

Vice Presidential Candidate 02. BELLO, WALDEN PARTIDO LAKAS NG MASA

mid-70s. He ran for senator in the 2016 elections as an independent but failed to secure a seat, placing 36th with just 2.41% of the total votes. Prior to that, he served as a representative of the Akbayan Citizens' Action Party from 2009 to

Walden Bello, 76, has been an activist, social worker, academic and political analyst since the

2015. His second term was cut short when he resigned on Mar. 19, 2015, due to "irreconcilable differences" over the party's support for the Aquino administration, citing President Benigno Aquino's refusal to accept command responsibility for the Mamasapano clash. Bello is a doctor of sociology which he teaches along with public administration at the University of the Philippines Diliman. He is also an international adjunct professor of sociology at Binghamton University, a top public school in New York State, US.

As an active member of the anti-Marcos movement, Bello was arrested multiple times during protests at the height of the Martial Law era in 1978. He was credited for breaking into the World Bank headquarters and stealing 3,000 pages of confidential documents that he said would show the connection between the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to the late ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos. He later wrote an account of the documents entitled

Development Debacle: the World Bank in the Philippines in 1982. He went on to campaign for and write extensively on the alternative models of development, environmentalism and demilitarization. After the Laban ng Masa coalition launched a 300,000 signature campaign to urge Bello to run for president in 2022, he eventually agreed to be Leody de Guzman's running mate. As a tandem, De Guzman and Bello propose to "demilitarize society, uphold human rights and punish mass-murderers and plunderers." Bello claims that their platform offers the kinds of reforms capable of stopping what he calls the "Marcos-Duterte axis of evil".

Platform and Policy



1. Pro-people, medically-informed and demilitarized pandemic response sick or go on quarantine

Health; Pandemic response

Related Policy Proposal:

2. Aid, vaccines, protection for all, including paid leaves for workers who get 3. Increased wages and benefits for healthcare workers

4. Free quality healthcare for all

Track Record/Accomplishment: As candidate, Bello opposed the Department of Transportation's order

implementing "no vaccine, no ride" policy on all modes of public transportation in Metro Manila Writing for the Global South, he noted that coercive measures were not the key to Thailand's success in the early months of the pandemic, rather it was the cooperation between public health authorities and civil society based on

🙎 Workers' rights and welfare **Related Policy Proposal:**

5. Price controls on oil, electricity, internet, water, farm inputs and other basic

a history of successful public health campaigns and institutions.

Previous Platform:

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commodities

Track Record/Accomplishment: As activist, spoke out publicly about the labor export industry which he said is a "system of repressed labor that is often indistinguishable from classic

2. Increase the minimum wage to P750 a day

1. Mass public employment program

3. Ban on contractualization employees

slavery" Climate

4. Provide unemployment benefits to all displaced workers

Related Policy Proposal:

1. Uphold climate justice by demanding reparations from rich countries 2. Pursue just transition to a low carbon economy and democratically-owned, renewable and clean energy systems 3. Repeal the Mining Act; phase out all fossil-fuel-based power plants; ecologically restore land, forests, and all bodies of water; stop all

Previous Platform:

Deviation from Previous Platform:

Track Record/Accomplishment: Writing for the Global South, noted the need for economies to "degrow", not

environmentally-destructive infrastructure projects; promote transport justice, and initiate a program of ecologically sustainable reindustrialization

just reduce their rate of gross domestic product growth to lower carbon emissions; this drastic restraint on growth and consumption must be undertaken by rich countries

Security Security **Related Policy Proposal:** 1. Immediate repeal of Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020

2. Disbanding Duterte's controversial National Task Force to End Local

5. Significantly reduce the budget of all security-related and defense

agencies relative to the social services budget, and rejected vice

3. Resumption of peace talks with communist rebels

presidential candidate Sara Duterte's proposal to make military service mandatory for young Filipinos 6. Prosecute past and present public officials for crimes against public good,

such as extrajudicial killings, through the local justice system and the International Criminal Court 7. Institute direct democracy

Philippine Sea"

Communist Armed Conflict

4. Ending prosecution of media outlets

8. Pursue independent foreign policy

Track Record/Accomplishment:

1. Resigned from his post in the House of Representatives over disagreements with late President Benigno Aquino over the Mamasapano clash 2. As Akbayan representative, filed Silip SALN bill in 2011 requiring that the SALN copies be uploaded on the official websites of those that have custody

South Korea Economy; Income inequality Related Policy Proposal:

