

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 20<sup>th</sup> City Council

PO20CC-277

51st Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP- 2660, S-2018

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JUSTICE CECILIA MUÑOZ PALMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT BARANGAY PAYATAS, QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilor JULIENNE ALYSON RAE V. MEDALLA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Lena Marie P. Juico, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Oliviere T. Belmonte, Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Ramon P. Medalla, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Roderick M. Paulate, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Kate Abigael G. Coseteng, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Marvin C. Rillo, Raquel S. Malangen, Irene R. Belmonte, Ivy Xenia L. Lagman, Marra C. Suntay, Hero Clarence M. Bautista, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Godofredo T. Liban II, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Donato C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that local government units shall provide basic services and facilities including the establishment of school buildings;

WHEREAS, under the revised guidelines of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, proposed names of public schools, among others, "must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through the good example exhibited by the name being used";

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 broadened the goals of basic education to include college preparation, vocational and technical career opportunities as well as creative arts, sports and entrepreneurial employment. This will be through the Senior High School Program where students will choose one among these Tracks: Academic, Arts and Design, Technical-Vocational and Sports;

WHEREAS, in view thereof, there is a need to establish senior high schools to accommodate students and to effectively implement the Senior High School Program;

WHEREAS, the Local School Board (LSB), through Resolution No. 3, Series of 2017 recommended to name the Senior High School located at Lot 14, Block 4, Gravel Pit Road, Barangay Payatas as the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Senior High School;

WHEREAS, the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Senior High School aims to initially offer the following: Academic Track: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Strand. Technical-Vocational Livelihood Tracks: Automotive, Animation/Illustration;

WHEREAS, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma was the first Filipino in the Philippines to be appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. She "championed an independent judiciary, free from the clutches of political power. Her unflinching courage earned her the people's admiration and gratitude, and she was given accolade of being the only "man in the Supreme Court" during her time;"

WHEREAS, before her appointment to the Highest Tribunal, she was the first woman prosecutor of Quezon City appointed by President Manuel Roxas (1947-1954), the first woman Judge of the Court of First Instance appointed by President Ramon Magsaysay (1954-1968), and second woman Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals appointed by President Ferdinand Marcos (1968-1973);

WHEREAS, during President Corazon Aquino's presidency, following the People Power Revolution, Justice Palma was appointed President of the 1986 Constitutional Commission that drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, in honor of her legacy, the senior high school to be established at Barangay Payatas, shall be named as the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Senior High School.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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SECTION 1. There is hereby established under the Quezon City Schools Division Office a Public Senior High School located at Barangay Payatas, to be known as the Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma Senior High School.

SECTION 2. The supplemental budget necessary for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the said public school, as determined by the Local School Board, shall be taken from the Special Education Funds of Quezon City or from any available funds of the City.

SECTION 3. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 22, 2018.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Secretary

APPROVED: 2 1 FEB 2018

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 22, 2018 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on February 5, 2018.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Secretary

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