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# Vote *for the* Future

**T**his 11 May, some 33 million registered voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote and elect their President and Vice President along with the Senators, Congressmen, Provincial Governors and Vice Governors, City Mayors and Vice Mayors, and all Councilors — a total of over 17,000 elected positions nationwide.

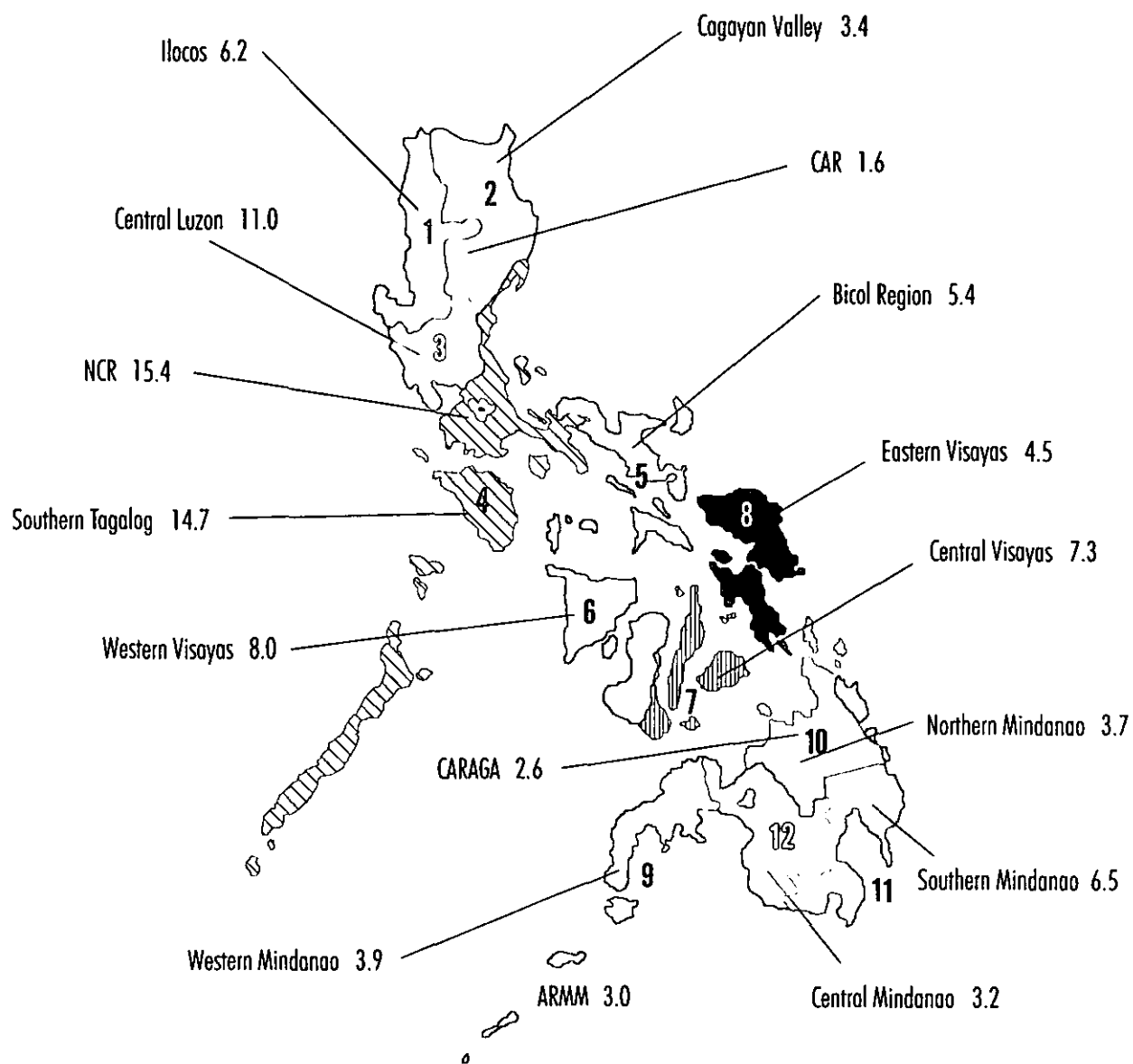
These elections come at a critical and important juncture of our nation's history. With the nation and the region faced by economic challenges, it is important to elect a leader with the capability to steer the country clear of further trouble. As we face the 21st century, it is important we elect a leader with a clear vision of where he wants to take the country in the next century. Moreover, we need a leader who can be a model of integrity and honesty, who can inspire a people to follow and make the necessary sacrifices to put the country back on the right track.

