

## LOVE HAS 'NO LIMITS' IN QC

**QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT TO HOLD MASS COMMITMENT CEREMONY FOR LGBTQ+ COUPLES** The city aims to be a 'gender-fair city where the LGBT community is treated with respect and equality'

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The local government of Quezon City will sponsor its version of the “kasalang bayan”



or mass wedding for LGBTQ+ couples this February.

Quezon City mayor Joy Belmonte announced the news about the commitment ceremony on her Twitter account (@QCMayorJoy) on 24 January.

“Love has no limits. Love is universal. Love wins, always,” she wrote. “Sa ikalawang pagkakataon, mag-o-organisa ang lokal na pamahalaan ng QC, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Joy, ng isang commitment ceremony para sa ating mga kapatid na kabilang sa LGBTQIA+ sa darating na February 2023 (For the second time, the local government of QC, led by Mayor Joy, will organize a commitment ceremony for our LGBTQIA+ siblings this coming February).”

Belmonte shared a poster about the event, saying that the city is “a gender-fair city where the LGBT community is treated with respect and equality.”

The event is spearheaded by the Office of the Mayor and the city’s Gender and Development Council. Those who wish to be included must email their barangay certificates of residence, accomplished registration forms, pictures and Quezon City IDs or any valid IDs to the GAD Council (GAD-Council@quezoncity.gov.ph).

Registration forms can be obtained from the mini city halls or action offices in the city’s six districts — 176 E. Beltran Street in the barangay of Katipunan (District 1); second floor of Disaster Building, Barangay Hall, in the barangay of Commonwealth (District 2); 25 Calderon Street, in the barangay of Marilag (District 3); between Scout Reyes and Scout Chuatoco streets, in the barangay of Paligsahan (District 4); Novaliches District Center (District 5); and Sanville Multi-Purpose Hall, in the barangay of Culiati (District 6).

Last year, the Quezon City government organized an LGBTQ+ commitment ceremony on 12 February, where 222 couples affirmed their love and relationships and Mayor Belmonte served as an officiant, despite the fact that marriage or civil union for LGBTQ+ couples is still not recognized in the Philippines.