

**“SANGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
NG QUEZON”**

**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL
HISTORY AND LEGACY**

A compilation of FACTS

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This booklet is dedicated to all the City Councilors who were elected after Martial Law in 1988 and served as the 11th City Council 1988 to 1992.

Some members however departed earlier to the eternity of the happiness of heaven. They are:

1st District

- **George M. Canseco**
- **Emilio G. Tamayo**
- **Reynaldo A. Calalay**

2nd District

- **Melencio M. Castelo**
- **Vicente Biglang-awa**
- **Isidro Saludes**
- **Edgardo Serrano**

3rd District

- **Tomas Castro**

4th District

- **Fred Montilla**
- **Guillermo Altuna and**
- **ABC Sectoral Representative
Roberto A. Miguel**

Further this booklet carries with it a listing of the Honorable City Councilors of Quezon City who served the City Council from the time Quezon City was created October 12, 1939, the 1st City Council, up to the 18th City Council July 01, 2010 to the present – 2012.

May their names remain forever in the history of legislation of Quezon City.

VI. QUESTIONS CITY COUNCIL: IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT ITS HISTORY AND LEGACY

I. The very first City Council of Quezon City was first organized on October 12, 1939 to July 18, 1942. It had three (3) members.

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They were elected by President Manuel L. Quezon on October 12, 1939. The members were: Mayor Tomas B. Mariano, Councilor Tomas B. Mariano, and Councilor Tomas B. Mariano.

II. During the Japanese occupation from 1942 to 1945, there was no City Council since Quezon City did not exist but was considered only as a part of the Japanese-occupied area.

However, there was someone appointed to manage and coordinate the affairs of Quezon City during the Japanese occupation. This person was designated as the City Administrator. He was a member of the Japanese-occupied administration of Quezon City who later on became Secretary of Justice of the same Philippine Society of National Defense during the administration of President Elpidio Quirino.

III. After the war and the liberation of the country from the Japanese government, a national election was held. Former Mayor of Quezon City, Tomas B. Mariano, was elected as the first Mayor of Quezon City. He was inaugurated on January 28, 1946. After the election, Quezon City was re-established and the first city officials appointed were: Mayor Tomas B. Mariano and Councilor Tomas B. Mariano. The City Council then was Leon Mabayo, Hipolito Lopez, Ramon Vitorico and Glicerio Roxas.

QUEZON CITY COUNCIL: IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT ITS HISTORY AND LEGACY

*By Former Quezon City Councilor
ALBERTO M. GALARPE (1988-1998)*

- I. The very first City Council of Quezon City was from October 12, 1939 to July 19, 1942. It had three (3) members namely:

1. Hon. Eusebio Aguilar
2. Hon. Jose Paez
3. Hon. Alejandro Roces, Sr.

They were appointed by President Manuel L. Quezon on October 12, 1939 when Quezon City was created and the 1st Mayor was Hon. Tomas B. Morato whose term was from October 23, 1939 to July 19, 1942.

- II. During the whole of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines from 1942 to 1946 – there was no City Council since Quezon City did not exist but was considered only as Part/District of Greater Manila.

However, there was somebody appointed to manage and coordinate the affairs of Quezon City towards the governance of Metro Manila, Atty. Oscar Castelo was designated District Chief for Quezon City who later on became Secretary of Justice at the same time Secretary of National Defense during the administration of President Elpidio Quirino.

- III. After the war and the liberation of the country from the Japanese government, a national election was held. Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Manuel A. Roxas was elected President over incumbent President Sergio Osmeña. After he assumed office, Quezon City was re-established and the first city officials appointed were Engr. Ponciano Bernardo as City Mayor and Matias Defensor as Vice Mayor from 1946-1948; Gregorio Roxas as Vice Mayor from January 28, 1948 to September 07, 1949 and Francisco Batacan Vice Mayor from September 09, 1949 to January 05, 1951. The City Councilors then were Leon Malubay, Hipolito Lopez, Ramon Vicencio and Gregorio Roxas.

