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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 10041, S-2025

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY ALONG LAURA STREET, OLD BALARA, DISTRICT III, QUEZON CITY, TO ACQUIRE AND UTILIZE THE SAME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OLD BALARA HIGH SCHOOL (OBHS), SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAWS ON PROCUREMENT

Introduced by Councilor ATTY. ANTON L. REYES

Co-Introduced by Councilors Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, 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, Aiko S. Melendez, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, RN, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Jose Maria M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality and accessible education at all levels. Section 4(1), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution affirms that "The State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions";

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution also provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

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WHEREAS, Barangay Matandang Balara, created in 1962, has a land area of 521.6842 hectares and has a population of 69,475, as determined by the 2020 census, comprising 2.35 % of the total population of Quezon City, with 70 to 80 % of its residents belonging to the lower strata of the income group;

WHEREAS, Barangay Matandang Balara does not have a public high school since its creation on May 10, 1962, despite the fact that it has an existing complete public elementary school named Old Balara Elementary School (OBES), with a pupil population of 4,008 for school year 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, its Grade 6 pupils proceeded to public secondary schools such as Judge Feliciano Belmonte Sr. High School, Batasan Hills National High School, Ramon Magsaysay (Cubao) High School, and Commonwealth High School, among other public and private high schools;

WHEREAS, the primary challenges or concerns impeding the continuation and sustainability of secondary education among its resident learners, especially those belonging to low-income families, are the distance to nearby high schools and the fact that OBES' catchment public high schools such as Judge Feliciano Belmonte Sr. High School, Batasan Hills National High School, and Commonwealth High School, are already categorized as "highly-student populated";

WHEREAS, to mitigate the additional burden arising from commuting expenses and to reduce the proportion of Grade 6 graduates who do not continue their secondary education, the barangay officials were compelled to enact Barangay Resolution No. 002, Series of 2023, requesting for the establishment of the Old Balara High School;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Barangay of Barangay Matandang Balara has identified a vacant lot feasible for the establishment of the Old Balara High School, pertaining to a parcel of land owned by Ms. Ofelia Escanilla Gamilla, with a total land area of 3,000 square meters, more or less, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. N-259620, and conveniently located along Laura Street, where the OBES is similarly situated;

WHEREAS, the surviving heirs of Ms. Ofelia Escanilla Gamilla have executed a Special Power of Attorney (SPA) dated March 18, 2024 in favor of Ms. Kristia Ann S. Gamilla, who executed a letter signifying their intent, offer and willingness, to sell the above-described property;

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WHEREAS, the necessary documents pertaining to the property to be acquired and utilized for the establishment of the Old Balara High School, specifically copies of the Barangay Resolution No 002, S-2023, Letter of Intent, Offer, and Willingness to Sell, SPA in favor of Kristia Ann S. Gamilla as the authorized representative of the surviving heirs, TCT No. N-259620, Tax Declaration, Tax Map, Certificate of Finality issued by Quezon City Regional Trial Court, Branch 222, Entry of Judgment from the Court of Appeals, and the Feasibility Study for the establishment of Old Balara High School.


NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to grant, as it does hereby grant, authority to the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to purchase the property along Laura Street, Matandang Balara, District III, Quezon City, to acquire and utilize the same for the establishment of the Old Balara High School (OBHS), subject to applicable laws on procurement.

ADOPTED: February 24, 2025.



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 February 24, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on March 3, 2025.


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