Mayor Joy Belmonte of Quezon City

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One of the most densely populated cities in the National Capital Region, Quezon City offers few affordable housing options, a challenge that its mayor, Hon. Joy Belmonte, faces head-on.



Under Belmonte's leadership, the city is looking at providing socialized housing to about 17,000 indigent families through "Katiyakan sa Paninirahan" (Security in Housing). Especially commendable about the project's approach is its aim to relocate informal settlers within the city, making it easier for them to find jobs within commuting distance, thus saving them valuable time and fare. Some of the administration's key housing projects will be located in Barangay Balingasa, Payatas, Bagong Silangan, and Baesa. The city has purchased parcels of land in these areas and will provide residents a variety of housing options on land where they had once settled informally. Resettled residents will have the opportunity to own their homes through different financing schemes that will be made available to them via various government programs.

Also in the works are a five-story evacuation center in District 2 and the QC Megawide Emergency Healthcare Facility, both of which will provide temporary shelter to residents in times of catastrophe or crisis, like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.