

## Electronic Supplementary Information for

### Luminous Efficiency Roll-Off Mechanism in $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ Mixed-Halide Perovskite Quantum Dot Blue Light-Emitting Diodes

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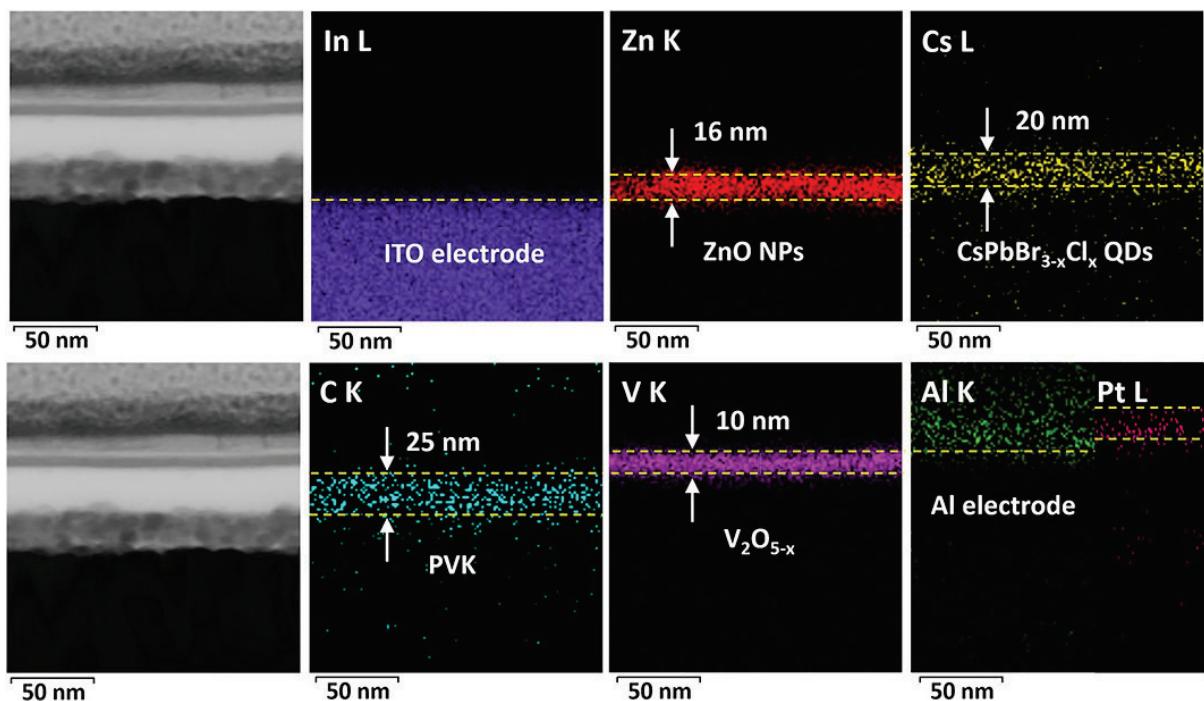
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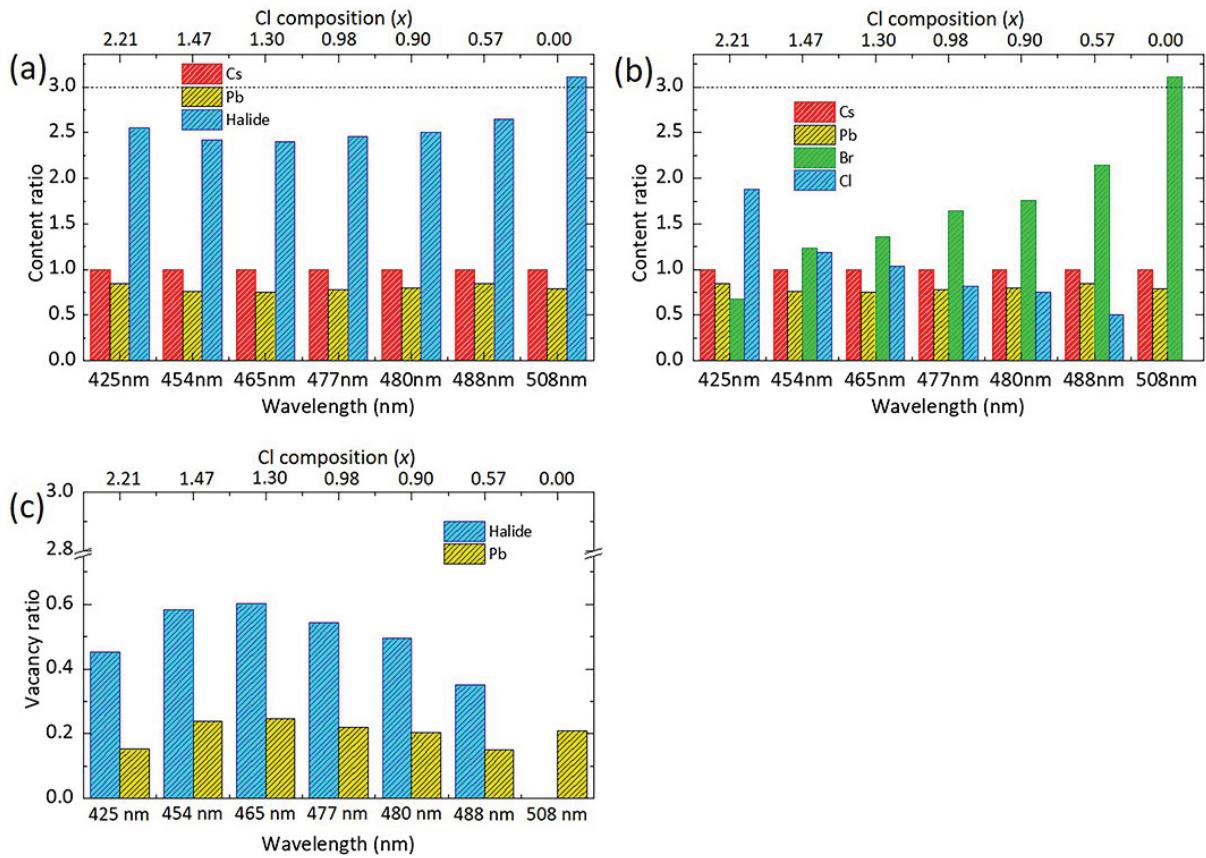
