

Hire PWDs, QC dads urge gov't

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THE Quezon City Council has passed a resolution encouraging the city government to implement Republic Act No. 10524 that expands government positions reserved for persons with disabilities.

City Resolution 7380-2018, introduced by Councilor Lena Marie Juico, complies with RA 10524 that requires at least one percent of all regular and non-regular positions in all government agencies, offices, or corporations to be filled with PWD workers.

The law also encourages private companies with over 100 employees to reserve at least one percent of all work positions for PWDs.

The Quezon City government has more than 100 PWD employees.

Meanwhile, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte on Thursday vowed to partner with Hair Aid Australia, a charity organization, to train the city's rehabilitation program graduates in hairdressing and haircutting as part of a livelihood training program.

"I met with Hair Aid Australia and they were the ones who said they wanted

their beneficiaries to be the surrenders, the reformists to help them make sure that their new, clean lifestyle is sustainable," she said.

Hair Aid volunteers will also be teaching tool-sharpening and manicure-pedicure skills to the beneficiaries.

"These new skills will empower our citizens especially those who have graduated from our community-based rehab program since they will be given a new chance to earn for themselves and for their family," the vice mayor said.

The beneficiaries of the training are graduates of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council's community-based rehabilitation and treatment program for surrendering drug users.