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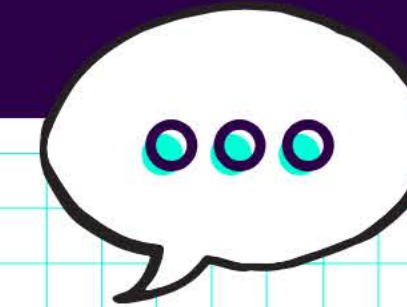
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**My 2025 Mid-Term Election Planner**

**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL**







# Terms & Conditions

As a citizen of the Philippines, I pledge to take my right to vote seriously in the 2025 elections. I recognize my vote is not just a personal choice but a statement for justice, freedom, and human rights.

- ☒ I will vote with conscience, not just for convenience.
- ☒ I will research candidates, their track records, and their stand on human rights.
- ☒ I will reject corruption, disinformation, and leaders who threaten democracy.
- ☒ I will encourage others, especially my fellow young voters, to take a stand.
- ☒ I will defend my vote and hold elected leaders accountable.

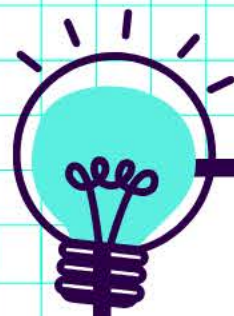
By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow the Terms & Conditions outlined in the *Sagot Mo Ba Ako?* election planner.

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Name & Signature

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Date



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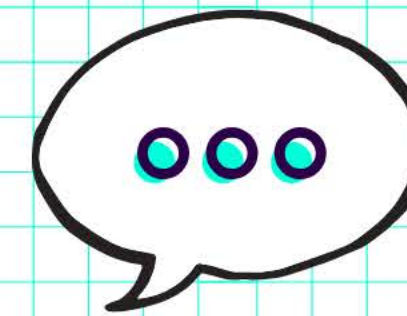
🗣️ Educate your circle—Share legit info with friends & family.

🗳️ Vote wisely! Your vote = real impact.

# positions up for election



Here's a breakdown of the positions you'll be voting for:



## 🏛️ National Positions

### SENATE

- ✅ 12 Senators (out of 24) will be elected
  - Senators serve 6-year terms
  - They create national laws, review policies, and check the executive branch

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- ✅ 316 Members of Congress
  - 253 District Representatives (one per legislative district)
  - 63 Party-List Representatives (elected through a proportional system)
  - They craft laws and budget allocations, and can impeach high officials

