

Arjo Atayde running as QC district representative

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INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed actor Arjo Atayde is running for representative in the first district of Quezon City in the 2022 elections.



Accompanied by his parents, seasoned actress Sylvia Sanchez and well-known businessman Art Atayde, the first-time candidate filed his certificate of candidacy (CoC) Friday. Citing education, health care, employment, the welfare of Covid-19 frontliners and an end to West Riverside's perpetual problem of flooding, Atayde — whose critically praised political thriller series on Netflix, “Bagman,” presents the shocking reality of greed and corruption in government — vowed: “Pags-isilbihan ko ng tapat ang District 1 ng QC. Hindi ko lolokohin ang mga kababayan natin at hindi ako magnanakaw (I will serve the first district of QC faithfully. I will not cheat or steal from my constituents).” Sanchez said she fully supports her son, but she will be the first to chastise him if he ever cheats or steals. In the entertainment industry, the Ataydes are known to be a very compassionate and charitable family, with Arjo, 30, usually among the first to quietly help movie workers whose family members fall ill or suffer tragedies and calamities. In June, he donated service vehicles to the city to help with logistics in the continuing battle with the Covid-19 pandemic. Quezon City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte endorsed Atayde's candidacy and joined him when he filed his CoC. It was for “Bagman” that Atayde won for the Philippines its first Asian Academy Creative Award for Best Actor in 2020.