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sa pamumuno ng Kagalang-galang na Pangalawang Punong Lungsod
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It has been more than a year since I stood before you during the Inaugural Session of the 18th Quezon City Council. I started my Speech then with the very pleasant news that our Mayor has seen it fit to institute a regime of Shared Leadership in the city's governance. Shared Leadership is desired in our city because the programs and services of the executive are supported by appropriate legislation.

Nais kong ipagmalaki na tayo pa lamang dito sa Lungsod Quezon ang nagsasakatuparan ng kooperasyong ito ng Ehekutibo at Lehislatibong sangay ng pamahalaang lokal.

Sa ngalan ng ika-18 Sangguniang Panlungsod, maraming salamat mahal nating Mayor Herbert Bautista, sa iyong pagtitiwala sa amin sa Lehislatura. I assure you that we have instilled in our minds and hearts that Shared Leadership means not only Shared Responsibility but Shared Accountability as well. Nauunawaan namin ang iyong matayog na adhikain: magkaakbay na pamumuno, magkatuwang na paglilingkod, pantay na pananagutan sa ating nasasakupan.

I hope you will find that my Report on the 18th City Council does justice to your trust and confidence as I share the past year's achievements and this year's plans of the Legislative in three priority areas: poverty alleviation, local economic development, and good governance -- all of which are in consonance with your priority thrusts.

Let me start with our collective fight against poverty.

We at the Legislative are guided by the principle that real progress and development can only be

achieved through a more equitable distribution of the City's collective wealth. Hindi natin masasabing umuunlad ang ating lungsod kung walang nararamdamang positibong pagbabago ang pinakamahihirap sa ating mga kalunsod.

However, we also believe in change that is not based on a culture of dependence on government but on a culture of self reliance. We believe that everyone has the capacity to achieve prosperity through their own efforts, creativity and perseverance, if only our government can provide opportunities to realize their potential.

To be able to do so, government needs to have a very clear picture of its citizens, particularly those belonging to the lower income brackets, hence the implementation of the

Socio-Economic Household Survey by the Anti-poverty Task Force, which I am happy to say is now nearing completion. Ngayon, malapit na nating makita ang tunay na mukha ng kahirapan.

As of October 3, 2011, we already have preliminary results based on our City Census which covered 42% of the total target households. Bagaman hindi pa kumpleto ang census nais ko nang ibahagi sa inyo ang ilan sa mga datos na aming nakalap:

Una, pareho ang ginagastos ng karaniwang mamamayan sa ating lungsod para sa cell phone load at para sa mga gamot;

Ikalawa, pareho ang halagang ginagasta natin sa pagkain at sa kuryente;

Ikatlo, dalawampu't pitong porsiento ng mga sinarbey ang gumagamit sa mga kanal, estero at

ilog bilang tapunan ng lahat ng kanilang basura at pati na rin ng kanilang dumi.

Ikaapat, limang porsiento lamang ng mga mamamayang sinarbey ay kasapi ng alinmang organisasyong sibiko, NGO o People's Organization;

Ikalima, pitumpo't dalawang porsiento ng mga sinarbey ang hindi nagpapalano ng laki ng kanilang pamilya;

Ang mga datos katulad nito ay hindi lamang interesante kundi mahusay na gabay sa pagbubuo ng poverty alleviation plan. Inaasahan na matatapos na natin ang sarbey sa katapusan ng buwan ng Oktubre at masisimulan na ang paggawa ng Medium Term Socio-Economic Action Plan batay sa mga datos na nakalap.

During the past year, the concerted efforts of our Council bore much fruit, particularly in the areas of housing, health and basic human rights protection – both at the program level and at the level of legislation.

Housing is our Mayor's priority program and the advocacy closest to his heart.

Our household survey validates data from UPAO regarding the great need of our people for shelter. Ayon sa sarbey, walumpung porsiento ng mga sinarbey ang hindi o hindi pa nagmamay-ari ng lupa na kinatitirikan ng kanilang tahanan.

