Vice Presidential Candidates' Matrices

Philippine Election 2010



Name: **Jejomar "Jojo" C.Binay**Political Party: **PDP-Laban (Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Laban)**

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
 Graft and Corruption Food Productivity Peace and Order 	 Mayor, Makati City 1986-1998, 2001-2004, 2004-2007, 2007-Present Chairman, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) 1998-2001 Acting Mayor (Makati City)1986-1987 Lawyer
Website: www.jejomarbinay.com.ph	

On Asset Reform and CARPER	"While the implementation of CARP needs to be reviewed, the net effect should always be beneficial to the farmers." Institutionalized Makati Pabahay Program that has built low-cost tenement housing for low-income Makati residents	
	Institutionalized quality health care in Makati through efficient health care program Institutionalized quality education in Makati	
On Social Services and Safety Nets	Institutionalized social welfare programs for the elderly which include health care, lakbay arals, birthday parties, allowances, etc.	
	Directed funds for maintenance of roads and infrastructure even in the poorest districts of Makati	
	Employs a light touch with the business sector; convened a crisis conference with the business	

	community to assess the impact of the economic crisis on businesses and on Makati as a whole
On the Environment and JPEPA	Underscores the crucial role of LGUs in addressing the issues of climate change and reducing the risks from natural disasters 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 Part of the annual celebration of Caracol, a part of the city government's continuing commitment to preserve the cultural heritage and to promote the importance of preserving and conserving the environment and natural resources
On Peace and MOA-AD	Asserts that if the Bangsamoro independent state is allowed to come into being, other ethnic minorities in the country can agitate for the same "The attempt to establish the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity, without prior consultation with the people has led to more war and not peace."
On Corruption and Governance	Was and is a known supporter of former President Estrada Transformed Makati into a leader in e-governance by promoting paperless transactions
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	Against cha-cha before 2010; no mention of mode
On Women, Gender and the RH Bill	Supports RH Bill but is against abortion Cites Makati's very low population growth rate and maternal mortality rate compared to national rates
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	Known to be part of the Binay political dynasty in Makati (http://en.wikipilipinas.org/index.php?title=Political_Dynasties) Makati garnered awards as Most Dynamic City (2004) and Top 5 Most Competitive City (2005) Grew up poor in Makati and Pasay and struggled to put himself through school

Name: **Dominador "Jun" F. Chipeco Jr.**Political Party: **Ang Kapatiran**

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well. And without a virtuous society, individuals cannot realize their own or the common good. This is what the politics of virtue is all about. ∇	1993
The Politics of Duty. What has destroyed our political culture has been an over-insistence on rights at the expense of responsibilities. If everyone will do his/her duty there will be no occasion for anyone to claim one's right. Ang Kapatiran will lead in reviving the idea that small sacrifices by individuals can create benefits for all. It is well to remember "that men individually are responsible for what they make of themselves but collectively they are responsible for the world in which they live. (www.angkapatiranparty.com)	Tax Attorney - Esso Philippines, Inc 1971-1973 Tax Attorney - SGV & Co 1969-1970 Associate Attorney - Carlos J. Valdes and Associates - 1968-1969

On Asset Reform and CARPER	Agrarian reform should be a continuing program and should not be subject to limitations in implementation. Public domain lands should be included to a greater degree to ensure that these are put to productive use. In some instances, property rights may have to be re-defined and fully integrated into the economic system.
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On Social Services and Safety Nets	No Data
On the Environment and JPEPA	Environmental issues are first and foremost resource allocation problems. There are and always will be conflicting interests between recognized developers and survivors. We must rally the support of our legislators to pass the Land Use Act which will provide the policy and framework on the use of our scarce land and water resources.
On Peace and MOA-AD	Basic human rights must be upheld in the treatment of persons accused of terrorism and criminal acts. Carrying of firearms in public must be limited to law enforcement agencies and military while on duty. Speedy administration of justice must be observed. Police visibility has to be significantly improved.
On Corruption and Governance	Government bureaucracy has to be streamlined to reduce opportunities for graft. The office of Ombudsman must be given the tools and resources to do its job.
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	No Data
On Women, Gender and the Reproductive Health Bill	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.

