

# Q & A With Metro Manila Mayors: What are your priorities in your first 100 days?

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## MANILA MAYOR FRANCISCO “ISKO” MORENO DOMAGOSO

1. Clean up Manila. To clean up the nation’s capital and make it more “vibrant” and “energetic.” Not only does pollution make the city look unpleasant, it also poses health risks to Manilans. 2. Manage the city’s traffic. “Ibabalik natin ang kalsada sa mga Manileño.” Clearing of streets to ensure free flow of vehicular and foot traffic. 3. Make substantial improvements to peace and order. Work hand in hand with the Manila Police District in making substantial improvements to peace and order, not only in preventing petty crimes, but also participating in the war on drugs. Manila’s participation in the drug war will respect human rights not only for criminals but also for law enforcers. 4. Reintegration and collaboration. Reintegrate and collaborate with national government agencies to develop the city and work with the private sector. Ensure that the following councils and boards will be fully functional: City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, City School Board, Peace and Order Council, City Health Board, and City Development Council. 5. Reenergize the bureaucracy and leadership. Set the direction of the city, particularly in prioritizing policies to strengthen the Manila City Hall’s foundation, to truly be responsive to the people.

## QUEZON CITY MAYOR JOY BELMONTE

1. House cleaning. Strict housekeeping and internal governance policy starting with an executive order to create an Internal Audit Unit team under the Office of the Mayor. To rid city hall of scalawags and non-performing personnel, ensure that good and honest behavior is “incentivized and acts considered as betrayals of public trust are penalized.” A Personnel Selection Board will be created to fill up vacant plantilla positions and promote personnel based on meritocracy and not palakasan (strong connections). Establish a feedback mechanism such as call centers to enable local residents to air their complaints and concerns. 2. Baseline data. To know “our city and our people” to identify priorities by order of importance; to craft tailor-fitted programs and projects that best address needs and to maximize the use of resources and avoid leakage or wastage of public funds. To provide all QC residents automated QCitizen card that will help city hall “spread out service delivery and make sure they get the services they need.” 3. Planning. All planning must be made within the first 100 days using the baseline data collected to establish targets, objectives, and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). To stick with the plans made by the City Development Council as encapsulated in the City Development Plan and Annual Investment Plan to avoid “whimsical projects” and to ensure that all projects are needbased. 4. Decentralization. To decentralize service delivery to bring the government closer to the people providing them with comfort and transacting their business requirements at city hall. The plan is to create mini city halls in various parts of the city to make services more accessible and convenient. 5. Service with a heart. To enforce some ordinance-based and doable programs in the first 100 days — stocking up on medicines in the city-run hospitals and health centers, on-call duty of city health personnel, provide maintenance medicines to seniors suffering from hypertension and diabetes and administering flu and pneumonia vaccines. To enter into publicprivate partnerships to ensure continuous projects and service delivery. 6. Anti-illegal drug campaign.

To strengthen the city’s anti-illegal drug efforts by enlisting more volunteers in barangays, intensify efforts to fight illegal drugs and to provide optimum assistance to reforming drug users.

## MAKATI CITY MAYOR ABIGAIL BINAY

1. Makati subway. The project is envisioned to deliver greater convenience and mobility that will translate to increased productivity among workers, greater profitability for businesses including micro, small and medium enterprises, and overall sustainable development and economic stability for the city. 2. Makati columbarium.

To build a public columbarium offering free cremation and inurnment services to city residents, especially those who can ill afford costly funeral expenses. Aside from providing a worry-free and cost-free yet decent way of laying the departed to rest, the facility is also intended to address the lack of interment space in the city.

3. Fast-tracking establishment of new public health facilities and services. Makatizens can look forward to better and more convenient medical services as priority will be given to the completion and opening of the new Ospital ng Makati in Malugay, District 1 within the next three years. To prioritize the establishment of an Urgent Care facility in each barangay cluster which will operate 24/7 and cater to the needs of residents.

4. Digital schools. To establish a school that befits a digital city, fully equipped with fast and reliable Wi-Fi connection and modern computers to teach students the latest technology.

5. Nutrition program for public school children (free nutritious meals as “baon”). To implement a nutrition program for public schoolchildren that aims to relieve their parents of the burden of giving daily “baon” (allowance) and, at the same time, promote proper nutrition among them.