To help address the mayor's advocacy, the City Council passed the Socialized Housing Tax Ordinance on second reading through the able sponsorship of Councilor Grex Lagman. Sa pamamagitan ng batas na ito, makalilikom tayo ng pondo para tugunan ang pangunahing suliranin ng ating lungsod – ang pabahay para sa mahihirap.

In the area of health care, the focus of the Legislative's work these past year has been in the areas of facilities development, maternal and

child care, and the prevention and control of critical diseases.

Batay sa sistematikong pagsusuri ng datos na nakalap natin, lumalabas na ang mga health center natin ang pangunahing pinagmumulan ng mga impormasyong pangkalusugan at numero unong takbuhan ng ating mga kababayan para sa kanilang mga pangangailangang pangkalusugan.

We therefore wish to commend Councilor Precious Hipolito Castelo for sponsoring the ordinance for the computerization of the Health Centers in the City. Through this ordinance, each health center will be able to efficiently and effectively manage household health records in their service area. Wala nang mawawalang health records. Wala nang mahahabang pila. Agad na makikita kung may sapat pang imbentaryo ng gamot. We also thank Councilor Raquel Malangen for donating 20 complete computer sets to the Health Centers in District 4 to jump-start the implementation of this ordinance.

DOH-NCR lists Quezon City as one of the cities with a high maternal mortality rate, particularly in District 2. They noted that this is primarily due to the prevalence of untrained hilots and unregulated birthing homes. Initial results of our Household Survey support these findings. We would therefore like to thank Councilor Jessica Castelo Daza for taking note of this alarming statistics and passing an ordinance that regulates and professionalizes birthing homes. Naglalatag ang ordinansa ng mga batayan para sa mga hakbang na dapat sundin ng mga paanakan, mga kwalipikasyon ng mga tauhang medikal, kagamitang dapat taglayin at serbisyong dapat idulot ng mga bahay-paanakan. Dahil sa ordinansang ito, mababawasan ang bilang ng mga namamatay na Nanay dahil sa panganganak.

Councilor Daza also spearheaded an ordinance promoting breastfeeding in Quezon City. This measure discourages milk substitutes, and promotes rooming in of infants immediately after

birth to develop a deep bond between mother and child, resulting in healthier, happier and more intelligent babies.

Both measures sponsored by Councilor Daza contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

I share in Councilor Daza's advocacy for maternal and child care and have piloted a Maternal Health Care Program in Brgys. Tatalon and Pansol and a city-wide Breastfeeding Advocacy Program, which includes the organization and training of community-based breastfeeding councilors.

Based on data from the Department of Health, our city ranks six in the National Capital Region with the most number of dengue cases. As of October 1 of this year, 6775 cases were reported with 48 death. Through the efforts of Councilor Onyx Crisology, an ordinance creating the Quezon City Comprehensive Dengue Prevention and Control Program Plan was passed. Magiging lunsaran ang ordinansang ito ng malawakang programa para sa pagsugpo ng dengue sa pamamagitan ng pagsasanib ng pwersa at program ng lungsod at ng barangay. At, salamat kay Konsehal Vincent Belmonte sa kanyang pangunguna sa community-based dengue awareness program.

Nais ko ring pasalamat si Konsehal Candy Medina para sa health center na kanyang pinatayo at si Konsehal Dorothy Delarmente na personal na binibigyan ng atensyon ang lahat ng mga pasyenteng dumadalo sa kanyang mga medical mission.

Guided by the understanding that some segments of our city population routinely experience discrimination and deprivation, our Council has consistently acted to promote the rights and welfare of those who are most vulnerable to exploitation and neglect. These include the senior citizens, solo parents, persons with disabilities,

and women and children. We thank Councilor Godofredo Liban whose free legal assistance program has benefitted a number of our marginalized constituents.

To date, we already have 300,000 senior citizens in our city. We thank Councilor Allan Reyes for his ordinance that provides free parking for seniors in commercial establishments. We also thank Councilor Raquel Malangen for sponsoring an ordinance that provides free medical and dental check-up for seniors at the Quezon City General Hospital and the QC Novaliches Center every first Friday of the month.