## 🏘️ Local Government Positions

### PROVINCIAL LEVEL

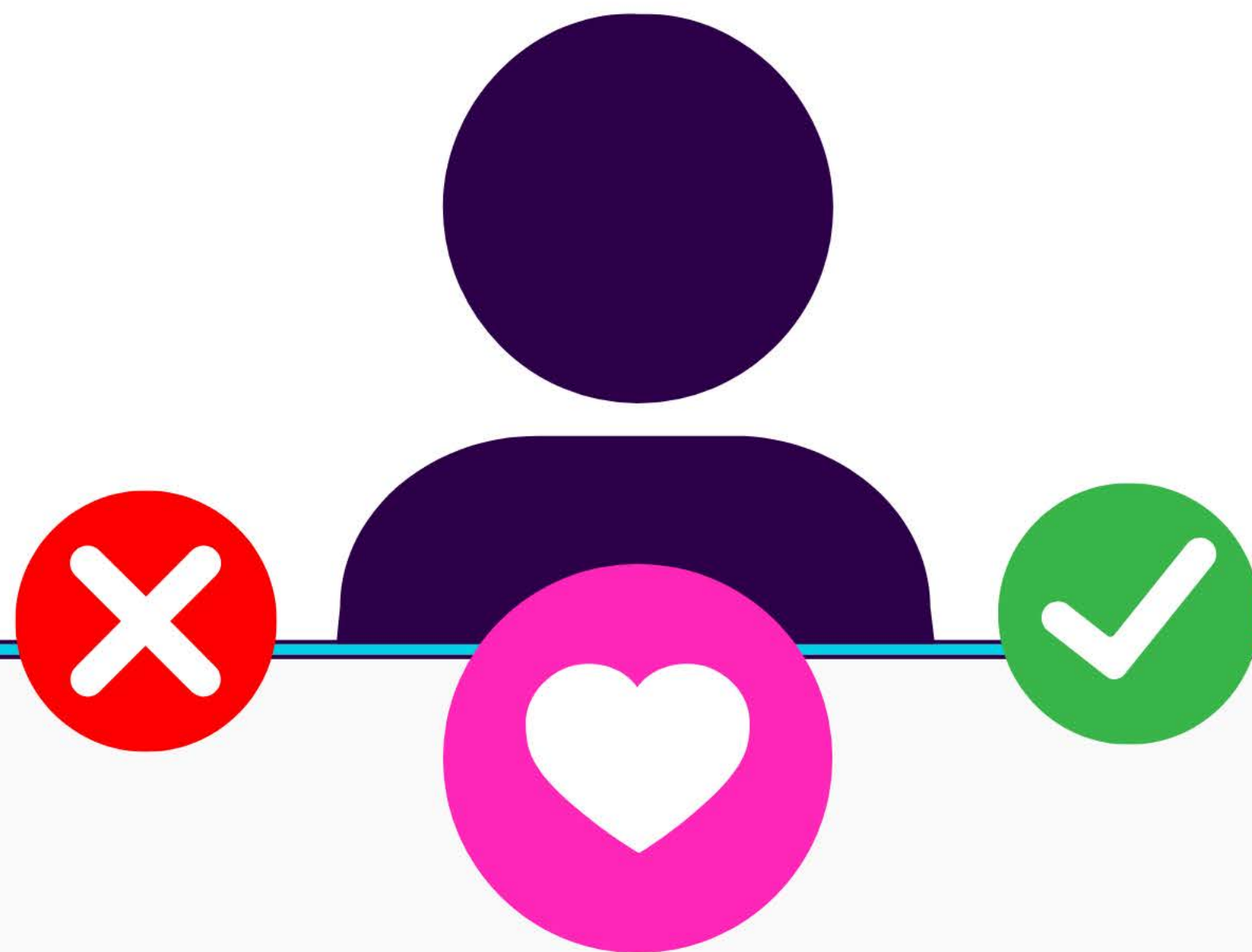
- ✅ All Provincial Officials
  - 81 Governors 🏆 (one per province)
  - 81 Vice Governors 👤
  - Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Board Members)
    - Each province has multiple districts, and each district elects 2–3 Board Members

### CITY/MUNICIPAL LEVEL

- ✅ City & Municipal Officials
  - All Mayors 🏛️
  - All Vice Mayors 👤
  - City & Municipal Councilors (Up to 8 per district, depending on LGU)

Let's learn more about the National Positions up for election in the following pages ➡