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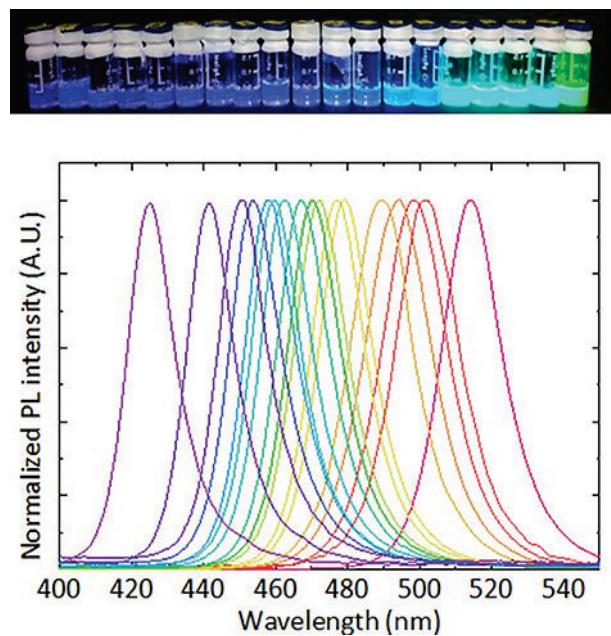
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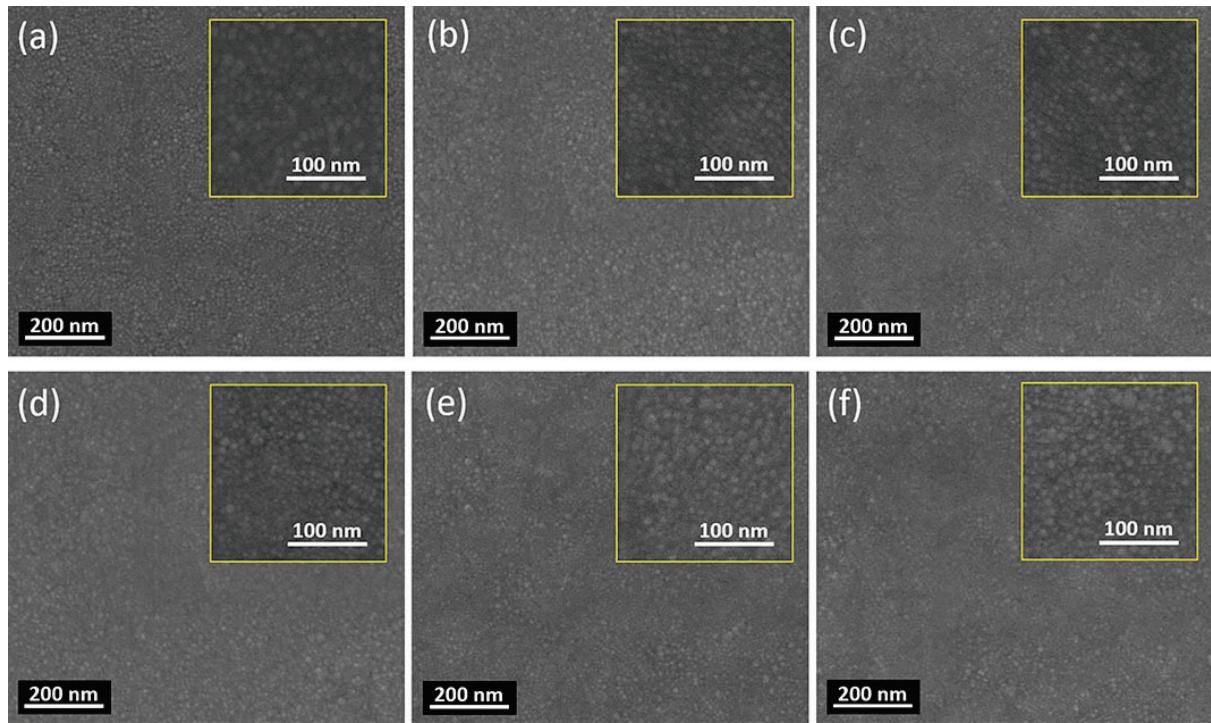
**Fig. S1.** Cross-sectional TEM (leftmost) and the corresponding EDX mapping images for elements of In, Zn, Cs, C, V, and Al (from left to right).