Bukod sa ordinansa para sa mga senior citizen, maipagmamalaki rin natin ang ordinansa ni Konsehal Malangen na kumakalinga sa mga solo parents. Ang ordinansang ito ay nagbibigay ng proteksong legal at tulong para sa kanila. Through this ordinance, we hope to complement national laws intended to remove the stigma, and lighten the burden that solo parents face.

Kapuri-puri naman ang paglikha ni Konsehal Alfred Vargas ng Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office. Ang tanggapanang ito ang magsisilbing tagapagpadaloy ng mga programa at serbisyo na nakasaad sa Magna Carta for PWDs.

Bagaman hindi pa naisasabatas, umaasa tayo na mapabilis ang pagpasa sa ordinansang isinusulong ni Konsehal Candy Medina na magbibigay-proteksyon sa mga bata at kababaihan laban sa karahasan at pang-aabuso.

In order to craft more meaningful legislation, programs and services, the office of the Vice Mayor also initiated inter-agency summits that are focused on the welfare of children, women and persons with disabilities.

Bagaman hindi pa napasa ang mga panukalang ordinansa nina Konsehal Grex Lagman at Konsehal Alfred Vargas hinggil sa Alternative Learning System o ALS, nais pa rin natin silang

pasalamatan. Sana'y masuportahan ng ating konseho ang mahalagang ordinansang ito.

Kahit hindi tayo nakagawa ng maraming panukala patungkol sa edukasyon, kapansin-pansin ang mga matagumpay na proyekto at programang pang-edukasyon ng ating mga konsehal.

Nais nating magpasalamat kay Konsehal Aly Medalla para sa kanyang early childhood care and development program at ang kanyang mobile library for children. Ang kanyang nasimulan ay maaari nating gawing city-wide program dahil kulang pa tayo sa mga programang nakatuon sa mga batang nasa antas ng pre-daycare level. Pasalamatan din natin si Konsehal Alex Herrera dahil sa kanyang computer literacy program, at si Konsehal Jimmy Borres na naglunsad ng e-library program sa mga paaralan.

Bunga ng pagmamalasakit ng ating mga konsehal, napaunlad din natin ang pisikal na estado ng ating mga paaralan. Maraming salamat kina Konsehal Precious Hipolito Castelo, Konsehal Aly Medalla at Konsehal Julian Coseteng sa kanilang pagpapagawa ng mga Day Care Centers sa kani-kanilang Distrito.

Bunsod ng ating malagim na karanasan ng pananalanta ng bagyong Ondoy at ng ating di-pagkaunawa sa pabagu-bagong lagay ng panahon, mahalaga at napapanahon ang ordinansang ginawa nina Konsehal Jesus Manuel Suntay at Gian Carlo Soto na lumilikha ng Climate Change Division sa ilalim ng City's Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department. Ang departamentong ito ang magiging pangunahing sangay na magsusulong ng pangangalaga sa kalikasan at magpapatupad ng mga hakbang tungo sa pag-unawa at pag-iwas sa pinsalang dulot ng "climate change."

Information and education appear to be key factors in combating climate change, particularly

in the urban areas. As my contribution to this fight, my Office conducted a simultaneous Learning Caravan in all 142 Barangays in Quezon City and crafted a youth agenda for climate change.

We are thankful to Councilor Gian Carlo Sotto for his advocacy in promoting the planting of native trees in the City. We find congruence between his advocacy and that of our Urban Farming Project which is now supplementing nutrition programs and livelihoods in 32 barangays and 19 schools. We also commend the Solar Lights Project of Councilor Allan Reyes.

Program oversight for our City's Entrepreneurship and Cooperative Office, Sikap Buhay, was assigned to me by our Mayor and this fits well with my office's priority which is to focus on income-generating initiatives for our people.

