

# Belmonte signs covenant for secured housing in District 5

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QUEZON City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte**, together with the leaders of various homeowners' associations in District 5, has signed a covenant that advocates secured housing and decent shelters for the poverty-stricken areas in the district.

"We aim to address the issue of the housing backlog through affordable and safe housing for our people and it can be done. There are many private organizations that are willing to work with us towards sustainable development and inclusive growth because that's the only way forward," said Belmonte.

She vowed to implement a listed housing agenda that aims to protect the welfare of informal settler families (ISF) in District 5.

These include the materialization of an in-city relocation program for communities situated in disaster-prone areas, implementation of socialized housing programs that promote on-site development, the extension of legal assistance to communities to be demolished and the prioritization of the welfare of the affected communities.

The vice mayor also pledged to implement democratic processes by extending the representation for ISFs in the Quezon City Local Housing Board and the facilitation of regular consultations in drafting the Quezon City Local Shelter Plan.