

Leodegario "Ka Leody" Quitain de Guzman

Date of Birth: 25 July 1959 (age 62 years)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- Philippine Maritime Institute - BS Customs Administration

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- National chairperson, Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino (Deputy Secretary General, 1993; Secretary General, 1996-2005; President, 2006-2018; Chairperson, 2018-present)
- Founding member, Nagkaisang Labor Coalition
- Founding member, Partido Manggagawa party-list
- Regional Executive Council Member, Kilusang Mayo Uno (Member, Regional Executive Council, NCR, 1990-1992)
- Country representative, International Council of the International Center for Labor Solidarity
- Asia Regional Organization of Bank, Insurance and Finance Unions - Vice President
- Board of Trustees, PhilRights - Member
- Board of Trustees, Bulig Visayas - Member
- Justice for Aquino, Justice for All (Coalition Leader, 1983)
- Aris Philippines Inc. (Union Leader, 1984)
- Alliance of Workers in Pasig (Organizer, 1984-1990)

I. ENVIRONMENT

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- He wishes to advance a "just transition to a green economy" as a solution to destructive extractive industries, and that companies destroying the environment should be compelled by the government to employ residents of communities to be rehabilitated. [\[Source\]](#)
- De Guzman was among the 9 candidates who had platforms or positions regarding the protection of the environment in all of the senatorial candidates of the 2019 elections. Among the issues tackled in the scorecard were biodiversity preservation, waste management, mining, energy, climate justice, upholding human rights and integrity of creation, sustainable development and land-use management and governance [\[Source\]](#)

- Out of nine senatorial candidates included in his slate for 2022, two of them are environmentalists who are also part of Partido Lakas ng Masa [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman’s statements on conserving the environment with an intersectional approach is in line with PMPi’s positions of holistic and integrative ecological protection.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions and Projects & Programs are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

II. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MITIGATION - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CCAM-DRR)

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

PLATFORM FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

- Aims to phase out all coal-fired plants within 2 years, including a swift and just transition into democratic, renewable, and clean energy systems with a strict program of taxing carbon emissions. [\[Source\]](#)
- Carry out the Philippines' fair share of urgent climate actions to address the climate crisis, empowering people to adapt with impacts of climate change, and pursue just solutions [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman's platform on a just transition to phasing out coal, climate urgency, and empowerment is in line with PMPPI's framework, campaigns, and advocacies. Likewise addressing climate change and climate justice are key issues and advocacies which have to be addressed.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions and Projects & Programs are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

III. MINING

A. Bills, Resolutions filed, Court Decisions written (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- De Guzman expressed his support for repealing the Philippine Mining Act of 1995. He stated: "Our Mining Act is really profit-driven, really for the interests of the businessmen... I will call for the repeal of the existing pro-capitalist laws because it should be for protection for our people and our environment" [\[Source\]](#)
- "Destructive mining should be stopped in the country because it endangers the lives of citizens" while citing what happened in Manicani, an island in Guiuan, Eastern Samar hit by Typhoon "Yolanda" in 2013 to underscore his point against large-scale mining. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman's stance on the grave dangers of large-scale destructive mining and its negative effects to people and environment are evident as well as his position for the passage/repeal of a new mining law.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions and Projects & Programs are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

IV. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- Wants to repeal the Rice Tariffication law [\[Source\]](#)
- Aims to restore import quotas and raise tariffs for rice and other selected agricultural and manufacturing products while freezing compliance with all WTO directives [\[Source\]](#)
- Implement new strict agrarian reform legislation [\[Source\]](#)
- Distribute for free all remaining lands under the agrarian reform, prevent land conversions especially by large property firms [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman's has positive statements on key issues in this thematic concerns - on the problem of rice importation, and more strategic issues of land redistribution, and agrarian reform.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions and Projects & Programs are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

V. PEACE

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

PLATFORM FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

- Unconditionally resume peace talks with the CPP-NPA-NDF which tackles roots of issues
- Uphold the right to self-determination of minority ethnic communities, supporting the Bangsamoro people's struggle for full and meaningful autonomy

- Ending the Mutual Defense Treaty, the Visiting Forces Agreement and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) with the US and immediate closure of all US de facto military bases in the country. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman’s statements on addressing the root causes of insurgency, support for BARMM, and ending relationships with oppressive forces are positive positions.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions and Projects & Programs are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

VI. GOOD GOVERNANCE

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- Campaign to focus on "system change"
- Plans to resume all pending cases to the Ombudsman of previous presidents and their associates. Reinvigorate the drive to secure all ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses. [\[Source\]](#)
- “The sight of lawmakers brazenly defying a lawful order by the Supreme Court and openly defending their illegal acts is sickening, if not troubling. By remaining in power through the trickle down of pork to their constituents, they are not doing their job as legislators that enact laws for the welfare of the people” on Pork Barrel [\[Source\]](#)
- Wants to put an end to “the persecution of media outlets and guarantee the freedom of expression and right to information” [\[Source\]](#)

COVID RESPONSE

- His 25 Point Program includes plans for COVID response such as: Reallocation of all presidential funds to a COVID-19 Pandemic and Economic fund.