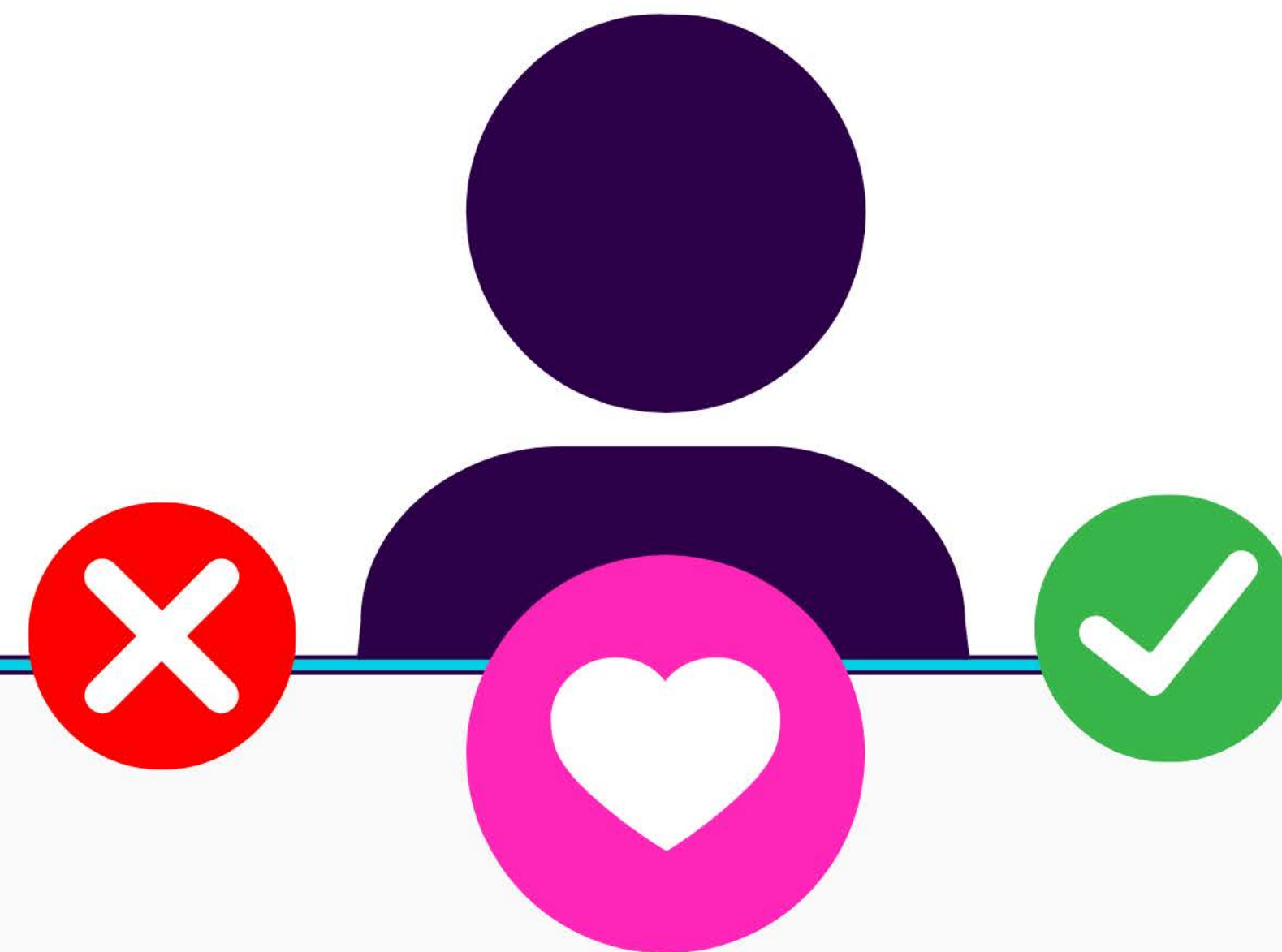


## Senator

I work at the Senate (a.k.a. the Upper House) I can propose, debate, amend, and pass nationwide laws I represent the entire Philippines Everyone in the country votes for me I will serve for 6 years in one term, so I hope you're not scared of commitment I make sure the President doesn't go wild with power I help review and approve the national budget

### ABOUT ME

- natural-born Philippine citizen
- can read and write
- at least 35 years of age
- registered voter
- resident of the Philippines for not less than 2 years



