



# NATIONAL CANDIDATES PROFILES



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## Introduction

This is a compilation of profiles of selected national candidates for the May 2010 Philippine elections. These profiles contain basic information, significant achievements and known advocacies of the national candidates. Much as we would want to include all the national candidates for the 2010 elections, time and resources serve as a significant limitation in accomplishing this.

The information in these profiles was taken from a research, mainly using various websites including the official websites of the candidates. The initial drafts of most of these profiles were presented to and discussed at seven (7) regional consultations last July – August 2009 that also discussed the draft of the Development and Reform Agenda for 2010-2013. The feedback from those consultations was used to improve the profiles. After the deadline for the filing of candidacies last December 1, 2009, we added a handful of profiles, particularly for the candidates that we had not expected before.

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The Development and Reform Agenda for 2010-2013 is also available at that website.

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## Benigno Simeon III C. "NOYNOY" AQUINO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics  
– Ateneo de Manila University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2007-Present
- Representative, 3rd District of Tarlac  
– 1998-2001, 2001-2004, 2004-2007
- Economist

### Significant Achievements

He is considered to be an active and independent-minded legislator but Aquino family friend Reli German has described him as "seen by most people as `a political lightweight, (with) his transformation not yet sufficiently remarkable.'"

On the other hand, former Finance Secretary Ramon Del Rosario has written – "We must reject and vigorously fight corruption because it is a social evil that contributes greatly to poverty. Corruption causes poverty not only because it diverts already meager resources from development and social programs that ought to benefit the poor, but also because it discourages investments that create jobs. If we are to reduce poverty and improve the lives of our people, we must fight corruption. And to do this, we must have leadership that is honest, leadership that we can trust."

This is why the first qualities I seek from our next president are the credibility and moral ascendancy to lead our country back to the path of a just society, where notions of right and wrong matter, where corruption is vigorously rejected, where crime does not pay.

Do I best find these qualities in Joseph Estrada? In Manny Villar? In Gilbert Teodoro? Or in Noynoy? Each can make his own choice. I choose Noynoy."

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Aquino authored the Workers Productivity Incentives Act of 2007 that would grant annual productivity incentive bonuses to all workers in the private sector amounting to no less than 10% of the company's net profits before taxes. He also led the call for the renegotiation of Japan – Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) and voted against its ratification. He authored the Superior Responsibility Act of 2008 which would adopt the doctrine of "Superior Responsibility" for all military and police personnel, in response to extra-judicial killings, particularly human rights activists and media practitioners.

Senator Aquino signed the impeachment complaint against former President Estrada and authored bills that would promote transparency in government such as the Government Procurement Reform Act and the bill that would add Congressional oversight to budget decisions undertaken by the President, including budget rescission, reservation, and deferral.

He also supports the Reproductive Health Bill, though he has also said that his position is "more properly called Responsible Parenthood."

At the time of the 2004 Hacienda Luisita killings, Senator Aquino himself drew flak from various groups after he said that leftists had goaded the workers in the Hacienda to go on strike. He drew further criticism from human rights groups following a spate of killings of Hacienda's union leaders, even as he issued statements condemning the killings.

He is in favor of the additional 2 years basic education proposal because it will increase the level of competitiveness of students and make us at par with the global education standards.

He will not impose new taxes or increase tax rates because the problem is the tax collection efficiency.

Regarding the proposal to give the late President Ferdinand Marcos a hero's burial, Aquino did not endorse it and suggested instead that a commission be created to study the issue (The Manila Times, Feb 22, 2010).

**Website:** [www.noynoy.ph](http://www.noynoy.ph)

## John Carlos G. "JC" DE LOS REYES

### Educational Attainment

- B.A. in Theology - Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, U.S.A.
- Public Administration (graduate studies) - University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Law - Saint Louis University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Councilor - Olongapo City - 1995-1998, 2007-Present

### Significant Achievements

He helped propagate the National Renewal Movement and the Ang Kapatiran National Political Party or the Alliance for the Common Good, a registered political party that seeks to promote the politics of genuine social concern.

He is presently the national animator of Solidarity Philippines, a movement to pro-actively advance the Social Justice Agenda of the Church and Executive-director of Breaking the Yoke of Poverty Foundation whose project is Jubilee homes for the Poor, a housing project for 60 families.

In the 2007 elections, among 27 local and national candidates, he was the lone winner of Ang Kapatiran Party, placing second among ten slots for the Olongapo City Council. This was achieved despite a decade of absence from local politics.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

During his term, he focused on the poor, the youth and cooperatives.

His free legal assistance program under an informal project named JUSTICE CRUSADE has been widely successful among his constituents. He is presently prioritizing the institutionalization of the Barangay Human Rights Action Centers, the office mandated by law for the protection and prevention of human rights violations in the barangay.

He has also spoken out and campaigned against illegal drugs, rampant violations of worker's rights at Hanjin, Subic Bay and has campaigned against illegal fish cages in the area. He has also led protests against the proposed coal power plant and has been outspoken in criticizing government's plan to open more casinos in Subic.

The boldest statement he has made for good governance is the filing of numerous cases before the Ombudsman against high ranking government officials where he himself is the complainant.

His passion and vision is to unceasingly work to fight and defeat massive, enslaving poverty, a mission to be accomplished not only in Olongapo but in the whole country.

De los Reyes ruled out a population campaign that would promote the use of contraception, although he conceded that rapid population growth is hindering economic development in the country. His approach is to curb population growth by educating couples on responsible parenthood and through natural means of family planning.

He is against the Reproductive Health Bill, adding that he is against abortion in all cases and the use of birth control pills and condoms even among married couples.

On political dynasties, he will strive to have implementing legislation that will give life to the Constitutional provision against political dynasties.

He stated that he will be the first President to implement the fundamental law to give education the biggest share of the budget. He would enhance the education budget and orient the education sector to make graduates serve our country.

## Joseph M. “ERAP” ESTRADA EJERCITO

### Educational Attainment

- Engineering – Mapua Institute of Technology

### Professional/Public Service Record

- President of the Philippines – 1998-2001
- Vice President of the Philippines – 1992-1998
- Senator – 1987-1992
- Mayor of San Juan – 1969-1986

### Significant Achievements

In 1972, he was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) in Public Administration by the Philippine Jaycees.

He established the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (MOWELFUND), Inc. which has now become a robust organization that provides industry workers with financial and professional assistance.

As a senator, he was one of the so-called “Magnificent 12” who voted to terminate the RP-US Military Bases Agreement in 1991 leading to the withdrawal of American servicemen from the Clark Air Base in Pampanga and the Subic Naval Base in Zambales.

In 1989, the Free Press cited him as one of the Three Outstanding Senators of the Year.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

On March 21, 2000, President Joseph Estrada declared an “all-out-war” against the MILF. During the war, the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) asked Estrada to have a cease-fire with MILF, but Estrada opposed the idea arguing that a cease-fire would cause more terrorist attacks. For the next three months of the war, Camp Abubakar, headquarters of the MILF, fell along with 13 other major camps and 43 minor camps. The MILF later declared a jihad on the government. On July 10 of the same year, the President went to Mindanao and raised the Philippine flag symbolizing victory. After the war Estrada said, “... will speed up government efforts to bring genuine and lasting peace and development in Mindanao.”

As President, he ordered the removal of all sovereign guarantees on contracts for public projects which would require the people to assume the financial losses of private companies doing business with the government.

Under the Estrada administration, agriculture received greater priority, while the national government likewise took steps to bring down the cost of medicine.

Mr. Estrada’s administration has been criticized for its slow pace of land distribution under CARP and for its actions on the coconut levy funds that favored his ally Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco.

He was charged with and convicted of plunder, but was quickly pardoned by President Arroyo in 2006.

**Website:** [www.erap.ph](http://www.erap.ph)

## Richard J. "DICK" GORDON

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in History and Government – Ateneo de Manila University
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2004-Present
- Secretary, Department of Tourism (DOT) – 2001-2004
- Founding Chairman and Administrator, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) – 1992-1998
- Mayor, Olongapo City – 1980-1986, 1988-1996
- Lawyer

### Significant Achievements

Senator Gordon is credited for transforming Olongapo's "Sin City" image into a model city. This he achieved through innovative yet simple programs involving an active citizenry in solving crime, ensuring police accountability, efficient garbage collection, proper health and sanitation and orderly public transport and traffic. He also transformed the moribund Philippine tourism campaign with his campaign: "WOW Philippines! More than the usual!"

He is the recipient of many awards in public service such as the Silver Humanitarian Award of the Philippine National Red Cross and the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award.

He is an active volunteer of the Red Cross for the last 25 years and has recently been elected member of the Governing Board of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He personally led numerous relief, rescue and rehabilitation operations. The senator also initiated the creation of an Asian Disaster Training and Logistics Center in Subic Bay to help plan, prepare for and to mitigate calamities and disasters in the region.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Gordon authored the Election Automation Act of 1997. He co-authored the Biofuels Act of 2006 and the Magna Carta of Women of 2009. He voted for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reform (CARPER).

Senator Gordon opposed the unconstitutional People's Initiative and was one of the triumphant parties in the case of Lambino and Aumentado vs. COMELEC.

In his website, Senator Gordon declares that:

"he will prioritize education as the key to national development to compete and lead in the new global economy,

that there must be adequate access to health care for all people, especially the needy,

that jobs be created for the people so that they will not need to seek their fortunes abroad but rather devote their talents directly to their country and their families,

that we must assist our people in securing decent homes to live in and land to work and build on, so they can be dignified and productive citizens,

that we must strengthen and reinforce the family as the foundation of our nation to develop proper values and virtues in individuals and build solid character and

that we must protect and preserve the environment for our posterity."

He proposes to have a bill of duties and obligations wherein the citizens should also have an obligation to the government and to his or her country.

On economic development in Mindanao, fixing the moral, legal and the physical infrastructure is the solution. This can be done by removing corrupt officials, enforcing the law and change the perception that Mindanao is a war zone.

According to him, making the country look good to foreign investment will generate and increase job opportunities. A predictable investment climate should be established.

Regarding raising taxes he responded that we need to make sacrifices if we want progress and development. It would be a lie to promise that taxes will not be raised.

**Website:** [www.dickgordon2010.com](http://www.dickgordon2010.com)

## Jamby A. "JAMBY" MADRIGAL

### Educational Attainment

- No data on tertiary education

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2004 - Present
- Presidential Adviser for Children's Affairs – 1999-2001
- Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development – 1992-1998

### Significant Achievements:

Senator Madrigal is currently the chairperson of four committees in the Senate, namely, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; Committee on Youth, Women, and Family Relations; Committee on Cultural Communities; and the Committee on Peace, Unification, and Reconciliation.

She is from a family of nation-builders and public servants. She is the granddaughter of a national hero and martyr, Supreme Court Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos. Her granduncle, Assemblyman Pedro Abad Santos, was the founder of the Socialist Party of the Philippines and a well-known defender of the poor and the oppressed.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Madrigal co-authored the Magna Carta for Women and the Anti-Child Pornography Act. While she expressed support for CARPER, she did not vote for it.

She voted against the ratification of JPEPA. The senator also filed a bill repealing the Mining Act of 1995 and a bill for the imposition of a total log ban. She likewise authored a bill defining and penalizing enforced or involuntary disappearances as well as the proposed Human Rights Act.

