

Belmonte, Sotto, Moreno top performers – survey

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina Belmonte emerged as the top performing local executive in the National Capital Region (NCR), according to a noncommissioned survey.

She was followed by Pasig City Mayor Victor Maria Regis Sotto and Manila Mayor Francisco Domagoso.

The survey was conducted by RPMission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMDinc). In face-to-face interviews, the 3,500 respondents were asked to rate their respective mayors based on their over-all job performance in 2020. “Our previous survey, June 2020 NCR Mayor’s Performance Review in addressing and responding to Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) situation pushed LGUs (local government units) to step up their game. This time our survey was conducted with the intention to assess the over-all performance of NCR mayors for the year 2020 and to gauge their reelection bid,” said Dr. Paul Martinez of RPMDinc. Belmonte got the highest approval rating of 85 percent, followed by Sotto at 82 percent; Moreno, 77 percent; Rex Gatchalian of Valenzuela City, 75 percent; and Marcelino Teodoro of Marikina, 72 percent. Navotas Mayor Tobias Tiangco got 69 percent; Lino Edgardo Cayetano of Taguig, 67 percent; Marlen Abigail Binay of Makati, 64 percent; Carmelita Abalos of Mandaluyong, 55 percent; and Francis Zamora of San Juan, 53 percent. The respondents were also asked if they would vote for their mayors if they run for reelection. Sotto got the highest rating at 77 percent, followed by Belmonte, 75 percent; Moreno, 72 percent; Teodoro, 65 percent; Cayetano, 63 percent; Tiangco, 61 percent; Binay, 60 percent; and Abalos, 51 percent.

Of the last termers, only Gatchalian received a strong support if he will run for another local position at 70 percent. The respondents of the survey held from Dec. 5 to 15, 2020 were registered voters and aged 18 to 70. They were randomly chosen.