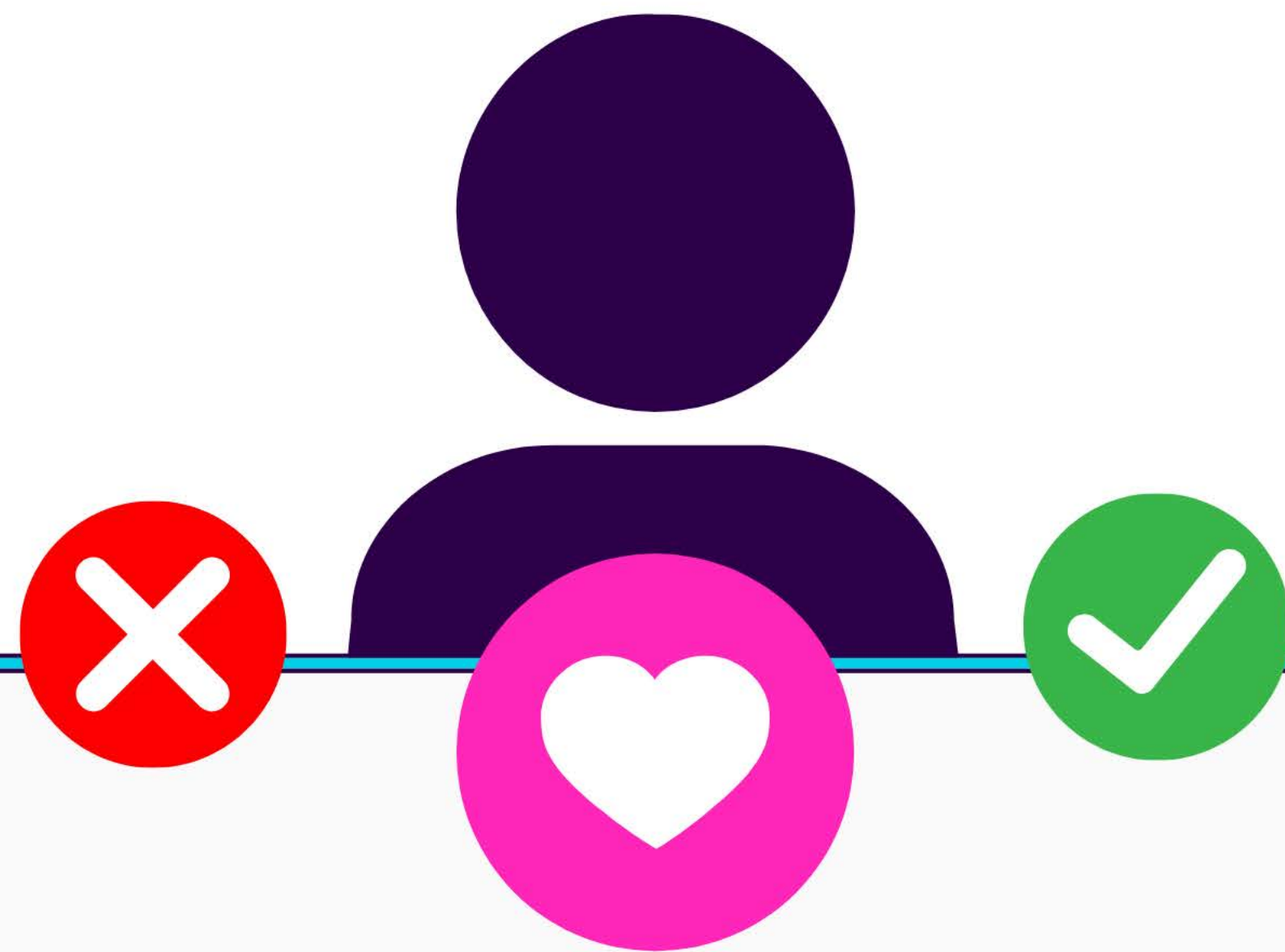
## District Representative

I work at the House of Representatives (a.k.a. the Lower House) I can propose, debate, amend, and pass nationwide and local laws I represent my legislative district (e.g., city or province) Only people from my district can vote for me I will serve for 3 years in one term I make sure the President doesn't go wild with power I initiate and debate on the national budget

### ABOUT ME

- natural-born Philippine citizen
- can read and write
- registered voter in the district I will represent
- resident of my district for not less than 1 year
- at least 25 years of age





## Party-list Representative

I work at the House of Representatives (a.k.a. the Lower House) I can propose, debate, amend, and pass nationwide laws often focused on sectoral concerns I represent marginalized groups or sectors (e.g., workers, farmers, youth) Everyone in the country votes for my party, not me as an individual I will serve for 3 years in one term I fight for funding for my sector's programs during budget debates

### ABOUT ME

- natural-born Philippine citizen
- can read and write
- nominated member of a registered organization
- at least 25 years of age

## the party-list system



The Party-list System is a way for underrepresented sectors to have a voice in Congress. These sectors include workers, farmers, youth, women, indigenous people, and more. Instead of voting for individual politicians, people vote for a party that represents their sector.

### how does it work?

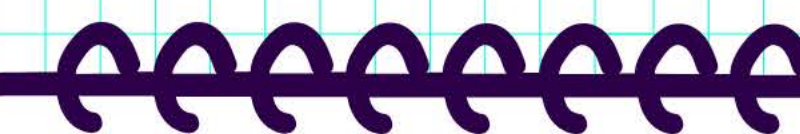
#### You Vote for a Party, Not a Person

On Election Day, aside from voting for district representatives, you also vote for one (1) party-list group from the official list.