She met with the peace negotiations panel of the National Democratic Front in Utrecht, The Netherlands and issued a statement reiterating her call for the immediate resumption of the formal talks in the peace negotiations between the government and the NDF.

Senator Madrigal filed an ethics case against Sen. Manny Villar for allegedly benefitting from the construction of the C-5 road extension project in Paranaque City. In turn, she is the respondent in a case filed before the Senate Committee on Ethics by former Rep. Gilbert Remulla of Cavite. Remulla said that Madrigal used "vile language unbecoming a senator" within the premises of the Senate. She recently earned the ire of Filipino bloggers for the yellow beaded bracelets that were being given away during the memorial services for former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino. The bracelets included a picture of Madrigal who, incidentally, had announced on July 31 that she would run for President in 2010.

She would support more stringent measures on the production and advertising of unhealthy food products. If elected president, her administration will be very strict and will limit advertising of such products (and) tax softdrinks.

Regarding the divorce bill, she would put it to a referendum to concretely determine if the people favor it. Congress should not enact this by themselves.

On the OFW issue, she states that the OFW problem is a creation of the Arroyo administration because of the Omnibus Code that has been passed that in effect legalizes trafficking and slavery of OFWs to Middle East countries. She intends to reverse this though economic growth by collecting taxes and stopping technical smuggling.

On the pork barrel, she said that she does not accept it because of the corruption it generates if you try to use it. She further stated that "it is the source of major corruption in the country. If elected presented, short of abolishing it, there will only be certain places where the pork barrel can go that can be completely audited". She also said that she will veto insertions because tens of billions are wasted due to these. She will use the savings from these insertions for agriculture, SMEs, environmental protection, health care and education.

**Website:** [www.jambymadrigal.com](http://www.jambymadrigal.com)

## Jesus Nicanor P. "NICK" PERLAS

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Major in Agronomy and Minor in Agricultural Economics – Xavier University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Technical Consultant/Resource Person to several NGOs and government
- Co-Founder, President, and Executive Director, Center for Alternative Development Initiatives (CADI)
- Chairman of several national civil society networks including the Green Forum Philippines, the Philippine Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and the Civil Society Counterpart Council for Sustainable Development

### Significant Achievements

He has received numerous awards, the most notable of which are the Right Livelihood Award (known as the Alternative Nobel Prize), the UN Environmental Program Global 500 Award, and the Outstanding Filipino Award.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Mr. Perlas is best known for his advocacy for environmental issues. He helped UNICEF assess its national Family Food Production Program and make it more effective for households involved in the program. He was one of two technical writers of Philippine Agenda 21 (PA 21) and was one of the country's official civil society delegates at the Earth Summit in Rio. He was also key in keeping the Philippines nuclear free, stopping the government from implementing the plan to build 12 nuclear power plants.

He spearheaded the national movement that led to the banning of 32 pesticide formulations that were poisoning millions of farmers and triggered the creation of a national integrated pest management program.

Mr. Perlas was a key player in the national movement to impeach, oust, or have then President Estrada resign from office.

From his website, Nicanor Perlas enumerates the six pillars of his platform:

The first pillar aims to eradicate poverty primarily through a vibrant broad-based economy, social justice and peace. The second aims to advance moral and effective governance in all institutions of society. The third concerns itself with stopping the massive destruction of our ecology and our environment. The fourth pillar seeks to build partnerships for social justice. He further states that "tayong lahat ang kailangan upang mabago ang ating bansa". The fifth pillar strives to promote creative education and inner change. And then finally, the sixth pillar of his platform aims to mainstream visionary initiatives by rewarding innovation and systematically discovering, magnifying and multiplying these promising initiatives.

When asked if there's a possible clash between the rights of indigenous peoples and environment vis-à-vis a mining investment that will definitely bring roads, housing, hospitals, internet infrastructure to IPs, he responded that the conflict is artificial. IPs consider environment and development as one whole.

When asked about the role of civil society if elected president, he plans to establish a new cabinet position on civil society affairs, reflecting governance that goes beyond government. He stated that there must be a balance of power between government, civil society and business. Civil society will not only be consulted but will be part of the massive effort to have all government agencies have civil society representation.

He is for a mining law that does not violate the rights of IPs, there's an equitable distribution of income derived from mining, respects ancestral domains and that there are ecological and social safeguards.

He is in favor of raising the salary of teachers but it must be figured out exactly to what level. He would also enforce a performance related salary package because that would automatically reward good performing teachers.

**Website:** <http://www.nicanor-perlas.com>

## Gilberto Jr. C. "GIBO" TEODORO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor in Commerce – De La Salle University
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines
- Master of Laws – Harvard Law School

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Secretary, Department of National Defense (DND) – 2007 – Nov. 2009
- Congressman, First District of Tarlac - 1998-2007
- Member, Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Tarlac – 1980-1986
- President, Kabataang Barangay in Tarlac; KB Federation of Central Luzon – 1980-1985
- Lawyer

### Significant Achievements

Secretary Teodoro was named by former Senator Vicente Paterno, vice chairman of the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference (BBC), as one of the most honest government officials along with DSWD Secretary Esperanza Cabral.

He topped the 1989 bar examinations and is a member of the State Bar of New York.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Secretary Teodoro wanted to claim the 3,100-hectare land in Laur, Nueva Ecija for Mt. Pinatubo victims so that they would be able to live and cultivate the area. CARP eventually awarded this land to farmers through the Certificate of Land Ownership Awards (CLOA).

He advocates for anti-terrorism laws, civil rights protection, governance and economic development, but has no known position on the environment.

He joined last-ditch efforts of former Speaker Jose de Venecia and his allies at the House to amend the 1987 Constitution a few months before the 2007 mid-term elections. His staff said that Teodoro came in only when de Venecia opened the possibility of amending the Constitution by calling a referendum to get the people's pulse, or through the election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention simultaneous with the May 14 elections.

Secretary Teodoro is also known for supporting the impeachment complaint against former Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. in 2003 on charges of corruption for misusing the Judicial Development Fund.

He is also closely identified with his uncle, former Marcos crony and business tycoon Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., such that his political choices are not seen by many as independent.

He has defended the policies and actions of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

When asked why he buckled down when pressured regarding his position on the RH bill, he said that "for any policy, you have to work with a consensus. You cannot implement a law that has massive opposition."

On the concerns of the AFP, he said that two things must be built: culture of competence and culture of discipline. He said "you cannot have discipline if you do not have competence. It works both ways." Also, he said that we need to address the material needs of the armed forces because it is not currently addressed by the modernization budget.

On his opinion on the Sangguniang Kabataan, he said that there must be a transition from the SK to regular politics. He proposes a reduction of the age to elect councilors to 18. He recognizes that there are benefits to SK, like being taught leadership and principles of governance but it also has problems like the nature of the political contest and how some SK Chairs are elected. "We have to streamline the organization to cure its ills" said Teodoro.

If made to choose one important sector, he said he would choose agriculture because "our food security is an important aspect of our economy that must not be forgotten."

He is in favor of giving the late President Ferdinand Marcos full state honors and allowing him to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. According to him, the late president deserves such rites as a former soldier who fought for the country during the World War II and added that Marcos has not been convicted by any competent court and is therefore presumed innocent of all the accusations (The Philippine Star, Feb. 21, 2010).

**Website:** <http://gibo.ph/>

## Eduardo C. "BRO. EDDIE" VILLANUEVA

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor in Commerce, Major in Economics – Philippine College of Commerce (since renamed Polytechnic University of the Philippines)
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Founder, Jesus is Lord Church
- Televangelist

### Significant Achievements/Other Info:

He was immersed in both student and labor movements in the 1970's. He joined the progressive segments of society which opposed military dictatorship. He fought local landgrabbers in Bulacan. He was jailed for his political beliefs and participation in various mass actions.

He is the longest-sitting member of the Board of Regents of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP). Previous to this appointment, he was a faculty member of the Department of Economics and Finance of the Philippine College of Commerce (now PUP) from 1969 to 1972. He was General Manager of Agape Trading Company in 1976-1977. He was also Export Manager of Maran Export Industries in 1973-1975.

Bro. Eddie was voted worldwide as "Pastor of the Year" in 1988 by Dr. George Otis' High Adventure Ministries. He was ordained Minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (1979) by Dr. Michael McKinney of the Victory in Christ Church and International Ministries based in California.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Bro. Eddie spoke about CARPER in front of a Jesus is Lord Movement crowd.

He advocates righteous governance and has joined protest rallies against charter change and declared that righteous people would rise and "oppose the act of the devil."

On reproductive health, he has said that "Personally, I'm for responsible parenthood. It is important to address overpopulation but we must not sacrifice morality. Why not produce excellent, if not perfect measure. The intention (of the bill) is very good. The intention is so noble."

Bangon Pilipinas Party believes these Seven E's will help bring about a prosperous, progressive, and peaceful Philippines:

Empowerment of the people—by making sure every vote counts and is counted, that the people have equal access to justice and jobs;

Emancipation of the people's mind and culture, that we have to leave behind us the perspective of individualism but rather nurture and imbibe the perspective of thinking as a nation;

Educating the people in a quality and progressive way by overhauling the educational system and focusing on Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, and English;

Energizing the economy by prioritizing public works projects in favor of infrastructures and social services;

Elevating the standards of living of all Filipinos, that a minimum level of social services shall be accessible to all including lighted streets, regular collection of garbage, decent housing, integrated transport services, etc.;

Eradicating bad governance, that public service should truly be a public trust;

And finally, establishing peace and order all over the land, that the Philippine Republic cannot be divided.

In the Inquirer debate, he mentioned that in his administration there will be absolute press and academic freedom, that he would support social pension and other forms of expanded health benefits for the elderly, that women's human rights are primordial in our society and that he considers the massive development of SMEs as his centerpiece economic program. He also stated that abortion is murder per se and he is for family planning/responsible parenthood without violating the morality of society.

**Website:** <http://broeddie.ph/>

## Manuel Jr. B. "MANNY" VILLAR

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science, Major in Business Administration – University of the Philippines
- Masters in Business Administration – University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Record

- Senator – 2001-2007, 2007-Present
- Senate President – 2006-2008
- Speaker of the House of Representatives – 1998-2000
- Representative, Lone District of Las Piñas - 1998-2001
- Representative, Las Piñas-Muntinlupa District – 1992-1995, 1995-1998

### Service

### Significant Achievements

As a businessman, he initiated mass housing projects to achieve economies of scale. His various innovations practically created the country's mass housing industry. The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism calls him "the dean of the (Philippine) real estate industry."

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Villar supported DAR Secretary Nasser Pangandaman's advocacy of sustaining the gains of CARP and its continued relevance to rural growth and development.

He authored the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003 and filed bills on basic health care, decent shelter, responsive social services, and high-quality education. He voted for the ratification of JPEPA and authored several bills which pertain to environment issues. He also voted for the election automation law and co-authored the VAWC Law, the Anti-Trafficking Law, and the Magna Carta for Women.

Senator Villar welcomed the Supreme Court decision declaring the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD) as unconstitutional. Under his leadership, the Senate passed the Government Procurement Act which promotes transparency in the procurement process.

A known advocate against constituent assembly before 2010, he filed Senate Resolution 599, a resolution which said that the House resolution seeking the amendment of the Constitution is "unconstitutional."

