

ISKO ORDERS WEEKLY CLEANUPS; JOY FORMS 'TASK FORCE FOREVER'

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On their 100th day in office, Mayors Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso of Manila and Joy Belmonte of Quezon City said that clearing operations in the city would continue despite the fact that the 60-day deadline for the reclamation of all public roads had already expired.

On Tuesday, Domagoso signed an executive order directing all 896 barangay and city hall offices to conduct weekly cleanups.

Covered by Executive Order No. 43 were barangay chairs, heads of several key city offices like the Market Administration Office, city hospitals and universities, the Manila Department of Social Welfare and Development, Manila Barangay Bureau, Parks Development Office, Department of Public Services and Department of Engineering and Public Works.

“All above concerned officials are hereby directed to conduct a once-a-week cleanup drive in the respective offices and other facilities and areas within their jurisdiction or under their care and management,” the order read.

In his “The Capital Report” before the Manila City Development Council, Domagoso urged barangay officials to set aside political differences and work together to save the city from urban decay and help it catch up with more developed Metro Manila cities.

More walkable spaces

Belmonte, meanwhile, announced in her State of the City address the creation of “Task Force Forever” that would continue the mandate of creating more walkable spaces by freeing up roads and sidewalks, including structures owned by the city and its barangays. She also appealed to the city council to pass more measures in support of her traffic and transport management initiatives.

Some of her recommendations included ordinances for regulating motorcycle taxis and comprehensive parking, aside from banning vulcanizing and car repair shops, terminals and similar establishments on major roads.