1. Reorient the economy to meet domestic needs

evacuation centers and other social assistance centers

3. Wealth/billionaires tax on country richest 250 families

3. As chairperson of the House committee on overseas workers' affairs, filed

House Resolution No. 1350 to rename the South China Sea as the "West

4. Lobbied for withdrawal of US military bases in the Philippines, Okinawa, and

2. Reversal of privatization of public services by refunding and building more

and better public schools, hospitals, parks, libraries, day-care centers,

4. Repealing value-added tax and the Tax Reform for Acceleration and

Inclusion Act in favor of a "more progressive" tax system 5. Repeal of R.A. 11203, or the rice tariffication law 6. Seizing the P126 billion Marcos ill-gotten wealth to boost the COVID-19 response budge

Track Record/Accomplishment:

demands of the World Trade Organization

Major Accomplishments

Health Act of 2012

R.A. 9700 or the Comprehensive

Agrarian Reform Program

R.A. 10667 or the Philippine

R.A. 10742 or the Sangguniang

Kabataan Reform Act of 2015

Competition Act

1. Has opposed "excessive opening of the economy going towards neoliberal policies" since Senate run 2. Has long spoken out about "indiscriminate trade liberalization" caused by

memorial museum and library.

Title

Martial Law regime

3. As Akbayan representative, authored the Human Rights Victims Reparation

and Recognition Act of 2013 which allocated P10 billion to victims of the

Public Office After the Supreme Court ruled on BANAT vs. Comelec in 2009, Akbayan was granted an additional seat in the House of Representatives, with Bello serving the remaining period of the term. He was re-elected in 2010 and 2013. As a legislator in the lower house, he authored at least six laws.

The candidate's top five accomplishments and contributions for the last 15 years or so

Bello also wrote House Resolution No. 1350, proposing to officially use the name "West Philippine Sea" to strengthen the country's claim to the contested waters and its natural resources. President Benigno Aquino issued Administrative Order No. 29 adopting the name in 2012.

R.A. 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive

R.A. 10655 or An Act Repealing the Crime of Premature Marriage Principal author in the House Approved by the president of Representatives on Mar. 13, 2015 under Article 351 of Act No. 3815, or the Revised Penal Code

Description

Private Sector Bello began his activism during the Martial Law regime, coordinating the Anti-Martial Law Coalition and joining the international movement to restore democracy in the Philippines. Thereafter, he studied, wrote about and advocated for anti-globalization, demilitarization and alternative mechanisms to resolve economic, environmental and security issues on national, regional and global levels. **Description** Position / Date **Title Status** Right Livelihood Award (also known 2003 as the Alternative Nobel Prize) Author, Counterrevolution: The Author, 2019 Published Global Rise of the Far Right

Author, Paper Dragons: China and Published Author, 2019 the Next Crash Author, The Food Wars Author, 2009 Published Author, Capitalism's Last Stand? **Published** Author, 2013 Deglobalization in the Age of Austerity Actions and / or Proceedings Actions and/or proceedings pending against or resolved in courts or tribunals involving the candidate, based on publicly available information There is no publicly available information on this matter at this time. Requested information from the candidate was not provided.

Akbayan Party-List, Partido Lakas ng Masa (PLM) 2007 to 2015 (2021-present)

Major Advocacies

Description:

budget

The candidate's top advocacies in the last 15 years or so

Holding the Marcos' accountable for Martial Law atrocities, corruption

3. Review all history books to counter historical revisionism in schools, 2021 Position/Date: 2022 - As vice presidential candidate Status: Ongoing

Anti-mandatory military service

2022 with vice-presidential rival Sara

military service as part of her platform

Countered Duterte-Carpio by saying the

Description: Public disagreement in January

Duterte-Carpio who is pushing mandatory

1. Exhume remains of the late dictator

2. Seize the P126 billion Marcos ill-gotten

Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayan

wealth to boost the COVID-19 response

Philippines "needs more educators, artists, engineers, scientists, doctors, nurses, farmers, and workers" to develop instead Position/Date: 2022 - As vice presidential candidate **Status:** Ongoing

SOGIE Equality Bill

Equality BIII

candidate

the Senate

Description: Ensure passage of the SOGIE

Position/Date: 2022 - As vice presidential

Status: Ongoing. The bill was passed by the

House of Representatives in 2017, stalled in

Board of Directors, International Forum on Globalization Board of Directors, Center for Economic and Policy Research Member, Greenpeace Southeast Asia Akbayan Citizens' Action Party, 1990s-2015 Co-coordinator, Anti-Martial Law Coalition

• Representative of Akbayan, 14th Congress, House of Representatives, 2013-2015

• Representative of Akbayan, 15th Congress, House of Representatives, 2010-2013

Previous Platform:

Martial Law rights violations, Marcos family ill-gotten wealth **Related Policy Proposal:**

Track Record/Accomplishment:

Appendix

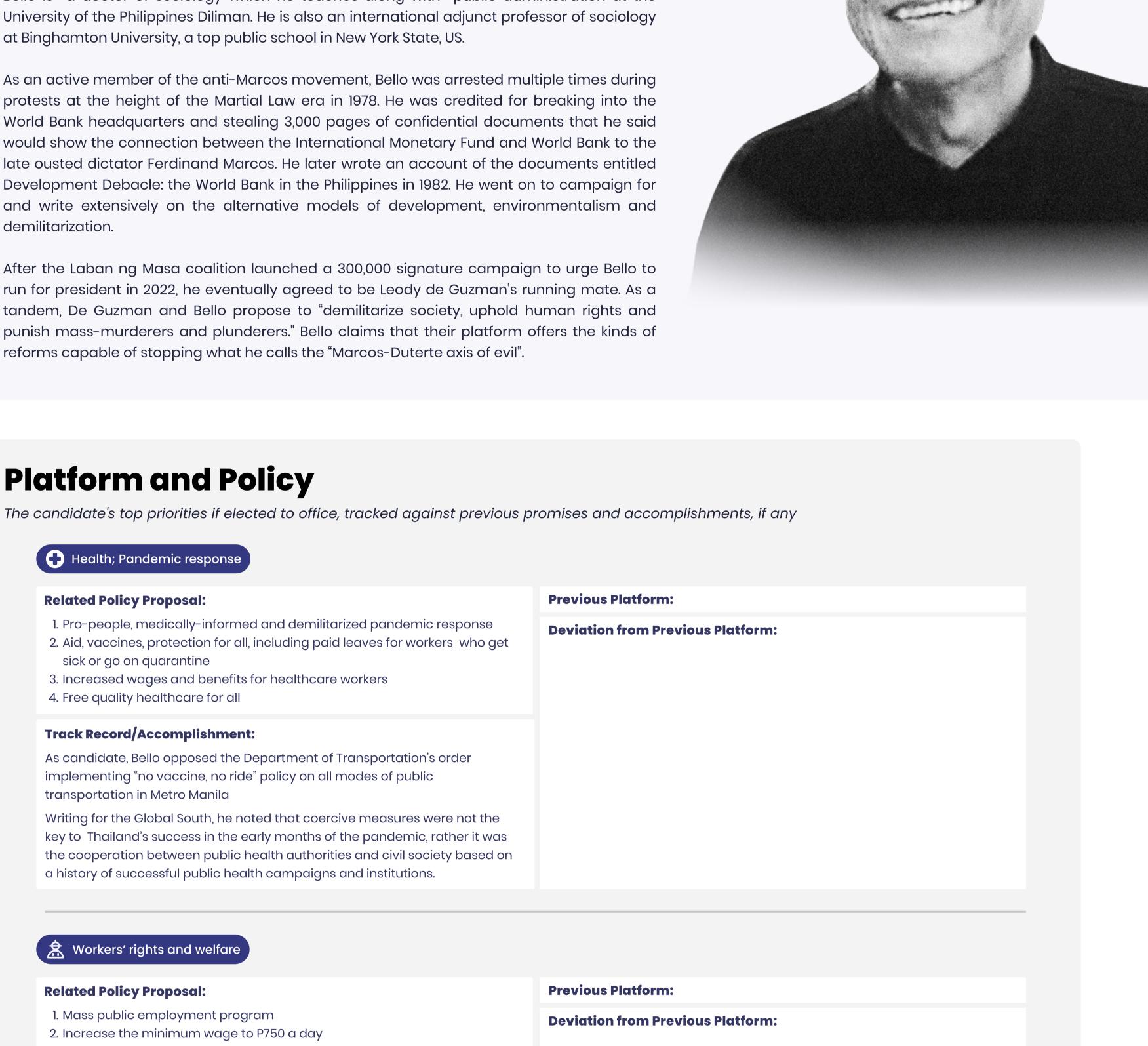
1. Exhumation of remains of the late dictator Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani 2. Seizing the P126 billion Marcos ill-gotten wealth to boost the COVID-19 response budget

Learn more about this candidate through the resources below. Social Issues **Related Policy Proposal:** 1. Support for women's reproductive self-determination 2. Decriminalization of abortion 3. Uphold marriage equality and support alternative family arrangements 4. Uphold non-majoritarian ethnic communities 5. Support the passage of the divorce bill

> 3. Review all history books and counter historical revisionism in all schools Track Record/Accomplishment: As an activist, was arrested multiple times during protests during Martial Law, credited for breaking into the World Bank headquarters and stealing 3,000 pages of confidential documents connecting the I MF and WB to Marcos; has said that he "cannot work with" Marcos should the two of them win

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Among the laws he authored is the landmark Human Rights Victims Reparation and Recognition Act of 2013 which acknowledges the Philippine government's legal and moral responsibility for the atrocities committed during the Martial Law regime. The law allocated P10 billion plus interest for reparations to victims of grave human rights violations and the establishment of a Martial Law