Villar said in the Inquirer debate that "any change in the Constitution will not be a priority if I make it as president. I do not believe it is that important". But he added that he is "not afraid of any constitutional change. I think that any Constitution can be changed and should be changed from time to time. I will leave that decision to our people. If there will be proposals to amend the constitution, I will propose a referendum."

He was implicated in an alleged "double entry" in the budget for the extension of the C-5 highway, which would allegedly benefit his real estate business and financial interests in that area and is known to be part of the Villar-Aguilar political dynasty in Las Piñas.

He supports the proposal to give a hero's burial to the late President Ferdinand Marcos, saying that Marcos should be "viewed in proper perspective and in a historical context, not solely on his declaration of martial law in 1972" (The Manila Times, Feb 22, 2010).

**Website:** <http://www.mannyvillar.com.ph/>

## Jejomar C. "JOJO" BINAY

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science – University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Mayor (Makati City) – 1986-1998, 2001-2004, 2007-Present
- Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) -- 1998-2001
- Acting Mayor (Makati City) -- 1986-1987
- Lawyer

### Significant Achievements

Under his leadership, Makati garnered awards as Most Dynamic City (2004) and Top 5 Most Competitive City (2005).

Makati, under Binay, pioneered in drafting an environmental management plan, which outlines the city government's policies and programs to address a wide range of environmental issues and concerns.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Mayor Binay said that "While the implementation of CARP (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program) needs to be reviewed, the net effect should always be beneficial to the farmers." He institutionalized quality health care in Makati through an efficient health care program. He is also credited for directing funds for maintenance of roads and infrastructure even in the poorest districts of Makati.

There is no data about Binay's position on JPEPA.

He has underscored the crucial role of LGUs in addressing the issues of climate change and reducing the risks from natural disasters. On the MOA-AD, Binay asserts that if the Bangsamoro independent state is allowed to come into being, other ethnic minorities in the country can agitate for the same.

He is a prominent supporter of former President Estrada. Binay is a staunch advocate against charter change before 2010. He also supports the Reproductive Health Bill and cites Makati's very low population growth rate and maternal mortality rate compared to national rates.

**Website:** <http://www.jejomarbinay.com.ph/>

## Dominador Jr. F. "JUN" CHIPECO

### Educational Attainment

- Liberal Arts English - Ateneo de Manila University
- Bachelor of Law - San Beda College of Law

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Consultant - Tulay sa Pagunlad, Legal Affairs and Human Resources - 2007
- Director - St. John Colleges, Inc. - 1989-present
- Director, Legal Counsel - Community Rural Bank of San Felipe, Zambales - 1974-Present
- Senior Legal Counsel - 3M Southeast Asia Region - 1991-1993
- Board Director, Board Secretary - 3M Philippines Inc. - 1995-2001
- Director - 3M Philippines Inc., Legal Affairs and Human Resources - 1973-1991
- Tax Attorney - Esso Philippines, Inc. - 1971-1973
- Tax Attorney - SGV & Co. - 1969-1970
- Associate Attorney - Carlos J. Valdes and Associates - 1968-1969
- Law professor - Arellano University - 1980

### Significant Achievements

Applying universal principles on honesty and integrity as affirmed by gospel based values, delivered seminars/workshops to 3M employees in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore on the supreme importance of observing business ethics in the work and market places.

Participated in the review and design of value formation training materials as a component of the lending program of TSPI to the poor and marginalized.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Domjnador Chipeco Jr. wrote in his blog ([junchipeco.livejournal.com](http://junchipeco.livejournal.com)) that the Reproductive Health and Population Development Act (HB 5043) "has very little to do, if any, with parental responsibility. The bill does not add any value to the upbringing of children. On the contrary, it promotes so-called safe sex through the use of contraceptive pills and devices. The bill teaches and promotes irresponsible sex by effectively telling our children it's ok to have premarital sex but do it safely, i.e., safe from pregnancy (as if it is a disease) and sexually transmitted diseases. I call that promiscuity. If it becomes a law, it will create an environment where abortions will flourish. Never mind if Pope Benedict XVI has spoken against it. Never mind if our local Catholic Church hierarchy has condemned the bill. Condoms and IUDs are "cool." Morality is out."

Ang Kapatiran Party - A Dream?

Ours is not just a political campaign out to gain political power, but even more importantly, ours is also a mission with a message to the Filipino electorate that if they want to see not only a change but a transformation taking place in the political leadership, they must elect candidates based on their known personal integrity and competence in their chosen fields, and not only on their popularity as actors, broadcasters, long staying traditional politicians and on their emotional connection to their parents. Only then will they begin to see refreshingly new leaders whose sole agenda is to serve the common good that begins with uncompromising moral principles. ANG KAPATIRAN CANDIDATES DO NOT MAKE PROMISES, because if we do, that will not make us any different from other candidates. Rather, we say that if given a chance to govern, we will do so from a set of values and principles that are written and to which we will be held accountable. Any deviation there from will subject us to disciplinary measures. A dream? Yes. But if no one dreams for Filipinos, will change ever happen? Was Ninoy Aquino dreaming? Jose Rizal?

**Website:** <http://www.angkapatiranparty.com>

## Bayani F. "BF" FERNANDO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science, Major in Mechanical Engineering – Mapua Institute of Technology

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Secretary, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) – 2002-Present
- Director, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - National Capital Region – 2003-Present
- Mayor, Marikina City, – 1992-2001
- Mechanical Engineer

### Significant Achievements

During his stint as Mayor, Marikina City was accorded 55 citations and distinctions.

He has been conferred the Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa, Ateneo de Cagayan, The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Award for Government Service, the H.R. Reyes Academic Medallion of Honor, Central Colleges of the Philippines and Doctor of the Public Administration, Honoris Causa by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Chairman Fernando is credited to have transformed the former municipality of Marikina into one of the best-managed cities and a paradigm of responsive and effective governance. He embarked on numerous beautification projects and spearheaded the Save the Marikina River program.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

While he has been described as having a strong political will and as having the capacity to instill discipline, he has been criticized for having an iron rule approach. He authorized several demolitions of shanties, food stalls, etc. around Metro Manila without regard to ensuring the availability of relocation sites for the displaced families. He has said that "It's as if we are rewarding people who squat. So we will see to it that only those who are qualified will be relocated."

Chairman Fernando has also been criticized for the MMDA's illegal cutting of trees. Numerous documents from the DENR are clear proofs to BF's illegal tree cutting activities. He has also said that "Recycling waste is not viable in the Philippines, and it has cost the Metro Manila Development Authority millions of pesos to operate three of its Materials Reduction Facilities."

He has expressed that he is in favour of a constitutional convention only after the 2010 elections.

**Website:** <http://bayanifernando.com.ph/>

# Loren B. "LOREN" **LEGARDA**

## **Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Broadcast Communications – University of the Philippines
- Special Studies towards Professional Designation in Journalism – University of California
- Master's in National Security Administration – National Defense College of the Philippines

## **Professional/Public Service Record**

- Senator -- 1998-2004; 2007-present
- Broadcast Journalist

## **Significant Achievements**

She was awarded by the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) for her significant contributions for the protection of the environment.

She served as negotiator for the release of journalist Ces Drilon, who was kidnapped in Southern Mindanao.

## **Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Senator Legarda called for a complete assessment of CARP – how much land was distributed, the government's ability to provide for the landowners' compensation and if the beneficiaries were indeed emancipated from poverty – and filed Senate Resolution 449 to determine remedial measures to reform CARP.

She started her campaign for environmental protection and preservation during her stint as a broadcast journalist. As Senator, she actively espoused the passage of important environmental measures such as the Philippine Clean Air Act and Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. She founded Luntiang Pilipinas and is president of Trees for Life Foundation and Save our Seas Foundation, Inc.

She is a known opponent of charter change.

Senator Legarda co-authored the Magna Carta for Women and supports informed choice for women but not abortion.

She has admitted that she regretted her participation in ousting former President Estrada during the curtailed impeachment trial in 2001.

She was accused by Ador Mawanay to be involved in the alleged purchase of P10 million worth of smuggled mobile phones.

**Website:** <http://www.lorenlegarda.com.ph/>

## Eduardo B. "EDU" MANZANO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelors Degree – De La Salle University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Chairperson, Optical Media Board (OMB) – 2004-2009
- Vice Mayor (Makati City) -- 1998-2001
- National President, Vice Mayor's League of the Philippines – 1998-2001
- Actor and TV Personality

### Significant Achievements

He has won several hosting awards from the PMPC Star Awards. He was awarded the Outstanding and Unblemished Vice Mayor Award by the National Press Club and the Outstanding Vice Mayor Award by the Consumers Union of the Philippines.

He was also President of the Vice Mayors' Foundation where his functions included performing liaison work with NGOs and donors from foreign countries. His term saw the completion of the Vice Mayors' building that served as a half-way house for vice mayors coming to Manila on official business.

He was also an active member of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) where he was Chairman of the Special Projects Committee.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Mr. Manzano is famed for his anti-piracy advocacy. He has said that "Companies should monitor their software licenses to avoid disruption of business and the embarrassment of raids... Piracy is detrimental to the national economy. It deprives our workforce of high paying job opportunities, prevents us from competing globally and hampers the growth of creative industries."

Gilbert Teodoro was quoted in Sun Star that Edu Manzano "has a great advocacy for the youth, future of the youth who are the future of your country," He added that Manzano and his wife, Representative Nikki Teodoro, are active in the fight against child pornography.

Mr. Manzano organized the Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography (ACAP) Foundation.

Manzano waged a relentless campaign against film piracy and illegal copying, distribution and sale of optical media materials. His work resulted in the removal of the Philippines from the Priority Watch List of the US Trade Representative (USTR) which contains a list of countries considered as notorious for film piracy and violations of intellectual property rights. The Philippines was cited for being one of only seven countries that made significant progress in effecting controls in their optical media operations and has since been placed only in the Ordinary Watch List. (source: [www.duckyparedes.com/blogs](http://www.duckyparedes.com/blogs))

## Manuel A. "MAR" ROXAS

### Educational Attainment

- Economics -- Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator -- 2004-Present
- Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) -- 2000-2003
- Representative (1st District of Capiz) – 1993-1999
- Economist and Investment Banker

### Significant Achievements

He is hailed as the "Father of the Call Center and Business Process Outsourcing Industries." During his time as DTI Secretary, he launched the program "Make IT Philippines", where he brought the biggest global industry players in Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) to the country, encouraging them to build call centers and invest in Filipino talent.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Roxas voted yes to the CARPER Bill in June 2009. He fought to "put the money back in people's pockets," as reflected in his stand on the suspension of the VAT on oil and the passage of his Law Exempting Minimum Wage Earners from Income Tax.

He chaired the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce that gave its conditional concurrence to the JPEPA and voted for its ratification.

The senator filed a Senate bill calling for a Constitutional Convention and the election of its delegates in the 2010 elections.

He said that reproductive health is a private issue that should be decided by couples but refused to divulge his position about State support in providing family planning services.

