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Vice Presidential Candidate **5. LOPEZ, MANNY SD** WORKERS AND PEASANTS PARTY

Manny SD Lopez is an economist and management professional touting decades of local and international experience. He headed Empowered People's Initiative and Reform Movement Alliance or ePIRMa, which advocated for people's initiative as a means of charter change, and the 2.22 Coalition, which sought government reforms and the mass resignation of top officials in favor of a "transition government" during the administration of President Benigno Aquino III.

Lopez said that he was prompted to run at the urging of the Workers and Peasants Party's late chairman, Jose Malvar Villegas. He is campaigning on a platform of boosting economic recovery through lending and direct investments, reform of the people's initiative mechanism and improving government efficiency and competency as an anti-corruption measure.

If elected, Lopez says he would seek either the foreign affairs or trade and industry post, to help the president efficiently and effectively run the country.



Platform and Policy

The candidate's top priorities if elected to office, tracked against previous promises and accomplishments, if any

Three-pronged economic recovery plan

Related Policy Proposal:

- 1. Create a New Omnibus Investment Code, to improve conduct of business, enhance competitive factors and attract more foreign direct investments
- 2. Pass a bankruptcy law to help recovery of businesses badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- 3. Low-interest loans with easy terms made accessible to MSMEs, entrepreneurs, workers, farmers and professionals

Track Record/Accomplishment:

m System change and structural reform

Related Policy Proposal:

- 1. Use direct democracy principles to amend the people's initiative law with implementing rules and regulations to make it a functional legislative tool
- 2. Shift to parliamentary system adopting features of the French model
- 3. Undertake public finance management reform to plug leaks in the government's financial system, professionalize and establish it as a system-based anti-corruption measure
- 4. Fully implement e-Government systems to improve bureaucratic proficiency, monitoring and accountability
- 5. Renationalize public utilities, particularly power and water utilities to lower rates, protect consumer rights and welfare
- 6. Support the Supreme Court ruling on Mandanas, Garcia, Villegas, et al. case reallocating up to 40% of national government revenues and devolution of essential public services to local government units

Track Record/Accomplishment:

Formed e-PIRMA and 2.22 Coalition to protest the administration of Benigno Aquino III and promote charter change through people's initiative

Previous Platform:

Deviation from Previous Platform:

Previous Platform:

Similar remarks made during interviews in 2016 and 2019

Deviation from Previous Platform:

(!) Disaster management		
Related Policy Proposal:	Previous Platform:	
Science-based and cost-effective disaster and pandemic management program with pragmatic public health safety protocol	Deviation from Previous Platform:	
Track Record/Accomplishment:		
Agricultural reform		
Related Policy Proposal:	Previous Platform:	
 Integrated agro-industrial-resource development program to enhance the competitive advantage of MSMEs, agri-fishery, mining and strategic industries. Optimize local production, attract more investments to generate jobs, livelihoods and opportunities nationwide 	Deviation from Previous Platform:	
Track Record/Accomplishment:		
Education reform		
Related Policy Proposal:	Previous Platform:	
Improve quality of education in all levels, aligned with industry needs, socio- cultural values and national development goals	Deviation from Previous Platform:	
Track Record/Accomplishment:		

Major Accomplishments

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

Private Sector

Lopez has focused his efforts in the last decade in advocacy work, primarily pushing for government reforms including charter change through people's initiative and anti-corruption measures.

Title	Description	Position / Date	Status
National Advisory Board of the Labor Party of the Philippines		Vice Chairman	Current
2.22 Coalition		Head, at least 2015	The group now supports Lopez in his vice presidential bid.
Empowered People's Initiative and Reform Movement Alliance (ePIRMA)		Head, 2014	Inactive

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.

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.

There is no publicly available information on this matter at this time. Requested information from the candidate was not provided.

Campaign Details

Key details about the candidate's campaign

Campaign Manager: Alliances and Endorsements: Party History:

Workers and Peasants Party (a.k.a. Labor Party of the Philippine) 2021-present

Major Advocacies

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



E Charter change

Description: Only through people's initiative under the 1987 Constitution, once logistical issues are managed

Position/Date: 2017

Status: Lopez continues to support reforms.



