

QC Mayor: Locsin did not advise on community pantry

Sun.Star Davao · 24 Apr 2021 · PNA

MANILA – The Quezon City government was “deeply saddened” over the death of a 67-year-old man who was hoping to get free items from a community pantry organized by actress Angel Locsin on Friday.

In a statement, Mayor Joy Belmonte reminded organizers to communicate with officials.

“While Quezon City will continue to throw its full support behind community pantry initiatives, this unfortunate incident should serve as an important reminder for organizers to please be reminded of my appeal to coordinate all efforts with the barangay, and if necessary, with the LGU (local government unit),” Belmonte’s statement read.

She said “it would have surely made a difference” had they been advised about Locsin’s pantry.

“Advanced coordination will allow all stakeholders to be proactive, rather than reactive. Sadly, in this case, we were not advised regarding any plans,” she said.

The senior citizen, identified as Rolando dela Cruz, fainted while on the queue at Locsin’s community pantry along Holy Spirit Drive in Don Antonio Heights, Barangay Holy Spirit.

He was declared dead on arrival in a hospital. Locsin apologized on Instagram, saying, “Habang buhay po ako hihingi ng patawad sa kanila (I will forever ask for their forgiveness),” referring to the victim’s family. /