6. Digitalization of systems and processes. To develop an enhanced business permit and licensing system or e-BPLS, a computerized system that will provide easy access to business permits through different platforms. This will implement a “no-contact” policy in the processing of business permits and licenses, which will eliminate fixers and curtail, if not eradicate, corruption and the “palakasan system.”

PASIG CITY MAYOR MA. VICTOR “VICO” SOTTO

1. Free medical consultation, medicines, hospitalization, and other medical expenses. Provide the needed medical assistance within the hospital and health centers to avoid lining up at the city hall to ask for assistance. Whatever happens to the Universal Health Care in the national level, we will implement a local version of this act.

2. Help Pasig City families to have their own home. If relocation is needed, it should be on-site and in-city. There will be no relocation if main services and sources of income are not available in the location. He also vowed to put an end to the “Palakasan System.”

3. Improve quality education. Expand the city’s scholarship program. No scholarship grant will be taken from a student. To be removed instead are the requirements that burden the students. Strengthen the local School Board. Organize “Summer Children Camps” for children who don’t know how to read or have a difficulty in reading and “Teachers’ Training Camps” to help teachers to continue develop the quality of public education.

4. Organize consultations before taking actions. From policies of transport owners and drivers to fees of market stalls, all actions to be undertaken will undergo public consultations. Transparent and inclusive governance — from drafting to the evaluation of all programs and projects in Pasig.

5. Fight against corruption. To lead honestly. Will not accept a single peso from bribe, kickback or “S.O.P” of government projects. Fully implement the Pasig Transparency or the Freedom of Information Ordinance of 2018. Establish the Government Efficiency and Anti-Corruption Commission. There will be a complaint hotline where the public could report and air their grievances.

MANDALUYONG CITY MAYOR CARMELITA “MENCHIE” ABALOS

1. Enhanced educational support. To provide more students with school supplies and uniforms, shoes and bags. Have more beneficiaries of the 1300 educational cash allowance for Grades 7 to 12 students. We are also planning to construct robotics laboratory rooms in city schools.

2. Environment protection. Strengthen the no plastic and segregation policy in the city. Expand the information campaign on waste segregation and environment protection. We will have more electric-powered tricycles and jeepneys in the city to lessen air pollution.

3. Strengthen peace and order. Continue to have more illegal drug surrenderers undergo and graduate from the city’s drug rehabilitation program. We will also provide them with jobs once they finish the program. Purchase additional police mobiles and equipment for the city’s police force.

4. Faster health service. To have a centralized digital records of patients and computerization of medical records from every barangay to fast track the allocation of medicines and assistance to patients.

5. More infrastructure. To construct a 5,000-seat sports arena. Improve and beautify our sidewalks, and continue the innovation and computerization of public documents for paperless transactions in government offices.

MARIKINA CITY MAYOR MARCELINO “MARCY” TEODORO

1. Improve access to quality education. To continue to make education in community college free of tuition fees and asking the council for an appropriation for it through an ordinance that will declare it as a policy. Build additional structures to accommodate more stu-

dents. Vertically align the qualifications of teachers to ensure the quality of teaching in schools and to ensure the quality and access to education by hiring more competent and qualified faculty members. 2. Strengthen social services. People needing economic assistance will not seek politicians for help anymore. Instead, they can go to an office that will readily, empathically, and effectively address the economic, medical and social needs of the people. 3. Improve access to health services.

Construction of a "super health center" with specialty doctors. For diagnostic requirements, there are x-ray machines, laboratories, ECG, and CT scan available for the patients. There will also be a pharmacy that will dispense the required medicines for the patients. A 10-story Marikina Treatment Hub will be constructed next month to decongest hospitals in the city.

4. Caring for the environment. Create parks and develop open spaces into green spaces. We are targeting to plant 100,000 trees by the end of the year by requiring students in the city community college to plant at least one tree before they graduate. 5. Marikina Shoe

Trade Fair. To stage by the end of the year, the Marikina Shoe Trade Fair, that will showcase all Marikina-made products at a permanent location whole year round. SAN JUAN CITY MAYOR FRANCIS ZAMORA 1. Review and realignment of the 2019

Budget. Review and realignment of the 2019 executive budget of San Juan City in accordance with our planned platforms and programs. 2. Improvement of San Juan

Medical Center. Rehabilitation and improvement of the San Juan Medical Center with around P500 million allotted budget for medical services and procurement of modern medical equipment. 3. Accessible social services.

