

# Civic Consciousness, Engagement and the Local Governance Among the Residence of Sariaya, Quezon

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**Abstract**—This study aims to examine the relationship between civic consciousness, civic engagement, and local governance among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon. Specifically, it sought to determine the level of civic consciousness, the level of civic engagement and the level of local governance. The study also aims to determine whether civic consciousness and civic engagement significantly influence local governance. The study employed a quantitative-correlational research design. Data were collected from 100 randomly selected residents of Sariaya, Quezon through a validated structured questionnaire. Descriptive statistics were used to determine the levels of civic consciousness, civic engagement, and local governance, while multiple regression analysis was used to examine the influence of civic consciousness and civic engagement on local governance at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings reveal that residents of Sariaya, Quezon demonstrated high levels of civic consciousness, civic engagement, and perceived local governance performance across all indicators. The regression analysis showed that specific indicators of civic consciousness, particularly psychological engagement and recruitment/networks, significantly influenced local governance. Likewise, certain indicators of civic engagement, including participation, diversity, and sense of belonging, significantly predicted local governance outcomes. Consequently, the null hypotheses stating that civic consciousness and civic engagement do not significantly influence local governance were rejected. These findings indicate that citizens who are motivated, socially connected, and actively involved contribute significantly to strengthening accountability, transparency, and participatory governance within the community. The study concludes that civic consciousness and civic engagement play significant roles in improving local governance in Sariaya, Quezon. Citizens who demonstrate strong awareness of their civic responsibilities and actively participate in community activities help strengthen governance practices such as accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and inclusivity. Active citizen involvement therefore contributes to more responsive, participatory, and effective local governance. Local government officials, community leaders, and civic organizations may strengthen programs and initiatives that promote civic awareness, active participation, collaboration, and stronger community relationships to improve local governance.

**Keywords**— Civic consciousness, civic engagement, local governance, community development, participatory governance.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Democratic societies across the world rely heavily on the active participation and awareness of their citizens to ensure transparent, accountable, and responsive governance. Civic consciousness and civic engagement serve as fundamental

pillars of participatory democracy, shaping how individuals understand their societal roles and how communities collectively contribute to public decision-making. Governments function more effectively when citizens are actively involved in shaping policies that affect their everyday lives. Sugar et al. (2024) note that active participation strengthens accountability and public trust. However, persistent challenges such as corruption and patronage politics, as highlighted by Deinla and Dressel (2019) continue to undermine such democratic ideals.

At the societal level, civic consciousness forms the foundation of meaningful participation. Xu and Zhuang (2020) demonstrate that stronger civic awareness often leads to higher involvement in democratic processes. Still, as Serek (2016) observed, awareness alone does not always guarantee action; opportunities, empowerment, and institutional support are necessary for translating consciousness into engagement.

In the Philippine setting, civic consciousness and civic engagement have long been central to strengthening local governance and improving public services. The Local Government Code of 1991 institutionalized participatory governance by decentralizing power and encouraging citizen involvement in planning, monitoring, and policy-making. Despite these mechanisms, actual engagement varies across communities, often shaped by socioeconomic conditions, political culture, and educational backgrounds (Marquardt, 2017; Kikuchi, 2023). Yet, Filipinos consistently demonstrate civic vigor as seen in elections, volunteer activities, and social movements.

Within this national landscape, the municipality of Sariaya, Quezon reflects these broader democratic dynamics on a local scale. As a growing community known for its agricultural and cultural heritage, Sariaya faces its own governance challenges related to transparency, responsiveness, and public participation. Given these conditions, examining how residents' civic consciousness and civic engagement relate to the performance and quality of local governance becomes essential. Understanding these relationships can highlight existing gaps, identify opportunities for civic empowerment, and strengthen participatory governance at the community level.

Thus, this study, titled “Civic Consciousness, Engagement, and the Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon,” explores how citizens' awareness and involvement

influence local governance outcomes, contributing to efforts toward a more inclusive and participatory democratic environment.

1.1 Statement of the Problem

Problem/s which were addressed by the research

This study aimed to determine the relationship between civic consciousness and civic engagement and their impact on local governance among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon. Specifically, it sought to answer the following specific questions:

1. What is the level of civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of:
  - 1.1. Resources;
  - 1.2. Psychological Engagement; and
  - 1.3. Recruitment/Networks?
2. What is the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, specifically in terms of:
  - 2.1. Networks;
  - 2.2. Feelings of Trust and Safety;
  - 2.3. Reciprocity;
  - 2.4. Participation;
  - 2.5. Citizen Power / Proactivity;
  - 2.6. Values, Norms, Outlook in Life;
  - 2.7. Diversity; and
  - 2.8. Sense of Belonging?
3. What is the level of local governance among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon particularly in:
  - 3.1. Accountability;
  - 3.2. Transparency;
  - 3.3. Responsiveness;
  - 3.4. Equity and Inclusivity;
  - 3.5. Effectiveness and Efficiency;
  - 3.6. Follows the Rule of Law;
  - 3.7. Participatory; and
  - 3.8. Consensus Oriented?
4. Does the civic consciousness significantly influence the local governance among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon?
5. Does the civic engagement significantly influence the local governance among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon?

II. METHODOLOGY

The study employed a quantitative-correlational research design. Data were collected from 100 randomly selected residents of Sariaya, Quezon through a validated structured questionnaire. Descriptive statistics were used to determine the levels of civic consciousness, civic engagement, and local governance, while multiple regression analysis was used to examine the influence of civic consciousness and civic engagement on local governance at a 0.05 level of significance.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This part presents, analyzes, and interprets the data collected to examine the significant influence of civic consciousness and civic engagement in local governance in Sariaya Quezon.

Level of Civic Consciousness

In this study civic consciousness among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged a residence is in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The following tables show the level of consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon which include variables such as resources, psychological engagement, recruitment/networks. This level was determined by mean and standard deviation.