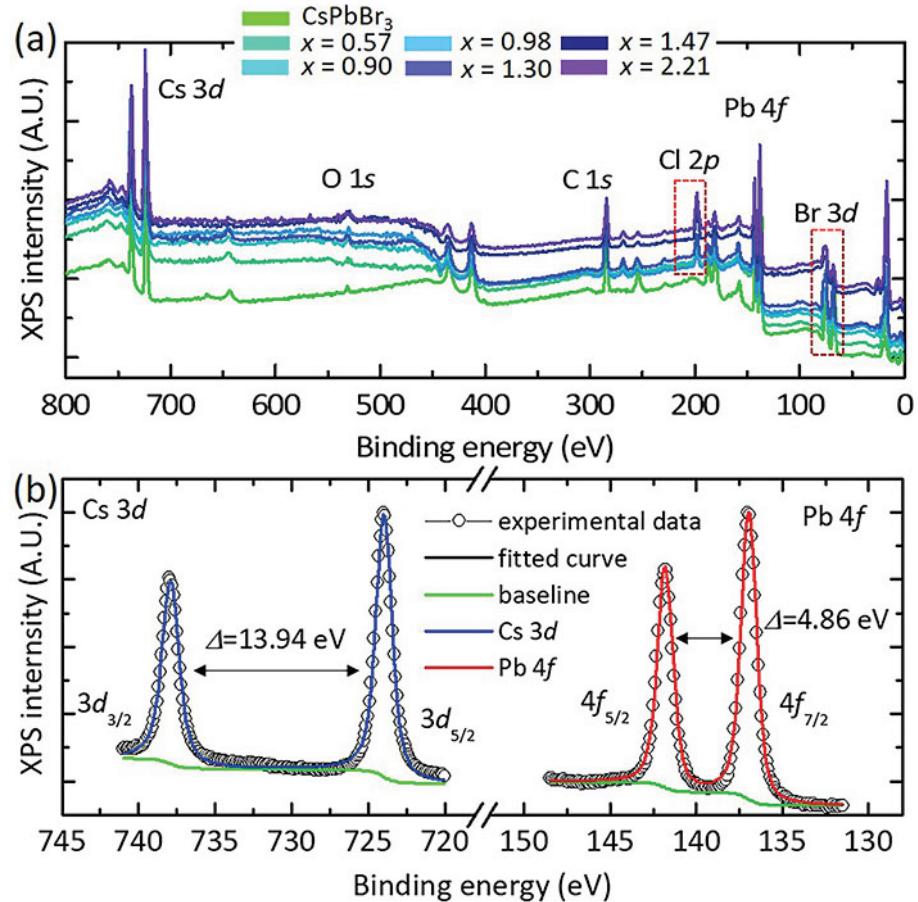
**Fig. S2.** (a-b) Elemental ratio and (c) halide ( $V_{\text{halide}}$ ) and Pb vacancy ( $V_{\text{Pb}}$ ) in  $\text{CsPbBr}_3-x\text{Cl}_x$  QDs determined by XPS (Fig. S5) and STEM-EDX (Fig. S6). (a) The changes of Cs, Pb, and halide, ratio, and (b) Cs, Pb, Br, and Cl with varying the Cl composition ( $0 \leq x \leq 2.21$ ). (c) The changes of halide ( $V_{\text{halide}}$ ) and Pb vacancy ( $V_{\text{Pb}}$ ) ratio in  $\text{CsPbBr}_3-x\text{Cl}_x$  QDs as a function of the Cl composition ( $0 \leq x \leq 2.21$ ).