To bring the city hall closer to the people by bringing social services down to the barangays and engaging in Private-Public Partnership (PPP) to be able to upgrade the city's delivery of social services. Expansion of "Zamora ID" membership which has 30,000 member individuals since its implementation in the last two years. 4. Transparency and accountability.

To practice transparency and accountability in the utilization of local government funds. 5. Cooperation with the Office of the Congressman. Full cooperation and coordination with the office of Cong. Ronaldo "Ronny" Zamora to ensure that his infrastructure projects and social services for the people of San Juan are fully implemented. NAVOTAS CITY MAYOR TOBIAS 'TOBY' TIANGCO

1. Program continuity. To inaugurate his brother's (outgoing Mayor John Rey Tiangco) projects and continue what he started. 2. Relocation project. To move the remaining families living in danger zones and near the waterways to new residences through the opening of new five four-story buildings at NavotaAs Homes 2 in Barangay Tanza, finish filling-up and start the soil test of the land where the future fivehectare NavotaAs Homes 3 in Barangay Tanza will be constructed. 3. Livelihood assistance program. To extend livelihood assistance to residents who depend on fishing by distributing 100 new boats and 400 new fish nets. 4. Building safer communities. To start the installation of 17 closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in addition to the already 159 CCTVs installed, to ensure safer and more secured environment. 5. More accessible social services. Continue to improve the city's health services by opening the new Tanza Health Center, which will cater to the needs of at least 1,380 families at NavotaAs Homes 1, and inaugurating the Navo-Serve office, which will serve as a one-stop shop to residents seeking assistance from the office of the mayor, office of the congressman, and office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). 6. Inclusive and

holistic education program. To continue the previous administration's project of giving cash incentives to graduates of public elementary, high school, and college schools and conducting art scholarship programs to encourage the youth, particularly the students, to pursue their studies and their other passion. VALENZUELA CITY MAYOR REXLON "REX" GATCHALIAN

1. Relocation program. Move the remaining families living under the transmission lines out of the danger zone and give them new houses through opening the first phase of the third Disiplina Village (a housing site) in Barangay Lingunan. 2. Free, accessible, quality education. Continue the construction of new buildings of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela to enable the city government to accommodate more students and to expand its capacity to offer free, accessible, and quality tertiary education. Part of Mayor Rex's plan on his third term is to invest in the youth. 3. Online

business processing service. Enhance the government's capacity to serve its residents, especially the taxpayers and business owners, via the Internet by launching an end-to-end online business-processing service. 4. One-stop

shop public service. Continue the construction of several Sentro ng Sama-samang Serbisyo (3S) offices which will bring various government services closer to people and will serve as one-stop shop. 5. Historical site restoration. Continue the reconstruction of the Polo Park to restore its historic value which will "give identity" to people and will get the residents "an anchor on where the city should be going by knowing who they are and who they started." MALABON CITY MAYOR ANTOLIN "LENLEN" ORETA III 1. Good governance. Enhance the city government's organizational efficiency by reviewing existing policies and adopting national standards of good governance, such as the Department of Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). 2. Care for the city's vulnerable sectors. Continue the ongoing construction of facilities dedicated to assist the vulnerable sectors, including senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and the indigents, and come up with a program that will make health, economic, and social services more accessible and convenient to them. 3. Health

program expansion. Expand the city government's nutrition and health services by strengthening its programs, including the Karindaria para sa Kalusugan

ni Chikiting (KKC), and developing the capacities of health workers to eradicate the city's malnutrition problem and ensure the well-being of its residents. 4. Intensifying anti-illegal drug campaigns. Strengthen the city's anti-illegal drug campaigns, including the Panunumbalik Naten program, to make Malabon City the first city to achieve a 100 percent drug-cleared status. 5. Scholarship

program. Continue the existing scholarship programs and tap available resources from the national and local governments to incentivize the good academic performances of students. CALOOCAN CITY MAYOR OSCAR 'OCA' MALAPITAN

1. Relocation of Justice Hall. Prepare the budget for the expropriation of a land where the new justice hall will be relocated. 2. Construction of Convention Hall. Start the construction of a four-story convention hall beside the new Caloocan People's Park which will become the first convention hall in the city. 3. New city jail facility. Prepare documents to acquire the Transfer of Property of a land in North Caloocan, where the new jail facility will be built, in a bid to decongest the present Caloocan City Jail.