The persons elected President and Vice President will serve a term of six years — the last three of this century and the first three of the next millenium. Of the 11 candidates vying for the top position of the land, surprisingly little detail is known about their proposed programs of government.

The Vote for the Future project is a modest effort to try to get to know these candidates a little better, first by getting some background information about them and second by trying to determine what their political platforms are. This report is an attempt to review the track record and probe deeper into the thinking of each candidate. Through this, we hope to help voters discern and make the right decision in casting their Vote for the Future.

### VOTING STRENGTH BY REGION

Percent to Total Nationwide Vote



**WHERE WILL THE VOTES COME FROM**

Voting Population 1998

	Registered Voters	Estimated Voter Turnout (80%)	Percent-to-Total		Registered Voters	Estimated Voter Turnout (80%)	Percent-to-Total
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>33,306,393</b>	<b>26,645,114</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Region V - Bicol Region</b>	<b>1,809,170</b>	<b>1,447,336</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>NCR</b>	<b>5,137,010</b>	<b>4,109,608</b>	<b>15.4</b>	Albay	442,388	353,910	1.3
Manila	910,592	728,474	2.7	Comarines Norte	178,345	142,676	0.5
Mandatuayang	156,422	125,138	0.5	Comarines Sur	577,949	462,359	1.7
Marikina	195,578	156,462	0.6	Catanduanes	81,829	65,463	0.2
Pasig	279,305	223,444	0.8	Masbate	268,356	214,685	0.8
Quezon City	1,059,993	847,994	3.2	Sorsogon	260,303	208,242	0.8
San Juan	73,133	58,506	0.2	<b>Region VI - Western Visayas</b>	<b>2,669,239</b>	<b>2,135,391</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Kalookan	512,502	410,002	1.5	Aklan	194,674	155,739	0.6
Malabon	153,275	122,620	0.5	Antique	186,680	149,344	0.6
Navotas	103,646	82,917	0.3	Capiz	283,936	227,149	0.9
Valenzuela	232,650	186,120	0.7	Guimaras	59,310	47,448	0.2
Las Pinas	205,495	164,396	0.6	Iloilo	840,952	672,762	2.5
Makati	336,768	269,414	1.0	Negros Occidental	1,103,687	882,950	3.3
Muntinlupa	173,921	139,137	0.5	<b>Region VII - Central Visayas</b>	<b>2,431,921</b>	<b>1,945,537</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Paranaque	260,684	208,547	0.8	Bohol	470,506	376,405	1.4
Pasay	251,096	200,877	0.8	Cebu	1,465,630	1,172,504	4.4
Pateros	28,547	22,838	0.1	Negros Oriental	456,198	364,958	1.4
Taguig	203,403	162,722	0.6	Siquijor	39,587	31,670	0.1
<b>Region I - Ilocos</b>	<b>2,050,973</b>	<b>1,640,778</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>Region VIII - Eastern Visayas</b>	<b>1,515,059</b>	<b>1,212,047</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Ilocos Norte	242,066	193,653	0.7	Biliran	59,190	47,352	0.2
Ilocos Sur	255,966	204,773	0.8	Eastern Samar	156,669	125,335	0.5
La Union	293,703	234,962	0.9	Leyte	683,468	546,774	2.1
Pangasinan	1,259,238	1,007,390	3.8	Northern Samar	185,049	148,039	0.6
<b>CAR</b>	<b>541,244</b>	<b>432,995</b>	<b>1.6</b>	Samar	274,373	219,498	0.8
Abra	92,105	73,684	0.3	Southern Leyte	156,310	125,048	0.5
