

# Vice Presidential Candidate **7. PANGILINAN, KIKO** LIBERAL PARTY

Kiko Pangilinan, 58, is an incumbent senator and the president of the once-ruling Liberal Party.

Prior to his marriage to actress Sharon Cuneta in 1996 and his election to the Senate in 2001, he gained fame as a legal commentator in various mass media programs. Pangilinan has served three terms as senator, briefly interrupted by his appointment as food security czar from 2014 to 2015.

As chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Food Committee and cabinet appointment, he pushed for the support of the agricultural and fisheries sector, particularly in the 18th Congress. He also currently sits as chairman of the Senate panel on constitutional amendments.

Pangilinan was the lone negative vote on Senate Bill 1564, which was passed as Republic Act No. 11494, or Bayanihan II, which allocates a P140 billion standby fund for a variety of recovery programs to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. He cited the alleged misuse of the funds appropriated under R.A. 11469, or Bayanihan I, and the failed efforts to curb the spread of infections despite severe mitigation measures imposed on the Filipino people.

He is also one of two senators who voted against the passage of the controversial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020.

Pangilinan decided to forego his Senate reelection bid to run alongside Vice President Leni Robredo who is seeking the presidency in 2022 as an independent candidate. He is campaigning on ensuring food security, managing the pandemic and addressing corruption.



## **Platform and Policy**

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

Related Policy Proposal:	Previous Platform:	
Sufficient, affordable and nutritious food for each Filipino and family	Deviation from Previous Platform:	
Track Record/Accomplishment:		
Strengthen agricultural sector		
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1. Increase the revenue of farmers	Deviation from Droviene Distingues	
2. Increase support for the agricultural sector	Deviation from Previous Platform:	
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<ul> <li>Track Record/Accomplishment:</li> <li>Principal author and sponsor:</li> <li>1. R.A. No. 11321 (Sagip Saka Act) - local and national government to directly purchase goods from farmers and fishermen to increase their income and</li> </ul>	Deviation from Previous Platform:	

### **Major Accomplishments**

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

#### **Public Office**

As a three-term member of the Senate, Pangilinan authored 103 bills. Of these bills, 11 that he principally authored were passed into law. In the 18th Congress, three of his bills in support of the agricultural and fisheries sector were passed, including R.A. No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act, which mandates the creation of a 50-year trust fund and the transfer of at least P75 billion of accumulated coco levy to the trust fund from 2021 to 2025.

He is one of four opposition senators in a chamber mostly allied with President Rodrigo Duterte. All four of them have been the subject of the chief executive's ire on multiple occasions.

Pangilinan, in particular, was criticized by Duterte for his authorship and support of R.A. No. 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006. Duterte and some members of the House of Representatives at the time favored lowering the age of criminal responsibility from 15 years old to over nine years old, in contrast to the provisions of R.A. No. 9344 which place responsibility on criminal syndicates and not young offenders.

In May 2018, Pangilinan and other opposition senators filed a petition with the Supreme Court assailing Duterte's unilateral act of withdrawal from the Rome Statute (and the International Criminal Court) in March as unconstitutional. The SC unanimously dismissed the petition for being moot and academic while also recognizing that the president's power to withdraw from treaties is not unlimited. The petitioners hailed the ruling as a victory, noting that the SC opined that the withdrawal does not discharge the state from its duty to cooperate with the ICC in all investigations and proceedings started before the withdrawal, including the one-year period before the effectivity of the withdrawal. Malacañang, however, reiterated that the Philippine government would not cooperate with the ICC's investigation on the drug war killings.

Pangilinan was also the lone negative vote on Bayanihan II, which he explained was due to allegations of COVID-19 funds misuse and the "mediocre leadership" of Francisco Duque III, the Health Secretary and chairperson of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Most recently, he has called for amendments to the Cybercrime Prevention Act, R.A. No. 10175, "as technology and social media platforms become more and more integrated in the everyday lives of Filipinos." The Cybercrime Prevention Act also includes the prohibition against cyber libel. In July 2021, Pangilinan filed two cyber libel complaints before the Department of Justice against YouTube channels for allegedly spreading false information about him and his wife. YouTube has since taken down said videos. In February 2022, Pangilinan again filed a cyber libel complaint against a YouTube channel for spreading videos seeking to baselessly damage his and his family's reputation.