Public finance management reform

Description: Key measure to promote economic development, equitable progress, enhance efficiency and curb systemic corruption

Position/Date: 2016 Status: Lopez continues to support reforms.



Opposition to Bangsamoro Basic Law

Description: A clear and present danger to Philippine sovereignty and territorial integrity Position/Date: 2015 Status:

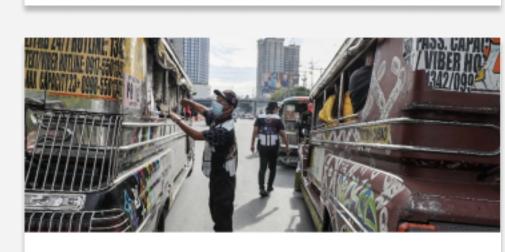


♦ 2.22 Coalition

Description: Formed in early 2015 by civil society groups to protest the failures of Benigno Aquino's administration, call for mass resignations of top officials and support a transition government. It claimed to be non-partisan.

Position/Date: Head, at least 2015

Status: The group now supports Lopez in his vice presidential bid.



🚫 ePIRMA

Description: Formed to promote people's initiative efforts and aligned with other civic society groups in various coalitions including against pork-barrel allocations

Position/Date: Head, 2014

Status: Inactive



Candidate's major donors and campaign funding sources

There is no publicly available information on this matter at this time. Requested information from the candidate was not provided.

Personal Details

Basic information on the candidate's family, background and work experience



Name to appear on the ballot: LOPEZ, MANUEL SD Full Name: Emmanuel Sto. Domingo Lopez Birthdate: Birthplace: Moncada, Tarlac Residence: Quezon City, Metro Manila

Religion:

Languages Spoken: Filipino, English

Parents: Rizalino Espejo Lopez, engineer-farmer, former Administrator of the National Electrification Administration

Olivia Pamintuan Sto. Domingo-Lopez, public school teacher turned entrepreneur

Siblings:

Marital Status:

Children: Six children

Education:

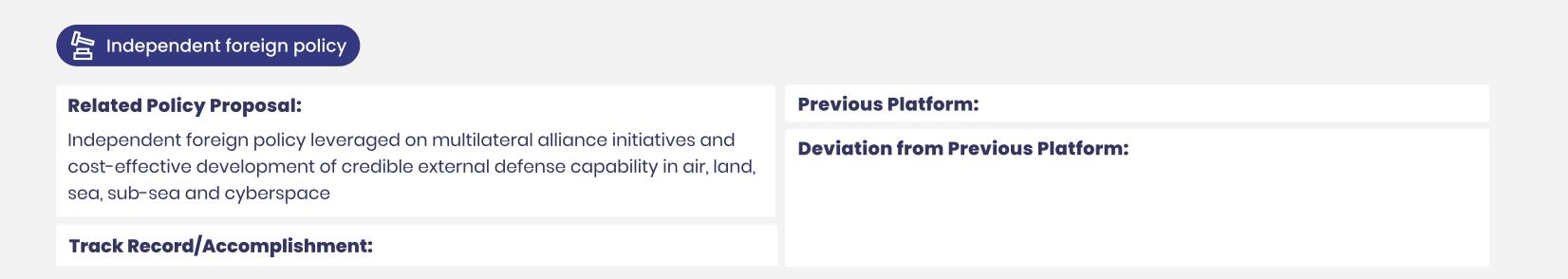
- Business Economics Program, University of Asia and the Pacific Juris Doctor, Pacific Coast University
- Business Law, Los Angeles City College
- MBA, University of California, Los Angeles
- Political Science and Economics, University of the Philippines Diliman, 1981

Work Experience:

- Vice Chairman, National Advisory Board, Labor Party of the
- Philippines (a.k.a. The Workers and Peasants Party
- CEO, CISCI Technology Solutions, 2019
- Managing Director, The Lincoln Place
- President and General Manager at NFA Grainscor

Appendix

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