- Disbandment of current IATF to be replaced by a participatory governing body headed by medical professionals. Increasing funds for vaccine purchases. [\[Source\]](#)

ECONOMIC PLANS

- Initiation of a program of reindustrialization using trade and industrial policy with ecologically sustainable production technology
- Formulation of a truly independent and internationalist foreign policy
- De Guzman wants to suspend TRAIN Law and opposes excise tax
- Wants to effectively regulate economic activities and investments of multinational corporations and other big businesses and ensuring progressive and strict taxation of corporate profits
- Enforce strict price ceilings on oil, electricity, internet, water, farm inputs, and other basic commodities.
- Repealing of the automatic debt appropriation law, cancelling debt repayments for 5 years Disbandment of holding companies and convert the units of conglomerates into independent enterprises [\[Source\]](#)[28539189249](#) [\[Source\]](#)

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

- Lead in forming an alliance of governments in the global south to oppose the encroachments of the US, China, and other dominant powers. [\[Source\]](#)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- P2,000 monthly food subsidy and P3,000 monthly health subsidy for all Guarantee free decent housing for the homeless
- End political dynasties
- Rejection of the expansionist and sphere-of-influence claims of China and the U.S. in the West Philippine Sea while promoting a commons-based development and utilization of natural resources in disputed areas. [\[Source\]](#)
- “Significantly reduce the budget of all security-related and defense agencies relative to the budget for social services.” [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Positive, 1 point)

- Led the Aris Philippines branch of the nascent Justice for Aquino, Justice for All (JAJA) movement, in response to political violence during Martial Law.

(Personally confirmed by De Guzman's camp)

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman's statements on a paradigm shift geared on accountability, participation, mass-oriented economic policies, solidarity, and social development are in line with PMPPI's framework. His actual organizing work in worker;s trade unions and JAJA during Martial Law further strengthens and proves authenticity of his positions on fighting for good governance.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

VII. HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

PLATFORM FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

- Campaigns to turn over all authors and key enforcers of War on Drugs and Red Tagging campaign for prosecution to the ICC and national judicial system [\[Source\]](#)
- Vowed to scrap NTF-ELCAC and repeal the Anti-Terrorism Law if elected. [\[Source\]](#) ; [\[Source\]](#) ; [\[Source\]](#)
- Main advocacy of passing the anti-contractualization law and becoming the 'voice of the workers'. Promises minimum wage of P 1,500 per day and regularization of all workers and employees. Institution of workers management in big and medium enterprises. Create a special overseas workers' task force [\[Source\]](#)
- Against death penalty [\[Source\]](#)
- Legalization of same-sex marriage and supporting alternative forms of family arrangements Pass new legislation to address the gender wage gap [\[Source\]](#)
- Wants to pass and enforce new legislation that increases penalties for crimes against women [\[Source\]](#)
- Decriminalization of abortion, says that abortion is a health issue* [\[Source\]](#)

- Supports divorce law* [\[Source\]](#)

ON WAR ON DRUGS

- De Guzman is against Duterte’s way of addressing the drug problem through killing [\[Source\]](#) [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/supported (Positive, 1 point)

- His organization BMP, to which he holds significant positions, organizes collective bargaining negotiations and unions to protect laborers’ rights

BASIS FOR RATING: De Guzman’s statements on the failure of War On Drugs, dangers of NTF-ELCAC and ATL, fair access to rights, as well as his organizing work are in line with PMPI’s framework, campaigns, and advocacies.

Bills/Resolutions filed/Court decisions are rated as Not Applicable as De Guzman has not held any legislative and executive leadership roles.

(*PMPI has not yet formed a collective stance on the issue)

WATCH OUT FOR:

No data gathered pointing to an issue/controversy/pending case in court.

SYNTHESIS:

Environment: 1

CCAM-DRR: 1

Mining: 1

SusAg & Fisheries: 1

Peace: 1

Good Governance: 2

Human Rights: 2

No Watch Out For: 1

Total Score: 10

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| Bills | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Advocacies | POSITIVE | POSITIVE | POSITIVE | POSITIVE | POSITIVE | POSITIVE | POSITIVE |
| Projects | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | POSITIVE | POSITIVE |