Table 1 shows the level of civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of resources.

The findings reveal that residents generally have a high level of civic consciousness in terms of resources. Respondents strongly agreed that they are aware of available community resources, know which organizations to approach, actively seek opportunities to use these resources, feel confident accessing them, and share information about resources with others. This indicates that the residents possess a solid understanding of the resources in their community and are willing to utilize them for civic engagement purposes. The weighted mean of 3.97, and standard deviation of 0.88 and verbally interpreted as high, indicating that residents consistently demonstrate awareness and utilization of community resources for civic engagement. This means that the community members are well-informed and capable of leveraging available resources to participate effectively in civic activities.

Table 1. Level of Civic Consciousness Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in Terms of Resources

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I am aware of the resources available in my community to participate in civic activities.	3.83	0.79	Agree
I know which organizations or institutions I can approach for community programs.	4.22	0.66	Strongly Agree
I actively seek opportunities to use community resources for civic engagement.	3.85	0.95	Agree
I feel confident in accessing local resources for participating in civic activities.	3.87	1.01	Agree
I share information about available civic resources with friends or family.	4.10	0.92	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.97		
SD	0.88		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The high level of civic consciousness in terms of resources implies that residents are empowered to actively contribute to local programs and initiatives. Their awareness and confidence in using resources enhance participation in community activities, supporting stronger civic engagement and potentially more responsive and effective local governance.

In this study, civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon reflects how informed, responsible, and internally engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic consciousness in terms of Psychological Engagement, which refers to residents' sense of responsibility, motivation, concern, and personal investment in community affairs. The level was determined

using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on feelings of responsibility, information-seeking behavior, concern for community decisions, motivation to participate, and reflection on the impact of one’s actions on others.

**Table 2.** Level of Civic Consciousness Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in Terms of Psychological Engagement

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I feel responsible for contributing to the well-being of my community.	3.98	0.97	Agree
I actively seek information about local issues and governance.	4.00	0.95	Agree
I care about the outcome of decisions made in my community.	4.07	0.97	Agree
I feel motivated to participate in activities that improve my community.	3.92	0.88	Agree
I think about how my actions can positively affect others in my community.	3.93	1.13	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.98		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation			High

Table 2 shows the level of civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of psychological engagement.

The findings reveal that residents generally express positive attitudes toward community involvement. The respondents tend to feel responsible for contributing to their community’s well-being and show genuine concern about the outcomes of local decisions. They also report actively seeking information about local issues and governance, suggesting an informed and attentive citizenry. Moreover, the residents demonstrate motivation to participate in community-improvement activities and reflect on how their actions may positively affect others. These patterns suggest a consistent presence of internal commitment and awareness regarding civic matters.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.98 with a standard deviation of 0.98, interpreted verbally as High. The high level of psychological engagement implies that residents possess strong internal dispositions such as concern, motivation, and sense of responsibility that support civic consciousness.

The findings demonstrate that residents of Sariaya exhibit a strong sense of psychological connection to their community. Their expressed responsibility, motivation, and concern for governance outcomes contribute to a participatory civic culture. This internal engagement enhances awareness, encourages proactive behavior, and supports collaborative local governance fostering empowered citizens and advancing sustainable community development.

In this study, civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic consciousness in terms of Recruitment/Networks, and the level was determined using the mean and standard deviation.

Table 3 shows the level of civic consciousness among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of recruitment/networks.

**Table 3.** Level of Civic Consciousness Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in Terms of Recruitment/Networks

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I participate in community groups or organizations that address social concerns.	3.63	1.07	Agree
I encourage friends and family to join civic activities.	3.75	0.85	Agree
I maintain connections with individuals involved in community programs.	3.72	1.02	Agree
I invite others to participate in local events or community projects.	3.67	1.03	Agree
I collaborate with community members to organize activities or programs.	3.76	1.02	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.70		
SD	1.00		
Verbal Interpretation			High

The findings reveal a strong inclination among residents toward building and leveraging networks for civic involvement. Respondents generally demonstrate proactive behaviors, such as participating in community groups addressing social concerns, encouraging friends and family to join civic activities, maintaining connections with individuals in community programs, inviting others to local events or projects, and collaborating with peers to organize activities. This pattern reveals a community-oriented mindset where residents actively foster recruitment and networks to amplify collective action.

The weighted mean across the statements is 3.70 with a standard deviation of 1.00, yielding a verbal interpretation of High. This statistical result implies a high level of civic consciousness in terms of Recruitment/Networks, characterized by consistent agreement among respondents, indicating dependable civic awareness and a shared commitment to networking for community betterment.

The residents of Sariaya exhibit high civic consciousness through effective recruitment and network-building practices. These findings emphasize the potential for heightened participation, greater awareness, and empowered local governance, as networked engagement strengthens communal resilience. It signifies a vital foundation for sustainable community development and enduring civic engagement.

*Level of Civic Engagement*

In this study, civic engagement among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The following tables show the level of civic engagement among residents of Sariaya Quezon which includes variables such as network, felling of trust and safety, reciprocity, participation, citizen power/ proactivity, values, norms outlook in life, diversity and sense of belongings. This level was determined by mean and standard deviation.

Table 4 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of networks.

The findings reveal that residents generally demonstrate active involvement in building and sustaining civic networks within the community. Respondents indicated that they maintain relationships with individuals engaged in civic activities and share their community work experiences with peers. They also expressed efforts to build connections with like-minded individuals, suggesting openness to collaboration and collective participation. These responses highlight a community that recognizes the importance of social ties in fostering collective action and local development.

