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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Manila

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**RECONSTITUTION OF THE
MANILA COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, under *Section 455 paragraph (b)(2) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160*, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Manila has the power to enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the city;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 4881, otherwise known as *An Act Creating a Council for the Protection of Children in Every City and Municipality of the Philippines and for Other Purposes*, states that it is the policy of the State not only to assure that every family should be helped into bringing up their children to make them useful men and women but also to see that the proper direction, supervision and guardianship in the training, education, and other interests of its minor citizens be undertaken by it;

WHEREAS, Article 205 of Presidential Decree No. 603, as amended, provided for the creation of the Council for the Welfare of Children that has the mandate to coordinate the formulation, implementation and enhancement of all policies relative for the survival, development and protection of children;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government, on 5 August 2002, issued Memorandum Circular No. 2002-121 enjoining all Local Government Chief Executive to organize/reorganize provincial, city, municipality, and barangay Council for the Protection of Children for purposes of efficient and effective implementation of all children's programs for all major areas of concern for children;

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the *Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006*, mandates local government units to establish their respective Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19 of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006, the City of Manila through the LCPC, is mandated to further strengthen its comprehensive juvenile intervention program to address the problems and issues affecting children in-conflict with the law;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the LCPC to update formulation, development and implementation of programs for the welfare of children and introduce new provisions which are deemed necessary to incorporate the provisions of the Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the *Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act*, Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the *Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006* as amended by Republic Act No. 10630, and Republic Act No. 8980, otherwise known as the *Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Act*;

THEREFORE, I, **MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS**, Mayor of the City of Manila, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the Local Government Code of 1991, and existing laws, hereby order the reconstitution of the Manila Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) as follows:

Section 1. *Composition.* The Manila Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS
Mayor of the City of Manila
- Vice Chairperson : Committee Chairman, City Council on Children's Affairs
- Members : - The City Health Officer
- The City Prosecutor
- The City Administrator
- The City Budget Officer
- The City Accountant
- Officer-in-Charge, Manila Department of Social Welfare
- Chairman, City Council for The Committee on Women & Family Relations
- City Director, Manila DILG
- Superintendent, Divisions of City Schools
- Director, Manila Police District
- Chief, City Planning & Development Office (CPDO)
- Officer-in-Charge, City Treasurer's Office
- Representative, Public Employment Service Office
- Representative, Youth Development Welfare Bureau
- President, Liga ng mga Barangay
- Officer-in-Charge, Manila Barangay Bureau
- The Civil Registrar
- Chief, Public Attorney's Office – Manila
- Officer In-Charge, Manila City Library
- President, Parent-Teacher's Association (PTA)
- President, SK Federation
- Executive Director, Humanitarian Legal Assistance Office
- Country Representative, ASMAE Philippines
- Country Director, Plan International
- Executive Director, National Council for Social Development
- Executive Director, Community Organizers Multiversity
- Children Representatives for each district

Section 2. *Duties and Responsibilities of the MCPC.* The MCPC shall carry out its mandate based on the Department of Interior and Local Government's Memorandum Circular No. 2002-121 and the provisions of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the *Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act*, Republic Act No. 9344, otherwise known as the *Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006* as amended by Republic Act No. 10630, and Republic Act No. 8980, otherwise known as the *Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Act*;

Section 3. *The MCPC Secretariat and Composition.* The MCPC Secretariat shall be composed of two (2) personnel from the Manila Department of Social Welfare, one (1) personnel from the City Budget Office, Office of the City Accountant, City Treasurer's

Office and City Planning Development Office, and shall assist the MCPC in the performance of their roles and responsibilities, specifically on the provision of administrative and logistical services such as preparation of meeting agenda, annual investment plan, work and financial plan, budget allocation, budget utilization and documentation of MCPC meetings, program, projects and activities for children.

The Secretariat shall be composed of the following:

Head Secretariat	:	Manila Department of Social Welfare
Members	:	City Planning Development Office
		City Budget Office
		City Treasurer's Office
		Office of the City Accountant

Section 4. *Responsibilities of the MCPC Secretariat.* The Secretariat shall be responsible for the following:

1. Schedule and arrangement of the MCPC meetings;
2. Take the minutes of meetings of the MCPC and have it ratified on the next scheduled meeting;
3. Prepare draft resolutions, recommendations, communications and reports;
4. Serve and follow-up resolutions, recommendations and communications of the council to concerned individual, offices, agencies and other entities and report the result to the MCPC;
5. Identify budget allocation and utilization pertaining to the activities of the MCPC, especially programs upholding the rights to survival, development, protection and participation of the children of Manila.
6. Monitor MCPC activities and milestones for proper reporting to relevant agencies when required;
7. Be the central channel or communications for the MCPC and the central depository of all MCPC related information and continually update itself with the most current laws, circulars and events, and downstream the same to all relevant officers, employees, and parties requiring information;
8. Prepare, execute and document logistical requirements needed by the MCPC
9. Provide such other assistance as may be required by the MCPC.

Section 5. *Sectoral Committees.* The following sectoral committees are hereby created under the MCPC:

- A. *Survival Committee* - This Committee shall ensure that the right to life of children are protected. The right to life of the children include among others the right to parental care and support, to health and health care, to social security and to adequate standard of living.

This committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Manila Health Department
Secretary	:	Manila Barangay Bureau
Members	:	Liga ng mga Barangay
		Community Organizers Multiversity
		Barangay Health Workers

- B. *Protection Committee* - This Committee shall ensure that every child in the City of Manila is safe from all abuse, neglect and exploitation by

strengthening mechanisms of protection. Further, the Committee shall focus on upholding the following rights of every children of Manila: to a name and nationality; to family care; to leave/enter the country to be reunited with family; to privacy; to be free from violence, abuse and neglect; to special protection and assistance if without family; and to be adopted only if it is to the best interest of the child. The Committee shall also uphold the rights of refugee and disabled children, and protect all children from economic exploitation, drug abuse, sexual exploitation, sale, trafficking and abduction. Finally, the Committee shall ensure the children's freedom from torture, death penalty, life imprisonment and deprivation of liberty and uphold the rights of children in situations of armed conflict and the rights of children in conflict with the law.

This Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : Chief, Manila Police District
 Secretary : President, Liga ng mga Barangay
 Members are the Representatives of the following:
- o Manila Department of Social Welfare
 - o Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
 - o Office of the City Prosecutor
 - o Public Attorney's Office
 - o Department of Interior and Local Government
 - o City Civil Registry
 - o Directors of City Owned Hospitals
 - o Plan International
 - o Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation

B.1 The District Council for the Protection of Children (DCPC) - the District Council for the Protection of Children shall be the district counterpart of the MCPC and will function as the Multi-Disciplinary Council of the District that will promote collaboration of efforts in managing cases of the Children In Need of Special Protection. The DCPC shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : District Heads, Manila Department of Social Welfare
 Secretary : District Director, Liga ng mga Barangay
 Members : Police Station Commanders
 District Health Officers
 Hospital Director
 District School Heads/School Principals and
 Guidance Counselors
 President, Child Development Workers Association
 President, District Parent-Teachers Association
 President, Solo Parents Association
 NGO's, CSO's and Faith-Based Organizations

B.2 The Network of Duty Bearers of Manila (NDBM) - The network shall be composed of government, non-government, faith-based, academe and socio-civic organizations working together in addressing the concerns of children in-street situations (CISS), and the issue of homelessness of the City. The network shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	: Manila Department of Social Welfare - Reception and Action Center (RAC)
Secretary	: Appointed NGO
Members	: Liga ng mga Barangay City Civil Registry Manila Health Department National Council for Social Development ASMAE Foundation Child Hope Philippines Bless the Children Schools and Faith-Based Organizations NGOs catering to Children In-Street Situations

- C. *Development Committee* - this Committee shall ensure that every child in the City of Manila shall reach their full potential by upholding the right of access to appropriate information; the right of children with disabilities; and right to education. The Committee shall uphold the rights of children to develop their physical and mental abilities to the fullest. They shall also uphold the right of children of indigenous people; the right to leisure, recreation and cultural activities of the children and their protection from performing work that may interfere with education.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	: Division of City Schools
Secretary	: Manila City Library
Members	: President, Parent-Teacher's Association (PTA) MDSW, Early Childhood Care & Development Program In-Charge President, Child Development Workers Association President, ECCD Parent-Teachers' Association Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila Universidad de Manila

- D. *Participation Committee* - This Committee shall uphold the rights of the children of Manila to take an active role in their communities and nations; right to opinion and right to be heard in judicial and administrative proceedings; right to freedom of expression, freedom of thoughts, conscience, and religion, and freedom of association and peaceful assembly. The Committee shall initiate the organizing of Barangay Children Association and Federation of Children Representatives of Manila. This committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	: SK Federation
Secretary	: Appointed Children & Youth Organization
Members	: Manila Youth Development and Welfare Bureau Children Representatives Plan International Division of City Schools

Registered/Recognized Children and
Youth Organizations

Section 6. *Functions and Responsibilities of the Sectoral Committees.* The sectoral committees shall perform the following:

1. Define sectoral or functional objectives, set targets and identify programs, projects and activities for their particular sector or function;
2. Provide the MCPC with data and information essential to the formulation of plans, programs and activities pertaining to their particular sector;
3. Collate and analyze information and statistics and conduct related studies;
4. Conduct public hearings on vital issues affecting the sector or function;
5. Coordinate planning, programming and implementation of programs, projects, activities within each sector;
6. Monitor and evaluate programs and projects;
7. Ensure the privacy of the data of the children and
8. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the MCPC

Section 7. *Meeting and Quorum.* The MCPC shall meet at least once every quarter and as often as necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, but the Chairperson or her representative must be present during meetings where budgetary proposals are being prepared or considered. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members shall be necessary to approve proposals.

In the absence of the Chairperson or her representative, the members present constituting a quorum shall elect among themselves who may preside for such meeting only, and budgetary proposals shall be submitted to the Chairperson for review. The sectoral committees shall meet as often as necessary.

Section 8. All prior inconsistent orders, issuances, or directives are considered repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. This Order consists of only six (6) pages and shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

Section 10. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished the Office of the President, Malacañang Palace, pursuant to paragraph (b)(xii), Section 455 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Done this **28TH** of ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 2022, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN MD, FPDS

Mayor of the City of Manila

ATTESTED BY:

ATTY. MARLON M. LACSON
Secretary to the Mayor