His vision for OFWs: Ample Support and Protection from the Government

- Adequate preparation for the OFW's before they leave the country
- Affordable and easy access to communication with their loved ones in the Philippines
- Speedy legal assistance for OFW's in conflict with the law in other countries
- Assurances that their remittances will reach the ones who need it
- Affordable remittances fees

He is also pushing for the following:

- Remove the 0.15% Documentary Stamp Tax (DST) on OFW Remittances
- Professionalize the foreign service corps and make them more responsive to the needs of OFW's
- Adequate funds for the social reintegration programs for OFWs

He believes that it is time for an Agricultural Renaissance. This Renaissance will prioritize much needed resources such as fertilizer, irrigation and post-harvest facilities, by investing in modern agriculture through R&D, by giving our farmers easy access to credit and by overhauling a system plagued with mismanagement and corruption.

Leaders of proven competence and integrity – not lackeys of a crooked administration – must be placed in institutions that protect the public interest, such as the Ombudsman, GSIS, SSS and DOJ.

**Website:** <http://www.marroxas.com/>

## Jose Y. "JAY SONZA"

# SONZA

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics - University of Mindanao

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Veteran Broadcaster
- Television Host
- Commentator
- Station Manager of UNTV37
- Columnist/Contributing Editor for two national daily tabloids

### Significant Achievements

He is the Chairman of the Board of TAPATAN Incorporated, a multi-media and consultancy firm, and the first Nine Food Ventures, Inc., a fast food service company.

He has undergone special studies in economics, social work, human resource development, local government administration, politics and economies of Asia and the Pacific, journalism and satellite broadcast operations both here and abroad. This journalist is a recipient of all national broadcasting awards, including the Cultural Center of the Philippines - Gawad Sentrong Pangkultura ng Pilipinas, the New York International Television Festival Awards and the Asian Television Awards for broadcast excellence.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

As UNTV station manager Jay Sonza asked the administration to act on the horrible murder of 57 victims of the Ampatuan Massacre, which included four UNTV journalists and media staff members.

## Pefecto R. "KIDLAT" YASAY

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Laws, University of the Philippines 1972;
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Central Philippine University 1967

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City.
- Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, July 1995 to March 25, 2000;
- Associate Commissioner, SEC, March 1993 to June 1995;
- Senior Partner, San Jose Yasay & Santos Law Offices, 1987 to 1993;
- Senior Partner, Yasay & De Castro, Esqs., 1985 to 1990, New York, New York;
- Senior Partner, Maceda Yasay & Tolentino Esqs., 1979 to 1985, New York, New York;
- Managing Director, Philippine News, New York Bureau, 1983 to 1987;
- Manager, Legal Department Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, 1973 to 1979.

### Significant Achievements

The EDSA People Power Freedom Award, for Undaunted Courage in proclaiming the truth as a key witness in the Impeachment Trial of Former President Estrada, February 25, 2001;

Named by BusinessWeek in its July 3, 2000 issue as one of "The Stars Of Asia". 50 Asian leaders recognized as being at the Forefront of Change, and striving for a firmer foundation for Asia by mending a social fabric torn by crisis; the only Filipino chosen in the area of Policymakers;

Gold Vision Triangle Award, Highest award granted by the YMCA of the Philippines for community service particularly in the area of youth leadership development on November 9, 1996;

Outstanding Achievement Award, U.P. Law Class 1972, July 24, 1996;

Was featured and editorialized in various U.S. - based Philippine newspapers, for successfully representing and championing the cause of Filipinos in criminal and in deportation and de-naturalization proceedings in the United States.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

He states in his website that:

"Aside from continually increasing the budget for education proportionately with the growing population of children, we must regularly review the adequacy and suitability of the facilities that we have for education ... competence of teachers, and other costs needed for primary education, even the quality of our educational programs and curricula, and the reasons for significant dropouts, if any..."

We should not be afraid to introduce urgent changes in our Constitution under an environment where those tasked with the process are solely motivated by the national interests and not by a desire to perpetuate certain personages in power...these must be done only through a constitutional convention... It is also my view that only specific provisions with limited impact or application, such as whether or not to continue making the Ombudsman removed only by impeachment, and the designation of other offices as constitutional bodies ...should be amended by a constituent assembly or the so-called people's initiative.

I believe in the enactment of more laws that will protect and preserve our environment, properly manage our natural wealth and resources and to effectively address and prevent destructive and imprudent practices that have been the cause of many needless loss of lives and properties to our people than the natural calamities that have been associated with these tragedies.

Indeed, we must all raise the level of awareness of our people about this delicate balance and their calamitous effect on climate changes. But more importantly we need the political will to enforce our laws against big industries that pollute our seas, rivers and waterways, unscrupulous real estate developers that build on lands that impede the free flow of rivers and streams to the open sea and illegal loggers and miners who ruthlessly denude our forest and destroy nature's way of regulating floods preventing land erosion and dangerous avalanches."

**Website:** <http://www.junyasay.com/>

**Nereus O. "NERIC"  
ACOSTA, Jr.**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – University of the Philippines
- Master of Arts in Public Affairs With Distinction (International Relations and Political Studies concentration) – Indiana University
- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science – University of Hawaii

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Representative, 1st District of Bukidnon – 1998--2007
- Provincial Board Member, Bukidnon – 1995-1998
- Project Director, Bukidnon Integrated Network of Home Industries, Inc. (BINHI) – 1995
- Staff Researcher, Committee on International Economic Policy of Representative Ramon Bagatsing – 1989

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

Congressman Acosta was the Project Director of BINHI, a rural development NGO.

He has earned numerous accolades including the Oscar Escobar Environmental Award and the Citizens' Movement Against Pollution Award in 2002. He was included in NewsBiz-Asia's 100 Most Influential Filipinos (2002), and was cited by Asiaweek as representing the "youthful, hopeful change for the country."

Congressman Acosta is known to be part of the "nontraditional" Acosta political dynasty in Bukidnon.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Congressman Acosta supports the claims of the Sumilao farmers.

He is the principal author of many environmental laws in the Philippines, including the Clean Air Act of 1999, the Clean Water Act of 2004, and the Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. He sits on the board of several environmental advocacy NGOs such as the Earth Council of the Philippines and the Population, Health and the Environment (PATH) Foundation.

He is also a member of "Kusog Mindanaw" (Strength of Mindanao) – a movement based in Davao City composed of leaders and organizations working for peace, Moslem-Christian understanding, human development and greater democratic governance in Mindanao.

He co-authored the Reproductive Health Bill and has represented the Philippines in numerous international fora on population and development.

**Website:** <http://nericacosta2010.com/main/>

**Zafrullah M. "NOLDY"  
ALONTO**

**Educational Attainment**

- Political Science and History - State University of Mindanao

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Writer
- Theologian

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

Dr. Zafrullah Alonto rallied the Amanah Coalition to publicly declare support to Bro. Eddie. The Amanah Coalition is one of Mindanao's most influential multi-sectoral groups, and has members from the Lumadnons in Mindanao, Maguindanao, Sulu and Palawan.

Alonto himself belongs to the Alonto clan, a clan of public servants, which has deep ties with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. His grandfather, former Senator Suritan-sa-Ramain Alauya Alonto I, was the first Muslim Senator in the Philippines. He is also related to Governor Prinsesa Tarhata Alonto Lucman, who was the first female governor in the country.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

He is a brilliant theologian who has written various significant books about Islam. He also brings with him rich experience and knowledge about what Mindanao needs to realize its vast potentials as the Philippines' Promised Land.

## Martin D. "DR. BALIKBAYAN" BAUTISTA

### Educational Attainment

- University of the Philippines BS Zoology, 1980-1984
- University of the Philippines College of Medicine, 1984-1989
- State University of New York, Brooklyn Internship, 1990-1991
- SUNY, Brooklyn Residency in Internal Medicine, 1991-1993
- SUNY, Brooklyn Fellowship in General Internal Medicine, 1993-1994
- SUNY, Brooklyn Fellowship in Gastroenterology 1994-1996

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Staff Physician, Regional HealthCare Center, Guymon, Oklahoma
- Established the Specialty Clinics of St. Anne in Guymon, Oklahoma

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

Doctor Martin "Dr. B" Donato Bautista is a gastroenterologist who had spent 17 years working in Oklahoma, United States.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

"Recently I joined the brave and honorable cause of Noynoy Aquino and Mar Roxas whose aim is not only to reform but to transform the Philippines. To this I have committed myself.

I am not a politician nor do I intend ever to be one. I am an experienced physician trained to help and save lives. But rather than treat individual patients by the handful, I believe I can be more useful, do more good by extending medical care to millions of Filipinos who have neither the knowledge nor the means to fight disease and prolong life."

**website:** <http://mbautistamd.blogspot.com/>

## Silvestre III H. "BEBOT" BELLO

LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts - Manuel L. Quezon University, 1961-1966
- College of Law, Bachelor of Law (LIB) - Ateneo de Manila University, 1966-1970

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Cabinet Secretary - Office of the President, July 25, 2008 to present
- Presidential Adviser on New Government Centers - Office of the President, July 2007 to present
- General Manager/CEO - Philippine Reclamation Authority, Jan. 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006
- President/CEO - PNOC-Development & Management Corp., Nov. 18, 2004 to Dec. 31, 2005
- Chairman - GRP Panel for talks with CPP-NPA-NDF, January 2001 to 2004
- Secretary of Justice - Department of Justice, January 1998 to June 30, 1998
- Solicitor General - Department of Justice, Sept. 23, 1996 to January 1998
- Secretary of Justice - Department of Justice, July 16, 1990 to February 7, 1992
- Undersecretary of Justice - Department of Justice, March 7, 1986 - July 15, 1990
- Member - Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG)

### Significant Achievements/Other Info:

No Data Available

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

According to Bello, "Only with lasting peace can we achieve meaningful and lasting progress in the country. What we need is not a temporary ceasefire of 15 or 30 days but a lasting peace in our country. We need to have a final resolution of the armed conflict between our government and the CPP-NDF-NPA."

Bello said it was very important to push the peace process to its logical conclusion through patience and political will.

The Cabinet Secretary, who is running under the Lakas-Kampi-CMD banner, said he will try to end insurgency in the country through peaceful means if he is elected into the Senate.

**Website:** <http://bebotbello.com/>

## Rozzano Rufino B. "RUFFY" BIAZON

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology – University of Sto. Tomas

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Representative, Lone District of Muntinlupa City – 2001-2004, 2004-2007, 2007-Present
- Chief of Staff (Office of Sen. Rodolfo G. Biazon) – 1992-1995, 1998-2001
- Chief Legislative Officer (Office of Sen. Sergio Osmeña III) – 1995-1997
- Director (Videogram Regulatory Board) – 1991-1992

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Cong. Biazon is a known supporter of CARPER. He authored and co-authored several progressive bills such as the Cheaper Medicines Act of 2008, Tax Relief for Minimum Wage Earners Act (2008), the new Cooperative Code of the Philippines (2008), the Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Law (2004), the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act (2003), as well as several bills on socialized housing. He has filed a bill seeking to amend the Family Code to limit marriage to natural born males and natural born females.

He advocates for the modernization of peace and order agencies, and reforms in the AFP. On charter change, he has said that "The haste with which it was calendared and forced to a vote exemplifies the House's distorted sense of priorities, with the Cha-Cha resolution edging out important and urgent measures such as the Agrarian Reform Bill. It goes to show that if the leadership really wants a measure passed, it can do so, in contrast to other measures which languished in the legislative mill without meriting the leadership's attention."