**Table 4.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Networks

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I maintain relationships with people involved in civic activities.	3.76	0.89	Agree
I actively communicate with community leaders about local issues.	3.58	0.93	Agree
I participate in group activities that promote community welfare.	3.56	0.98	Agree
I share my experiences in community work with peers.	3.92	0.96	Agree
I seek to build connections with like-minded individuals in my community.	4.03	0.93	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.77		
SD	0.95		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The weighted mean across the statements is 3.77 with a standard deviation of 0.95, yielding a verbal interpretation of High. The high level of engagement in terms of networks implies that residents are actively forming and maintaining social connections that support civic initiatives. It also reflects a community environment where collaboration, communication, and shared experiences contribute to civic awareness and participation.

The findings demonstrate that civic engagement among residents of Sariaya in terms of networks is well established. The presence of sustained relationships, active communication, and shared experiences fosters collaboration and collective action within the community. Such interconnectedness enhances opportunities for participation and strengthens the foundations of local governance promoting active citizenship and advancing community development in Sariaya.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Feelings of Trust and Safety, which refer to residents' sense of security, confidence, and trust when participating in community discussions and civic activities. The level of engagement was determined using the mean and standard deviation to measure both the degree and consistency of responses.

Specifically, the table examines residents' perceptions of safety in expressing opinions, trust in community support, and confidence in mutual respect during civic participation.

**Table 5.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Feelings of Trust and Safety

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I feel safe expressing my opinions in community discussions.	3.77	0.90	Agree
I trust that my contributions to community activities are valued.	3.80	0.98	Agree
I believe my community is supportive of civic participation.	3.82	0.85	Agree
I feel comfortable participating in public meetings or forums.	3.70	1.04	Agree
I am confident that community members respect different viewpoints.	4.06	0.79	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.83		
SD	0.92		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Table 5 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of feelings of trust and safety.

The findings reveal that residents generally experience positive feelings of trust and safety within their community. Respondents expressed agreement that they feel safe sharing their opinions during discussions and believe that their contributions to community activities are valued. They also perceive their community as supportive of civic participation and respectful of diverse viewpoints. The general trend demonstrates that residents feel secure and supported when engaging in civic matters.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.83 with a standard deviation of 0.92, verbally interpreted as High. The high rating implies that trust and psychological safety are present, which are essential conditions for meaningful civic participation. It suggests that residents are more likely to engage actively when they feel their voices are heard and respected.

The findings demonstrate that residents of Sariaya experience a supportive and respectful environment for civic participation. The presence of trust and a sense of safety fosters open communication, encourages diverse perspectives, and strengthens collaborative decision-making. Such conditions enhance participatory governance and empower citizens to take active roles in community development as foundational elements in sustaining meaningful civic engagement and advancing inclusive local governance.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Reciprocity, which refers to residents' willingness to give support, extend help, and contribute to community initiatives without expecting personal gain. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the extent and consistency of responses. The table specifically measures participation in community activities, volunteerism, support for local initiatives, selfless assistance, and the sense of fulfillment derived from contributing to the common good.

Table 6 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of reciprocity.

The findings reveal that residents demonstrate a strong sense of mutual support and community-oriented values.

Respondents agreed that they participate in activities to help others and support initiatives that benefit fellow residents. Many also expressed that they feel rewarded when their actions positively impact the community, highlighting intrinsic motivation in civic participation. The overall pattern reflects a community that values cooperation, generosity, and shared responsibility.

**Table 6.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Reciprocity

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I participate in community activities to help others.	3.93	0.89	Agree
I volunteer because I believe in giving back to the community.	3.55	1.04	Agree
I support community initiatives that benefit other residents.	3.92	0.82	Agree
I assist others without expecting anything in return.	4.22	0.92	Strongly Agree
I feel rewarded when my actions positively impact the community.	4.11	1.01	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.95		
SD	0.96		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table reveals a weighted mean of 3.95 and a standard deviation of 0.96, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that residents generally agree with statements reflecting reciprocal attitudes and behaviors in civic engagement. The high overall rating implies that reciprocity is a well-established component of civic life in Sariaya, reinforcing positive social norms that encourage participation and collective action. It further suggests that civic engagement in the community is motivated not only by obligation but also by a genuine desire to contribute to communal welfare.

The findings demonstrate that reciprocity is a prominent characteristic of civic engagement among residents of Sariaya. The evident willingness to help others, support community initiatives, and find personal fulfillment in collective action contributes to stronger social bonds and sustained participation in local affairs. Such reciprocal relationships enhance cooperation, reinforce trust, and promote inclusive involvement in governance processes fostering active citizenship and advancing meaningful community development.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Participation, which refers to residents' actual involvement in meetings, programs, discussions, and activities that address community concerns. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to measure both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators examine attendance in community events, involvement in organized programs, participation in discussions, contribution of ideas, and engagement in addressing local issues.

Table 7 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of participation.

The findings reveal a moderate pattern of involvement among residents. Responses indicate neutrality in regularly attending community meetings and actively joining organized programs, suggesting that consistent physical presence in formal activities may not be widespread. However, residents expressed agreement in participating in discussions about community issues, contributing ideas for projects, and engaging in activities that address local concerns. This pattern suggests that while attendance in formal gatherings may vary, residents demonstrate willingness to be involved when issues directly affect their community. The findings reflect a form of engagement that may be more issue-driven rather than event-driven.

**Table 7.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Participation

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I attend community meetings or local events regularly.	3.26	0.98	Neutral
I actively join programs organized by my community.	3.30	0.99	Neutral
I participate in discussions about issues affecting my community.	3.58	0.85	Agree
I contribute ideas or suggestions for community projects.	3.51	1.02	Agree
I engage in activities that address local problems or concerns.	3.42	1.05	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.41		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.41 and a standard deviation of 0.98, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that, overall, respondents lean toward agreement with statements describing participatory behaviors. The result implies that residents possess a generally favorable orientation toward civic participation, even if the extent of active involvement in formal activities is not uniformly strong across all indicators.