- IV. Since then all city officials of Quezon City were appointed by the President of the Philippines under the Quezon City Charter. Everytime a new President is elected under a new political party a new set of city officials were appointed. After the tragic death of Mayor Ponciano Bernardo in an ambush together with Mrs. Aurora Quezon in Nueva Vizcaya on April 28, 1949, Asst. Executive Secretary from Malacañang **Atty. Nicanor Roxas was appointed City Mayor** and the members of the City Council were:

Vice Mayor – Gregorio Roxas January 28, 1948 to
September 07, 1949

Francisco Batacan – September 09, 1949 to
January 05, 1950

The Councilors were Leon Malubay, Ramon Vicencio,
Luis Sianghio, Claro Piñga & Pablo Pablo

- V. The next set of city officials after Mayor Nicanor Roxas are Liberal Party leaders headed by then 1st District of Rizal Congressman Atty. Ignacio Santos-Diaz as City Mayor and the members of the City Council were:

Vice Mayor - Luis Sianghio January 06, 1951 to December 30, 1953

Councilors - Ramon Vicencio, Claro Piñga, Jose P. Cruz

Delfin Garcia, Francisco Batacan, Adolfo Eufemio

Ponciano Reyes, Jesus Meritt, Melencio Nadonga

Enrique Ramirez & Rafael Icasiano

- VI. When the Nacionalista Party won over the Liberal Party that made former Congressman and Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay the President of the country, a civic and political leader from La Loma who is also a Revenue Examiner from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Norberto S. Amoranto was appointed first as City Vice Mayor, but in less than a month he became City Mayor since no Mayor was appointed leaving Amoranto for the position of Mayor.

The City Council was composed of:

Vice-Mayor – Ysidro Guevarra, an old Spanish educated elder from Kamuning who could not speak nor understand well the English language.

The Councilors:

Anacleto Madrilejo	Reynaldo Ermita
Lucas Pascual	Felipe Cabrera.
Martin Manahan	Benjamin Pagua
Romulo Lucasan	Jesus Ponce
Nicanor Ramirez	Luciano Dominguez

Isabelo Crisostomo

Councilor Nicanor Ramirez was an old political leader from Galas who could not also speak well the English language but was a good Spanish and Filipino debater and speaker.

Councilor Enrique Ramirez from Novaliches could also hardly understand the English language, same with an old man from Balintawak, Lucas Pascual.

Councilor Martin Manahan and Romulo Lucasan are from the Visayas while Atty. Gregorio Veluz is from the Bicol Region.

Since Vice Mayor Guevarra almost always use the Castilian language while presiding and then Councilor Nicanor Ramirez will stand up to say his piece also in Spanish, this scenario often resulted to miscommunication. There was always an argument as to what the two Spanish speaking legislators would like to drive at, coupled by inquiries on the issue by the Visayan and Bicolano councilors. The old politico Councilor Nicanor Ramirez in Tagalog blurted "***Bakit ba kayong mga Bisaya ay dito nagkonsehal, sana doon kayo sa Bisaya***". A consensus was therefore agreed to finally to use the Pilipino national

language for all the notices, memorandum, agenda, minutes of all meetings and the debate and argumentation on the floor. As such an English to Filipino and vice-versa translator was appointed in the person of Rolando E. Villacorte who is a Bulakeno and a Tagalog writer, columnist and news reporter.

VII. From November of 1959 to December 30, 1963, the 1st election in Quezon City was held as provided in the Revised Charter of Quezon City. Finally realizing that the Quezon City Council should be composed of experienced, seasoned professionals and retired members of the different national offices, the people organized the Citizens League for Good Government (CLGG) and fielded the following well known personalities who consented to run as City Councilors just for the purpose of good governance. They were:

1. Former UP President and author of several books used in the public schools Dr. Vidal Tan
2. Former Senator and Ambassador Proceso Sebastian
3. Dean Conrado Benitez
4. UP Dean and Former Delegate to the UN General Assembly Dr. Victoriano Diamanon
5. Former Justice Secretary Pedro Tuazon
6. Retired Navy Captain Carlos Albert

They only fielded six councilors giving the voters the opportunity to choose the two (2) remaining slots. The two who got elected together with the six CLGG candidates were Dr. Anastacio Yabut from Kamuning and Atty. Jose G. Narelles who was a former and long time Administrative Officer from the Mayor's Office and a resident of Cubao under the line-up of Mayor Amoranto. Elected Vice Mayor was former Quezon City Chief of Police Vicente O. Novales who a former guerilla leader from Zambales and a close friend and comrade in arms of President Ramon Magsaysay.

VIII. January 01, 1964 to December 30, 1967 – After the four (4) year term of the Citizens League for Good Government Councilors in the Council, Mayor Amoranto put up a strong line-up under his party to be assured that the City Council will be composed of his men to support his political program of government. It was a voters clash between the well schooled and well to do families living in the class subdivisions who do not want to be identified as political allies, against the men in the streets, simple living people residing in the government housing projects and squatter areas. Amoranto's group was voted tremendously. Those elected for the City Council as Vice Mayor was Mariano Sta. Romana who is a professor from the University of the East. The Councilors were Florentino "Katinno" Lapus, Romulo Lucasan, Atty. Rafael Mison, Jr., Luisa Orendain, Eduardo T. Paredes, Atty. Saturnino Bernudes and the two CLGG members Ambassador Proceso Sabastian & Dean Conrado Benitez.