**Website:** <http://www.ruffybiazon.ph/>

## Ramon, Jr. "KAP" BONG REVILLA

LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD,  
Nacionalista Party  
Guest Candidate

### Educational Attainment

- No tertiary education

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2004-Present
- Chairman, Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB) – 2001-2004
- Governor (Province of Cavite) -- 1998-2001
- Vice Governor (Province of Cavite) – 1995-1998

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

Senator Revilla was given a Plaque of International Recognition for Efforts Against Piracy by the Motion Picture Association of America and the Huwarang Lingkod Bayan Award by the Consumers League of the Philippines Foundation, Inc.

He jumped onto a bus being held hostage in the Philippines in order to ensure the safety of the students on the bus and try and talk the hostage taker into giving themselves up.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Revilla is famed for championing the cause of Katrina Halili against Dr. Hayden Kho which led to his filing of the Anti-Voyeurism Bill. He has also championed the Anti-Gender Discrimination Bill in the Senate.

He has authored a bill giving mandatory health insurance coverage to barangay health workers, bills concerning education such as the Open High School System Act and the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers, as well as a bill requiring the teaching of disaster awareness and disaster mitigation.

Senator Revilla voted for the ratification of JPEPA.

He has also been criticized for continuing to appear on television and movies despite his poor legislative record.

**Website:** <http://www.ramonbongrevillajr.com/>

## Pilar Juliana S. "PIA" CAYETANO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Cum Laude) -- University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws -- University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2004 - Present
- Associate, Castillo, Laman Tan, and Pantaleon –1992-1995

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

Senator Cayetano was elected President of the 10th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians during the sidelines of the annual meeting of the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly. She was also elected for a two-year term as President of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) during its 118th General Assembly.

She is known to be part of the Cayetano political dynasty of Taguig City.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Cayetano voted for CARPER. She did not sign the committee report on the Japan – Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) – she was absent when the vote on JPEPA was taken. She authored the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Law of 2008 and co-chaired the Joint Congressional Oversight Committees on the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004. She also co-authored the Oil Pollution Compensation Act of 2007, the Biofuels Law of 2007, and the Magna Carta of Women of 2009. She is active in the advocacy for the environment.

The senator joined calls for the current Administration to stop moves to amend the Constitution.

**Website:** <http://www.senatorpiacayetano.com>

## Jose III P. "JOEY" DE VENECIA

### Educational Attainment

- Liberal Arts - Boston University and Ateneo de Manila
- B.S. Business Administration, Major in Accounting - American University in Washington DC
- Masters in Business Administration, Major in Finance - Fordham University in New York

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Businessman

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

Jose "Joey" De Venecia III is one of the whistleblowers in the allegedly anomalous \$329.48-million national broadband deal between the government and China's Zhong Xing Telecommunications Equipment (ZTE).

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

According to a political blog by RJ Marmol (<http://adayinthelifeofrj.com>), Joey de Venecia III plans to:

**Strengthen LGU** (budget allocation) by reversing the way IRA is shared by local and national government. Currently, most of the IRA go to the national level, only a small portion goes to local government.

**Debt-servicing:** Currently, debt appropriation is set to 30% automatically. He wants to focus more on seeking condonation of debt by qualifying/citing our income per capital.

**Reforestation,** supports and advocates for the use of green energy.

**Presidential warranty** on the logging industry, making it coterminus with the president.

**On text tax** -- He is a proponent of the "no pass-on" provision.

**On addressing corruption** -- He thinks that above all, corruption as a "moral issue" has to be seen for what it is. Also, Jose De Venecia III thinks that "politics of patronage" has to be stopped, he says that while humbly acknowledging the fact that his father JDV once partook in it.

**On foreign ownership of lands** -- he supports the proposal to allow foreigners to own land and cites that we are actually the only country in the world that does not allow foreign land ownership.

**Website:** <http://www.joey3live.com/>

## Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino

**Miriam P. "MIRIAM"  
DEFENSOR SANTIAGO**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Magna Cum Laude) -- University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws (Cum Laude) -- University of the Philippines
- Master of Laws (DeWitt Fellow) -- University of Michigan
- Doctor of the Science of Law (Barbour Scholar and DeWitt Fellow) -- University of Michigan

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Senator -- 1995-2001, 2004-Present
- Senior Partner, Defensor Santiago Law Firm -- 1992-Present
- President and Founder, People's Reform Party -- 1991-Present
- Chair and Founder, Movement for Responsible Public Service -- 1990-Present
- Professorial Lecturer, College of Law, University of the Philippines -- 1976-1988
- Lawyer

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

Senator Defensor-Santiago has received numerous awards, both in the Philippines and abroad, including "The 100 Most Powerful Women in the World" (The Australian magazine), Magsaysay Award for government service, TOYM Award for Law (The Outstanding Young Men), and TOWNS Awards for Law (The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service).

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

After losing as an opposition/Anti-GMA candidate in the 2001 senatorial election, she ran under the GMA Administration ticket in 2004 and won.

Senator Defensor-Santiago has said that "The basic problem with Aquino's CARP was the perfidious exemptions, which caused its downfall", referring to exceptions granted to Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac which the Aquino family owned. She voted for the ratification of JPEPA and formally recommended that Senate give its "conditional concurrence" on JPEPA pending compliance with certain constitutional provisions.

On the MOA-AD, the senator said that "... the Constitution not merely allows but orders the creation of autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao. However, the Constitution does not say that the autonomous regions shall be confined to Muslim areas only."

Senator Defensor-Santiago is against charter change before 2010 and has said that "The present presidential system guarantees that most important decisions are made by a broad majority, unlike a parliamentary system where a minority group could impose its will on the nation."

She stood in the Senate floor in support of the RH Bill, saying that it is consistent with current international legal human rights standards and upholds religious freedom. She also filed the Anti-Discrimination Bill and the Anti-Video Voyeurism Bill to protect the privacy and dignity of every person.

**Website:** <http://www.miriam.com.ph/index-mds.htm>

**Franklin M. "FRANK"  
DRILON**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts -- University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws -- University of the Philippines

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Senator -- 1995-2001, 2001-2007
- Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ) -- 1992-1995, 1990-1991
- Executive Secretary, Office of President Aquino -- 1991-1992
- Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) -- 1987-1990
- Deputy Minister for Industrial Relations, DOLE -- 1986-1987

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

As Justice Secretary, he was instrumental in the prosecution and conviction of Mayor Antonio Sanchez of Calauan, Laguna, who masterminded the rape-slaying of a UP Los Baños co-ed and the murder of her friend; and Claudio Teehankee Jr., who figured in the gun slaying of Maureen Hultman. The two are locked up in jail, a testimony to the uncompromising belief of Drilon that everyone is equal before the bar of justice.

He placed 3rd in the 1969 bar examinations.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Former Senate President Drilon questioned the legality of the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD).

On charter change, he said: "We maintain our position that while we are not objecting to charter change, the manner in which it is being done is totally illegal. The people's initiative has no enabling law. There is a standing injunction from the Supreme Court against the people's initiative. The proposed amendment being suggested by the people's initiative is actually a revision which is not permitted under our Constitution."

When he was the Senate Finance Committee Chairperson, he authored the incorporation of a "transparency provision" in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2007.

He is in favor of family planning but not abortion.

## Juan Ponce "JPE" ENRILE

### Educational Attainment

- Associate in Arts – Ateneo de Manila University
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines
- Master of Law Specialized Training in International Tax – Harvard Law School

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 1987-1992, 1995-2001, 2004-2010
- Representative, 1st District of Cagayan – 1992-1995
- Assemblyman, Cagayan Valley (Region II), Interim Batasang Pambansa -- 1978-1984
- Chairman, Executive Committee, National Security Council -- 1972-1984
- Minister/Secretary, Ministry/Department of National Defense – 1972-1986
- Secretary, Department of Justice -- 1968-1970
- Undersecretary and Acting Secretary, Department of Finance – 1966-1968

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, he has exposed certain irregularities in the government, which led to a string of graft charges against the culprits involved. These include the PEA-Amari Land Scam, the Tax Credit Scam in the DOF, and the purchase of luxury vehicles by DECS officials.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senate President Enrile is best known for his advocacy of amending the EPIRA Law. He voted for CARPER and against JPEPA. He has expressed that he believes in mining "only if mining is done responsibly by applying the best practices." He, however, deplored that mining operations in some parts of the country have caused severe environmental damage and brought untold economic and social suffering to the people. On the other hand, he has been linked to logging companies, including those that sought to operate in Samar.

He opposed the MOA-AD because he believes that it is violative of the Constitution.

He is in favor of amending the Constitution and said: "Unless we reform our constitution, we will remain a laggard, weak, and poor. We will not achieve a higher economic growth, a better standard of living for our people, and a more stable society." Political writer Alexander Remollino cites Senate President Enrile as one of the architects of martial law. He was also one of the senators who voted against the opening of the second bank envelope during the Estrada impeachment trial.

**Website:** <http://www.jpnenrile.com/>

## Jinggoy E. "JINGGOY" ESTRADA

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics -- University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws -- Lyceum University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Senator – 2004-Present
- Mayor, San Juan City - 1992-2001
- Vice Mayor, San Juan City - 1988-1992

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

In 1992, he became the youngest ever elected-local chief executive in the entire nation.

During his incumbency, San Juan gained the reputation of being one of the most progressive municipalities and the Most Peaceful Municipality in the Philippines.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Senator Estrada co-authored the CARPER Bill as well as the Magna Carta for Women. He introduced SB 616, which ensures security of tenure for agrarian reform beneficiaries over lands awarded to them by the CARP. It also provides guidelines for the cancellation of emancipation patents and certificates of land ownership awards and penalties for violations thereof.

Among his other proposed bills are the Retirement Law, the bill providing additional protection and benefits to domestic helpers or "kasambahay", the bill increasing benefits and salaries of barangay officials and employees, and the "Right to Reproductive Health Care Information Act."

Senator Estrada voted for the ratification of JPEPA. He is against charter change before 2010.

On the MOA-AD, he said that "Dureza and Esperon apparently have knowledge of the 'unconstitutional provisions' of the MOA-AD with the Muslim secessionist group that were 'kept secret' from the public."

The senator was charged, along with his father, former President Estrada, with violations against the Anti-Plunder Law but was acquitted by the Supreme Court.

**Website:** <http://www.senjinggoyestrada.com/>

**Ramon, Jr. N. "GETS KO"**

**GUICO**

**Educational Attainment**

- Engineering – University of Baguio

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Mayor – Binalonan, Pangasinan, 1987-1988; 1988-1992; 1992-1995; 1995-1998; 2001-2004; 2004-2007; 2007 – 2010
- National President – League of Municipalities of the Philippines, 2001-2010

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

Binalonan was a 5th class municipality when Ramon Guico started office. While at office, Mayor Guico worked hand in hand with the local community, bringing the Binalonan municipality to a 1st class municipality, with its own university.

During his first term as LMP National President, he launched the Ang Galing Mo Mayor (You are the Best Mayor) Project as LMP's serious efforts to promote innovation and excellence in local governance. This project aimed to bring out the best in Philippine municipalities in order to reengineer and raise the quality of local governance in the country.

