

## Belmonte top performing mayor in Metro – survey

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte emerged as the top performing local chief executive in the National Capital Region (NCR), according to an “independent, noncommissioned” survey. Pasig City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis “Vico” Sotto and Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso, took the second and third spots, respectively, followed by Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian and Mayor Marcelino Teodoro of Marikina City.

The survey was conducted by RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMD) based on face-to-face interviews with 3,500 respondents, who were asked to rate their respective mayors regarding their overall job performance for 2020.

The survey was conducted from February 20 to 28.

The respondents, aged 18 to 70, were registered voters.

They were randomly chosen and the number of respondents per city was distributed proportionally based on official population data. Sampling margin of error is at ±3 percent and 95-percent confidence level.

Belmonte received the highest approval rating at 86 percent, followed by Sotto (83 percent), Domagoso (80 percent), Gatchalian (76 percent) and Teodoro (75 percent).

Occupying the 6th to 11th spots were Lino Edgardo Cayetano of Taguig (69 percent), Mar-Len Abigail Binay of Makati (68 percent), Tobias Tiangco of Navotas (65 percent), Carmelita Abalos of Mandaluyong (58 percent), Francis Zamora of San Juan (55 percent) and Jaime Fresnedi of Muntinlupa (51 percent).

The mayors of the six remaining cities and one municipality got low approval ratings. The lowest approval ratings went to Pasay City Mayor Imelda Calixto-Rubiano (33 percent), Malabon City Mayor Antolin

Oreta 3rd (35 percent) and Las Piñas City Mayor Imelda Aguilar (37 percent).

The respondents were also asked if they would vote or would not vote for their mayor if they would run for reelection.

Sotto, who was recently awarded Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines, received the highest conversion of approval and voters’ preference, with an approval rating of 83 and 80 percent for his 2022 reelection bid.

He was followed by Belmonte with 76 percent; Domagoso, 75 percent; Teodoro, 67 percent; Cayetano, 60 percent; Binay, 62 percent; Tiangco, 58 percent; and Abalos, 53 percent.

“Overall, almost all NCR mayors approval ratings improved compared to the previous surveys. However, of the 17 mayors, only 11 were given a passing rate by their constituents,” Dr. Paul Martinez of RPMD said in a statement.