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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Code of the Philippines provides for the enhancement of the delivery of basic services to every inhabitant of the community. And it is a state policy to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

It is upon this principle that the division of Barangay Commonwealth is sought. As of the 2010 NSO Census, Barangay Commonwealth has a total population of 186,543, making it the second most densely inhabited barangay. And for the last three years, peace and order has become difficult to maintain.

On account of this colossal population, the barangay officials of Barangay Commonwealth are hardly able to discharge their duties under the Local Government Code. Unless Barangay Commonwealth is divided, efficient and dynamic governance cannot be had and enhancement of the delivery of basic services and the improvement of the quality of life will be elusive.

Hence, considering the vital importance of this bill, its immediate approval is most earnestly prayed for.


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AN ACT
DIVIDING BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND
INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS
COMMONWEALTH EAST AND COMMONWEALTH WEST

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Division of Barangay Commonwealth – Barangay Commonwealth in Quezon City is hereby divided into two (2) distinct and independent barangays to be known as Barangay Commonwealth East and Barangay Commonwealth West.

SECTION 2. Territorial Boundaries – The territorial boundaries of each barangay created in the immediately preceding Section shall be as follows:

1. **Barangay Commonwealth East**

(To be determined at the TWG deliberation of the Committee on Local Government)

2. **Barangay Commonwealth West**

(To be determined at the TWG deliberation of the Committee on Local Government)

SECTION 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite – The new barangays shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Commonwealth in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) in the areas affected, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for the plebiscite shall be borne by Quezon City.

SECTION 4. Special Election Barangay Officials – The first set of officials of the said barangays created under Section 1 hereof shall be elected within ninety (90) days from approval by majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite held for the purpose.

The COMELEC shall conduct and supervise the special elections to be held in Barangay Commonwealth East and Barangay Commonwealth West in Quezon City within sixty (60) days after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite.

The expenses for such special elections shall be borne by Quezon City.

The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Commonwealth shall continue to hold office and administer Barangays Commonwealth East and Commonwealth West until such time that the officials of the newly created barangays have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. Public Infrastructure and Facilities – All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangays.

SECTION 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares – The two barangays herein created shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 7. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,