During his second term, the LMP founded the Mayor's Development Center (MDC), a first in Philippine local government organization, and even the first in Asia. The MDC now serves as the development and training arm of the LMP for improving municipal governance and leadership.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

The issues on climate change, disaster risk reduction, health concerns, economic development to population were discussed by the mayors during the LMP's 2009 General Assembly, as Guico called on future local officials to continue the advocacy that they have started on climate change and disaster risk reduction.

His policy advocacies focus on four issues: Gamot, Edukasyon, Trabaho, Serbisyo.

**GAMOT**

There is a need to pursue legislation that devolves health budget to the local government.

**EDUKASYON**

There is a need to pass a law encouraging the strengthening of local college education to make college education more accessible to the people.

**TRABAHO**

There is a need to pass a legislation promoting local employment generation through sound local economic development plan. It is also imperative to pass laws that will simplify business permit and licensing process of local governments.

**SERBISYO**

To guarantee the faster delivery of social services to the people, there is a need to further empower local governments. Local governments can serve faster as they are closer to the people.

**Website:** <http://ramonguico.com/>

**Liberal Party**

**Teofisto III D. "TG"**

**GUINGONA**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts in Economics – Ateneo de Manila University
- Juris Doctor – Ateneo de Manila University

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Representative, 2nd District of Bukidnon -- 2004-Present
- Lawyer

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

TG Guingona and his colleagues in the Ateneo student government joined a protest rally to the opposition party LABAN or Lakas ng Bayan to protest the massive cheating by the dictator Ferdinand Marcos during the elections for the 1978 Interim Batasan Pambansa. While marching along Espana avenue, in Manila, TG and the entire Ateneo student government were arrested together with other prominent opposition personalities. At the tender age of 19 years old, TG was incarcerated at Bicutan Center together with Nene Pimentel, Joker Arroyo, Soc Rodrigo, and Lorenzo Tanada Sr.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Cong. Guingona is a staunch proponent of Alternative Budget Initiative (ABI) that calls for, among others, an increase in the government's education budget. He has filed several budget reform bills, the first of which is the Anti-Impoundment Bill seeking to curb the uncontrolled practice of withholding the release of appropriations in the General Appropriations Act.

He has pushed for the privatization of NAPOCOR to lower electricity rates. He also filed an impeachment complaint against President Arroyo.

Cong. Guingona is undecided on the RH Bill.

**Website:** <http://tgguingona.com/>

## Ana "RISA HONTIVEROS" HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science in Social Science (Cum Laude) – Ateneo de Manila University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Party-list Representative, Akbayan -- 2004-Present
- Member, government's peace panel with the National Democratic Front, 1998-Present
- Secretary General, Coalition for Peace -- 1987-1992
- Community Organizer, Foundation for Development Alternatives (FDA) – 1987
- Broadcast Journalist

### Significant Achievements/Other Info:

She is a recipient of the Kapisanan ng Mga Broadcaster ng Pilipinas' Golden Dove Award for Best Female Newscaster.

She also earned a Nobel peace prize nomination for her work as chair the Government Panel's Reciprocal Working Committee on Socio-Economic Reforms in the Peace Talks with the National Democratic Front from 1998 to 1999.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Cong. Hontiveros-Baraquel co-sponsored and championed CARPER. She filed a petition before the Supreme Court against the signing of JPEPA until meaningful consultation had been conducted with the Filipino people. She voted against the ratification of JPEPA. She co-authored the Cheaper Medicines Act of 2008 and is a known opponent of charter change before 2010.

She has a strong and consistent anti-corruption stance (from ZTE-NBN, Ombudsman issues to Fertilizer Fund scam, etc.) and slammed the Executive Branch for its "insidious and relentless pattern" of entering into trade deals with utter disregard for the right to information. She challenged the government to exercise consistency in the application of the constitutionally-guaranteed right to information and public consultation, noting that in the controversial MOA-AD decision, one of the reasons the Supreme Court voided the Agreement was that "matters of public concern covered by the right to information include steps and negotiations leading to the consummation of the contract."

Cong. Hontiveros-Baraquel is a well-known women's rights advocate. She sponsored the RH Bill and filed the Anti-Prostitution Bill, which looks at prostitution as a symptom of inequitable and exploitative social structures and prostitutes, as victims rather than criminals; the Gender Balance Bill, which will ensure women's representation in all structures of governance; and the Anti-Discrimination Bill which seeks to uphold the human rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders (LGBTs).

**Website:** <http://www.risahontiveros.com/>

## Ma. Katherine L. R. "KATA" INOCENCIO

### Educational Attainment

- University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Broadcast Journalist
- Child Rights Advocate
- Television Host

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

She joined television network ABS-CBN in 1986. She covered President Corazon Aquino as a Malacanang correspondent. She also anchored ABS-CBN's flagship newscast, TV Patrol with Noli De Castro and Frank Evangelista. Aside from ABS-CBN News, she was involved with ABS-CBN Foundation and hosted its television program, Bantay Bata 163, a docu-drama program that campaigned against child abuse.

In 2001, Inocencio left ABS-CBN. She joined the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) as Vice President for Production. She hosted The 700 Club Asia on QTV3. As host of 700 Club Asia, she produced several stories focusing on the plight of Overseas Filipino Workers.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Her platform focuses on the welfare of women and children, as well as fighting corruption.

Kata Inocencio, a veteran broadcast journalist who has been consistent in her anti-corruption advocacy, represents women, youth and children. In the media community, she blazed the trail of maximizing the power of media to help improve the plight of the abused. She pioneered Bantay Bata 163, a program which until today assists abused children.

## Bangon Pilipinas

**Alexander L. "PINOY" LACSON**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science – University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws – University of the Philippines

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Partner, Malcolm Law – 2004-Present
- Managing Partner, Malcolm Law – 2002-2004
- Partner, PESALAM Law – 1998-2002
- Associate, Platon Martinez Flores San Pedro & Leaño
- Legislative Assistant and Chief of Staff of various legislators at the House of Representatives

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

Atty. Lacson is best known for being the author of the bestselling book "12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do To Help Our Country" and the poem "I am Filipino." His theory was simple: Small acts like obeying traffic rules, being a good parent and paying one's taxes could go a long way in healing a wounded nation.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Atty. Lacson and his wife established a foundation to help unprivileged children through school. They are now subsidizing 27 scholars in different public schools in Negros Occidental, Lacson's home province.

Among his professional interests is environmental law. He filed one of the biggest toxic waste claims in the country against the United States where he claimed that his clients were poisoned by toxic wastes left by the United States which abandoned Clark Air Field and the military base at Subic. The lawsuit demands that a comprehensive investigation be carried out to determine the extent of damage to air, water, soil and human beings on the former bases. The plaintiffs are also demanding a comprehensive clean up of Clark and Subic and the affected surrounding areas from hazardous chemicals and toxic wastes.

**Website:** <http://alexlacson.net/>

**Raul L. "RAUL" LAMBINO**

**Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - University of Pangasinan
- Bachelor of Laws - University of Pangasinan

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Consultant and Coordinator for the Philippine House of Representatives contingent to the Commission on Appointments
- Consultant in the Office of the Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives, 1995-1998, 2000 -2001
- Chief-of-Staff in the Office of Senator Loren Legarda, 1998-2000;
- Chief of Staff in the Office of Speaker Jose De Venecia, 1995-1998;
- Officer-in-Charge Provincial Board Member of the Province of Pangasinan, 1987-1988.
- Chairman of Green Smiley through Green Team Pilipinas.

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

Lambino is also known as a well-experienced campaigner. He spearheaded the campaign "Juan for all and all for Juan" to convince Sen. Juan Flavio to run for president in 2004. In March 2003, Lambino's group gathered two million signatures, which however failed to convince Flavio to run for the presidency.

In 2004, Lambino formed another movement called Lawyers for Electoral Advocacy and Democracy (LEAD) to support Fernando Poe Jr.'s presidential campaign. He also became lawyer of then vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda when the opposition protested the results of the 2004 elections.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

He rose to prominence when he led the signature campaign to amend or revise the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

Lawyer Raul Loyola Lambino is currently the spokesperson of the Sigaw ng Bayan Movement. He was twice appointed by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as a member of two commissions on charter change — the Consultative Commission (Con-Com) in September 2005 and the Charter Change Advocacy Commission (AdCom) in February 2006.

## Rey M. "REY LANGIT" LANGIT

### Educational Attainment

- No Data Available

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Broadcaster/news anchor
- Columnist

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

He has been honored many times during his 40 years of service broadcasting. His awards include the Radio Broadcast Journalist of the Year award given by the Rotary Club of Manila in 1989 for his exceptional reporting during the 1989 series of coup d'état attempts.

In 2004, Langit was once more named "Radio Broadcast Journalist of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Manila for his outstanding achievements in public service through broadcast media and his exceptional and in depth reports on relevant and important issues.

He is also the Station Manager of the DWIZ AM Radio Station and VP of ALIW Broadcasting. He is also the chairman of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas-Metro Manila Chapter and is a member of the board of directors of the KBP-National.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

He was cited for his dedication to helping overseas Filipino workers through his various TV and radio programs.

## Yasmin B. "YAS" LAO

Liberal Party

### Educational Attainment

- Psychology - Far Eastern University

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Development Worker
- Peace and Civil Society Advocate
- Gender and Muslim Rights Activist

### Significant Achievements/Other Info

The US government conferred on her the Ninoy Aquino Public Service Award for her work in uplifting the plight of the marginalized.

Yasmin Lao's desire for independence and the sense of fairness was believed to be influenced by her great grandmother, who died when she was eight. Her father, Mama Busran was a judge in Jolo and later, in Cotabato City who often criticized the Marcos administration and opposed the militarization in Mindanao. Her father was also the first Muslim judge in the Court of Appeals.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Yasmin Busran-Lao is a Muslim Filipina who, at a young age, questioned the oppressive conditions facing Muslim women and has been working ever since as a tireless advocate for gender equality, women's rights and especially the rights of Muslim women.

She established the Al-Mujadilah Development Foundation (AMDF), which was inspired by a Koranic verse that means either "The Woman who Pleads," "The Woman who Seeketh (Justice)," or "The Woman who Disputeth." The group's focus is social justice, working on issues of women's rights, good governance and peace-building. The popularization of the Code of Muslim Personal Laws, which has been translated into local languages, is another of the foundation's concerns.

She has been called a model of the modern, questioning Moro woman, who seeks to reconcile her personal and social identity with her role as a citizen, leader and change-agent.

**Manuel M. "LITO"  
LAPID**

**Educational Attainment**

- No tertiary education

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Vice Governor of Pampanga – 1992-1995
- Governor of Pampanga – 1995-2004
- Senator – 2004 to present

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

With the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991, he was pushed to the forefront of disaster mitigation efforts in Central Luzon-affected provinces.

Slowly, and with the help of his fellow Kapampangans, Lito Lapid set in motion a comprehensive rehabilitation program which made businesses in the province boom.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

As a Senator, he continued his advocacies to further the welfare of the masses by introducing bills aimed at improving education, health services, housing and local government empowerment especially in disaster mitigation.

He chaired the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, focusing on organizing institutional support to the country's sports development programs.

He authored and filed bills and resolutions that will provide comprehensive benefit packages to our overseas workers, athletes, educational and scholarship support programs and expanding the protection and benefits of our elderly women and children, and advance national pride and expand the use of the native language.