Name: **Bayani F. "BF" Fernando** Political Party: **Bagumbayan-VNP**

 Launched projects to transform NCR into Metro Gwapo (Beautiful City) Traffic Programs and Activities Urban Transportation Programs Traffic Enforcement Traffic Engineering Traffic Information and Education (TIE) Urban Transport Integration Project (Funding assistance by World Bank) Air Quality Improvement Sector Development Program Flood control and drainage management Landscape development and maintenance Solid Waste Management Program Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption in Sub National Development and Land Use/ Physical Planning Earthquake Disaster Preparedness Programs Secretary – Metropolitan Manila Development Authority – 2002–2009 Mayor: Marikina City – 1992–2001 Chairman – Regional Development Council – NCR – 2002–2009 Chairman – Metro Manila Inter Agency Committee for Informal Settlers (MMIAC) – 2008–2009 Co-Chairman – Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) – 2002–2009 Mechanical Engineer Founder: BF Corp 1968 	Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
	 (Beautiful City) Traffic Programs and Activities Urban Transportation Programs Traffic Enforcement Traffic Engineering Traffic Information and Education (TIE) Urban Transport Integration Project (Funding assistance by World Bank) Air Quality Improvement Sector Development Program Flood control and drainage management Landscape development and maintenance Solid Waste Management Program Community Based Medium Rise Building Shelter Program Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption in Sub National Development and Land Use/ Physical Planning 	 2002–2009 Secretary: Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – 2002 Mayor: Marikina City – 1992–2001 Chairman – Regional Development Council – NCR – 2002–2009 Chairman – Metro Manila Inter Agency Committee for Informal Settlers (MMIAC) – 2008–2009 Co-Chairman – Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) – 2002–2009 Mechanical Engineer

On Asset Reform and CARPER	Present in the meeting called by President Arroyo with Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr. to support the extension of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law
On Social Services and Safety Nets	Authorized several demolitions of shanties, food stalls, etc. around Metro Manila without regard to ensuring the availability of relocation sites for the displaced families (http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/metro/view/20070905-86946/Stop_pampering_illegal_settlers%2C_says_MMDA%92s_Fernando)

"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." (http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/metro/view/20070905-86946/Stop_pampering_illegal_settlers%2C_says_MMDA%92s_Fernando)

When Bayani Fernando spearheaded the Save Marikina River Program as mayor of Marikina, he relocated 30,000 informal settlers from the banks of the Marikina River without moving them outside of Marikina. He first expropriated the privately owned lands along the banks of the river and built road dikes to reduce the vulnerability of the areas he expropriated; he subdivided the protected areas so that all the informal settlers that have to be relocated could buy lots on which to build their new homes. The cost of the dike and the redevelopment were not passed on to the informal settlers.

When he became chairman of MMDA in 2002, Bayani Fernando became responsible for the development of shelter and housing facilities and the provision of the necessary social services thereof in Metro Manila. However, although R.A. 7924 that created the MMDA was passed in 1995, the framework for MMDA to develop shelters and housing facilities were completed only on May 21, 2009 when President Arroyo issued E.O. 803 that created the Metro Manila Inter Agency Committee (MMIAC) on informal settlers,

Notwithstanding the absence of the framework to undertake the mandate to develop shelter and housing facilities and provide the necessary social services thereof in Metro Manila, Bayani Fernando coordinated with various government agencies and people organizations to relocate another 40,000 informal settlers along the PNR right of way and another 10,000 informal settlers in danger areas and right of way of urgent infrastructure projects of the National Government.

Also pending the framework, Bayani Fernando, as Vice Chairman of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), relocated 10,000 informal settlers from the 10 m easement of the Pasig River into house and lot packages in relocations sites in Rodriguez, Rizal and Calauan, Laguna that were built with funds from a loan extended by the Asian Development Bank. The loan funds were also utilized to build educational, healthcare and other community facilities within the relocation sites.

Considering the real situation in squatted areas, and realizing that there are NGO's and Non-Profit Organizations that are willing to offer free use of their idle properties in Metro Manila and also willing to