IX. 1968-1971 – Continuously, the Amoranto regime reigned in Quezon City and the second set of the City Council under the Amoranto Administration was composed of the following:

Vice Mayor – Ismael A. Mathay, Jr.

Councilors: Atty. Saturnino Bermudes, Retired CFI Judge Hermogenes Caluag, Sampaguita Pictures Actor Fred Montilla, Radio Personality Ka-Tino Lapuz, Romulo Lucasan, Atty. Rafael Mison, Jr., Eduardo T. Paredes and Jesus Perlas, Jr.

X. The last term of Amoranto was from January 01, 1972 to March 31, 1976. Elected Vice Mayor was Retired Navy Capt. Carlos Albert whose term was from January 01, 1972 to March 1975. Film Star Ronald Remy also became Vice Mayor from March 1975 to March 30, 1976 replacing Capt. Carlos Albert.

For the first time QC elected 4 Councilors per district as follows:

1st District – Ronald Remy, Precioso Perlas, Danilo Roces,
Stephen Sarino and Film Actor Amado Cortes
(Replacing Ronald Remy who became
Vice Mayor March 1975 to March 30, 1976)

2nd District – Melencio Castelo, Eulalio Dela Cruz,
Andres Genito, Col. Eleuterio Gonzales

3rd District – Estanislao Alinea, Jr., Mario Montenegro,
Jose Paculdo, Eduardo Paredes

4th District – Honorio David, Fred Montilla, Jose Vera Perez,
Jesus Perlas

- XI. Martial Law was declared in 1972. Mayor Amoranto was replaced by Adelina S. Rodriguez, the wife of incumbent Rizal Governor Isidro Rodriguez. There was no more election in the country and so the affairs of the Quezon City government was under the coordinated governance by the Metropolitan Manila Commission under First Lady Imelda Marcos who was appointed Governor for Metro Manila.
- XII. After the EDSA I Revolution and the lifting of Martial Law, Cory Aquino was elected President of the Philippines. The 1st election after Martial Law was held in Quezon City wherein **Mayor Brigido R. Simon** who was appointed previously as City Mayor replacing Mayor Rodriguez after martial Law was elected with the following members of the City Council (1988 to 1992):

As Vice Mayor - Vicente Castelo Sotto, III

The elected Councilors were: The 11th City Council

- 1st District** – George Canseco, Wilma A. Sarino, **Alberto M. Galarpe**,
Teodoro Ramos, Emilio G. Tamayo, Reynaldo A. Calalay
- 2nd District** – Alicia Herrera, Melencio M. Castelo, Vicente Biglang-Awa,
Dante Liban, Isidro Saludes, Edgardo Serrano, Norberto
Cabigao (appointed sectoral representative)
- 3rd District** – Dennis Roldan, Jorge Banal, Tomas Castro, Jose Paculdo,
Elizabeth Gaba, Eduardo David; Laoag Paras was appointed vice
Tomas Castro who was assassinated
- 4th District** – Cielito "Mahal" Del Mundo, Ricardo Del Rosario,
Fred Montilla, Herminio "Butch" Bautista,
Francisco "Kiko" Pangilinan, Guillermo Altuna

The Sectoral Representative were for the Youth – Herbert M. Bautista and for
Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Roberto A. Miguel.

XIII. The election in QC was continuously held as follows:

1992 to 1995 - Mayor – Ismael A. Mathay, Jr.

Vice Mayor – Charito L. Planas

The 12th City Council

Councilors – **1st District:** Reynaldo A. Calalay
Alberto M. Galarpe
Emilio G. Tamayo
Antonio L. Sioson
Moises S. Samson
Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.

2nd District: Melencio M. Castelo
Godofredo T. Liban II
Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-Awa
Reynaldo N. Medina
Antonio V. Hernandez (Anthony Alonzo)
Marciano P. Medalla

3rd District: Connie S. Angeles
Herbert M. Bautista
Michael T. Defensor
Franz S. Pumaren
Cesar A. Dario, Jr.
Eufemio C. Lagumbay

4th District: Guillermo C. Altuna
Joseph Peter S. Sison
Bayani V. Hipol
Alfredo A. Francisco (Fred Montilla)
Ramon G. Mathay
Herminio "Butch" C. Bautista

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay
Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Bonifacio M. Rillon

1995 to 1998 - *Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr.*

Vice Mayor – Herbert “Bistek” Bautista

The 13th City Council

Councilors – **1st District:** Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.