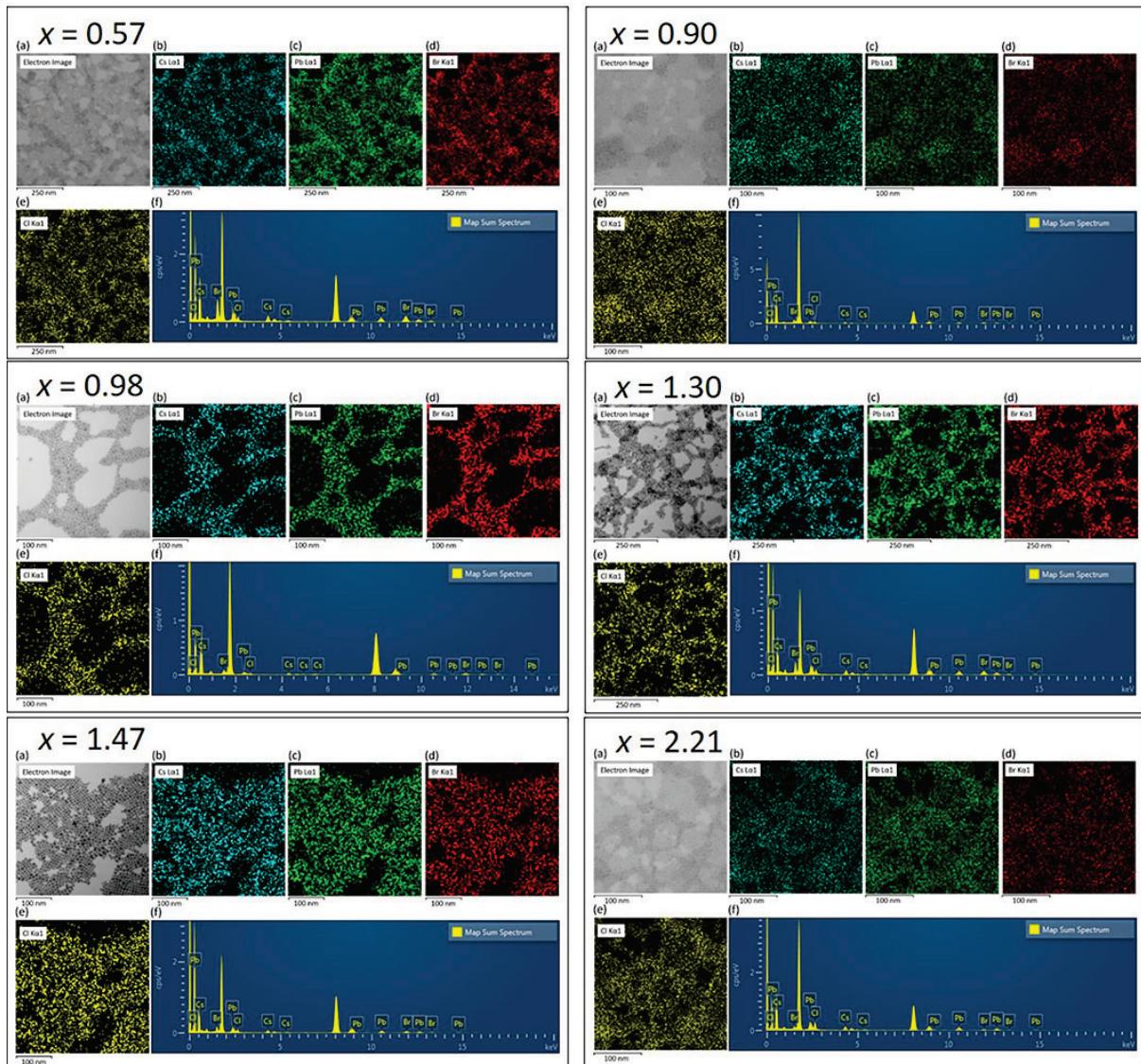
**Fig. S3.** The photograph of the colloidal solutions of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs under UV-light excitation,  $\lambda=365$  nm (upper panel). Representative PL spectra of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs (lower panel).