**Danilo D. "GENERAL DANNY"  
LIM**

**Educational Attainment**

- Philippine Military Academy (PMA)
- US Military Academy at West Point
- Advanced Infantry Course -- Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- commanded the forward Recon Unit of the 1st Infantry (Tabak) Division in Sulu
- was an instructor at PMA
- joined the First Scout Ranger Regiment as chief of operations
- was a member of the RAM-SFP-YOU peace panel in the negotiations
- became deputy commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment and later regiment commander

**Significant Achievements/Other Info**

He consistently topped exams such as the entrance examinations to the Philippine Military Academy and the US Military Academy at West Point, the Scout Ranger Course, and the Advanced Infantry Course at the Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Brig. Gen. Lim espouses anti-corruption measures and reforms in the electoral process, education, and the foreign debt servicing. He has called on the AFP to "follow their conscience and do the right thing, should this administration insist on trampling upon the Constitution we have sworn to respect and uphold."

While testifying as a witness in a hearing on the Oakwood mutiny in November 2007, Lim joined Senator Trillanes in walking out of the Makati Regional Trial Court to denounce the Arroyo government. At the Manila Peninsula Hotel, Lim called for President Arroyo's resignation, urging the people to withdraw support from her government. But before nightfall, Philippine National Police (PNP) special forces stormed the hotel and arrested Lim, Trillanes, and a handful of soldiers.

He is currently detained at the PNP Custodial Center in Camp Crame along with Trillanes and the Magdalo officers.

He has been very vocal about being against the current Administration's bid to amend the Constitution.

**Website:** <http://dannylim.org/>

## Jose Apolinario Jr. L. "JUN" LOZADA

### Educational Attainment

- No Data Available

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Representative, 5th district, Negros Occidental, 2001-2004
- Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Relations, 12th Congress
- Former Malacañang chief of protocol

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

No Data Available

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Principal author of the SARS bill. The bill proposes to empower the government to take such steps as isolating large areas where suspected carriers may live and enclosed public places like shopping malls that infected persons might visit. The bill also proposes identifying government facilities where infected persons could be quarantined.

## Ferdinand, Jr. R. "BONGBONG" MARCOS

Nacionalista Party

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics - Oxford University
- Master of Business Administration- Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Vice Governor, Ilocos Norte – 1980-1983
- Governor of Ilocos Norte – 1983-1986, 1998-2007
- Representative, 2nd district of Ilocos Norte – 1992-1995, 2007-present

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

In 1992, following his return from exile abroad, he won election to the House of Representatives. In his first stint as legislator, he won support for legislation, even as an opposition congressman, notably the National Youth Commission Act.

In 1998, he ran and won for the first of three terms as governor of Ilocos Norte. In his nine years as governor, he transformed his province into a first-class province, a major tourism destination, an innovator in cooperatives development and a pioneer in harnessing wind power for energy.

Gov. Marcos was awarded the Top Most Outstanding Contributor of CDF to Cooperatives and Young Achiever Award for Government and Public Service in 1994.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Gov. Marcos' developmental programs focused on agriculture, education, tourism, health and sports. In the agricultural sector, the governor's vision was the total transformation of the province into an agro-industrial center.

Additional tourism enterprises were launched leading to the construction of the Museo Iloko, Dapayan center and Ilocos Norte Tourism office and the restoration of the Rest Area in the Ilocos Norte-Ilocos Sur boundary. Marcos also started the construction of the P472 million Hotel and Convention Center at Barangay Balacad Laoag City. In addition, eco-tourism projects, like the promotion of lesser known tourist destinations of Ilocos Norte, were undertaken.

**Website:** <http://bongbongm.com/>

**Liza L. “LIZA MAZA NG GABRIELA” MAZA**

**Educational Attainment**

- Economics - University of the Philippines

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Party-list Representative – GABRIELA, 2004-2010
- Party-list Representative – BAYAN MUNA, 2001-2004
- Activist
- Development Worker

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

Maza has been an activist since her student days at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She then started working with the University Alliance which did work with the urban poor. After graduation, she worked as a researcher and taught for St. Scholastica College. Liza started working with GABRIELA Philippines, the largest and most militant alliance of women’s organizations in the Philippines. She eventually became part of the editors collective for LAYA magazine. Liza was elected Secretary General of GABRIELA, a post she held for fourteen years. Liza was a founding member of the Asia section of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and a member of the executive committee of the Women’s International Democratic Federation.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Liza Maza is the principal author of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law and the Anti Violence Against Women and Children Act. These laws are very important in the Philippine context because in 2005 alone 750,000 women were exported to over 203 countries. 30% of the women being exported from the Philippines end up in the sex trade.

She is the author of the controversial Philippine Divorce Bill.

She has played a pivotal role in reflecting in law the issues of women on the Philippines and their vision for themselves and their country.

**Ramon B. “MON-MON” MITRA**

**Educational Attainment**

- Philippine Military Academy – 1988

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Platoon Commander and Captain – Philippine Marine Corps

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

Ramon “Mon-Mon” Mitra, a bemedalled Former Marine Captain and son of the late Speaker Ramon Mitra Jr. is also a recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Star, the second highest military award in the country given to soldiers who perform beyond the call of duty against overwhelming odds.

He is backed by an extensive experience in administrative and operations management acquired from over 18 years experience in the military, private business and family-owned corporations, particularly in the fields of information technology, transportation, and agribusiness.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Mitra, who is also the director of the Philippine National Oil Company and PNOC Exploration Company which is engaged in oil and gas explorations and coal trading, said that cleaner and cheaper energy as alternative fuels will completely eradicate, if not lessen the importation of fuels.

Moreover, Mitra will also focus on the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (RA 8435) once he gets into Senate.

He said that rationalization of the existing institutional mechanisms should be implemented to strengthen private-public partnership and make such more efficient in expanding agri-food exports, facilitating modernization and growth of the sector.

Likewise, he would ask the government to allocate substantial resources to rehabilitate affected places and crops in areas devastated by tropical storm Ondoy and typhoon Pepeng as well as come up with measures to augment farmers’ incomes including the provision of agricultural production.

## Ramoncito P. "MONCHING" OCAMPO

### Educational Attainment

- AB Economics - University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Laws – San Beda College of Law

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Lawyer
- Preacher (El Shaddai)

### Significant Achievements

He is the President of Bangon! Bagong Pilipinas (BBP), an advocacy for the moral, economic and political transformation of the Philippines.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Atty. Ramoncito Ocampo represents the overseas Filipino workers. For over two decades he has mingled and interacted with overseas communities in the United States and thus, is adept in issues confronting OFWs. He is a lawyer specializing in family laws and immigration laws and is a leading personality among U.S.-based Filipino community.

Ocampo is a known personality in the charismatic movement, El Shaddai and has been blessed by El Shaddai leader, Mike Velarde in joining the cause of Bro. Eddie and Bangon Pilipinas.

**website:** <http://www.monchingocampo.com>

## Saturnino C. "SATUR" OCAMPO

Nacionalista Party Guest Candidate

### Educational Attainment

- Associate in Commerce (undergraduate) -- Philippine College of Commerce (now the Polytechnic University of the Philippines)
- Journalism (undergraduate) -- Lyceum of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Party List Representative, Bayan Muna -- 2001-2004, 2004-2007, 2007-Present
- Founder, National Democratic Front (NDF)
- Journalist

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

He was arrested and incarcerated as a political prisoner and tortured for nine years in various prison camps.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Cong. Ocampo, along with other Bayan Muna solons, is accused of having cooperated and colluded with anti-CARP legislators by taking turns in delivering their privilege speeches to delay discussions on CARPER and to give anti-CARP solons the opportunity to later question the quorum of the session which resulted in the adjournment of the session. Bayan Muna opposed CARPER and instead batted for what they call Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARB).

He authored the Philippine Disaster Management Act, the Rice Industry Development Act, the Rent Control Act, and several bills that protect senior citizens. He also authored the bill providing for the repeal of the Human Security Act, and the act mandating compensation to human rights victims during Martial Law. Ironically, he has been charged with several human rights violations including the execution of thirty farmers in 1985 when purging military assets within the New People's Army in Southern Leyte.

Cong. Ocampo co-authored the RH Bill, the bill prohibiting the establishment of political dynasties, the Freedom of Information Act, and Act Strengthening the Right of the People to Freedom of Expression, Peaceable Assembly and Petition the Government for Redress of Grievances.

**Susan V. "TOOTS" OPLE**

**Educational Attainment**

- AB Communication Arts – University of Santo Tomas
- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Undersecretary, Office of the Executive Secretary (Malacañang)
- Undersecretary, Office of the Communications Director – Office of the President
- Undersecretary, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Chief-of-Staff, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
- Chief-of-Staff, Office of Senator Blas F. Ople, Senate of the Philippines
- Worked with the International Labor Organization (ILO) – Manila Office on training for women union members on gender issues

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

The overseas Filipino worker (OFW) advocate is the youngest daughter of the late Senator and Foreign Affairs and Labor Secretary Blas F. Ople.

She received the Vernon Award for Excellence in Communications at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

From writing a column in Manila Times, she now writes a Sunday column in Panorama Magazine and Tempo and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Buhay OFW Magazine.

She left government service to establish the Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute (Ople Center), a non-government organization dedicated to helping Overseas Filipino Workers and their families, which she now heads.

Together with Senator Ernesto "Boy" Herrera, Susan was also one of the founders of the Citizens' DrugWatch Foundation.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

The Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute is currently involved in four major initiatives:

1. Scholarship program for children of poor, working journalists in coordination with Samahang Plaridel.
2. "Shoes" – a nonprofit activity that delivers new shoes for school children who never owned a pair in their life due to poverty.
3. Short courses on diplomacy, writing, and Philippine history for students, housewives, and government employees. (i.e. History for Grown-ups with Ambeth Ocampo, On Writing Well with National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario, Foreign Affairs on Saturdays with the help of resource persons from the DFA).
4. Advocacy against unlawful Charter change.

**Website:** <http://www.ople2010.com/>

**Sergio III D. "SERGE" OSMENA**

**Educational Attainment**

- Undergraduate -- University of San Carlos, University of the Philippines, Harvard University and Georgetown University

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Senator – 1995-2001, 2001-2007
- Farmer, Businessman

**Significant Achievements**

As a son of Marcos' political rival, Osmeña was imprisoned in 1972. In November 1974, he embarked on a hunger strike along with his cellmate -- Eugenio "Geny" Lopez, Jr. -- to protest the unjust detention of thousands of innocent Filipinos. This resulted in the release of 1,022 political prisoners in December 1974. Defiant to the very end, Osmeña and Lopez escaped from their maximum security prison cell in Fort Bonifacio in 1977. While in exile in the United States, he served as the Director for Movement for a Free Philippines. He was also the Founding Director of the Justice for Aquino Justice for All (JAJA) Movement.

He has been criticized for being close to the Lopez group and being less vocal when issues are involved with its line of business which includes MERALCO, Maynilad Water Services, SkyCable, Manila North Tollways, and ABS-CBN.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Former Senator Osmeña has earned the respect of many for his exposes on graft and corruption, among others the anomalous IMPSA-CBK, PIATCO, Tiwi-Makban, Marconi and Casecan contracts, saving billions of pesos for the Filipino people. He voted in favor of opening the second bank envelope for the impeachment case filed against Estrada.