Title	Description	Position / Date	Status
R.A. No. 11524, or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act		Principal author, 2020	Approved by the president on Feb. 26, 2021
R.A. No. 11511, Amending Republic Act No. 10068 or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010		Principal author and co-sponsor, 2019	Approved by the president on Dec. 23, 2020
R.A. No. 11321, or the Sagip Saka Act		Principal author and sponsor, 2018	Approved by the president on Apr. 17, 2019
R.A. No. 11210, or the 105-Day Expanded Maternity Leave Law		Principal author, 2018	Approved by the president on Feb. 20, 2019
R.A. No. 10929, or the Free Internet Access in Public Places Act		Principal author and co-sponsor, 2016	Approved by the president on Aug. 2, 2017

#### 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.

\* As of Dec. 31, 2020

### **Campaign Details**

Key details about the candidate's campaign

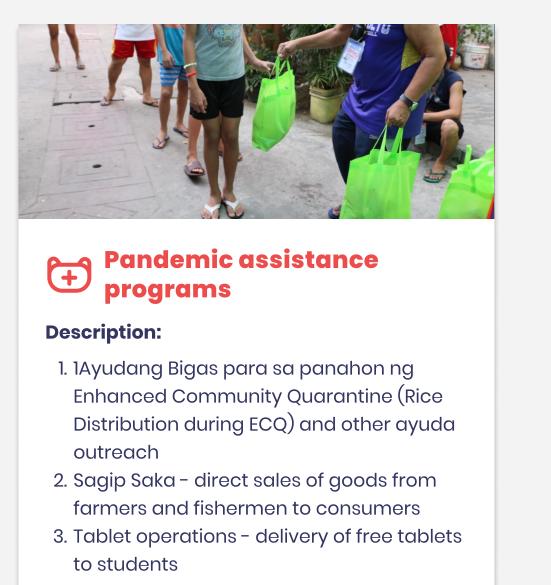
Campaign Manager:

**Alliances and Endorsements:** Running mate of Leni Robredo in 2022 Endorsed by opposition coalition 1Sambayan, the Liberal Party **Party History:** 

President, Liberal Party of the Philippines, 2016 - present

### **Major Advocacies**

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



**Position/Date:** Senator, 2021 to present

Status: Ongoing

### **Major Donors**

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: PANGILINAN, KIKO
Full Name: Francis Pancratius "Kiko" Nepomuceno Pangilinan
Birthdate: Aug. 24, 1963; (58 years old on Election day)
Birthplace: Manila City, Metro Manila
Residence: Quezon City, Metro Manila
Religion:

Languages Spoken: Filipino; English

**Parents:** Donato Tongol Pangilinan, Jr (82 years old, Deceased), Father, Engineer and Entrepreneur Emma Monasterial Nepomuceno (), Mother, Public School Teacher

**Siblings:** Anthony Pangilinan, training specialist, business owner Angeli Pangilinan, talent manager Maricel Pangilinan-Arenas, managing director; business owner Joseph Pangilinan John Raymund Pangilinan, architect

**Marital Status:** Married; Sharon Gamboa Cuneta-Pangilinan, actress-singer **Children:** Maria Kristina Cassandra Cuneta Concepcion (step daughter) Simone Francesca Emmanuelle Cuneta Pangilinan Mariel Daniella Sophia Cuneta Pangilinan Miguel Samuel Mateo Pangilinan

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Arts in English, Major in Comparative Literature, University of the Philippines Diliman
- Bachelor of Laws, University of the Philippines Diliman
- Masters in Public Administration, John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University Cambridge, 1997

#### Work Experience:

- Member, Senate Electoral Tribunal 18th Congress, July 2020 present
- Campaign Manager, Otso Diretso Senate slate (Liberal Party coalition), Feb. May 2019
- Minority Leader, Commission on Appointments 17th to 18th Congress, May 2017 June 2020
- Senator 17th to 18th Congress, June 2016 present
- Cabinet Secretary, Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural
- Modernization Office of the President, May 2014 Sept. 2015
- Campaign Manager, Liberal Party Senate slate, Feb. May 2010
- Senate Majority Leader, 2004 2008
- Senator, 12th to 14th Congress, 2001 2013

#### **Appendix**

Learn more about this candidate through the resources below.

#### **Major Accomplishments**

Other Legislative and Executive Accomplishments

Title	Description	Position / Date	Status
R.A. No. 9500, or the University of the		Principal author and	Approved by the president
Philippines Charter of 2008		co-sponsor, 2007	on Apr. 29, 2008
R.A. No. 11478, or Increasing the Bed		Principal author and	Approved by the president
Capacity of the Bicol Medical Center		co-sponsor, 2019	on July 1, 2020
R.A. No. 9344, or the Juvenile Justice		Principal author and	Approved by the president
and Welfare Act of 2006		co-sponsor, 2005	on Mar. 22, 2006

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