Benguet	237,090	189,672	0.7	<b>Region IX - Western Mindanao</b>	<b>1,573,129</b>	<b>1,027,938</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Ifugao	57,861	46,289	0.2	Basilan	140,835	112,668	0.4
Kalinga	64,452	51,562	0.2	Zamboanga del Norte	349,809	279,847	1.1
Apayao	37,130	29,704	0.1	Zamboanga del Sur	794,278	635,422	2.4
Mountain Province	52,606	42,085	0.2	<b>Region X - Northern Mindanao</b>	<b>1,234,511</b>	<b>987,609</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Region II - Cagayan Valley</b>	<b>1,143,392</b>	<b>914,714</b>	<b>3.4</b>	Bukidnon	425,860	340,688	1.3
Batanes	6,440	5,152	0.0	Camiguin	40,991	32,793	0.1
Cagayan	390,971	312,777	1.2	Misamis Occidental	238,292	190,634	0.7
Isabela	529,386	423,509	1.6	Misamis Oriental	529,368	423,494	1.6
Nueva Viscaya	151,545	121,236	0.5	<b>Region XI - Southern Mindanao</b>	<b>2,157,927</b>	<b>1,726,342</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Quirino	65,050	52,040	0.2	Davao	534,631	427,705	1.6
<b>Region III - Central Luzon</b>	<b>3,677,759</b>	<b>2,942,207</b>	<b>11.0</b>	Davao del Sur	851,668	681,334	2.6
Bataan	274,450	219,560	0.8	Davao Oriental	181,450	145,160	0.5
Bulacan	997,002	797,602	3.0	South Cotabato	449,757	359,806	1.4
Nueva Ecija	760,535	608,428	2.3	Sarangani	140,421	112,337	0.4
Pampanga	841,246	672,997	2.5	<b>Region XII - Central Mindanao</b>	<b>1,053,043</b>	<b>842,434</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Tarlac	484,892	387,914	1.5	Lanao del Norte	329,927	263,942	1.0
Zambales	319,634	255,707	1.0	Cotabato	383,278	306,622	1.2
<b>Region IV - Southern Tagalog</b>	<b>4,889,024</b>	<b>3,911,219</b>	<b>14.7</b>	Sultan Kudarat	221,507	177,206	0.7
Aurora	69,106	55,285	0.2	Cotabato City	65,378	52,302	0.2
Batangas	880,378	704,302	2.6	Marawi City	52,953	42,362	0.2
Cavite	890,998	712,798	2.7	<b>ARMM</b>	<b>997,864</b>	<b>798,291</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Laguna	878,364	702,691	2.6	Lanao del Sur	332,042	265,634	1.0
Marinduque	90,717	72,574	0.3	Maguindanao	377,615	302,092	1.1
Occidental Mindoro	135,351	108,281	0.4	Sulu	183,228	146,582	0.6
Oriental Mindoro	248,731	198,985	0.7	Tawi-Tawi	104,979	83,983	0.3
Palawan	268,881	215,105	0.8	<b>CARAGA</b>	<b>878,664</b>	<b>702,931</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Quezon	668,032	534,426	2.0	Agusan del Norte	241,840	193,472	0.7
Rizal	656,622	525,298	2.0	Agusan del Sur	211,146	168,917	0.6
Romblon	101,844	81,475	0.3	Surigao del Norte	207,613	166,090	0.6
				Surigao del Sur	218,065	174,452	0.7

Source: Commission on Elections  
As of 15 December 1997

## The Presidential Candidates

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**JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR.**

Age: 61 years old  
Birthplace: Dagupan City, Pangasinan  
Spouse: Ma. Georgina Vera-Perez

Party Affiliation

LAKAS - National Union of Christian Democrats - Union of Muslim Democrats in the Philippines-Kabaliat ng Mamamayang Pilipino (LAKAS-NUCD-UMDP-KAMPI)

Profession

Journalist / Businessman / Speaker of the House of Representatives

Education

Ateneo de Manila University, Bachelor of Science in Journalism (1955)