	assist in building socialized housing communities within their properties, Bayani Fernando led the MMIAC to resolve to build rental shelters in medium rise buildings within Metro Manila instead of building house and lot packages outside Metro Manila for sale to informal settlers. The Cardinal Sin Village had provided the framework for the in-city community based socialized housing facility that MMDA and its component LGU's can emulate and replicate.
	Known not for protecting the environment but for illegal cutting of trees. Numerous documents from the DENR are clear proofs to BF's illegal tree cutting activities. (http://bayanifernandox.tripod.com/baho/baho.html)
	"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." (http://bayanifernandox.tripod.com/baho/baho.html) -spearheaded the Save the Marikina River program
On the Environment and JPEPA	Increasing the average traffic speeds in the 7 major roads in Manila, and the bike lanes and the sidewalk clearing programs are also solutions to stop global warming because they promote non-motorized travel for short distances.
	MMDA has terminated its Material Recovery Facility program and replaced it with its Zero Waste, Door–to–Door Garbage Collection and Community-Based Barangay MRF programs.
	Flood control and sewerage management are among the scope of services of MMDA under R.A. 7924. To perform its flood control service, MMDA continuously desilted, cleaned and rehabilitated the flood control storm drainage system in Metro Manila. In addition, it upgraded and corrected the deficiencies in the system and reduced areas in Metro Manila vulnerable to flash flood.
On Peace and MOA-AD	Bayani Fernando has not been involved in both the peace process in Mindanao and the discussions on the MOA-AD. Hence does not have any track record to show in this issue. However, his success record in mediating industrial disputes in Marikina from 1992 to 2001 indicates his ability to communicate with labor groups as well as captains of industry.

On Corruption and Governance	Corruption is just the symptom of the problem. The problem is the culture of patronage politics that compromised everything and stifled meritocracy and the productivity of our people. Bayani Fernando is credited to have transformed the former municipality of Marikina into one of the best-managed cities and paradigm of responsive and effective governance. When asked what his secret formula for success is, he says that he just made the people in his government work well. Once meritocracy in government is reestablished, government workers work well and the check and balance processes within the system work to stop wastes.
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	Said that he is for amending the Constitution, but only after the 2010 elections. He is in favor of Constitutional Convention (Concon). (http://www.gmanews.tv/story/137747/Bayani-Fernando-prefers-charter-change-only-after-2010) Bayani Fernando favors retaining the presidential system with a bicameral congress.
On Women, Gender and the RH Bill	The Philippines presently ranks high among developing countries in gender equality and Bayani Fernando does not believe government intervention is needed to hasten or slow down present trends. Regarding the RH Bill, Bayani Fernando believes that the tipping point for high population growth has been reached in the 60's. This is evident in the fact and every year since 1960, except in 1982-1983, our population growth rate has gone down. In 1962, our population growth rate was 3.11% but in 2008 our population growth rate was 1.82%. Hence, Bayani Fernando has said that the RH bill is late in coming.
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	Has strong political will, is very decisive, has the capacity to instill discipline, albeit having an iron rule approach and known to be part of the Fernando political dynasty in Marikina (http://opinion.inquirer.net/inquireropinion/columns/view/20070120-44507/Political_dynasties)

Name: Loren "Loren" B.Legarda
Political Party: NPC (Nationalist People's Coalition)

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
 Law and Order Rights of Women, Youth and Children Education, Environment and Employment Nationalism 	 Senator 1998-2004; 2007-present Broadcast Journalist
Website: www.lorenlegarda.com.ph	

On Asset Reform and CARPER	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 Filed Senate Resolution 449 to determine remedial measures to reform CARP
On Social Services and Safety Nets	Has helped provide medical assistance to children victims of toxic waste contamination Organized Libro ni Loren Foundation that provides textbooks, reading materials, and scholarships to underprivileged children Founded Bessie Legarda Memorial Foundation which helps indigent breast cancer victims
On the Environment and JPEPA	Started her campaign for environmental protection and preservation during her stint as a broadcast journalist As Senator, she actively espoused and co-authored important environmental measures

	Espoused clean up of toxic waste left behind by former US bases in Subic and Clark, and has helped provide medical assistance to children victims of toxic waste contamination Founded Luntiang Pilipinas and is president of Trees for Life Foundation and Save our Seas Foundation, Inc.
On Peace and MOA-AD	Served as negotiator for release of journalist Ces Drilon from her captors in Mindanao "The government cannot relax. The peace initiative with the MILF must continue." "The government must not resort to amending the Constitution just to effect an agreement with the MILF."
On Corruption and Governance	Said that without the capability to weed out bogus votes, the system that COMELEC wanted to use would only result in a "garbage in, garbage out" situation Voted in favor of opening the second bank envelope for the impeachment case filed against Estrada
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	Opposed ConAss Made a strong pitch, as she prodded the Arroyo administration and its Congress allies to ditch their Charter-change schemes and instead focus on strengthening the economy through a "fiscal-stimulus package" in the face of a global financial crisis Challenged the Supreme Court to rule wisely on the issue of charter change and said, "I don't think that the members of the High Court will stake their legacy, their name even if they were appointed by the President, that they will rule in favor of just one house, one house deciding to change the form of government."