Dapat nating palawakin ang oportunidad para sa mahihirap tungo sa maayos na kabuhayan nila, sa pamamagitan ng pagiging empleyado o entrepreneur. Sa katunayan, nagsagawa tayo ng Industry Forum na dinaluhan ng 104 na kumpanya upang tukuyin ang skills and employment requirement ng industriya. Tumulong tayo sa job placement para sa mahigit na tatlong porsiyento na nakatapos ng kursong technical at vocational. Nakapagsanay tayo ng walumpu't tatlong Livelihood Trainers para sa food and non-food skills na nagsasagawa na ng sabay-sabay na livelihood training seminars sa iba't ibang barangay. Ipinagmamalaki natin na may ilan tayong mapalad na carinderia owners na sumasailalim sa Culinary Training na hatid ng prestihiyosong Center for Culinary Arts.

In relation to this, I congratulate Councilor Reyes for his YesNegosyo Carts for vendors. Councilor Vargas' Active Vision Puhunan Program has also benefitted many.

I also acknowledge Councilor Herrera for passing the Quezon City Cooperative Development

Council ordinance that will help the cooperative sector respond to the economic development objectives of its members.

Alinsunod sa agenda ng ating Mayor tungo sa local economic development, ipinasa ng Sanguniang Panlungsod ang Comprehensive Land Use Plan o CLUP sa pangunguna ni Konsehal Jesus Suntay. The CLUP defines major land uses in the City to keep abreast with changing paradigms of national and regional developments. Complementing the CLUP is the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance which is sponsored by Councilor RJ Belmonte and is currently awaiting approval of the City Council. Once approved, permitted uses of the land within the City's jurisdiction will be clearly defined, which should facilitate the entry of investors and increase their confidence and feeling of security in establishing their businesses here.

The passage of the Zoning Ordinance is greatly needed to support the priority economic growth sector identified by our Mayor - - Tourism Development. I was assigned by our Mayor to head the Quezon City Tourism Development Plan Technical Working Group.

Ang pangunahing estratehiya ng planong ito ay itaguyod ang ating lungsod bilang isang malinis, ligtas, kaakit-akit at dinadayong maka-kalikasang lungsod: the Green Lung of the Metropolis. Dahil dito, nagpapasalamat tayo sa ordinansang pinagsikapan ni Konsehal Onyx Crisologo na mangangasiwa sa sapat na bilang ng mga signs, signboards at billboards na nakakaagaw atensyon sa likas na kagandahan ng ating berdeng-berdeng lungsod.

In keeping with the Green City agenda outlined in our Tourism Development Plan, we are requesting our City Council to prioritize the passage of the pending ordinance to regulate and eventually phase out the use of plastic bags in our City. Similar measures have already been passed in our neighboring LGUs with much success. We

are also seeking support from the City Council for the passage of the Green Toda ordinance that encourages our transport sector, especially those operating along our planned tourism zones to comply with the Clean Air Act .

Pagtutuunan ng pansin ng Tourism Development Plan ang paglikha ng mga Tourism Zones tulad ng: Chinatown; City Center na binubuo ng Central Business District, Quezon Memorial Park, City Hall Complex at government institutions; University district na kasama ang UP, Ateneo, Katipunan; Entertainment District ng Timog,-Morato; at marami pang iba. Sisiguraduhin natin na ang bawat zona ay napapamahalaan nang maayos, mapayapa at napapanatiling kaayaaya.

Implementing the Tourism Development Plan will not only involve the City government. We will empower local communities by organizing the Barangay Tourism Councils. Sila dapat ang manguna, hindi lamang sa pagtukoy ng magaganda at makasaysayang lugar sa kanilang barangay, kundi pati na rin sa pagpapanatili at pangangalaga sa ating likas na yaman, kapaligiran at kaayusan.

To prepare for plan implementation, we will need to develop our human resources so that they can provide the needed tourism-related services - - mula sa mga gawain sa isang hotel o kainan, sa travel agency, sa mga souvenir shops hangang sa pagpaparenta ng sasakyan at pagtatanghal ng special events. Bunga ng turismo, mapauunlad din ng malilit na entrepreneur ang kanilang mga negosyo.

Sa inaugural address natin, nangako tayo na "Tayo ang magiging bagong mukha ng pamumunong may pananagutan. Tayo ang magiging tagapagtatag ng bagong sukatan ng epektibong pangangasiwa". Marapat lamang ang implementasyon ng mga kritikal at napapanahong pagbabago sa ating mga sistema

ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa ating mga pinaglilingkuran.

