

## Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City
22<sup>nd</sup> City Council

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RESOLUTION NO. SP-9643, S-2024

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN CHARGE OF FACILITATING DURING ELECTIONS TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10366, ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO ESTABLISH PRECINCTS ASSIGNED TO ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES EXCLUSIVELY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS"

## Introduced by Councilor AIKO S. MELENDEZ

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the same Constitution expresses that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

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WHEREAS, according to Republic Act No. 10366, the State shall ensure that Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Senior Citizens are able to exercise their right to political participation without discrimination or restrictions and the State shall design systems and procedures that will enable PWDs and Senior Citizens to register and vote by themselves;

WHEREAS, as per COMELEC Resolution No. 9763, equally significant is the Philippines' recognition of the invaluable contribution of the elderly in our society for which reason the Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7432, as amended, otherwise known as the Senior Citizens Act;

WHEREAS, as observed during the previously held elections and as covered by the media outlets, Senior Citizens and PWDs are still struggling to arrive at their respective voting precincts;

WHEREAS, every Senior Citizen or PWD, who is a qualified voter, shall be provided with accessible and convenient voting facilities and precincts;

WHEREAS, it shall be the duty of the City to urge the COMELEC and other concerned departments that have control over these issues to strictly implement the laws that protect and prioritize the interests of our Senior Citizens and PWDs;

WHEREAS, emphasizing the physical or mobility limitations of our Senior Citizens and PWDs, their assigned voting precincts and polling places shall be located at the ground floor of or by using the necessary assistive devices in every facility or building used during the elections to ascertain accessibility and comfort;

WHEREAS, the City shall ensure that the previous difficulties and complications that hinder in providing Senior Citizens and PWDs the assistance they need during electoral processes will not be a constant practice.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, the Commission on Elections and the other departments in charge of facilitating during elections to strictly implement Republic Act No. 10366, entitled "An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Establish Precincts Assigned to Accessible Polling Places Exclusively for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens."

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).

ADOPTED: April 29, 2024.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 29, 2024 and was CONFIRMED on May 6, 2024.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S ALFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)