	Co-authored Magna Carta for Women of 2009
On Women, Gender and the RH Bill	Supports informed choice for women but not abortion
	"It is important that women are allowed to be able to make enlightened informed decisions about their bodies, in consultation with their husbands, spouses, or partners and what is in tune with their beliefs, religion, culture, and values."
	Admitted that she regretted her participation in ousting former President Estrada during curtailed impeachment trial
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	Was implicated by Ador Mawanay in purchase of almost P10 Million worth of smuggled mobile phones (http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=130643&publicationSubCategoryId=92)

Name: **Eduardo "Edu" B. Manzano** Political Party: **LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD**

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
address weak government finances, low levels of investment and failure of economic growth to translate to poverty eradication.	 Chairperson, Optical Media Board (OMB) – 2004-2009 Vice Mayor (Makati City) 1998-2001 Actor and TV Personality
come up with a National Strategy that would prioritize public spending on education, health and housing, improve quality of governance so cost of doing business is low and extend credit to SMEs which account for 90% of labor employment.	
 Eradication of widespread corruption, avoiding lack of transparency, emphasizing accountability of public leaders 	
leadership of cooperation	

On Asset Reform and CARPER	No Data
On Social Services and Safety Nets	"There are millions of unemployed Filipino women, including housewives, fresh college graduates, young professionals, even retirees, who are available for work, and who are actively looking for self-employment opportunitiesBy providing them access to affordable credit, government should support their hopes and dreams to establish small businesses that can be a huge driver of jobs growth," Manzano said. As posted in his website, "Manzano previously proposed that housing loan interest payments be made tax-deductible to quickly spur more Filipino families to acquire their own homes." "This is a

	sure way to encourage home ownership, free household income spent on rent or mortgage interest, and make more family earnings available for other forms of consumption," he said. "Immunization is a basic requirement that must be met by government. It has become imperative if we are ensure a healthier labor force in the years ahead," Manzano said. "It also makes a lot of financial sense for Philhealth to invest in free immunization. Healthier members mean less future claims for costly hospitalization and other medical benefits," he pointed out
On the Environment and JPEPA	No Data
On Peace and MOA-AD	No Data
On Corruption and Governance	No Data
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	No Data
On Women, Gender and the RH Bill	No Data
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	"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. Everyone should do his share to stamp out piracy." 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 Nikkie Teodoro, are active in the fight against child pornography. Mr. Manzano organized the Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography (ACAP) Foundation.

Name: Manuel "Mar" A. Roxas II Political Party: Liberal Party (LP)

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record	
 Tapat at Tuwid na Gobyerno Quality affordable medicines and healthcare Omnibus Education Reform Food Security and Agricultural Renaissance Meaningful jobs and livelihood (BPO, MSME Development, Trabaho sa Probinsya) 	 Senator 2004-Present Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) 2000-2003 Representative (1st District of Capiz) – 1993-1999 Investment Banker 	
Website: www.marroxas.com		

On Asset Reform and CARPER	Voted yes to the CARPER Bill in June 2009 "I believe that the measure is overwhelmingly in favor of social justice, in favor of the farmers, and in favor of the farm workers. And it is on that vein that I sought to overcome my own reservations relative to acting on a matter that may have potential conflict of interest and in this matter, have voted "YES." Abstained on the December 2008 Joint Resolution Extending CARP for 6 months "Neither a yes or a no would have worked in this particular case. I abstained because I stand for real land reform." "First, nobody paid the beneficiaries. Second, people sold the lands or used these lands to pay for loans. Eventually, the land is in the previous owner's possession again. The people don't have the capital needed. Even if the land title hasn't been formally settled yet, the land is long gone. We've seen how unsuccessful the program was so it's important we learn from the mistake