Wilma Amoranto- Sarino

Moises S. Samson

Alberto M. Galarpe

Emilio G. Tamayo

Antonio L. Sioson

2nd District: Winston T. Castelo

Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-Awa

Godofredo T. Liban II

Marciano P. Medalla

Antonio V. Hernandez (Anthony Alonzo)

Enrico S. Serrano

3rd District: Connie S. Angeles

Franz S. Pumaren

Jorge L. Banal

Michael F. Planas

Eufemio C. Lagumbay

Cesar A. Dario, Jr.

4th District: Joseph Peter S. Sison
Nanette Castelo-Daza
Alfredo A. Francisco (Fred Montilla)
Guillermo C. Altuna
Bayani V. Hipol
Ramon G. Mathay

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay Association
of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Bonifacio M. Rillon

1998 to 2001 - Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr.

Vice Mayor – Connie Angeles

The 14th City Council

Councilors – 1st District: Wilma Amoranto- Sarino

Vincent P. Crisologo

Antonio L. Sioson

Elizabeth A. Delarmente

George M. Canseco

Rommel R. Abesamis

2nd District: Winston T. Castelo

Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-Awa

Godofredo T. Liban II

Marciano P. Medalla

Enrico S. Serrano

Eric Z. Medina

3rd District: Jorge L. Banal

Eufemio C. Lagumbay

Michael F. Planas

Julian M.L. Coseteng

Anthony C. Castelo

Fernando V. Avanzado

4th District: Nanette Castelo-Daza

Jesus Manuel C. Suntay

Marcel C. Rillo

Ramon G. Mathay

Alma F. Montilla

Bayani V. Hipol

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Marvin C. Rillo
Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Almario C. Francisco

2001 to 2004 - Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.

Vice Mayor – Herbert M. Bautista

The 15th City Council

Councilors – 1st District: Wilma Amoranto- Sarino

Vincent P. Crisologo

Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.

Elizabeth A. Delarmente

Bernadette Herrera-Dy

Rommel R. Abesamis

2nd District: Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III

Aiko Melendez

Ramon P. Medalla

Allan Butch T. Francisco

Eric Z. Medina

Mary Ann L. Susano

3rd District: Jorge L. Banal

Julian M.L. Coseteng

Franz S. Pumaren

Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay

Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon

Dario M. De Guzman

4th District: Jesus Manuel C. Suntay

Alma F. Montilla

Antonio E. Inton, Jr.

Janet M. Malaya

Ricardo R. Del Rosario

Restituto B. Malañgen

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Junie Marie Castelo

Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Xyrus Lanot

2004 to 2007 - Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.

Vice Mayor – Herbert M. Bautista

The 16th City Council

Councilors – 1st District: Bernadette Herrera-Dy

Elizabeth A. Delarmente

Rommel R. Abesamis

Francisco A. Calalay, Jr.

Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.

Joseph P. Juico

2nd District: Winston T. Castelo

Aiko Melendez

Ramon P. Medalla

Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III

Eric Z. Medina

Allan Butch T. Francisco

3rd District: Jorge L. Banal

Franz S. Pumaren

Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay

Dante M. De Guzman

Julian M.L. Coseteng

Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon

4th District: Edcel B. Lagman, Jr.

Antonio E. Inton, Jr.

Alma F. Montilla

Janet M. Malaya

Restituto B. Malañgen

Bayani V. Hipol

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Junie Marie Castelo

Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Xyrus Lanot

2007 to 2010 - Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.

Vice Mayor – Herbert M. Bautista

The 17th City Council

Councilors – 1st District: Francisco A. Calalay, Jr.

Bernadette Herrera-Dy

Dorothy A. Delarmente

Victor V. Ferrer, Jr.

Joseph P. Juico

Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr.

2nd District: Winston T. Castelo

Ramon P. Medalla

Allan Butch T. Francisco

Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III

Eden Delilah A. Medina

Aiko Melendez

3rd District: Jorge B. Banal, Jr.
Franz S. Pumaren
Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay
Dante M. De Guzman
Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon
Jaime F. Borres

4th District: Antonio E. Inton, Jr.
Jesus Manuel C. Suntay
Janet M. Malaya
Edcel B. Lagman, Jr.
Vincent DG. Belmonte
Bayani V. Hipol

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – Alexis Grace Matias
Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Concepcion Malañgen

2010 to Present - Mayor Herbert M. Bautista

Vice Mayor – Ma. Josephina G. Belmonte

The 18th City Council

Councilors – 1st District: Francisco A. Calalay, Jr.
Dorothy A. Delarmente
Anthony Peter D. Crisologo
Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr.
Joseph P. Juico
Alexis R. Herrera