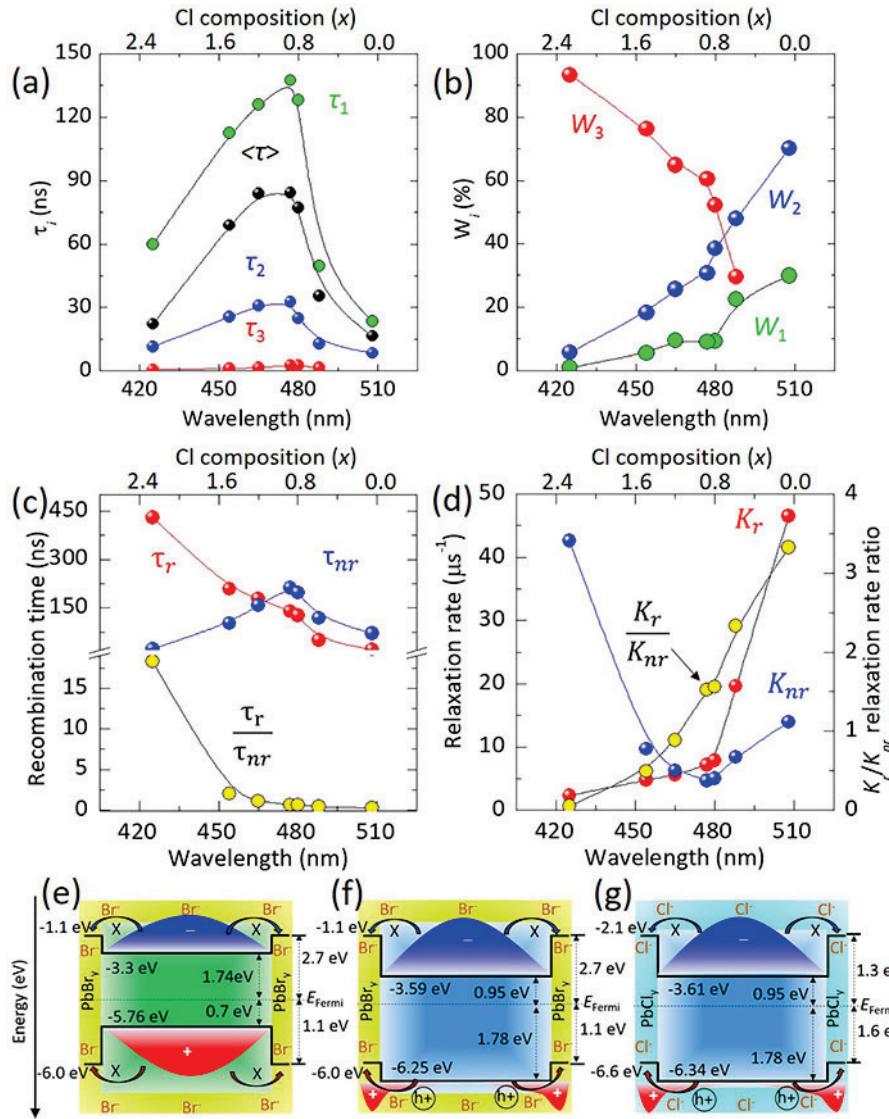
**Fig. S4.** Surface analyses of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QD films on *b*-PEI/ZnO/ITO obtained by FE-SEM. (a)  $x = 0.57$ , (b)  $x = 0.90$ , (c)  $x = 0.98$ , (d)  $x = 1.30$ , (e)  $x = 1.47$ , and (f)  $x = 2.21$ .