He authored the Farmland as Collateral bill and the Food Security Rationalization Act of 2004.

He campaigned relentlessly for justice for victims of toxic wastes at the former U.S. bases in Clark and Subic.

## Gwendolyn D. "GWEN" PIMENTEL

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Laws - University of the Philippines
- Masters in Public Administration – University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Chief of Staff – Office of Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel
- President – Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP)
- Lawyer

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

Daughter of Senator Aquilino Pimentel and sister of 2007 senatorial candidate Atty. Koko Pimentel.

From 1989-1991, the Office of the Solicitor General Ladies' Circle was under the able leadership of Solicitor Annie Concepcion Marquez, with Associate Solicitor Gwendolyn Pimentel-Gana, the Vice-President, assuming the presidency due to the former's leave of absence during the latter part of her second term. It was in 1990 that the Ladies' Circle was incorporated and duly registered with Securities and Exchange Commission and its Constitution and by-laws duly amended.

Author of the book "Adopting a Filipino Child the Intercountry Way", which offers an in-depth explanation of the adoption process.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Her advocacy is focused on the concerns of children, families and communities.

On the radio program Kartada Escalera, she stated that she is an advocate of the universal health bill and federalism (because she believes this is the proper approach in stimulating progress in Mindanao and establishing peace in the area by allowing them to implement a style of governance in accordance to their culture and tradition).

As a lawyer of the Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB), an agency attached to the Department of Social Welfare and Development, she stated that "There is little information about inter-country adoption, and sometimes people have misconceptions and misgivings about the process." She said Filipinos had not been receptive to it because they likened it to trading and exposing children to such greater dangers as abduction and human trafficking. "We want people to understand that inter-country adoption is a very good alternative means of child care if you cannot give them the care that they deserve in our country," she said.

## Ariel O. "MARINES" QUERUBIN

Nacionalista Party

### Educational Attainment

- Philippine Military Academy – 1979
- Masters Degree in Defense Studies - University of Canberra, Australia

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Commander - 1st Marine Brigade
- Philippine Marine Colonel

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

The most bemedalled officer in the history of the republic, Querubin gained notoriety after a seven-hour standoff in Fort Bonifacio during an alleged coup plot against President Macapagal-Arroyo in February 2006.

Interestingly, he has practically earned all the awards the Armed Forces could give, including the coveted Medal of Valor, all except the Wounded Personnel Medal, an award he would have been given in December 1989, when he was wounded in the coup attempt against then President Cory Aquino -- if he was on the government side.

As a lieutenant colonel, he commanded a Marine battalion landing team that engaged an estimated 800-strong, fully armed band of Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in a 24-hour gun battle in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte from March 18 to 19, 2000.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Querubin's career has been marked by involvements in "military adventurism." As co-founder of the military fraternity Young Officers' Union (YOU), he and his men joined about 3,000 rebel troops in the bloodiest coup attempt against the Aquino administration in December 1989. They were imprisoned but later pardoned and reinstated in the service in 1995, after retired general Fidel Ramos, who was elected president in 1992, granted amnesty to military rebels.

**website:** <http://arielquerubin.com/>

## Ralph G. "RALPH" RECTO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Major in Business Administration – De La Salle University
- Masters in Public Administration – University of the Philippines
- Masters in Strategic Business Economics -- University of Asia and the Pacific

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Director General, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) – 2008-2009
- Senator – 2001-2007
- Representative, 4th District of Batangas – 1992-1995, 1995-1998, 1998-2001

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

As former Senator and NEDA chief, he has called on lawmakers to draft anti-trust laws to prevent public utilities (specifically oil companies) from colluding, cartel like, in rigging their pricing so as to be profitable to them.

He co-authored the Rent Control Law (2002), the E-VAT Law (2005), and the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (1992). In the House of Representatives, most of his legislative measures enacted into law deal with economic reforms and poverty alleviation including the Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act (1998), the Philippine Economic Zone Law (1995), and the Retail Trade Liberalization Law (2000).

Former Senator Recto called on government officials to make sure that the trade in hazardous waste allowed in the JPEPA should not cover environmentally sensitive products deemed potentially hazardous to health.

He ran for re-election in the Senate in 2007 elections under TEAM Unity but lost.

## Gilbert Cesar C. "GILBERT" REMULLA

### Educational Attainment

- BA Mass Communication, major in Broadcasting - University of the Philippines Diliman, 1992
- Masters in International Affairs (International Media and Communication, East Asian Political Affairs) - Columbia University, New York, 1999

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Representative of the 2nd District of Cavite – 2001-2007

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

After obtaining a degree in Broadcast Communication in 1993, Gilbert Remulla joined ABS-CBN as part of its news team. Gilbert Remulla started as a production assistant, and then became a reporter and a regular in the morning and evening news.

His experience in the Ivy League school gave him the opportunity to work for CNN and the United Nations.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Gilbert Remulla is a strong advocate for population management.

He was one of the youngest members of Congress. However, his legislative record includes legislation such as Republic Act 9165, or the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, and Republic Act 9287, or the Act Increasing the Penalty for the Illegal Numbers Game. He had a number of bills which are pending in Congress, including House Bill No. 185 seeking the abolition of the Sangguniang Kabataan and replacing it with a youth representative; House Bill No. 2452 which seeks to lower the cost of cellular phone usage and House Bill No. 5310 which aims at minimizing the use of plastic bags and plastic utensils that damage the environment.

## Sonia M. "SON" ROCO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Science in Education - Saint Joseph's College
- Master of Arts in Communication Arts and a Master of Arts in Social Psychology - Ateneo de Manila University.
- Child Development Center - University of the Philippines

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Chairperson - Metro Manila Community Orchestra (MMCO), St. Michael's Hospice Foundation, Member - Women in Nation-Building (WIN)
- Past President - Senate Spouses Foundation

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

The widow of the late senator of the Philippines and former Presidential candidate Raul Roco.

A consistent honor student from elementary to college, she was awarded the "Most Outstanding Student of the Philippines" in 1964, placing first (future husband Raul placed second) among all college students ranked on the basis of academic excellence, leadership ability, and special achievement.

A recipient of the Cardinal Santos Leadership Award, having served as president of the Student Catholic Action (SCA) and the National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP).

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Sonia Roco is active in educational, social, cultural, and environmental causes. As past president and founding member of the 20-year-old Women in Nation Building (WIN), she is a sought-after resource person on women's issues. In healthcare, she is a frequent guest speaker owing to her first-hand experience as primary caregiver to then ailing husband Raul. Sonia co-founded Saint Michael's Hospice in 1996 to help the poor and terminally ill. She maintains active relations with the Student Catholic Action Leadership Foundation, an organization which strives to revive the SCA among the contemporary Filipino youth.

With Corazon Alma de Leon and Tony Arevalo, her radio program, "Kapitan del Baryo," aimed to strengthen grassroots democracy.

## Vicente III C. "TITO" SOTTO

### Educational Attainment

- English -- Colegio de San Juan de Letran

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Board of Directors and Acting Chairman, Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) – 2008-2009
- Senator – 1992-1998, 1998-2004
- Vice-Mayor (Quezon City) – 1988-1992
- Actor, Television Personality

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Former Senator Sotto filed a bill on absentee voting and is known for his advocacy against illegal drugs. Ironically, he had been implicated in a drug controversy which he vehemently denied.

He voted against opening the second bank envelope for the impeachment case filed against Former President Joseph Estrada. After being affiliated with Estrada and the late Fernando Poe, Jr. for the longest time, Sotto was not given a spot at the opposition's line-up in 2007. He jumped the fence and joined TEAM Unity of the administration in the 2007 elections but lost.

He filed several bills addressing issues in telecommunications and pushed for the approval of the seatbelt law.

## Adel A. "ADEL" TAMANO

### Educational Attainment

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics – Ateneo de Manila University
- Bachelor of Laws -- Ateneo de Manila University
- Master of Public Administration – University of the Philippines
- Master of Laws -- Harvard Law School

### Professional/Public Service Record

- President, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila – 2007-Present
- Senior Partner, Kapunan Tamano Villadolid & Associates – 2004-Present
- Associate, Mendoza Law Firm – 1997-2004
- Lawyer, Professor

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

Atty. Tamano was the first Filipino Muslim scholar at the Harvard Law School. He also delivered the valedictory address during their graduation.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Atty. Tamano believes that regardless of one's financial or social status, an educated citizenry is a surefire way to move the community forward -- together -- to economic prosperity and social maturity. To help translate this into reality, an adult education program in PLM was conceptualized to provide instruction to out-of-school youth.

On peace in Mindanao, he has said: "I feel that part of the reason there is no peace in Mindanao is that some people benefit from the fact that there is no peace there. It benefits some people that there is violence there. I feel that with enough political will, there can be peace... if the lives of Muslims and Christians in Mindanao improve, and you have things to live for, you have a good job, you can send your children to school,... if they have something to live for, then they will not join these extremist movements..."

He had been highly critical of House Resolution 1109 and said that "essentially, the aim of Team-GMA congressmen in approving Resolution 1109 is to take the Senate out of the equation in changing the Philippine Constitution, which is absurd because even renaming a road would require the participation of the Senate."

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## Alexander B. "ALEX TINSAY" TINSAY

### Educational Attainment

- AB English - San Sebastian College-Recoletos

### Professional/Public Service Record

- Broadcaster

### Significant Achievements/ Other Info

He is a seasoned TV broadcaster of GMA 7 and straight-to-the-point commentator of Bisig Bayan Opinions and editorials in GMA Balita. He was one of the producers and anchors of Streetwatch 117, the first anti-crime segment on Philippine television. He has received recognition for excellence in broadcast journalism.

He made appearances hosting The 700 Club Asia, a God-centered television show. In addition, he is actively involved with the Christ Reachout Ministries' urban poor program. He is the head pastor of a 19-year-old church.

### Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies

Alex Tinsay represents the interest of the mass media and freedom of information. Tinsay has a colorful three decades of serving the public through courageous reportage which straddles radio and television.

Israel N. "DR. ISRAEL"

**VIRGINES****Educational Attainment**

- Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy, Adventist University of the Philippines, 1989
- Master of Divinity (MDiv) - Far East Advent School of Theology, 2000
- Master in Business Administration (MBA), Adventist University of the Philippines, 2004
- Doctor of Divinity (DD)- Far East Advent School of Theology, 2008
- Doctor of Ministry (DMin)- Manila Theological College, 2005
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) - Manila Theological College, 2009
- Bachelor of Laws, Philippine Cambridge School of Law, 2010

**Professional/Public Service Record**

- Educator

**Significant Achievements/ Other Info**

He can be considered an expert in the field of education. He is a management consultant and professor/lecturer at the Philippine Advent College. He was also a professor at the Philippine National Police Academy from June 2007 to March 2008. Furthermore, he became the Associate Vice President for Student Services at the Adventist University of the Philippines and Dean of Student Affairs at the Northern Luzon Adventist College. Dr. Virgines is also the District Pastor of the Central Luzon Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

**Major Positions on Development and Reform Agenda and Other Major Advocacies**

Virgines has been an educator for almost all his professional life and a well-known personality in the Adventist University of the Philippines which has branches all over the country.

Dr. Israel Virgines represents the education sector, himself an academician for all his professional life.







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