Work Experience

- Speaker, House of Representatives (1992-1995, 1995-1998)
- Chairman, Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians' Forum (1995)
- President, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (1994)
- President, Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (1993)
- Representative, 4th District of Pangasinan (1987-1992)
- Ambassador at Large (1986-1987)
- President, Petroleum Association of the Phils. (1974-1984)
- Representative, 2nd District of Pangasinan (1970-1972)
- Co-Chairman, National Committee on Dollar Remittances (1967-1969)
- Philippine Minister to Vietnam (1966-1969)
- Bureau Manager and Chief Correspondent, Pan Asia Newspaper Alliance (1956)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

Senatorial Slate  
TEOFISTO GUINGONA / ROBERT BARBERS / RICARDO GLORIA  
ROBERTO DE OCAMPO / RAMON REVILLA / ROLANDO ANDAYA  
HERNANDO PEREZ / RENATO CAYETANO / ROBERTO PAGDANGANAN  
SANTANINA RASUL / LISANDRO ABADIA / LOREN LEGARDA



**RENATO S. DE VILLA**

Age: 62 years old  
Birthplace: San Juan, Batangas  
Spouse: Monica Barrica

Party Affiliation

PARTIDO PARA SA DEMOKRATIKONG REPORMA-LAPIANG MANGGAGAWA COALITION (REPORMA)

Profession

Former Military Officer / Former Secretary of National Defense

Education

- US Navy Post-Graduate School, International Defense Management Course (1979)
- Asian Institute of Management, Master's Degree in Business Management (1972)
- AFP Command and General Staff College (1974)
- Philippine Military Academy, Bachelor of Science (1957)

Work Experience

- Secretary, Department of National Defense (1991-1997)
- Chairman, National Disaster Coordinating Council (1991-1997)
- Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines (1988-1991)
- Chief, Philippine Constabulary (1986-1988)
- Director General, Integrated National Police (1986-1988)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
OSCAR M. ORBOS

Senatorial Slate  
MELCHOR G. CHAVEZ / JOSE MALVAR VILLEGAS JR.  
REY M. LANGIT / HADJA PUTRI ZORAYDA ABBAS TAMANO  
ADOLFO R. GERONIMO / ROY V. SEÑERIZ / ABRAHAM S. IRIBANI  
ROBERTO S. SEBASTIAN / HAYDEE YORAC



**SANTIAGO F. DUMLAO JR.**

Age: 64 years old  
 Birthplace: Pidigan, Abra  
 Spouse: Ma. Cleofe Nakar

Party Affiliation

KILUSAN PARA SA PAMBANSANG PAGPAPANIBAGO

Profession

Business Executive

Education

- Harvard School of Business Administration, Master in Business Administration (1963)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Laws (1956)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Arts (1953)

Work Experience

- Vice Chairman, United Pulp and Paper Co. (1997-present)
- Executive Vice President, Philippine Investment Management Consultants
- President, United Industrial Bag Corp., Luzon Packaging Products, Inc., Cebu Packaging Products, Inc.
- Director, EEI Corporation, Asia Coal, Bacnotan Industrial Park Corp.
- Trustee and Chairman of the Rating Board, Credit Information Bureau Inc.
- Chairman and President, SDJ Associates Inc.
- Assistant Vice President, Credit Corp of the Philippines

Vice Presidential Candidate  
 REYNALDO D. PACHECO

Senatorial Slate  
 EDUARDO BONDOC / DAVID CASTRO / FRED MARALLAG  
 RENATO GARCIA / LUDOVICO BADOY



**JUAN F. PONCE ENRILE**

Age: 74 years old  
 Birthplace: Gonzaga, Cagayan  
 Spouse: Cristina Castaner

Party Affiliation

Independent

Profession

Lawyer / Businessman / Senator

Education

- Harvard Law School, Master of Laws (1955)
- Harvard Law School, International Tax Program (1955)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Laws (1953)
- Ateneo de Manila, Associate in Arts (1949)