#### Getting Seats in Congress

A party needs at least 2% of the total party-list votes to secure one seat in the House of Representatives.

The top voted parties can have up to 3 seats max each.



### The Party-list System



<u>Born</u>	Party-list System Act
<u>Years Active</u>	1995-Present
<u>Other Names</u>	RA No. 7941
<u>Signed By</u>	Pres. Fidel V. Ramos

#### Who Gets In?

The elected party-list representatives are chosen from a list submitted by the party before the elections.





# the party-list system

## who can run?

- ✓ Organizations representing marginalized sectors (e.g., youth, farmers, workers, indigenous people, etc)
- ✓ Political parties (as long as they advocate for underrepresented groups)
- ✓ National, regional, or sectoral organizations with clear platforms

## who can't run?

- ✗ Groups that don't actually represent marginalized sectors (Beware of fakes!)
- ✗ Religious groups (separation of Church and State, bestie!)
- ✗ Foreigners (Only Filipinos can have seats in Congress!)

## the tea: controversies and issues

- 😬 Some political dynasties and rich families have hijacked the system by creating their own "party-list" groups.
- 🕵️ Some fake party-lists claim to represent marginalized groups but actually serve personal or political interests.

# ACTIVITY TIME

Ok, bestie! Now that you know all about the 2025 Elections and the Party-List System, it's time to lock in on your game plan for May 12 🗳️📅

The next activities will help you figure out what issues hit home for you and what you think the Philippine government should fix ASAP 🔥

Oh, and try to take this as seriously as you take your love life! 😊



# MY PRIORITIES

Imagine a candidate from the 2025 Elections slides into your DMs to find out what issues matter the most to you.

What are you telling them? 🙄👉



hey cutie!👀

what problems do you think the government should solve asap?

hey thanks for asking!

here's a list of the top 5 issues i care about the most:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Draw yourself here:

Create  
your  
voter  
profile!

My name is

These are the qualities I'm looking for in a government official:

Use the ☒ stickers to mark the ones that apply! Feel free to write your own, too!

transparencyintegrityleadershipkindness

intelligence sincerity generosity competence

These are the causes and sectors that matter most to me:

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climate justiceLGBTQ+ rightsfeminismeducation

healthcare indigenous peoplesworkers

I'm looking for

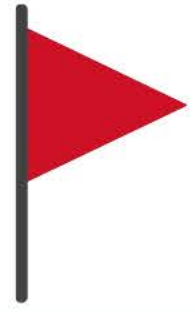
☒ a long-term commitment



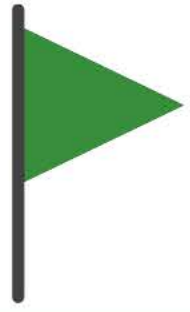
# WE LISTEN & WE JUDGE!



Imagine candidate is spilling all the tea. Tell them if what they say is a RED FLAG, GREEN FLAG, or BEIGE FLAG. Use the stickers



RED means  
“ew I would NEVER  
vote for you 🤢”



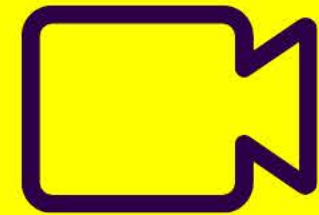
GREEN means  
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BEIGE means  
“kinda weird but  
maybe ok? 🤔”



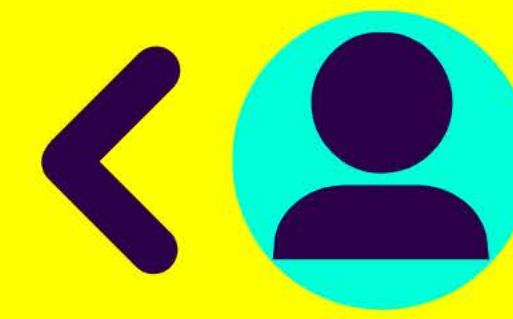
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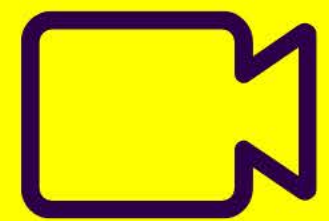
i stand for human rights and  
actually vote like it

what if i told you i'm a nepo baby?  
i'm in a political dynasty

i donate a lot to sectors but i don't  
have leadership XP in those sectors



**CANDIDATE**



i play it safe and take the middle  
ground on important issues

feel free to critique/audit me any time

my besties own huge corporations  
and run big religious groups

facts and experts are cool, but my  
energy never lies so i make  
decisions based on vibes



