

QC Council supports healthcare for all

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The Quezon City Council approved a resolution expressing support to Senate Bill 1458 or the Universal Healthcare for All Filipinos Act, introduced by Councilor **Marivic Co-Pilar** before the Sangguniang Panglungsod. The resolution states that the proposed measure makes it possible for every Filipino to enjoy the benefits of a universal health care where preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services are guaranteed for everyone. The bill, authored by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito, is an amendment to Republic Act 7875, known as the National Insurance Health Care Act of 1995, and it is also a counterpart of House Bill 5784 or the Universal Health Coverage Act. The bill encourages local government units and the private sector to fund and improve basic health care service delivery in government and private hospitals as well as health centers at the community level. Mayor **Herbert Bautista** earlier approved the community-based Mental Health Care Program of 2015. It aims to provide available, accessible, affordable and equitable quality mental health care and services to the constituents of the city, especially the poor, underserved and high-risk populations.