The findings demonstrate that residents of Sariaya exhibit a positive disposition toward participation in community affairs. Although regular attendance in meetings and programs appears less consistent, residents show engagement through discussions, idea-sharing, and involvement in addressing local concerns. This suggests potential for strengthening participatory mechanisms and encouraging broader involvement in organized civic activities fostering inclusive and accessible opportunities for participation to enhance community development and sustain meaningful civic engagement.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Citizen Power/Proactivity, which refers to residents' initiative, assertiveness, and capacity to influence community programs and local affairs. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on proposing

solutions, organizing activities, voicing opinions, encouraging others’ participation, and monitoring local issues.

**Table 8.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Citizen Power/Proactivity

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I propose solutions to improve community programs.	3.71	1.08	Agree
I take initiative in organizing community activities.	3.30	0.90	Neutral
I voice my opinions on matters affecting my community.	3.58	0.97	Agree
I encourage others to actively participate in civic activities.	3.71	0.98	Agree
I monitor local issues and act when needed.	3.41	1.12	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.54		
SD	1.02		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Table 8 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of citizen power/proactivity.

The findings reveal that residents demonstrate a moderate tendency toward proactive civic behavior. Respondents agreed that they propose solutions to improve community programs, voice their opinions on matters affecting the community, and encourage others to participate in civic activities. They also reported monitoring local issues and acting when necessary. However, taking initiative in organizing community activities received a neutral response, suggesting that leadership roles or direct organization of activities may not be consistently practiced among residents. Overall, the pattern reflects willingness to express ideas and support civic efforts, though active leadership engagement may vary.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.54 and a standard deviation of 1.02, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing proactive civic behaviors. The results suggest that while many residents are inclined to express opinions and encourage participation, fewer consistently assume organizing or leading roles. Nonetheless, the overall trend points to a community that exhibits emerging forms of citizen empowerment and initiative.

The findings demonstrate that residents of Sariaya display a generally favorable orientation toward citizen power and proactivity. Their willingness to propose solutions, voice concerns, and motivate others contributes to participatory governance and collective problem-solving. Although leadership initiative may require further strengthening, the presence of proactive attitudes provides a foundation for deeper civic empowerment, cultivating leadership opportunities and supportive structures to enhance active citizenship and sustainable community development.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Values, Norms, and Outlook in Life, which refer to the ethical principles, social standards, and personal beliefs that guide residents’ civic behaviors and decisions. The level was

determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the extent and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on ethical conduct, adherence to community norms, consideration of fairness and justice, respect for diverse perspectives, and reflection on civic responsibilities.

Table 9 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of values, norms, outlook in life.

The findings reveal that residents demonstrate strong value-based orientations in their civic participation. Respondents agreed that they act according to ethical standards and follow established community norms when engaging in local initiatives. They also indicated that they consider fairness and justice in their civic actions and reflect on their responsibilities as citizens. The responses highlight that civic engagement among residents is guided not only by action but also by principled beliefs and moral considerations.

**Table 9.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Values, Norms, Outlook in Life

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I act according to ethical standards when engaging in civic activities.	3.75	0.89	Agree
I follow community norms while participating in local initiatives.	4.14	0.88	Agree
I consider fairness and justice in my civic actions.	4.13	0.95	Agree
I respect diverse perspectives during community participation.	4.24	0.82	Strongly Agree
I reflect on my responsibilities as a citizen in my actions.	4.16	0.86	Agree
Weighted Mean	4.08		
SD	0.89		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table shows a weighted mean of 4.08 and a standard deviation of 0.89, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree, and in some cases strongly agree, with statements reflecting positive civic values and norms. The results imply that ethical awareness, fairness, respect, and responsibility are integral components of civic engagement in Sariaya, reinforcing responsible and constructive participation in community affairs.

The findings demonstrate that civic engagement among residents of Sariaya is deeply rooted in strong values, norms, and a responsible outlook in life. The presence of ethical conduct, respect for diversity, and commitment to fairness contributes to harmonious and inclusive civic interactions. Such value-driven engagement strengthens trust, enhances cooperation, and supports participatory local governance fostering responsible citizenship and advancing sustainable community development.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Diversity, which refers to residents’ openness to differences, inclusivity in participation, and respect for various cultural and social backgrounds within community activities. The level was determined using the mean and standard

deviation to measure both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on collaborative work with individuals from different backgrounds, valuing diverse opinions, inclusive participation in projects, respect for cultural differences, and encouragement of broad community involvement.

Table 10 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of diversity.

The findings reveal that residents demonstrate positive attitudes toward diversity in civic participation. Respondents agreed that they work collaboratively with people from different backgrounds and value diverse opinions during community discussions. They also expressed respect for cultural and social differences, which received the strongest agreement among the indicators, suggesting a strong foundation of inclusivity and mutual respect. Participation in projects involving various groups and encouragement of inclusive programs further reflect residents' willingness to promote broad-based involvement. Overall, the responses highlight a community that acknowledges and appreciates diversity as an essential aspect of civic life.

**Table 10.** Level of Civic engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Diversity

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I work collaboratively with people from different backgrounds.	3.84	0.93	Agree
I value diverse opinions in community discussions.	3.99	0.97	Agree
I participate in projects that include people from various groups.	3.64	0.96	Agree
I respect cultural and social differences during community activities.	4.20	0.86	Agree
I encourage the inclusion of all members in community programs.	3.94	1.01	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.92		
SD	0.96		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.92 and a standard deviation of 0.96, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing inclusive and diversity-oriented civic behaviors. The results imply that civic engagement in Sariaya is characterized by openness, cooperation, and respect for differences, which contribute to constructive and harmonious community interactions.

The findings demonstrate that diversity is positively integrated into civic engagement among residents of Sariaya. The presence of inclusive attitudes, collaborative practices, and respect for varied perspectives strengthens social cohesion and participatory governance. Such inclusiveness enhances equal opportunities for involvement and supports collective decision-making processes embracing diversity as a cornerstone of effective civic engagement and sustainable community development.