2nd District: Precious Hipolito-Castelo
Alfred D. Vargas, III
Eden Delilah A. Medina
Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla
Roderick M. Paulate
Godofredo L. Liban II

3rd District: Julian ML. Coseteng
Allan Benedict S. Reyes
Jaime F. Borres
Jose Mario Don S. De Leon
Gian Carlo G. Sotto
Eufemio C. Lagumbay

4th District: Edcel B. Lagman, Jr.
Jesus Manuel C. Suntay
Jessica C. Daza
Racquel S. Malañgen
Vincent DG. Belmonte
Marvin C. Rillo

The Sectoral Representatives: Youth – John Ansell De Guzman
Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) – Ranulfo Ludovica

THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM JULY 01, 1989 TO JULY 01, 2010

Period	Majority Floor Leader	Minority Floor Leader	President Pro-Tempore
July 1, 1989 – June 30, 1992	<i>Hon. Alberto M. Galarpe</i>	Hon. Reynaldo A. Calalay	Hon. Guillermo C. Altuna
July 1, 1992 – June 30, 1995	<i>Hon. Alberto M. Galarpe</i>	Hon. Ramon Mathay	Hon. Guillermo C. Altuna
July 1, 1995 – June 30, 1998	Hon. Moises Samson	Hon. Godofredo Liban II	Hon. Connie Angeles
July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999	Hon. Godofredo Liban II	Hon. Eufemio Lagumbay	Hon. Jorge Banal, Sr.
July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000	Hon. Godofredo Liban II	Hon. Eufemio Lagumbay	Hon. Jorge Banal, Sr.
July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001	Hon. Godofredo Liban II	Hon. Antonio Sioson	Hon. Jorge Banal, Sr.
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Vincent Crisologo	Hon. Jorge Banal, Sr.
July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Rommel Abesamis	Hon. Victor Ferrer, Jr.
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Jorge Banal, Sr.
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Julian Coseteng	Hon. Eric Medina
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Restituto Malañgen	Hon. Bernadette Herrera-Dy
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Rommel Abesamis	Hon. Restituto Malañgen
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Bernadette Herrera-Dy
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Jr.
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	Hon. Antonio Inton, Jr.	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Jr.
July 1, 2010 – Present	Hon. Jesus Manuel Suntay	Hon. Eufemio Lagumbay	Hon. Joseph Juico

ADDITIONAL FEATURES AND MATTERS WORTH MENTIONING ABOUT THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

1. There were only 3 Councilors in the beginning. Namely Eusebio Aguilar, Jose Paez and Alejandro Roces, Sr.
2. After the war 4 Councilors were appointed by President Manuel A. Roxas with Engr. Ponciano Bernardo as Mayor. There were 3 Vice Mayors: Matias Defensor – 1946 to 1948, Gregorio Roxas 1948 to September 07, 1949 and Francisco Batacan – September 09, 1949 to January 05, 1951. There were 4 Councilors: Leon Malubay, Hipolito Lopez, Ramon Vicencio & Gregorio Roxas. When Mayor Ponciano Bernardo was assassinated in an ambush in Nueva **Ecija**, Atty. Nicanor Roxas was appointed Mayor with 5 Councilors they were Leon Malubay, Ramon Vicencio, Luis Sianghio, Claro Pinga and Pablo Pablo.
3. During the 5th City Council from 1950 to 1953 under Mayor Ignacio Santos-Diaz there were eleven (11) Councilors.
4. During the 6th City Council under Mayor Norberto S. Amoranto from January 01, 1954 to November 1959, the appointed Councilors was increased to twelve (12).
5. In the history of the City Council there were 21 Movie/TV Personalities. The biggest number however was during the 1988 to 1992 City Council wherein the Vice Mayor was top comedian actor Tito Castelo Sotto and the movie personalities Councilors then were:

1st District : Councilor George Canseco

3rd District : Herbert Bautista and Dennis Roldan

4th District : Fred Montilla

Director/Supporting Actor Herminio "Butch" Bautista
Cielito "Mahal" Del Mundo
Movie Producer Ricardo del Rosario of
Viva Productions

While it was true that during said period 1988 to 1992 most of the time the gallery in the City Council was filled to full capacity during session time may be because the crowd wanted to see personally how the Movie/TV personalities perform as legislators but also the crowd wanted to watch the argumentation, debate, privilege speeches and parliamentary strategies and prowess being put up and performed by the seasoned politicians and former government officials like Councilors Altuna, Paculdo, Kiko Pangilinan, **Alberto M. Galarpe**, George Banal, Miling Castelo, Fred Montilla & Dante Liban. Most of the crowd are barangay and city government officials and employees, teachers and students and the concerned residents and businessmen of the city.

