and milestones of the program.

**SECTION 7. FUNDING.** The operational funding for this program shall be taken from the available regular funds of the PESO duly appropriated for that purpose. For other activities relative hereto, it shall be charged to available funds under each Departments/Offices concerned subject to the usual budgeting and auditing requirements provided by law and other rules and regulations.

**SECTION 8. DISSEMINATION.** A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance, pursuant to Section 455 (1) (xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and the same shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All executive orders, circulars, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared separable and in the event that any such provisions are declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

**DONE**, // October 2024, Quezon City.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor