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RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANILA TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT EMAIL ADDRESSES TO ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE "SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MAYNILA" FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPARENCY, CYBERSECURITY, DIGITAL GOVERNANCE, AND PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION OF THEIR OFFICES IN LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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WHEREAS, modern governance requires secure, efficient, and transparent communication tools, particularly in fulfilling the public duties of local legislators;

WHEREAS, the use of personal email addresses for official duties poses significant risks to data privacy, cybersecurity, institutional continuity, and public trust, especially when personal and government matters are mixed;

WHEREAS, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) offers the Government-wide Email System (GovMail), a secure, government-recognized platform for LGUs and their officials, aligned with Republic Act No. 10173 or the "Data Privacy Act of 2012" and the "E-Government Master Plan";

WHEREAS, cities such as Quezon City, Pasig, Makati, Valenzuela, Cebu, and Davao have already implemented the use of official government emails (e.g., @quezoncity.gov.ph) for elected officials, strengthening digital security and accountability;

WHEREAS, as of August 2025, elected members of the "Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Maynila" currently rely on personal email accounts for both private and public transactions, which weakens institutional safeguards, opens the city to phishing risks, and blurs lines of responsibility;

WHEREAS, official government email accounts shall ensure:

- Authenticated and secure communication with constituents, national agencies, and stakeholders;
- Protection from impersonation and phishing attacks;
- Stronger representation in external engagements; and
- Streamlined communication in inter-LGU coordination and council operations;

WHEREAS, said email addresses shall be assigned using a standard naming convention such as "firstname.lastname@manilacitycouncil.gov.ph" or "@manila.gov.ph", subject to the final configuration of the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office in coordination with the DICT;

WHEREAS, such official government emails are critical for engagement with the following accredited and affiliated organizations of elected councilors:

- Philippine Councilors League (PCL)
- Metro Manila Councilors League (MMCL)
- National Movement of Young Legislators (NMYL)
- Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP)
- Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
- League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)
- Local Legislative Liaison Program (LLLLP)
- Federation of Local Councils of Women (FLCW)
- Sister City Partners and International Legislative Networks;

WHEREAS, said email accounts shall be deactivated within thirty (30) days after the end of a councilor's term, resignation, or cessation of duty, unless re-elected, and all associated digital records shall be archived and transferred to the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat or authorized office in accordance with the city government's records management and data privacy protocols;

WHEREAS, official legislative communications pertaining to resolutions, ordinances, and committee work shall be considered institutional records and may be made accessible to the appropriate successor, committee, or body for continuity, subject to the records access and privacy policy of the Sangguniang Panlungsod:

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall be implemented without the need for new appropriations by utilizing existing ICT infrastructure, free DICT platforms (e.g. GovMail), or the city's domain services, subject to executive coordination;

WHEREAS, to ensure adoption and ease of use, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office shall provide basic digital onboarding and support services to elected councilors and their staff, including those who are first-time users of government communication systems: NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to urge, as it hereby urges the City Government of Manila to provide official government email addresses to all elected members of the "Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Maynila" for purposes of transparency, cybersecurity, digital governance, and professional representation of their offices in local, national, and international affairs; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said email accounts shall be institutional in nature, deactivated within thirty (30) days after the end of each official's term, and governed by proper archiving and data protection mechanisms under Republic Act No. 10173; and be it FURTHERMORE

RESOLVED, that the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office shall submit an initial report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Resolution detailing the timeline, coordination status with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and rollout plan; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Office, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat, and all affiliated organizations for appropriate action and dissemination.

PRESIDED BY:



ANGELA LEI "Chi" I. ATIENZA
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on September 2, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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City Government Department Head III
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