In this study, civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of civic engagement in terms of Sense of Belonging, which refers to residents' feelings of connection, inclusion, pride, and shared responsibility within their community. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators examine whether residents feel important to the community, take pride in involvement, feel connected to others, assume responsibility for community success, and perceive inclusion in decisions and activities.

Table 11 shows the level of civic engagement among the residents of Sariaya, Quezon, in terms of sense of belonging.

**Table 11.** Level of Civic Engagement Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Specifically in Terms of Sense of Belonging

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I feel that I am an important part of my community.	3.99	1.00	Agree
I take pride in being involved in local activities.	3.89	0.93	Agree
I feel connected to other members of my community.	3.82	0.85	Agree
I consider community success as my personal responsibility.	3.77	0.99	Agree
I feel included in decisions and activities within my community.	3.93	0.88	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.88		
SD	0.93		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The findings reveal that residents tend to experience a positive sense of belonging in their community. Respondents agreed that they feel they are an important part of the community and take pride in being involved in local activities. They also expressed feeling connected to other members and included in decisions and activities. Although considering community success as a personal responsibility received slightly lower responses compared to other indicators, the overall trend still reflects shared identification with community goals. These responses suggest that emotional attachment and social connection are evident among residents, contributing to their civic engagement.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.88 and a standard deviation of 0.93, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements reflecting a sense of belonging within the community. The results imply that feelings of belonging serve as a motivating factor for civic participation, as individuals who identify strongly with their community are more likely to contribute to its welfare and governance.

The findings demonstrate that residents of Sariaya possess a meaningful sense of belonging that supports their civic engagement. Their feelings of connection, pride, and shared responsibility strengthen social cohesion and encourage collaborative participation in community affairs. Such emotional attachment enhances empowerment and reinforces participatory local governance sustaining active citizenship and promoting long-term community development.

#### Level of Local Governance

In this study, local governance in Sariaya reflects how effectively public officials and community members uphold

principles of responsibility, transparency, and responsiveness in managing local affairs.

The following tables show the level of local governance in Sariaya Quezon which include variables such as accountability, transparency, responsiveness, equity and inclusivity, effectiveness and efficiency, fallow the rule of law, participation and consensus oriented. This level was determined by mean and standard deviation.

**Table 12.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Accountability

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I believe local officials are accountable for their actions.	4.08	0.95	Agree
I monitor the activities of local leaders in my community.	3.72	0.98	Agree
I expect transparency from local government officials.	4.12	0.88	Agree
I feel responsible for holding local officials accountable.	3.69	1.11	Agree
I report or raise concerns about mismanagement in local governance.	3.62	0.91	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.85		
SD	0.99		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Table 12 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in Accountability.

The findings reveal that residents demonstrate positive perceptions and expectations regarding accountability in local governance. Respondents agreed that local officials are accountable for their actions and that transparency is expected from government leaders. Many also reported monitoring the activities of local leaders and feeling responsible for holding them accountable. While reporting or raising concerns about mismanagement received slightly lower responses compared to other indicators, the overall trend suggests that residents recognize the importance of oversight and responsible leadership. These patterns reflect a community that values transparency and acknowledges its role in ensuring proper governance.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.85 and a standard deviation of 0.99, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing accountability practices and expectations in local governance. The results imply that accountability is recognized as an essential component of governance, supported by both institutional expectations and citizen engagement.

The findings demonstrate that accountability is a well-recognized principle in the local governance of Sariaya. Residents exhibit awareness of the need for transparent leadership and acknowledge their role in monitoring and evaluating public officials. Such shared expectations foster responsible administration and strengthen democratic practices at the community level promoting effective and responsive local governance.

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of Transparency, which refers to the openness, accessibility of information, and clarity of government processes to the public.

**Table 13.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Transparency

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I am aware of how decisions are made in local governance.	3.45	1.13	Agree
I access information about local government programs.	3.65	0.98	Agree
I feel that government activities are open and clear to residents.	3.79	3.03	Agree
I seek clarification when I do not understand local policies.	3.86	0.91	Agree
I participate in forums that promote transparent governance.	3.55	0.96	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.66		
SD	1.62		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators examine residents' awareness of decision-making processes, access to government information, perceptions of openness, efforts to seek clarification, and participation in transparency-promoting forums.

Table 13 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in transparency.

The findings reveal that residents tend to agree that transparency practices are present in local governance. Respondents expressed awareness of how decisions are made and reported accessing information about local government programs. Many also indicated that they seek clarification when policies are unclear and participate in forums that promote openness. The strongest agreement was observed in seeking clarification about local policies, suggesting proactive behavior in understanding governance processes. Although awareness of decision-making mechanisms received comparatively lower responses, the overall pattern reflects a community that engages with and values transparent governance.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.66 and a standard deviation of 1.62, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing transparency in local governance. The findings suggest that while transparency mechanisms are recognized, the extent to which residents consistently perceive and experience them may vary across the community.

The findings demonstrate that transparency is acknowledged as an important element of local governance in Sariaya. Residents show awareness of decision-making processes and exhibit initiative in accessing and clarifying information. Such engagement promotes informed participation and strengthens accountability within governance structures fostering trust, empowering citizens, and enhancing effective and participatory local governance.

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

**Table 14.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Responsiveness

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I believe the local government responds to community concerns.	3.51	1.05	Agree
I provide feedback to local authorities when issues arise.	3.66	0.83	Agree
I feel that my opinions are considered in local decision-making.	3.44	0.94	Agree
I report problems to local officials for prompt action.	3.52	0.77	Agree
I attend public meetings to raise community concerns.	3.50	0.99	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.53		
SD	0.92		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of Responsiveness, which refers to the extent to which local authorities address community concerns and how residents engage in communicating issues to government officials. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on perceptions of government response, provision of feedback, consideration of citizens’ opinions, reporting of problems, and attendance in public meetings to raise concerns.

Table 14 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in responsiveness.

