

## Republic of the Philippines OUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council

PR22CC-103

20th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 9161 , S-2023

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO, PAMPANGA IN THEIR COLLECTIVE DESIRE TO ATTAIN CITYHOOD AND URGING CONGRESS FOR THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1683, ENTITLED "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MEXICO".

Introduced by Councilors MARRA C. SUNTAY, VITO SOTTO GENEROSO and ALFRED VARGAS, MPA.

Co-introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Joseph Joe Visaya, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, in the year 1581, the town of Mexico, widely-known as Novo Mexico or Nuevo Mexico, was created to serve as a river trading seaport for upland traders and merchants alike;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Mexico, situated at the heart of Pampanga and classified as a first-class municipality, is one of the major producers of commercial and industrial corn variations. It is a home to many historical traditions and cultural festivals, as they also produce palay and tilapia;

WHEREAS, through the years, the Municipality of Mexico has undergone massive changes in all areas of development, thereby leading to a progressive growth within their town;

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WHEREAS, under Section 450 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended by Republic Act No. 11683 states that:

Section 450. Requisites for Creation - (a) A municipality or a cluster of barangays may be converted into a component city if it has a locally generated average annual income, as certified by the Department of Finance, of at least One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) for the last two (2) consecutive years based on 2000 constant prices, and if it has either of the following requisites:

- (i) A contiguous territory of at least one hundred (100) square kilometers, as certified by the Land Management Bureau; or
- (ii) A population of not less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants, as certified by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Mexico in the Province of Pampanga has met the requisites to be converted into a component city of Pampanga with an annual income exceeding One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) for the last two (2) consecutive years;

YEAR	AMOUNT
2017	PHP105,518,000.00
2018	PHP105,518,000.00
2021	PHP193,427,992.51

WHEREAS, as of 18 January 2020, the Philippine Statistics Authority certifies that the town's population has reached 173,403 inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Mexico, Pampanga has a total area of 119.9438 square kilometers or 11,994.38 hectares based on the new updated and approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of 2019-2026;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Municipality of Mexico be granted their cityhood status for completing the requisites for the creation of a city, thereby converting the Municipality of Pampanga to a component City of Pampanga;

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WHEREAS, the City Council is strongly supporting the passage of House Bill No. 1683 filed by the Honorable Congressman Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative of Pampanga, to convert the Municipality of Mexico into a City of Mexico, as a component City of Pampanga.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to strongly support, as it does hereby strongly support, the aspirations of the people of Mexico, Pampanga in their collective desire to attain cityhood and urging Congress for the immediate passage of House Bill No. 1683, entitled "An Act Converting the Municipality of Mexico in the Province of Pampanga into a component city to be known as the City of Mexico".

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Municipality of Mexico, Pampanga and to the Office of the Honorable Congressman Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative of Pampanga for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED: January 30, 2023.

GIAN G. SOTTO City Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on January 30, 2023 and was CONFIRMED on February 6, 2023.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III City Government Dept. Head III