

Belmonte: High-rise type residences ideal for relocation of informal settlers in QC

QUEZON City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** said she will push for high-rise type dwellings to maximize land area and cater to hundreds of thousands of informal settlers as part of her planned massive in-city relocation in Quezon City.

“One of the concerns for our planned in-city relocation is our area, whether we have available space in QC where we can construct houses for our informal settlers. I think to solve this, we should change the mindset of our people first,” Belmonte said.

Belmonte shared that the high-rise type of residential development covering a smaller land area for relocation is more ideal in Quezon City, unlike the typical National Housing Authority (NHA) structures which

are bungalow-type houses with spare spaces usually used as a mini-garden.

Belmonte vowed to implement massive in-city relocation for the city’s informal settler families (ISF) to promote secured socialized housing and inclusive growth.

“My goal is to keep QC residents to live within our city. If you are from Quezon City, then you should be living here in Quezon City,” she said.

Quezon City has been active in providing socialized housing programs for its residents which includes the construction of Bistekville, introduced by Quezon City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** and with over 1, 678 units in Payatas, Kaligayahan, and Culiati; and the passing of the Comprehensive Socialized Housing Code in 2018 by the Quezon City Council.