

Belmonte vows in-city relocation for informal settlers

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Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** has vowed to implement a massive in-city relocation for informal settler families to promote inclusive growth and socialized housing for the residents.

“I will do it. It’s in the plan,” she said on Wednesday. “I feel for the poor because what happens is, just because they are poor, they are deprived of the right to stay where they have been residing for years.”

Belmonte, who is running for mayor in the upcoming midterm elections, said the local government would continue to uphold the rights of the residents to affordable housing through the implementation of the city’s own socialized housing code.

“We are able to protect the people’s rights through the Comprehensive Socialized Housing Code of Quezon City. That’s why if there are national projects that will affect your vicinities, you have the right to be compensated,” she said.

Belmonte assured the city residents that their rights would not be compromised. The vice mayor said the city government would take over the housing programs for informal settler families to ensure that the best interest of the residents is served.