The findings reveal that residents tend to agree that mechanisms of responsiveness are present in local governance. Respondents expressed belief that the local government responds to community concerns and reported providing feedback to authorities when issues arise. Many also indicated that they report problems to local officials and attend public meetings to raise concerns. Although feeling that their opinions are considered in decision-making received slightly lower responses compared to other indicators, the overall pattern suggests that residents recognize opportunities to communicate with local authorities and engage in governance processes.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.53 and a standard deviation of 0.92, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing responsiveness in local governance. The results imply that while responsiveness is acknowledged, continued efforts may be necessary to strengthen residents’ confidence that their opinions significantly influence decision-making processes.

The findings demonstrate that responsiveness is a recognized feature of local governance in Sariaya. Residents actively communicate concerns, provide feedback, and participate in public forums, contributing to a participatory governance environment. Such engagement fosters mutual interaction between citizens and local officials, promoting accountability and trust to enhance citizen empowerment and support effective community development.

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of Equity and Inclusivity, which refer to the fairness of local programs, equal opportunities for participation, and efforts to include marginalized groups in governance processes. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the extent and consistency of responses.

The indicators focus on perceptions of fair distribution of benefits, participation in inclusive activities, encouragement of equal engagement opportunities, support for anti-discrimination initiatives, and personal commitment to fairness in civic actions.

Table 15 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in equity and inclusivity. The findings reveal that residents generally express supportive attitudes toward equity and inclusivity in local governance.

Respondents agreed that they participate in activities promoting inclusion, encourage equal opportunities for engagement, and support initiatives that reduce discrimination. They also reported ensuring that their own civic actions are fair and inclusive. Notably, support for initiatives that reduce discrimination received the strongest agreement, reflecting awareness of the importance of social justice within the community. However, the perception that local programs benefit all community members fairly received a neutral response, suggesting that some residents may perceive limitations in the equitable distribution of benefits.

**Table 15.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Equity and Inclusivity

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I believe local programs benefit all community members fairly.	3.35	1.08	Neutral
I participate in activities that promote inclusion of marginalized groups.	3.63	0.77	Agree
I encourage equal opportunities for all residents to engage in governance.	3.84	0.94	Agree
I support initiatives that reduce discrimination in the community.	4.02	1.07	Agree
I ensure that my civic actions are fair and inclusive.	3.91	0.88	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.75		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.75 and a standard deviation of 0.98, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements reflecting equitable and inclusive governance practices. The results imply that while residents personally value and practice inclusivity, there may be areas in governance implementation that require strengthening to ensure perceived fairness across all sectors of the community.

The findings demonstrate that equity and inclusivity are recognized as important principles in the local governance of Sariaya. Residents show commitment to inclusive participation and support efforts that promote fairness and reduce discrimination. At the same time, perceptions of program fairness highlight the need for continued improvements in equitable service delivery fostering trust, strengthening participation, and advancing sustainable community development.

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of Effectiveness and Efficiency, which pertain to the extent to which local services meet community needs, programs are properly implemented, and resources are utilized responsibly. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators examine perceptions of service effectiveness, program implementation, citizen participation in evaluation, provision of suggestions for improvement, and proper use of resources.

Table 16 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in effectiveness and efficiency. The findings reveal that residents tend to agree that local governance demonstrates elements of effectiveness and efficiency. Respondents expressed belief that local services meet community needs and observed proper implementation of government programs. They also reported participating in evaluating community projects and providing suggestions to improve governance processes.

**Table 16.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Effectiveness and Efficiency

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I believe local services meet community needs effectively.	3.56	1.07	Agree
I observe proper implementation of government programs.	3.60	1.02	Agree
I participate in evaluating community projects for efficiency.	3.49	0.95	Agree
I provide suggestions to improve local governance processes.	3.48	1.05	Agree
I feel that resources are used properly in local programs.	3.47	0.87	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.52		
SD	0.99		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Although the ratings are relatively close across all indicators, participation in evaluation and perceptions of proper resource use received slightly lower responses compared to other statements. Overall, the pattern suggests cautious but generally favorable perceptions of how local programs are carried out and managed.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.52 and a standard deviation of 0.99, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing effective and efficient governance practices. The results imply that while residents recognize the functionality of local governance processes, there remains room for strengthening citizen participation in evaluation and enhancing confidence in resource utilization.

The findings demonstrate that effectiveness and efficiency are perceived as present features of local governance in Sariaya. Residents acknowledge the implementation of programs and express willingness to contribute feedback for improvement. Such engagement promotes better service delivery and encourages responsible management of public resources to ensure responsive, efficient, and sustainable community development.

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they

are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of follows the rule of law, which pertains to the fair enforcement of laws, citizens' compliance with legal standards, and support for lawful actions undertaken by local authorities. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on perceptions of fair law enforcement, personal respect for laws, reporting of violations, participation in law-upholding initiatives, and support for lawful government actions.

Table 17 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in follows the rule of law.

**Table 17.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Follows the Rule of Law

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I believe local leaders enforce laws fairly.	3.49	0.99	Agree
I respect laws and encourage others to follow them.	3.98	1.01	Agree
I report violations of rules or policies in my community.	3.65	0.89	Agree
I participate in initiatives that uphold legal standards.	3.64	0.98	Agree
I support lawful actions taken by local authorities.	3.82	0.97	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.72		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

The findings reveal that residents generally express agreement with statements related to adherence to the rule of law. Respondents reported that they respect laws and encourage others to follow them, which received relatively strong agreement among the indicators. They also indicated support for lawful actions taken by authorities and participation in initiatives that uphold legal standards. While belief in the fair enforcement of laws by local leaders received comparatively lower responses, the overall pattern reflects a community that values legality, order, and responsible civic conduct. Reporting violations also received positive responses, suggesting willingness to contribute to maintaining lawful governance.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.72 and a standard deviation of 0.98, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing the observance and support of the rule of law in local governance. The findings imply that respect for laws and support for lawful governance practices are embedded within the civic culture of the community, although perceptions of fairness in enforcement may warrant continued attention.