Work Experience

- Senator (1987-1992; 1995-2001)
- Senior Partner (on leave), Ponce Enrile, Cayetano, Reyes and Manalastas Law Office
- Congressman (Cagayan) (1992-1995)
- Secretary of National Defense, (1986)
- Minister of National Defense, (1970-1986)
- Chairman, National Security Council (1972-1986)
- Assemblyman (Cagayan), Batasang Pambansa (1984-1986)
- Assemblyman (Cagayan), Interim Batasang Pambansa (1978-1984)
- Secretary of Justice (1968-1970)
- Secretary of Finance (1966-1968)
- Professor of Law, Far Eastern University (1955-1962)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
 (NONE)

Senatorial Slate  
 (NONE)





**JOSEPH E. ESTRADA**

Age: 60 years old  
Birthplace: Tondo, Manila  
Spouse: Dr. Luisa Pimentel

Party Affiliation

LABAN NG MAKABAYANG MASANG PILIPINO (LAMMP)

Profession

Vice President, Republic of the Philippines

Education

- Ateneo de Manila University
- Mapua Institute of Technology

Work Experience

- Vice President, Republic of the Philippines (1992-1998)
- Chairman, Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (1992-1997)
- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1987-1992)
- Mayor, Municipality of San Juan (1969-1986)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
EDGARDO J. ANGARA

Senatorial Slate  
VICENTE SOTTO III / BLAS OPLE / FREDDIE WEBB / JOHN OSMEÑA  
MIGUEL ROMERO / EDCEL LAGMAN / TESSIE AQUINO-ORETA  
RAMON BAGATSING JR. / ROBERT JAWORSKI / RUBEN TORRES  
AQUILINO PIMENTEL JR. / RODOLFO BIAZON



**ALFREDO S. LIM**

Age: 68 years old  
Birthplace: Tondo, Manila  
Spouse: Amalia Santos (Deceased)

Party Affiliation

LIBERAL PARTY (LP)

Profession

Lawyer / Mayor, City of Manila

Education

- National Defense College of the Philippines, Master in National Security Administration (1981)
- University of the East, Bachelor of Laws (1963)
- University of the East, Bachelor in Business Administration (1951)

Work Experience

- Mayor, City of Manila, (1992-1995; 1995-1998)
- Director, National Bureau of Investigation (1989-1992)
- Police Major General (1989)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
SERGIO D. OSMEÑA III

Senatorial Slate  
JOSEFINA ALBAO / REYNALDO DE GUZMAN / ELIAS ANGELES JR.  
HANS PALACIOS / ROBERTO CRUZ / ROSEMARY MORALES  
MANUEL MOVIDO



**IMELDA R. MARCOS**

Age: 68 years old  
Birthplace: Manila  
Spouse: Ferdinand E. Marcos (Deceased)

Party Affiliation

KILUSANG BAGONG LIPUNAN (KBL)

Profession

Representative

Education

St. Paul's College, Bachelor of Science in Education

Work Experience

- Representative, 1st District of Leyte (1995-1998)
- Minister of Human Settlements
- Member of Parliament
- Metro Manila Governor

Vice Presidential Candidate  
(NONE)

Senatorial Slate  
(NONE)



**MANUEL L. MORATO**

Age: 64 years old  
Birthplace: Sta. Mesa, Manila  
Spouse: (None)

Party Affiliation

PARTIDO BANSANG MARANGAL

Profession

Former Chairman and General Manager, Philippine  
Charity Sweepstakes Office

Education

Bachelor of Science in Economics, Loyola University of  
Los Angeles

Work Experience

- Chairman and General Manager, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (1994-1998)
- Adviser to President Ramos on the Moral Recovery Program
- Commissioner, UNESCO
- President, T.F. Ventures Inc.
- President, Philippine Plywood Corporation
- President, Sta. Cecilia Sawmills
- Columnist, Philippine Journal, People's Journal
- TV Host, "Dial M"

Vice Presidential Candidate  
CAMILO L. SABIO

Senatorial Slate  
(NONE)



