

5 Metro mayors get high rating

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A just-concluded survey showed five out of the 17 mayors in Metro Manila scored high approval rating in their performance amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The survey showed local chief executives of Quezon City, Pasig and Manila scoring the highest approval ratings among Metro Manila mayors for their overall performance in 2021.

Quezon City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte obtained the top approval rating of 89 percent, followed by Pasig City’s Victor Maria Regis “Vico” Sotto (86 percent) and Manila’s Francis “Isko Moreno” Domagoso (83 percent).

Valenzuela City Mayor Rex Gatchalian at 77 percent and Marikina City Mayor Marcy Teodoro at 76 percent were tied on fourth spot. Navotas City Mayor Toby Tiangco ranked fifth with 73 percent followed by Makati’s Abigail Binay at 70 percent, Taguig’s Lino Cayetano at 62 percent, Mandaluyong’s Carmelita Abalos at 60 percent, San Juan’s Francis Zamora at 56 percent, and Muntinlupa’s Jaime Fresnedi at 53 percent.

The survey was conducted by RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMDF) through face-to-face interviews of 3,500 respondents. They were asked to rate their respective mayors based on their over-all job performance.

“Amongst 17 NCR mayors only 13 were rated positively. Top NCR mayors are doing an excellent job — not only that they were able to maintain their rankings, but performance approval ratings also went up. Remarkably, Belmonte of Quezon City remained as the top performing NCR mayor. Mayor Tiangco has the highest rating at (+8 percentage) compared to the previous survey which positioned him on the 5th spot. Mayor Malapitan (51 percent) and Mayor Ponce (50 percent) who stumbled down in the last survey are now being rated positively,” the survey said.

“Although, Mayor Cayetano (62 percent) achieved a high performance rating, his current rating went down by -7 percentage points compared to the previous survey by (69 percent),” according to Dr. Paul Martinez of RPMDF

The four remaining cities got an increased rating but remains at a low job approval percentage — Pasay (35 percent), Malabon (37 percent) and Paranaque (46 percent).

The respondents were also asked if they would vote for their mayors if they run for re-election.

Sotto got the highest rating at 83 percent, followed by Belmonte, 80 percent; Moreno, 78 percent; Teodoro, 70 percent; Binay, 67 percent; Tiangco, 65 percent; Cayetano, 57 percent; and Abalos, 56 percent.

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