

Belmonte: Assess track record, platform of poll bets

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Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** yesterday urged voters to assess the track record, integrity and platforms of candidates running for national and local posts in the midterm elections.

Belmonte said the people must reflect on who to vote for and consider the candidates' background to determine if they are capable of implementing positive change for their constituents.

She said there are three things to look for in a candidate: track record, personality and platform of governance.

“Track record is important because it will show if a candidate is capable of fulfilling his campaign promises,” Belmonte said.

“You should see if a candidate is a person with integrity and can fulfill his duties. He should also be accessible and fair to his constituents. Lastly, the voters should see if a candidate's platforms are realistic,” she added.

The vice mayor noted that in Quezon City, more than half of the local government's budget of P21.5 billion goes to the salaries of the employees.

“You do the math to see if the promises can be fulfilled with the remaining budget,” she said.

Belmonte, who is running for mayor, vowed to change the culture of governance in the city to enable the people to put their trust and confidence in the government.

“You should not promise something that you cannot fulfill. You will contribute to the distrust of the people rather than help them trust the government,” she said.