The findings demonstrate that adherence to the rule of law is recognized as an important dimension of local governance in Sariaya. Residents show commitment to respecting legal standards and supporting lawful actions, contributing to social order and institutional stability. Strengthening perceptions of fairness in law enforcement can further enhance public trust and confidence in governance promoting accountable, transparent, and effective local governance for sustainable community development.

This finding is consistent with Katuka et al. (2024), who demonstrated that governance grounded in the rule of law reduces corruption and strengthens transparency and accountability.

Similarly, Chen et al. (2021) emphasized that clear legal frameworks promote equitable resource allocation and inclusive development, while Tang et al. (2018) highlighted that institutional capacity and adherence to legal standards are key determinants of stable and effective local governance. In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in Participatory, which refers to the extent to which residents are involved in consultations, decision-making processes, collaborative initiatives, and civic activities that influence governance outcomes. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to measure both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on participation in public consultations, encouragement of others' involvement, sharing of ideas, engagement in voting processes, and collaboration with local authorities.

**Table 18.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Participatory

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I take part in public consultations or decision-making processes.	3.48	0.96	Agree
I encourage friends and family to participate in community governance.	3.53	0.86	Agree
I share ideas or suggestions during community meetings.	3.71	1.06	Agree
I vote or engage in local referenda when applicable.	3.76	1.02	Agree
I participate in collaborative projects with local authorities.	3.35	0.96	Neutral
Weighted Mean	3.57		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Table 18 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in participatory.

The findings reveal that residents tend to agree that participatory mechanisms are present within local governance. Respondents reported taking part in consultations and decision-making activities, encouraging friends and family to participate, and sharing ideas during community meetings. Engagement in voting or local referenda received relatively strong agreement, suggesting awareness of formal democratic processes. However, participation in collaborative projects with local authorities received a neutral response, indicating that direct partnership between citizens and local officials may not be consistently experienced. Overall, the pattern reflects willingness to engage in civic processes, though collaborative engagement may require further strengthening.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.57 and a standard deviation of 0.98, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing participatory governance practices. The results imply that residents demonstrate awareness of participatory

opportunities and engage in various civic activities, contributing to the democratic character of local governance in Sariaya.

The findings demonstrate that participatory practices are evident in the local governance of Sariaya. Residents show involvement in consultations, discussions, and electoral processes, indicating an active civic presence. While collaborative projects with authorities may need further enhancement, the overall engagement supports inclusive and democratic governance strengthening accountability, fostering empowerment, and advancing community development within the municipality.

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the level of local governance in terms of Consensus Oriented, which refers to the ability of community members to collaborate, respect differing perspectives, and work toward agreements that benefit the majority. The level was determined using the mean and standard deviation to assess both the degree and consistency of responses. The indicators focus on working with others to reach agreements, respecting diverse opinions, seeking solutions acceptable to most members, compromising when necessary, and mediating discussions to foster consensus.

**Table 19.** Level of Local Governance Among the Residents of Sariaya, Quezon Particularly in Consensus Oriented

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
I work with others to reach agreements in community projects.	3.76	1.02	Agree
I respect different opinions to achieve common goals.	4.06	0.90	Agree
I seek solutions that satisfy most members of the community.	3.70	1.04	Agree
I compromise when necessary for the benefit of the community.	3.65	0.99	Agree
I mediate discussions to foster consensus among participants.	3.63	0.92	Agree
Weighted Mean	3.76		
SD	0.98		
Verbal Interpretation	High		

Table 19 shows the level of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon, particularly in consensus-oriented.

The findings reveal that residents tend to agree that consensus-building practices are present within the community. Respondents expressed willingness to work collaboratively in community projects and to respect different opinions in pursuit of common goals, with respect for diverse views receiving particularly strong agreement. They also reported seeking solutions that satisfy most members and compromising for the benefit of the community. Although mediating discussions received slightly lower responses compared to other indicators, the overall pattern reflects a cooperative orientation and openness to dialogue in local governance processes.

The table shows a weighted mean of 3.76 and a standard deviation of 0.98, with a verbal interpretation of High. This indicates that respondents generally agree with statements describing consensus-oriented governance practices. The findings imply that consensus-building is a recognized and practiced aspect of local governance in Sariaya, contributing to constructive decision-making and reduced conflict within the community.

The findings demonstrate that consensus-oriented practices are evident in the local governance of Sariaya. Residents show readiness to collaborate, respect differing viewpoints, and pursue solutions that promote collective welfare. Such cooperative engagement enhances participatory governance and strengthens social cohesion fostering inclusive decision-making and sustaining effective local governance for community development.

**Table 20.** Regression Analysis Between the Civic Consciousness and the Local Governance  
a. Dependent Variable: Local\_Governance

ANOVA <sup>a</sup>					
Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	31.333	3	10.444	87.915	.000 <sup>b</sup>
Residual	11.405	96	.119		
Total	42.738	99			

a. Dependent Variable: Local\_Governance

b. Predictors: (Constant), Recruitment, Resources, Psychological\_Engagement

Coefficients <sup>a</sup>					
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	
(Constant)	.946	.204			4.645 .000
Resources	.047	.081	.049		.581 .563
1 Psychological_Engagement	.224	.070	.287		3.211 .002
Recruitment	.444	.061	.586		7.307 .000

In this study, local governance among residents of Sariaya reflects how informed, responsible, and actively engaged they are in contributing to the welfare, development, and governance of their community.

The table presents the results of the regression analysis examining the influence of civic consciousness specifically Recruitment, Resources, and Psychological Engagement on local governance. Local\_Governance was treated as the dependent variable, while the identified dimensions of civic consciousness served as predictors. The results were analyzed using ANOVA and coefficient estimates to determine the overall significance of the model and the individual contribution of each predictor.