6. The Movie /TV and Radio Personalities who became City Councilors were:

- 1) Ka Tinno Lapuz
- 2) Fred Montilla
- 3) Ronald Remy
- 4) Amado Cortes
- 5) Mario Montenegro
- 6) Pepito Vera Perez
- 7) George Canseco
- 8) Dennis Roldan
- 9) Cielito "Mahal" Del Mundo
- 10) Ricky Del Rosario (Viva)
- 11) Herminio "Butch" Bautista
- 12) Connie Angeles
- 13) Herbert Bautista

- 14) Anthony Alonzo
- 15) Jopet Sison (Radio/TV)
- 16) Dingdong Avanzado
- 17) Anthony Castelo
- 18) Aiko Melendez
- 19) Precious Hipolito-Castelo
- 20) Alfredo D. Vargas III
- 21) Roderick Paulate

7. There were eighteen (18) elected Women Councilors and the very first woman Councilor was Luisa Orendain from 1964 to 1967. They are:

- 1988 to 1992**
1. Wilma Amoranto-Sarino
 2. Cielito "Mahal" Del Mundo
 3. Alice Herrera
 4. Elizabeth Gaba

- 1992 to 1995**
1. Fresca Biglang -Awa
 2. Connie Angeles

- 1995 to 1998**
1. Wilma Amoranto-Sarino
 2. Fresca Biglang -Awa
 3. Connie Angeles
 4. Nanette Castelo Daza

- 1998 to 2001**
1. Wilma Amoranto-Sarino
 2. Elizabeth Delarmente
 3. Fresca Biglang –Awa
 4. Nanette Castelo Daza
 5. Alma Montilla

- 2001 to 2004**
1. Wilma Amoranto-Sarino
 2. Elizabeth Delarmente
 3. Bernadette Herrera-Dy
 4. Aiko Melendez
 5. Mary Ann Susano
 6. Diorella Sotto-De Leon
 7. Alma Montilla
 8. Janet Malaya

- 2004 to 2007**
1. Bernadette Herrera-Dy
 2. Dorothy Delarmente
 3. Aiko Melendez
 4. Diorella Sotto-De Leon
 5. Alma Montilla
 6. Janet Malaya

2007 to 2010

1. Bernadette Herrera-Dy
2. Dorothy Elizabeth A. Delarmente
3. Aiko Melendez
4. Diorella Sotto-De Leon
5. Alma Montilla
6. Janet Malaya

2010 to Present

1. Dorothy Elizabeth A. Delarmente
2. Precious Hipolito Castelo
3. Eden Delilah A. Medina
4. Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla
5. Jessica C. Daza
6. Racquel S. Malañgen

8. The youngest elected City Councilor was Michael Defensor who was just almost 21 and the oldest elected Councilor was Ambassador Proceso Sebastian who was 80 years old.

9. The Councilors who were elected to Congress were:

As Congressmen:

1. Estanislao Alinea, Jr.
2. Dante Liban
3. Dennis Roldan
4. Michael Defensor
5. Reynaldo Calalay

6. Nanette Castelo-Daza
7. Vincent "Bingbong" Crisologo
8. Mary Ann "Annie" Susano
9. Bernadette Herrera-Dy (Party List- Bagong Henerasyon)

As Senator:

1. Vicente "Tito" C. Sotto (from Vice Mayor)
2. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan (from Councilor)

National Government Officers:

1. **Michael Defensor** – DENR Secretary & Malacañang Presidential Chief of Staff (from Councilor to Congressman)
 2. **Jopet Sison** – NHA Asst. Gen. Manager & later on as Chairman, United Housing Finance Corp. (from Councilor)
10. Four (4) Councilors who became Vice Mayor:
1. Alice Herrera
 2. Herbert Bautista
 3. George Banal
 4. Connie Angeles
11. Mayor Ismael A. Mathay, Jr. was former Vice Mayor, Vice Governor of the Metro Manila Commission (MMC), Senior Officer and Assistant to the Auditor General, for 3 terms as Congressman but NEVER was a City Councilor. His first candidacy in the QC political field was as City Councilor when there were only eight Councilors to be elected citywide.

However he landed only No. 9. But everybody except the Amoranto camp believe that he won as the youngest and independent candidate for Councilor at age 26. For all these years and as a successful politician for more than 30 years, he considered himself a "frustrated" Councilor of Quezon City.