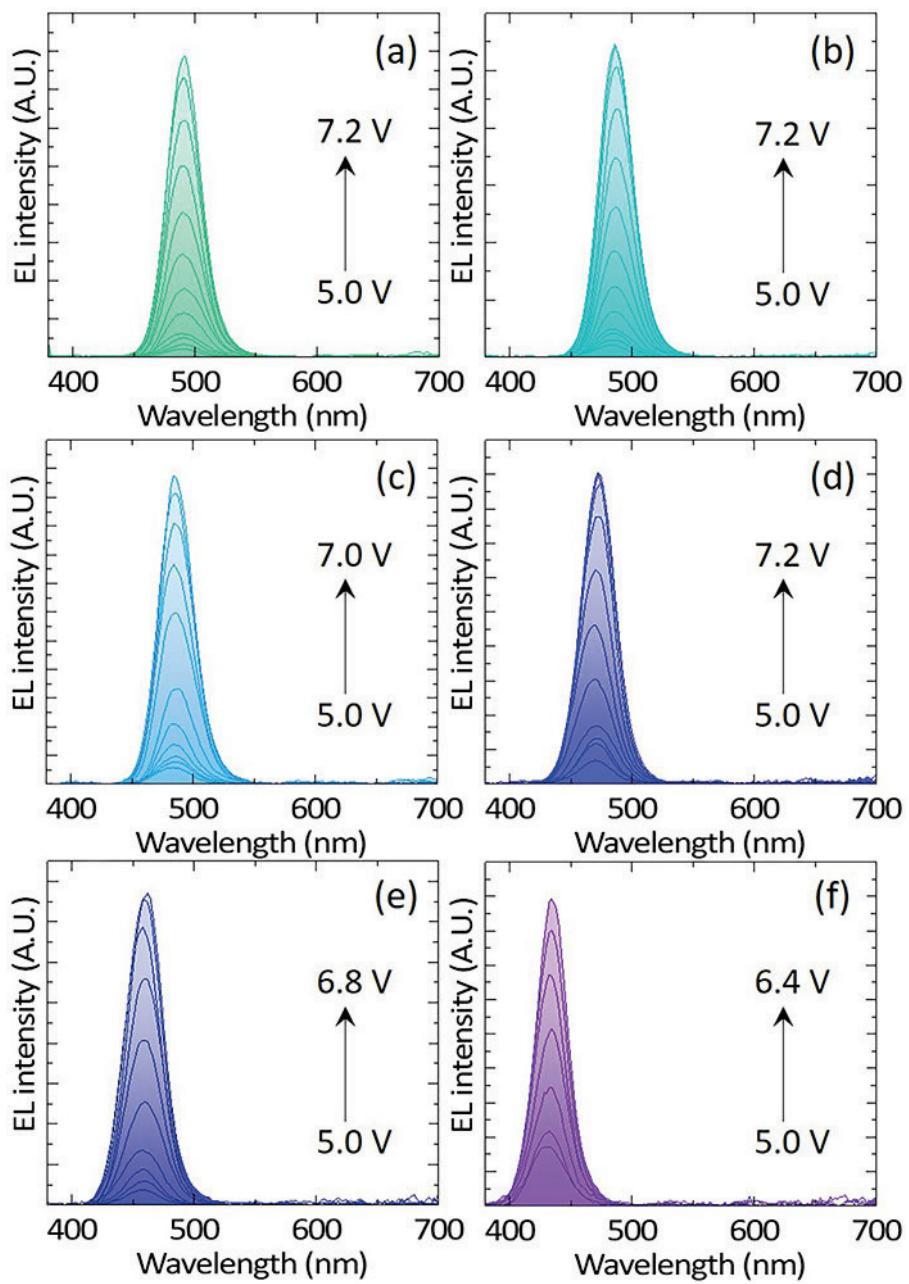
**Fig. S5.** XPS analyses of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs. (a) XPS survey spectra showing Br 3d, Pb 4f, Cl 2p, C 1s, N 1s, O 1s, and Cs 3d. (b) High-resolution XPS data for Cs 3d and Pb 4f. No metallic  $\text{Pb}^0$  peak was observed.



