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THE 2025 **HUMAN RIGHTS**
QUEZON CITY AGENDA

About HRPEC and the Project

The Human Rights and People Empowerment Center (HRPEC) is a non-government organization with a mission to empower communities to advance the cause of human rights. We envision a society where rights are realized, protected, and guaranteed for all.

Together with 16 civil society organizations, we drafted a 12-point electoral agenda for human rights, with the support of the GOJUST Human Rights Component and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR). On February 3, 2025, we present this agenda to candidates of the 2025 elections.



8-Point Quezon City Human Rights Agenda

Quezon City has long been at the forefront of progressive governance in the Philippines. As the most populous city in the country, it has set a standard for local governance that prioritizes economic, social, and cultural rights by developing spaces that empower communities and support civic participation. This commitment reflects the city's forward-thinking leadership and the active involvement of its residents.

Makatao, maka-tayo. To stand for human rights is to stand with us, the Filipino people. As the 2025 elections approach, Quezon City once again has the opportunity to lead by example in advancing human rights. This 8-point human rights electoral agenda, drafted by 18 civil society organizations, will serve as a basis for candidates to uphold the rights of Quezon City citizens not only during the campaign but also in future leadership.

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1 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Walang EJK.**

Ensure justice and accountability for EJKs under Oplan Tokhang.

1. Provide support to families of victims of EJKs, including financial, psychosocial, and legal services.
2. Investigate possible lapses and culpability of the Quezon City Police
3. in the implementation of Oplan Tokhang and hold violators accountable.
4. [Memorialize the victims of EJKs.
5. Enact an anti-EJK ordinance.



2 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Walang Red-Tagging.**

Protect human rights defenders.

1. Enact the Human Rights Defenders Ordinance.
2. Enact an anti-redtagging ordinance.



3 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Una ang Tao Palagi.**

Activate and strengthen human rights mechanisms in local government units.

1. Activate and equip barangay human rights committees and desks with training and financial support.
2. Collect, monitor, and publish human rights data directly related to Quezon City citizens' economic, social, cultural, and civil-political rights.
3. Improve and expand the People's Council of Quezon City (PCQC).



4 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Tayo ang Espasyo.**

Ensure justice and accountability for EJKs under Oplan Tokhang.

1. Enact local legislations in line with the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
2. Guarantee each person's rights to freedom of expression and assembly in Quezon City.
3. Ensure participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) in policy and community-building.
4. Open more physical spaces for CSOs.



5 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **HR-educated ang Mga Kawani.**

Institutionalize human rights education.

1. Include HR education in the Barangay Human Rights Action Center (BHRAC) mandate.
2. Establish QC schools as pioneers of human rights education centers, with the support of CSOs and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).
3. Make human rights training mandatory for all LGU workers, including teachers, the police, and barangay tanods.



6 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Komyuter ay prayoridad.**

Guarantee the right to mobility for all.

1. Expand and promote mass transit-oriented development, including the Libreng Sakay initiative.
2. Expand infrastructure for safe active transport, including walkways and bike lanes.
3. Require appropriate infrastructure for persons with disability.



7 Sa maka-tayong Kyusi, **Kasarian at Kakayahan ay Sari-Sari.**

Ensure gender equality, disability and social inclusion, with special focus on the marginalized, excluded, and vulnerable sectors.

1. Require all public and private officers and employees to undergo training on GEDSI (Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion), SOGIESC (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics), and safe spaces.
2. Ensure the implementation of the following:
 - Bawal Bastos Ordinance
 - Gender-Fair Ordinance
 - Gender and Development (GAD) Code
3. Equip VAWC (Violence Against Women and Children) desks with resources and GEDSI training.
4. Expand free medico-legal services for VAWC cases by collaborating with public and private medical institutions.
5. Further improve daycare services to provide childcare for working parents.



8 Laging Handa ang maka-tayong Kyusi.

Protect and promote human rights in the face of the climate emergency.

1. Build and strengthen local disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) by incorporating a community-based, rights-based, and gender-just approach.
2. Improve QC's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) to enable inclusive DRRM.
3. Further organize and capacitate Barangay DRRM Committees (BDRRMC).
4. Institutionalize climate change education under a climate justice framework in Quezon City-managed schools and learning centers.

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