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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 10455, S-2026

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STRENGTHENING OF ACCESS TO LEGAL AID AND JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE SECTORS IN QUEZON CITY

Introduced by Councilors AIKO MELENDEZ, ATTY. CHRISTOFFER ALLAN "Tope" LIQUIGAN, ATTY. JESUS MIGUEL SUNTAY and DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Bernard R. Herrera, Joseph P. Juico, Charm Ferrer, CPA, MPA, JD, Nicole "Nikki" V. Crisologo, Mikey F. Belmonte, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr., Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Karl Edgar Castelo, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia Matias, RN, Victor "Vic" D. Bernardo, Vito Sotto Generoso, Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina, and Jose Maria "Mari" M. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, access to justice is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of a fair, inclusive, and democratic society;

WHEREAS, many residents of Quezon City, particularly women, solo parents, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, informal workers, and the urban poor, continue to face barriers in accessing legal assistance due to lack of information, resources, or proximity to legal services;

WHEREAS, early access to legal advice and assistance helps prevent the escalation of disputes, protect individuals from abuse and exploitation, and promote peaceful and lawful resolution of conflicts at the community level;

WHEREAS, barangays serve as the first point of contact for many residents seeking assistance; they are therefore well-positioned to facilitate access to basic legal information and referral services;

WHEREAS, collaboration with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), law schools, civil society organizations, and legal aid groups can strengthen community-based legal assistance without imposing additional regulatory burdens.



NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to encourage, as it does hereby encourage, the strengthening of access to legal aid and justice for vulnerable sectors in Quezon City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that barangays are encouraged to coordinate with the City Legal Department, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines chapters, Public Attorney's Office, law schools, and accredited organizations to conduct periodic legal aid clinics, legal orientation sessions, and referral services within their communities.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that concerned City departments are encouraged to support rights-based education and information dissemination, including basic legal rights, remedies, and available government assistance programs.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all barangays, the City Legal Department, the Public Attorney's Office, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and other concerned agencies for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: April 27, 2026.


CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 27, 2026 and was CONFIRMED on May 11, 2026.



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Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