4. New public markets. Open two new markets in Barangay Bagong Silang and a market in Langaray in Dagat-Dagatan area to activate and boost the economy in the said areas. 5. Public columbarium and crematorium. Start the site development of a portion of a six-hectare government property in Camarin, North Caloocan, which will be converted into a public columbarium and crematorium, to address the congestion problem at the present Tala Cemetery. 6. Creation of civic centers.

Start the site development of two 5,000-square-meter properties in North Caloocan which are proposed to become civic centers, including a barangay hall and a police district office, so that residents no longer have to go to South Caloocan to avail of government services. 7. Quality

education program. Open and inaugurate the four new Senior High schools in North Caloocan which aim to help the Department of Education address the congestion problems in several high schools due to K to 12 program and encourage the youth to pursue their studies through affordable, yet quality education. PARAÑAQUE CITY MAYOR EDWIN OLIVAREZ

1. Bulungan sa Parañaque project. Start the construction of fishermen's wharf located along Coastal Road, a 100 percent funded project by the city government to be permanently called "Bulungan sa Parañaque." Also to be constructed near the "Bulungan" will be the mini-pier and Parañaque City Park. 2. Two-way bridge construction

to decongest traffic. Start the construction of a multi-million two-way bridge linking Barangay La Huerta and Barangay Don Galo along Macapagal Avenue to decongest the traffic situation in the area. 3. Public market modernization. Renovation and modernization of the public market in Barangay La Huerta to boost the economy in the said area, catering local and foreign tourists. 4. Relocation of vendors. Transfer of about 2,000 legal and illegal vendors surrounding Redemptorist Church in Barangay Baclaran to the new commercial building along Roxas Boulevard owned by Philippine Reclamation Authority. The project will be between the city government and a private company under public-private partnership. 5. Recreation center for senior

citizens. Construction of the four-story building for the members of the senior citizen associations along Coastal Road. It will be a recreation center complete with state-of-the-art facilities for the 55,000 senior citizens in the city.

6. Command center of disaster and calamity. Open and inaugurate the newly-constructed Command Center located at the 4th floor of the city hall building, open 24/7 to monitor and oversee disaster and calamity situation.

7. City government's satellite office. Ground breaking for the construction of a P2.7-billion nine-story building within the Pagcor Entertainment City along Coastal Road by a private developer in partnership with the city government — which will serve as the city government's satellite office. LAS PIÑAS CITY MAYOR IMELDA AGUILAR

1. Disaster resilience. For the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) — which is responsible for calamities and emergencies — to continue to be on alert in any eventuality that may occur. 2.

Expansive and accessible health service. To expand the coverage and service of the Green Card Program with additional hospital, the Las Piñas City Medical Center. To date, the program has 200,000 beneficiaries.

3. Quality education for all. Expansion of the city-run business college, the Dr. Filemon C. Aguilar Memorial College of Las Piñas where it recently applied to the Commission on higher Education (CHED) for additional four-year course, the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. 4. Public Order and Safe Communities.

For the city police chief assigned to the crime prevention to continue their work and the involvement of barangays in the rehabilitation of drug dependents. 5. Responsible and disciplined motorists and pedestrians. To collaborate with the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to effectively manage the traffic situation in the

city. 6. Efficient ecological solid waste management.

Creation of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) which is mandated not only for efficient garbage collection but also for comprehensive ecological solid waste management program. PASAY CITY MAYOR

IMELDA "EMI" G. CALIXTO-RUBIANO

1. Health. To upgrade facilities in Pasay City General Hospital and all health centers.

Financial Assistance to students, free books for elementary and high school students.

To promote a business-friendly city plus the implementation of ease of doing business.

To promote the concept of clean and green in line with proper waste management. Establish a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs through the implementation of Go Negosyo Act; 6. Peace and Order. Coordination with PNP and barangay officials in accordance with the drug awareness campaign and rehabilitation program.