Table 20 reveals the regression analysis examining the influence of civic consciousness on local governance. Specifically, it investigates whether components of civic consciousness, recruitment, resources, and psychological engagement significantly predict the effectiveness of local governance.

The regression analysis revealed that the overall model is statistically significant, with an F-value of 87.915 and a p-

value of 0.000, indicating that, collectively, the components of civic consciousness significantly affect local governance. When examining individual predictors, recruitment and psychological engagement were found to have significant positive effects on local governance, while resources showed a positive but non-significant relationship. This emphasize that actively involving citizens (recruitment) and fostering their psychological engagement such as commitment, motivation, and sense of responsibility are key factors in enhancing local governance. Meanwhile, the availability of resources alone may not directly translate into improved governance outcomes without active citizen engagement.

The findings indicate that civic consciousness is important in supporting effective local governance. The significant influence of recruitment and psychological engagement highlights the importance of engaging citizens not only structurally but also emotionally and cognitively in governance processes. These results indicate that promoting active participation, motivation, and sense of responsibility among community members is essential for achieving responsive, transparent, and efficient local governance. Although resources are important, their effect is maximized only when coupled with active and engaged citizens.

This finding is consistent with Shanafelt et al. (2021), who emphasized that effective recruitment strategies strengthen civic participation and broaden community engagement in governance processes. Similarly, Chang et al. (2023) highlighted that psychological engagement and civic efficacy significantly predict sustained involvement, while Serek (2016) emphasized that internal civic identity and motivation are important for transforming structural opportunities into meaningful democratic participation.

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The table presents the results of the regression analysis examining the influence of civic engagement dimensions such as sense of belonging, participation, diversity, reciprocity, networks, values and norms, proactivity, and feeling of trust and safety on local governance. Local Governance was treated as the dependent variable, while the identified components of civic engagement served as predictors. The analysis utilized ANOVA and coefficient estimates to determine the overall significance of the regression model and the individual contribution of each variable.

Table 21 presents the regression analysis examining the influence of civic engagement on local governance. Specifically, it assesses whether components of civic engagement in terms sense of belonging, participation, diversity, reciprocity, networks, values and norms, proactivity, and feeling of trust and safety that significantly predict the effectiveness of local governance.

The results reveal that the overall regression model is statistically significant, with an F-value of 42.548 and a p-value of 0.000, indicating that, collectively, the components of civic engagement significantly influence local governance. When individual predictors were examined, participation,

diversity, and sense of belonging were found to have significant positive effects on local governance. This implies that citizens who actively participate in community activities, respect and engage with diverse groups, and feel a strong sense of belonging contribute to more effective governance. Other components, including networks, feeling of trust and safety, reciprocity, proactivity, and values and norms, showed positive or negative relationships but were not statistically significant, showing that their independent contributions to local governance are less pronounced in this analysis.

**Table 21.** Regression Analysis Between the Civic Engagement and the Local Governance  
a. Dependent Variable: Local\_Governance

ANOVA <sup>a</sup>					
Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1 Regression	33.723	8	4.215	42.548	.000 <sup>b</sup>
Residual	9.016	91	.099		
Total	42.738	99			

a. Dependent Variable: Local\_Governance

b. Predictors: (Constant), Sense\_of\_Belonging, Participation, Diversity, Reciprocity, Networks, Values Norms, Proactivity, Feeling\_Trust Safety

Coefficients <sup>a</sup>					
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
(Constant)	.361	.191		1.894	.061
Networks	.012	.083	.013	.140	.889
Feeling_Trust_Safety	.062	.101	.070	.619	.538
Reciprocity	.046	.078	.052	.586	.560
1 Participation	.271	.077	.358	3.536	.001
Proactivity	-.079	.086	-.102	-.923	.358
Values Norms	.013	.080	.015	.161	.872
Diversity	.273	.074	.315	3.711	.000
Sense_of_Belonging	.276	.085	.323	3.255	.002

The findings indicate that civic engagement has important role in shaping local governance. Specifically, active participation, fostering inclusivity through diversity, and cultivating a sense of belonging among community members significantly enhance governance effectiveness. These results underscore the importance of promoting inclusive and participatory civic practices to strengthen local governance structures. While other aspects of civic engagement may support governance indirectly, the study highlights that encouraging citizens' active involvement and connectedness within their communities is key to achieving responsive and effective local governance.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The study concludes that the indicators of civic consciousness significantly influence local governance. In particular, psychological engagement and recruitment/networks emerged as significant predictors of governance performance, indicating that citizens who are emotionally and socially involved play an important role in promoting effective governance. While resources remain an

important component of civic consciousness, their impact becomes more meaningful when combined with active participation and motivated individuals who are willing to contribute to community development. Therefore, the null hypothesis stating that civic consciousness does not significantly influence local governance was rejected.

Furthermore, the findings confirm that the indicators of civic engagement also significantly influence local governance. Participation, diversity, and sense of belonging were identified as strong determinants of governance outcomes. These dimensions foster inclusivity, cooperation, and community cohesion, which are essential in promoting responsive, transparent, and effective local governance. Hence, the null hypothesis stating that civic engagement does not significantly influence local governance was likewise rejected.

Overall, the study establishes that civic consciousness and civic engagement are critical drivers of local governance in Sariaya, Quezon. When residents are informed, connected, motivated, and actively involved, governance becomes more participatory, accountable, and aligned with community needs. Strengthening inclusive civic practices and fostering deeper community engagement are therefore essential in sustaining democratic governance and promoting long-term community development.

Based on the conclusions of the study, the following recommendations are proposed:

Local government officials and community leaders may encourage people to be more involved in community activities and build stronger community connections, so citizens can help improve how the local government works.

Local officials may give everyone a chance to participate, respect different backgrounds, and make people feel that they belong in the community, so that the local government can become more open, fair, and responsive to people's needs.

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