

Belmonte eyes 2nd term in QC, Zamora in San Juan

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Without much fanfare, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte filed her certificate of candidacy (COC) on Tuesday for a second term as local chief executive of Metro Manila's largest city at the local Commission on Elections office in Eton Centris with her running mate, Vice Mayor Gian Sotto, who is also seeking reelection. The two reelectionists will run under Belmonte's local party, Serbisyo sa Bayan Party. "I hope and pray that our beloved QCitizens will once again entrust me with the stewardship of our great city. With your kind support, we can continue the strong momentum we have gained in terms of programs and projects," Belmonte said. In San Juan City, Mayor Francis Zamora, who ended the five-decade rule of the Estrada clan in Metro Manila's smallest city in 2019, has formalized his reelection bid after filing his COC on Tuesday morning. Zamora vows to prioritize public health and economic recovery in his campaign. "Only the citizens of San Juan can attest that I have served well as their mayor and I am confident that our leadership offered a big help in the time of the pandemic," he said. Zamora will run under the ruling PDP-Laban party.