12. Senator Tito Sotto originally was a reluctant candidate for Councilor in 1987 under the Mila Albert – Jun Simon tandem but when Jun Simon decided to instead run as Mayor against Mila Albert, Simon forcibly made Tito Sotto his running mate in spite of the heavy objections of Tito Sotto being a neophyte politician.
13. In the City Council there were Councilors/Vice Mayors who successfully passed their political clout to members of their families. They were:
 - 1) Former Vice Mayor and City Mayor Ismael Mathay, Jr. to his son Ramon "Bu" Mathay as Councilor and to Chuck Mathay as Congressman.
 - 2) Councilor Melencio Castelo to daughter Nanette Castelo-Daza to Councilor to Congressman and son Winnie Castelo also to Councilor to Congressman.
 - 3) Councilor Jorge Banal, Sr. to son Jorge "Bolet Banal, Jr. to Councilor to Congressman.
 - 4) Councilor Godofredo Liban, II to son Atty. Godofredo "Bong" Liban, III as Councilor.
 - 5) Councilor Reynaldo Medina to son Eric Medina as Councilor.
 - 6) Councilor Fred Montilla to daughter Alma Montilla as Councilor.

- 7) Councilor Vicente Biglang-Awa to daughter-in-law Fresca Biglang-Awa as Councilor.
- 8) Councilor Eufemio Lagumbay to son Wency Lagumbay as Councilor.
- 9) Councilor/Congressman Reynaldo Calalay to brother Francisco "Boy" Calalay as Councilor.
- 10) Vice Mayor/Councilor Stephen "Steve" Sarino to wife Wilma Amoranto-Sarino as Councilor.
- 11) Vice Mayor/Senator Vicente "Tito" C. Sotto, III to daughter Diorella Maria Sotto-De Leon and son Gian Carlo G. Sotto as Councilor.
- 12) Councilor Marciano Medalla to brother Ramon Medalla as Councilor.
- 13) Councilor/Congressman Nanette Castello Daza to daughter Jessica C. Daza as Councilor.
- 14) Councilor/Congressman Winnie Castelo to wife Precious Hipolito-Castelo as Councilor.
- 15) Councilor Eric Medina to daughter Eden Delilah A. Medina as Councilor.
- 16) Councilor Ramon Medalla to his daughter Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla as Councilor.
- 17) Councilor Elizabeth Delarmente to daughter Dorothy A. Delarmente as Councilor.
- 18) Councilor/Congressman Bibong Crisologo to son Anthony Peter D. Crisologo as Councilor.

- 19) Councilor/Congressman Bernadette Herrera-Dy to brother Alexis R. Herrera as Councilor.
- 20) Councilor Restituto B. Malañgen to daughter Racquel S. Malañgen as Councilor.

Note: In the case of Vice Mayor and now Mayor Herbert M. Bautista who is the son of Councilor Herminio "Butch" Bautista, both of them was at the same time City Councilors in the 1988 to 1992 period, Herbert being the Sectoral representative of the youth sector while his father Herminio "Butch" as a regularly elected Councilor. In the 1992 to 1995 period both of them were elected as City Councilors and during the 1995 to 1998 period Herbert became Vice Mayor while "Butch" remained as Councilor. Mayor Herbert M. Bautista became City Mayor in year 2011.

14. Vice Mayor Stephen "Steve" Sarino became Vice Mayor of Mayor Adelina S. Rodriguez but he never presided in the City Council because it was Martial Law during that time and there was no City Council and therefore no Councilors in the 4 cities and 13 municipalities of Metro Manila. The Legislative Body of the Metro Manila Commission is composed of all the Mayors of Metro Manila.
15. The Quezon City Council became the Role Model for all City and Municipal Councils throughout the country as it introduced, adopted and approved measures which are novel in character.

A Tax Amnesty Ordinance was introduced, passed and approved by the Quezon City Council giving real property owners who failed to pay their real property taxes on time a grace relief not to pay anymore the interest, penalties and other charges. During the sponsorship speech of Councilor Moises S. Samson, he pointed out that during the Marcos regime, militant oppositions publicly demanded for civil disobedience by not paying taxes. In response thereto some real property owners including himself did not pay their taxes. However after the EDSA I Revolution the new administration including the local government units enforced the collection of unpaid real property taxes together with the interest penalties and other charges. In view of the said Amnesty Tax Ordinance, the City collected more than EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION (800,000,000.00) PESOS from the real property tax owners who availed the tax amnesty.

Due to its benefits to the taxpayers and the City government as well, the tax amnesty Ordinance of Councilor Moises S. Samson became a copycat measure to other local government units in the country including the National Government.