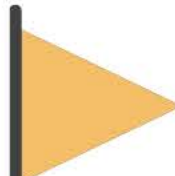


i have held leadership roles in grassroots orgs even when elections aren't happening

ok i've heard enough

## LET'S THINK ABOUT IT...

Write down your own red, green, and beige flags for candidates in the 2025 Elections. Use the space below!

 RED means "ew I would NEVER vote for you 🤢"	 GREEN means "omg ily you have my vote 😍"	 BEIGE means "kinda weird but maybe ok? 🤔"
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## MY ELECTION KODIGO

After doing your reflecting and doing your research, write down the names and ballot numbers of your chosen candidates on this sheet.

You can tear it off and bring it with you to your voting precinct.

Good luck, babe!

### SENATORS

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### DISTRICT REP

### PARTY-LIST GROUP



**GOVERNOR**

**VICE GOVERNOR**

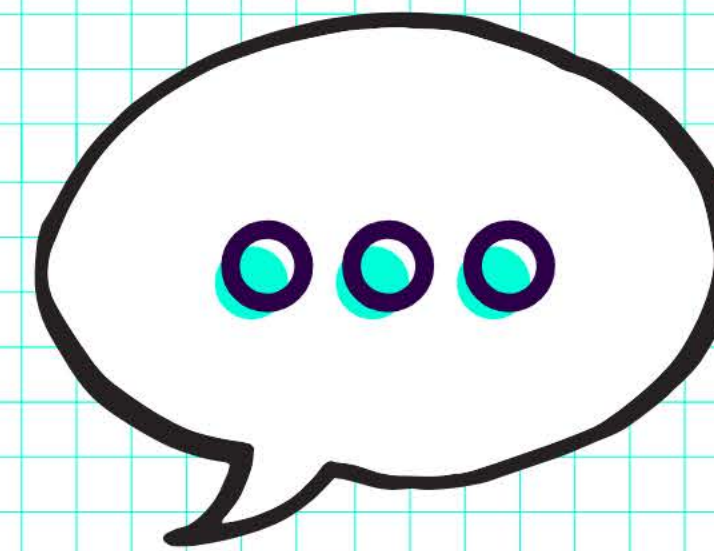
**PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

**MAYOR**

**VICE MAYOR**

**CITY COUNCILORS**

## final voter checklist!



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### **before election day**

- ☐ Know your precinct
- ☐ Review your candidates
- ☐ Prepare a valid ID
- ☐ Pack your election kodigo

### **during election day**

- ☐ Go early to avoid lines
- ☐ Check your ballot and make sure it's clean before filling it out
- ☐ Shade your ballot clearly
- ☐ Feed your ballot in the machine by yourself and wait for the confirmation.
- ☐ Report anything sketchy to the election officers or watchdog groups.



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# IT'S A MATCH!

## let's be so for real!

Some of the candidates you vote for will win. Some won't. That's just how it goes.

We all want the elections to give us hope for the future, but let's be real—it might leave you feeling frustrated, angry, or just straight-up drained. And that's okay!

Take a breather, binge your comfort show, touch some grass—then come back when you're ready.

Because our fight for human rights, for underrepresented communities, and for a Philippines we actually want to live in? It doesn't stop at the elections.

## ... or is it? 🐱

### so, what's next?

👁️ Keep tabs on those in power. Every official works for YOU. Hold them accountable, call them out, and make sure they represent what actually matters.

📖 Stay informed. Learn more about the issues, join discussions, or maybe an organization! It's easier when you're in it together.

🗣️ Speak up. Whether it's a convo with friends, a tweet, or a TikTok-- talk about what matters. If you care out loud, others will too.

🚶 Hit the streets. Protesting is your right. Use it!

thoughts? feelings?  
ideas? questions?

**START  
HERE!**



Scan me to TAKE ACTION  
with our **HUMAN RIGHTS  
STARTER PACK!**





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