Position / Date

Principal author in the House

of Representatives

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of Representatives

Approved by the president Author in the House of Representatives, 2012 on Dec. 21, 2012 Approved by the president Author in the House of on Aug. 7, 2009 Representatives

Status

Approved by the president

on July 21, 2015

Approved by the president

on Jan. 15, 2016

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth Also known as SALN, this document is a declaration of one's personal finances. Philippine Law requires the SALN to be submitted by all public officials and employees to the Ombudsman. Public officials and employees may opt to voluntarily disclose their SALN to the public. Liabilities **Assets Net Worth** P2 million P4.5 million P6.5 million * As of Apr. 30, 2016 **Campaign Details** Key details about the candidate's campaign Campaign Manager: Alliances and Endorsements: Leody de Guzman, presidential running mate in 2022 **Party History:**

Updating laws on women's rights, family planning, marriage

Description: Push for enforcement of

Reproductive Health Act, legalization of

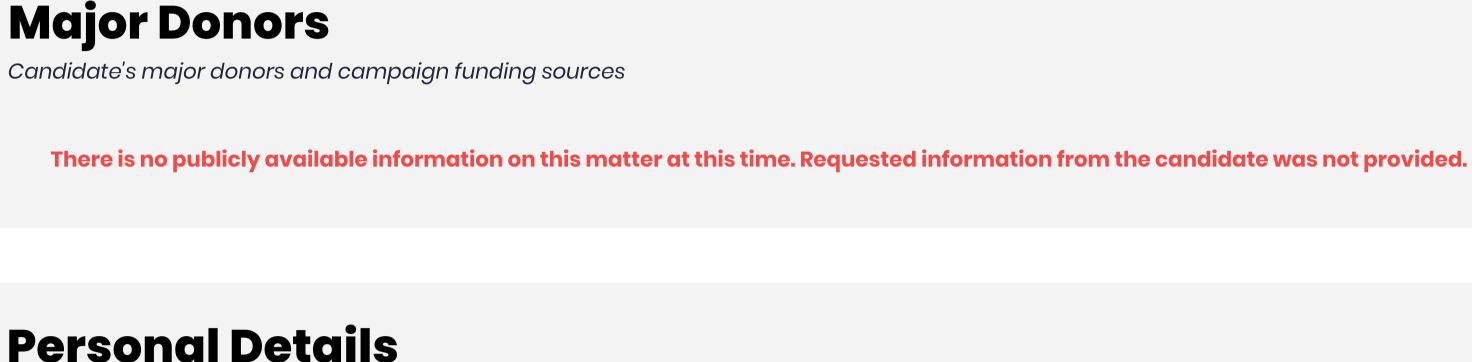
Position/Date: 2022- As vice presidential

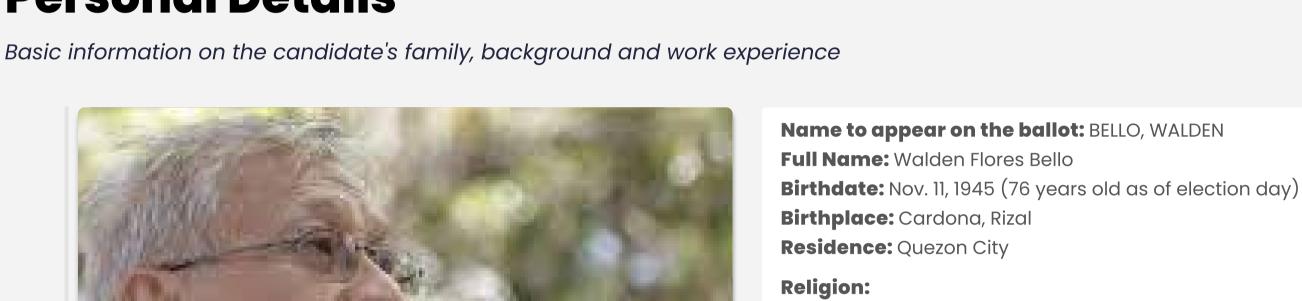
candidate

Status: Ongoing

divorce, decrimalization of abortion, educing

the gap between wages of men and women





Parents: Luz Flores

Jesse Bello

Siblings:

Children:

Education:

Work Experience:

(resigned)

Languages Spoken: Filipino, English

Marital Status: Suranuch Thonsila (deceased, 2018)

• BA in Humanities, Ateneo de Manila University, 1966

• MA in Sociology, Princeton University, 1972

• Ph.D in Sociology, Princeton University, 1975

• Co-founder, Focus on the Global South

• Chair, Laban ng Masa, 2021-present

Professor, University of the Philippines (retired)

BinghamtonPartido Lakas ng Masa, 2021-present

• Adjunct Professor of Sociology, State University of New York at

• Representative of Akbayan, 14th Congress, House of Representatives, 2009-2010

Previous Platform:

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