An ordinance requiring the posting of the budgets, projects and expenses of the various offices, departments, bureaus, committees and task forces of the Quezon City Government on an online website sponsored by Councilor Alfred Vargas will make government spending a public knowledge and ensure accountability.

We have developed 'quezoncitycouncil.com.ph', another step to uphold transparency in the City Council. Ang ating website ang magiging isa pang tulay ng ating konseho tungo sa mas epektibong diseminasyon ng impormasyon hinggil sa ating mga ordinansa at programa. Magiging behikulo rin ito upang marinig natin ang ating mga kababayan sa feedback mechanism nito. Sa taon ding ito, masisimulan na natin ang live streaming ng ating mga City Council Session.

Mula noong nakaraang taon hanggang ngayon, limang daan at anim (506) na non-governmental organizations at people's organizations ang nabigyan natin ng akreditasyon. Naging masugid din ang konseho sa pagsangguni sa mamamayan sa mga public consultation.

The 18th City Council is determined to set high standards of practice. To this end, the Sangguniang Panlungsod recently passed a resolution towards a paperless council. At present, the agenda for weekly sessions is already available in pdf format and readily accessible in any electronic device.

Upang patuloy na pangalagaan ang integridad ng konseho sa harap ng mga lumabas na negatibong media report, binago natin ang ating proseso ng ebalwasyon ng ating mga empleyado. We have implemented a mandatory screening process and maintained an updated database of the City Council personnel.

The City Council is committed to enhancing its partnership with the barangays to better serve Quezon City residents and to help empower them to better serve their constituencies. Councilor Bong Suntay and Councilor Joseph Juico donated service vehicles, Councilor Marvin Rillo donated ambulances, Councilor Edcel Lagman provided patrol tricycles, Councilor RJ Belmonte and Councilor Jaime Borres initiated the computerization of barangay halls. Councilor Ludovica continuously sponsors trainings and consultations with barangay officials, as does Councilor Ansell de Guzman with regards SK officials. Councilor Don de Leon launched the TEXT FOR HELP barangay-based quick response system, and of course, Councilor Boy Calalay authored and passed QC 122, an emergency hotline to enhance peace and order in the City.

The 18th City Council has approved 58 ordinances and 334 resolutions to date. But even with these accomplishments, rest assured Mr. Mayor, that we will not sit on our laurels but will continue moving forward to proactively respond to the needs of our citizens. We are confident that with the continued support of the leaders of our council we will make new milestones in legislation. We thank Councilor Suntay and Councilor Pinggoy Lagumbay.

In the spirit of Shared Leadership, Shared Responsibility and shared Accountability, we will strengthen the oversight function of the City Council to ensure that ordinances are actually implemented. Kailangan ng ibayong pagpapatatag ng ugnayan ng ating konseho at mga departamento at opisina ng ating pamahalaan. Katuwang natin ang isa't isa sa pagsukat kung mabisa, nararapat at naitataguyod ba ang mga batas na aming naipapasa.

My Office has also begun codification of the City's legislation. The first phase of this project which includes the compilation, inventory and classification of all approved ordinances, has

already been completed. Councilor Bong Suntay, our majority floor leader, and the office of the City Secretary has initiated the review of ordinances with the view to amending the obsolete ones so that these are more responsive to the times.

Effective agents of change. That is what I urge our 18th City Council to be.

Let us emulate the only national hero native to what is now our fair City - - Melchora Aquino. Through the initiative of Councilor Rhoderick Paulate, we shall be celebrating the 200th birth anniversary of this nationalist who is better known as Tandang Sora. She diligently worked for change and social justice - - as a woman in the revolution, a single parent, a care-giver, an OFW, and a productive senior citizen. Through her different roles she empowered others to be self-aware and self-sufficient. Sa pamamagitan ng ating mga pagpupunyagi at pakikiisa ng ating mamamayan, mananatiling buháy ang diwa at pamana ni Tandang Sora

Marami pong salamat sa inyong lahat.