16. To avoid vehicular accidents and injuries to pedestrians and damage to properties, an Ordinance regulating the use of cellphones while driving motor vehicles was prohibited by the Quezon City Council imposing a penalty of not more than one (1) year imprisonment or a fine of not more than Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos, or both to offenders. Councilor Moises S. Samson was the author and introduced this Ordinance having witnessed personally a vehicular accident along Del Monte Avenue, Quezon City, involving a lady driver talking through her cellphone while driving a car.

After the approval of this measure by the Quezon City Council, Councilor Moises S. Samson was however dismayed, shocked and disappointed when the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) then headed by Hon. Jejomar Binay, passed and approved a similar measure prohibiting the use of cellphone while driving but imposing only a penalty of Two Hundred (P200.00) Pesos without any imprisonment.

Knowing its existence with a very laudable purpose of this cellphone measure, Senator Juan Flavio Velasco also introduced in the Senate a similar measure with however a stiffer penalty.

12. During the period from 1992 to 1995, the Quezon City Council was on the public eye and limelight when then Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas attempted and insisted to introduce as principal author or sponsor Ordinances and Resolutions. She claimed that as Presiding Officer of the City Council, it is one of her privileges to actively participate in the deliberation of the Council with the authority to introduce Ordinances and Resolutions including the delivery of a privilege speech during the privilege hour of the City Council.

One diminutive but fiery Councilor in the person of Moises S. Samson emphatically blocked and objected to the intention of Vice Mayor Planas to introducing measures. The gallant **Majority Floor Leader Alberto M. Galarpe** of the 1st District however made an oral motion that if Vice Mayor Planas would continue to insist in sponsoring her proposed Ordinance which was already included in the agenda then she should relinquish the Chair as Presiding Officer and go down to the floor to sponsor her proposed Ordinance just like a Councilor. Vice Mayor Planas willingly did by yielding the Chair to the President Pro-Tempore Guillermo Altuna who was also then the first President of the Philippine Councilors' League.

When Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas was already on the "floor" and about to deliver her sponsorship speech for her proposed Ordinance, Councilor Moises S. Samson stood up with an outburst and moved that Vice Mayor Charito L. Planas be declared "Out of Order" by the Presiding Officer contending that Planas is not a member of the City Council but merely a Vice Mayor acting only as the Presiding Officer. Councilor Samson likened the Vice Mayor as the Vice President of the United States of America who is also the Presiding Officer of the Senate but with no right to propose bills or measures. Vice Mayor Planas however countered that she can validly do so like the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of the Representatives who as Presiding Officer of the Senate and the House could legitimately propose bills. Some of the members of the City Council seemed to agree with her but Councilor Samson maintained his stand and strongly argued that "The Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are elected as legislators but the Vice Mayors, like the Punong Barangay are not elected to legislate. He added that they are merely designated by law to preside and to vote in case of a tie". After a long debate and heated arguments the session was untimely suspended.

NOTE: CONCLUSION At the back hereof.

A petition for declaratory relief was filed by Councilor Samson with the Regional Trial Court of the National Capital Judicial Region, Quezon City, arguing that the Vice Mayor as a Presiding Officer of the Quezon City Council has only two (2) functions. One – to preside and two – to break a tie, nothing more, nothing less, and prayed that a judgment be rendered declaring that the Vice Mayor has no power or right to introduce Ordinances or Resolutions including the availment of the Privilege Hour. After due trial, the Court promulgated a judgment sustaining the position of Councilor Samson that the Vice Mayor, like a Punong Barangay, has no power or right to introduce measures in the Council including the delivery of a privilege speech. Subsequently thereafter, Councilor Moises S. Samson furnished at his own expense almost all the City and Municipal Councils throughout the country a copy of said decision of the court.

The ruling of the case became a Rule of Law and Order as it was accepted, followed and adopted by all City and Municipal Councils in the entire country and the said Decision was affirmed by the Supreme Court, the highest court of the land. Since then, the Vice Mayors only preside and break a tie in the Council. They refrained themselves from introducing and/or sponsoring Ordinances and Resolutions. Not even the privilege of delivering a Privilege Speech during session.

The herein case and ruling which originated from the Quezon City Council thru the efforts of then City Councilor Moises S. Samson was adopted by all city and municipal councils in the entire country which is considered a landmark settlement of a long standing issue that induce political differences in the country.

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Note: Councilor Alberto M. Galarpe was the Majority Floor Leader of the City Council during the period 1992 to 1995. He was elected City Councilor in 1988 for the 1st District of the City and finished his 3 term as such in 1998.