On Social Services and Safety Nets	Authored the Omnibus Education Reform Bill
	Authored Cheaper Medicines Act of 2008
	Sought Senate inquiry into the Department of Education's (DepEd) Alternative Learning Programs for Out of School Youth and Adult Learners
	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 (2008)
	Chaired the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce that gave its conditional concurrence to the JPEPA
	(http://www.manilatimes.net/national/2007/aug27/yehey/top_stories/20070827top6.html)
On the Environment and JPEPA	The Senate concurrence resolution contains the condition that implementation under JPEPA of national treatment and MFN treatment does not impose any obligation on our country that would be inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of our Constitution. (http://www.senate.gov.ph/press_release/2008/0116_santiago1.asp)
	Voted for ratification of JPEPA considering: a) the Side Agreement between Japan and Philippines dated 22 and 23 May 2009 which contains the understanding between 2 countries not to export toxic wastes as defined by Philippine and Japanese laws in accordance with Basel Convention; and b) the Exchange Notes dated 22 and 28 August 2008 which affirms that constitutional provisions on the protection and promotion of the right of health of the people under Philippine laws will not be amended and will be recognized.
	Filed Senate Bill No. 2519 amending the Toxic Substance and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990 by increasing the penalties and fines it prescribes to make it commensurate to the gravity and seriousness of the dangers that toxic substances and hazardous bring to health and environment.
	Called for inquiry in aid of legislation on the status of the implementation of the Clean Water Act (2004) in relation to the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (1976) to determine appropriate remedial measures that will ensure that the law is effectively implemented and sufficiently funded

On Peace and MOA-AD	Filed the petition opposing the MOA-AD in the SC and lauded the SC in striking down the MOA-AD and said that "The people of Mindanao could now look forward to achieving genuine peace in the region." The government should now begin reneqotiations for a new peace deal with the MILF based on constitutional parameters provided by the high court "This is the beginning of real peace in Mindanao based on truth and justice. Let the people of Mindanao and the entire nation celebrate this triumph of justice over the reckless abuse of power."
On Corruption and Governance	Was one of the first to resign from the Estrada Cabinet after allegations of corruption and his links to jueteng were revealed by then Ilocos Sur Gov. Singson Chaired Senate inquiries versus the NBN ZTE, Eurogenerals, Fertilizer Fund Scam and Noodle Scam Calls for lifting Bank Secrecy for President and Cabinet Advocate several reforms in the budget law (such as SB 29925, 2996, SB 2700, SB 2623, SB 2982, SB 1793) that will restore the balance of power between the Executive and Legislature Upholding the following principles: - public's right to information (Filed SB no. 109 – Free Information Act - Respect for Congressional Oversight Function - Independence of Media
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	Against Con-ass Filed Senate Bill No. 2923 which seeks to constitute a Constitutional Convention, the delegates of which shall be elected by the people simultaneously with the May 2010 elections
On Women, Gender and the RH Bill	No to abortion and abortifacient; recognizes that the reproductive health is a matter that should be decided by couples alone

	Role of the state is to provide public goods and services. Correct, objective, evidence-based information about reproductive health and family planning methods is a public good.
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	Known to be part of the Roxas political dynasty in Capiz (http://en.wikipilipinas.org/index.php?title=Political_Dynasties) Hailed as the "Father of the Call Center and Business Process Outsourcing Industries" Famed for supporting Noynoy Aquino's bid for the presidency even though he was all set to run for President

Name: **Jose "Jay Sonza" Y. Sonza** Political Party: **Independent**

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
	 ∇ Veteran Broadcaster ∇ Television Host ∇ Commentator ∇ Station Manager of UNTV37 ∇ Columnist/Contributing Editor for two national daily tabloids

On Asset Reform and CARPER	No data
On Social Services and Safety Nets	No data
On the Environment and JPEPA	No data
On Peace and MOA-AD	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.
On Corruption and Governance	No data
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	No data
On Women, Gender and the Reproductive Health Bill	No data
Other Notable Positions, Policies and Actions	No data

Name: Perfecto "Kidlat" R. Yasay Political Party: Bangon Pilipinas

Agenda	Public Service Professional Record
 Education Civil rights Economy environment 	 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.

On Asset Reform and CARPER	No Data
On Social Services and Safety Nets	"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 must recognize, whether we like it or not that unless we are able to provide our people with decent and stable jobs, we should take advantage of the BPO industry and the opportunities provided for our OFWs. Beggars cannot be choosers"
On the Environment and JPEPA	"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 ruthless denude our forest and destroy nature's way of regulating floods preventing land erosion and dangerous avalanches. We are all stewards of the earth's resources"
On Peace and MOA-AD	No data
On Corruption and Governance	"Government must double time its efforts to reform the inequalities brought about by the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few elite, and democratize opportunities for wealth creation as quickly as possible"
On Constitutional Reform and People's Participation	"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 powerthese 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 bodiesshould be amended by a constituent assembly or the so-called people's initiative."
On Women, Gender and the Reproductive Health Bill	No data