**EMILIO R. OSMEÑA**

Age: 59 years old  
Birthplace: Cebu City, Cebu  
Spouse: Anette Versoza

Party Affiliation

PROBINSYA MUNA DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (PROMDI)

Profession

Businessman

Education

University of San Carlos, BS Business Administration (1960)

Work Experience

- Chief Economic Adviser of President Ramos (1993-1997)
- Chairman, Presidential Committee on Flagship Program & Projects (1993-1997)
- Executive Vice President, Lakas-NUCD (1992-1997)
- Governor, Province of Cebu (1992-1997)
- Chairman, League of Governors of the Philippines (1990-1992)
- Chairman, Regional Development Council (1988-1992)  
Chairman, Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (1988-1992)

Vice Presidential Candidate  
ISMAEL D. SUEÑO

Senatorial Slate  
(NONE)



**RAUL S. ROCO**

Age: 56 years old  
Birthplace: Naga City, Camarines Sur  
Spouse: Sonia Cubillo Malasarte

Party Affiliation

AKSYON DEMOKRATIKO (AKSYON)

Profession

Lawyer / Senator

Education

- University Of Pennsylvania Law School, Master Of Laws (1974)
- Wharton School Of Business And Finance, Multinational Enterprises (1974)
- San Beda College, Bachelor Of Laws (1964)
- San Beda College, Bachelor Of Arts (1960)

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1995-2001)
- Partner, Roco Bunag Kapunan and Migallos Law Offices
- Representative, 2nd District of Camarines Sur (1987-1992)
- Director, Employees Confederation of the Philippines. (1986-1987)
- Director, Philippine Chamber of Commerce (1986-1987)
- Director, San Miguel Corporation (1983-1986)
- President, Integrated Bar of the Philippines (1983-1985)
- Senior Partner, ACCRA Law Offices (1980-1986)
- Chairman, Committee on Declaration of Principles and State Policy, Constitutional Convention (1971)
- Head, Legal Staff of Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. (1968-1970)
- Council Member, International Bar Association

Vice Presidential Candidate  
IRENE M. SANTIAGO

Senatorial Slate  
(NONE)

**MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO**

Age: 53 years old

Birthplace: Iloilo City, Iloilo

Spouse: Narciso Y. Santiago Jr.

Party Affiliation

PEOPLE'S REFORM PARTY (PRP)

Profession

Lawyer / Senator

Education

- University of Michigan, Doctor of Science of Jurisprudence (Barbour Scholar and DeWitt Fellow) (1976)
- University of Michigan, Master of Laws (DeWitt Fellow) (1975)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Laws, cum laude (1969)
- University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude (1965)

Work Experience

- Senator, Republic of the Philippines (1995-2001)
- Senior Partner, Miriam Defensor Santiago Law Office
- Secretary of Agrarian Reform (July-December 1989)
- Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation (1988-1989)
- Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 106, Quezon City (1983-1987)
- Professorial Lecturer, College of Law, University of the Philippines (1976-present)
- Professor, Trinity College of Quezon City (1971-1974)
- Special Assistant to the Secretary of Justice (1970-1980)

Vice Presidential Candidate

FRANCISCO S. TATAD

Senatorial Slate

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 11 MAY 1998 ELECTIONS**  
**Comelec Resolution 2946-A**

<u>Date/Period</u>	<u>Activity</u>
11 January to 10 June	ELECTION PERIOD
9 February	Last day for filing certificate of candidacy for president, vice president and senators
10 February	Posting of certified list of voters
	Last day for party, organization or coalition already registered with Comelec to file manifestation of desire to participate in the party-list system
	Last day for submission of nominees for party-list representatives
10 February to 9 May	Campaign period for president, vice president, senators, and party-list representatives
25 February	Start of nomination for candidates for congressmen and elective provincial, city and municipal officials
25 March	Last day for filing certificate of candidacy for congressional and local positions
26 March to 9 May	Campaign period for congressmen and other local positions
11 April	Last day to close and seal book of voters
	Last day to furnish registered voters with an official sample ballot, voter's information sheet and list of all national, provincial and city candidates
11 May	ELECTION DAY

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