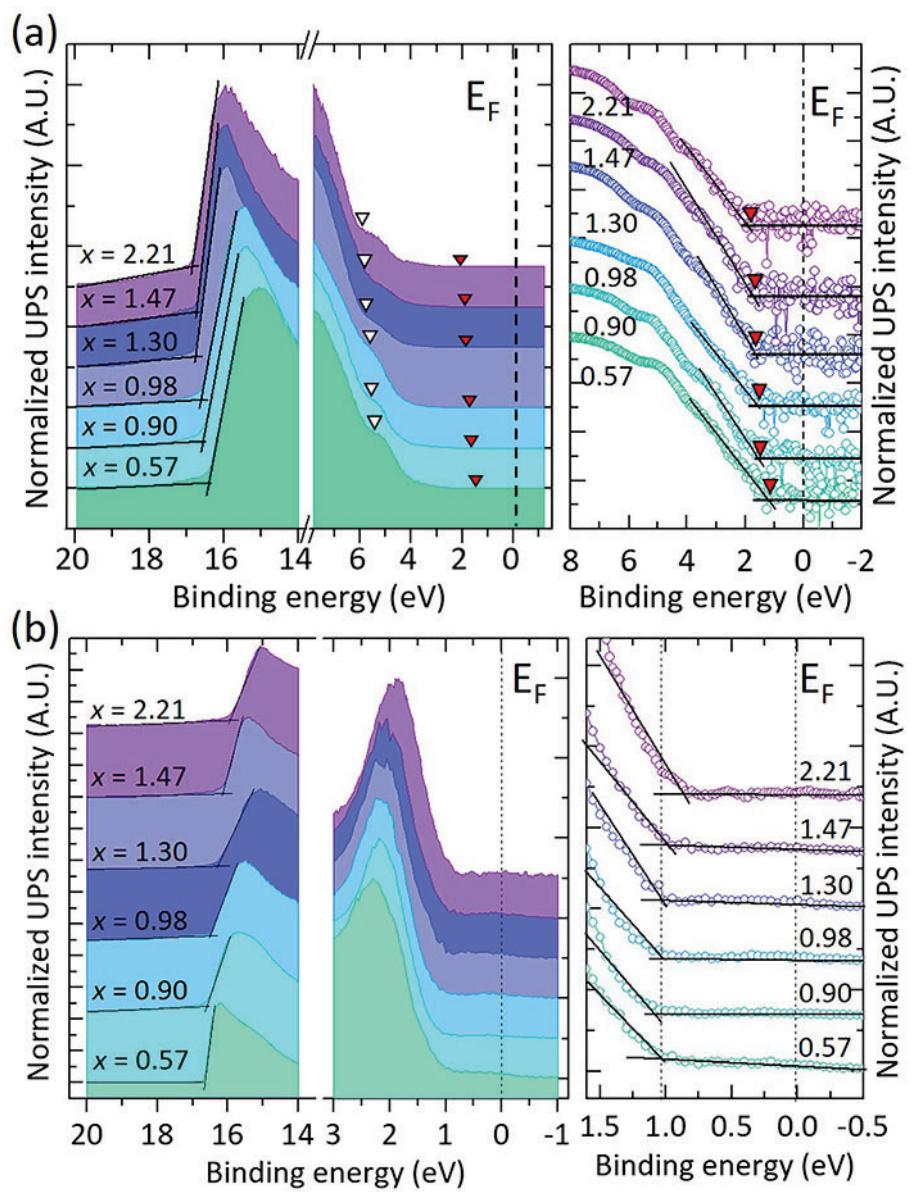
**Fig. S6.** STEM-EDX mapping of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs. (a) Bright-field STEM micrograph of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs. (b-e) The corresponding EDX mapping of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs: (b) Cs (cyan), (c) Pb (green), (d) Br (red), and (e) Cl (yellow). (f) STEM-EDX spectra of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs.



**Fig. S7.** Time-resolved PL spectra for  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs. (a) decay time  $\tau_i$  and average tim  $\langle \tau \rangle$  and (b) amplitude  $W_i$  by using tri-exponential model fitting process. (c) Radiative ( $\tau_r$ ) recombination lifetime, nonradiative ( $\tau_{nr}$ ) recombination lifetime, and radiative ( $\tau_r$ )/nonradiative ( $\tau_{nr}$ ) recombination lifetime ratio and (d) radiative ( $K_r$ ) relaxation rate, nonradiative ( $K_{nr}$ ) relaxation rate, and radiative ( $K_r$ )/nonradiative ( $K_{nr}$ ) relaxation rate ratio for  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QDs. Schematic diagram of the Br rich surface and assumed energy levels within the QDs. Energy level diagrams and charge wave functions of the proposed (e) type I core/shell ( $\text{CsPbBr}_3/\text{PbBr}_y$ ), (f) inverse type II core/shell ( $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ (type E)/ $\text{PbBr}_y$ ), and (g) inverse type II core/shell ( $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$ ( $x = 1.47$ )/ $\text{PbCl}_y$ ).



**Fig. S8.** EL spectra of  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  QD-LEDs at diverse applied voltages. (a)  $x = 0.57$ , (b)  $x = 0.90$ , (c)  $x = 0.98$ , (d)  $x = 1.30$ , (e)  $x = 1.47$ , and (f)  $x = 2.21$ .



**Fig. S9.** UPS data of multilayer heterojunctions recorded (Left) in the low kinetic energy region (the secondary electron cutoff), and (right) in the low-binding-energy region (VBM region). (a)  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x$  on  $b\text{-PEI/ZnO/ITO}$  and (b) PVK on  $\text{CsPbBr}_{3-x}\text{Cl}_x/b\text{-PEI/ZnO/ITO}$ .

