

Vargas to follow brod's footsteps as District 5 dad

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THE younger brother of Quezon City Rep. **Alfred Vargas** will run for councilor in District 5.

Patrick Michael Vargas, the lawmaker's chief of staff, said he is filing his certificate of candidacy next week before the Commission on Elections office within city hall to succeed outgoing councilors who have served the 37-member city council in the past nine years.

During a concert organized by the older Vargas on Friday night, the Sponge Cola band wowed the young audience in District 5's Novaliches area.

"The concert is for the youth asking them to stay away from [illegal] drugs. Be hooked on music [instead]," Patrick Vargas told Manila Standard.

"People ask me why I'd want to be a councilor, following the footsteps of my brother. It is not about the title or the salary. It is about serving the people," he added.

The Vargas brothers are running under the slate of Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte**, who is gunning for the mayoral post in 2019.

Meanwhile, the city government, under the administration of Mayor **Herbert Bautista**, continues its thrust of developing culture and arts with the reorganization of the city's Culture and Arts Council.

Bautista recently signed Quezon City Council Ordinance 2741-2018, amending Ordinance 1662-2006 entitled "An ordinance creating the Quezon City Culture and Arts Council," specifically its provisions on its duties and responsibilities, offices, and funds.

The Quezon City Culture and Arts Council is composed of the City Mayor, the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Tourism, the **Cultural Tourism Affairs Office**, the **City Planning Development officer**, the **Public Affairs and Information Services Office**, and the **City Budget Office**.