**Table S1.** Summary of the time-resolved PL decay profiles<sup>a</sup> of CsPbBr<sub>3-x</sub>Cl<sub>x</sub> QDs with varying the Cl composition (x)

x	0.00 <sup>1</sup>	0.57	0.90	0.98	1.30	1.47	2.21
PL peak <sup>b</sup> (nm)	508	488	480	477	465	454	425
A	26.3 <sub>1</sub>	6.7 <sub>8</sub>	12.4 <sub>3</sub>	16.1 <sub>1</sub>	18.4 <sub>5</sub>	11.4 <sub>7</sub>	4.6 <sub>3</sub>
W <sub>1</sub> (%)	70.0 <sub>9</sub>	22.4 <sub>7</sub>	9.3 <sub>1</sub>	8.8 <sub>9</sub>	9.5 <sub>2</sub>	5.3 <sub>9</sub>	0.9 <sub>4</sub>
τ <sub>1</sub> (ns)	8.4 <sub>7</sub>	49.6 <sub>0</sub>	128.0 <sub>4</sub>	137.4 <sub>5</sub>	125.9 <sub>7</sub>	112.6 <sub>2</sub>	59.7 <sub>6</sub>
W <sub>2</sub> (%)	29.9 <sub>1</sub>	47.9 <sub>5</sub>	38.5 <sub>5</sub>	30.6 <sub>7</sub>	25.6 <sub>6</sub>	18.3 <sub>0</sub>	5.7 <sub>9</sub>
τ <sub>2</sub> (ns)	23.3 <sub>7</sub>	12.9 <sub>9</sub>	25.0 <sub>4</sub>	32.6 <sub>9</sub>	31.0 <sub>0</sub>	25.5 <sub>0</sub>	11.5 <sub>5</sub>
W <sub>3</sub> (%)	-	29.5 <sub>8</sub>	52.1 <sub>4</sub>	60.4 <sub>4</sub>	64.8 <sub>3</sub>	76.3 <sub>0</sub>	93.2 <sub>7</sub>
τ <sub>3</sub> (ns)	-	1.4 <sub>7</sub>	2.5 <sub>5</sub>	2.6 <sub>5</sub>	1.5 <sub>1</sub>	1.1 <sub>6</sub>	0.6 <sub>9</sub>
τ <sub>avg</sub> (ns)	16.5 <sub>3</sub>	35.6 <sub>0</sub>	77.3 <sub>0</sub>	84.3 <sub>6</sub>	84.0 <sub>4</sub>	68.9 <sub>1</sub>	22.2 <sub>6</sub>
τ <sub>r</sub> (ns)	21.5 <sub>1</sub>	50.8 <sub>6</sub>	126.8 <sub>9</sub>	139.7 <sub>4</sub>	179.1 <sub>0</sub>	208.2 <sub>9</sub>	429.7 <sub>6</sub>
τ <sub>nr</sub> (ns)	71.4 <sub>3</sub>	118.6 <sub>7</sub>	197.8 <sub>0</sub>	212.8 <sub>7</sub>	158.3 <sub>4</sub>	102.9 <sub>8</sub>	23.4 <sub>8</sub>
τ <sub>r</sub> /τ <sub>nr</sub>	0.3 <sub>0</sub>	0.4 <sub>3</sub>	0.6 <sub>4</sub>	0.6 <sub>6</sub>	1.1 <sub>3</sub>	2.0 <sub>2</sub>	18.3 <sub>1</sub>
K <sub>r</sub> (μs <sup>-1</sup> )	46.5 <sub>0</sub>	19.6 <sub>6</sub>	7.8 <sub>8</sub>	7.1 <sub>6</sub>	5.5 <sub>8</sub>	4.8 <sub>0</sub>	2.3 <sub>3</sub>
K <sub>nr</sub> (μs <sup>-1</sup> )	14.0 <sub>0</sub>	8.4 <sub>3</sub>	5.05 <sub>6</sub>	4.7 <sub>0</sub>	6.3 <sub>2</sub>	9.7 <sub>1</sub>	42.5 <sub>9</sub>
K <sub>r</sub> /K <sub>nr</sub>	3.3 <sub>2</sub>	2.3 <sub>3</sub>	1.5 <sub>6</sub>	1.5 <sub>2</sub>	0.8 <sub>8</sub>	0.4 <sub>3</sub>	0.05

<sup>a</sup> The PL decay curves were numerically analyzed using a tri-exponential model fitting expressed by

$$I(t) = A + W_1 e^{(-\frac{t}{\tau_1})} + W_2 e^{(-\frac{t}{\tau_2})} + W_3 e^{(-\frac{t}{\tau_3})},$$

where I, t, W, and τ is normalized emission intensity, time after excitation, amplitude coefficient, and decay time constant, respectively.

<sup>b</sup> In a solution

## **Supplementary References**

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