

PANFILO "PING" MORENA LACSON SR.

Date of Birth: June 1, 1948 (age 73)

Political Party:

- Partido Reporma (2021–present),
- Independent (2004–2021),
- LDP (2001–2004)

Senate Committee Chairperson: National Defense and Security, and Accounts

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

- Master in Government Management Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (1995-1996)
- Bachelor of Science Philippine Military Academy (1967-1971)
- BS Engineering Lyceum of the Philippines (1964-1967)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Senator: 2001 – 2013; 2016 – present
- Presidential Assistant on Rehabilitation and Recovery, 2013 – 2015
- Chief, Philippine National Police: Nov. 1999 – Jan. 2001
- Chief, Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force: June 1998 – Jan. 2001
- Provincial Director, Laguna, PC: February – July, 1992
- Commander, Cebu Metrodiscom: 1989 – 1992
- Provincial Commander, Isabela PC: 1988 – 1989
- Metrocom Intelligence and Security Group: 1971 – 1986

I. ENVIRONMENT [- 1.5]

PHILIPPINE - MISEREOR PARTNERSHIP, INC.

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (No information, - 0.5 point)

- N/A

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

- Urged Baguio folk to care for the environment by caring for trees and plans to continue allocating a budget for the LGU's greening program for 2019. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: A very negative rating for Lacson since we found very little information and limited positions or public pronouncement on the environment. There was no rating given in terms of programs and projects organized since he has yet to assume an executive role.

II. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MITIGATION - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CCAM-DRR) [- 1 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- He filed Senate Resolution No. 10, Lacson said it is time for the Congressional Oversight Committee on Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 to find ways to improve the law and its implementation. He sought to review and amend the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 or RA 10121 to make the law more responsive to the effects of climate change [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- According to Lacson, the creation of a Department of Disaster Resilience will be a financial burden to the government. [\[Source\]](#)
- Noting that he has always helped calamity victims with or without elections, presidential aspirant Senator Panfilo Lacson slammed “calamity politics” as the “lowest form of campaigning.” [\[Source\]](#)
- **On his proposal to improve relief efforts for victims of Typhoon Odette:** He said that an initial Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) that can help pinpoint areas to prioritize relief efforts on one hand, and calling on the international community for relief assistance on the other. This is the two-pronged formula that can ensure Filipinos affected by Typhoon Odette will get their much-needed assistance according to Lacson. [\[Source\]](#)
- Last 2020, he said that he would try to convince his colleagues to elevate to a Cabinet rank the head of an office or authority that will handle the country’s disaster resilience efforts instead of creating a regular department. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On his housing projects during Typhoon Yolanda:** Lacson said the 205,128 housing units will be put up in areas that have been determined as safe from hazard. To put up the houses, Lacson said the government needs to find suitable land totaling 1,364 hectares (about the size of 32,476 basketball courts) with 150 houses per hectare. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On exploring energy sources in the WPS:** Lacson said he supports a joint venture with other countries in exploring and harnessing such energy sources, so long as they follow the 60-40 formula in the Philippine Constitution. [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms

- In a recent radio interview in Bacolod City, Lacson said he wants to implement better carbon emission testing and reforestation programs as part of his initial plans to curb global warming if he wins the 2022 presidential race. [\[Source\]](#)
- Partido Reporma chairman and standard-bearer Senator Panfilo “Ping” M. Lacson last 01 November 2021 said turning to safe atomic power could be a viable option considering the rising prices of oil and gas in the global market, coupled with the volatile output of some renewable energy sources. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Negative, - 1 point)

- Under PARR, the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (CRRP) was crafted. It included a Php167B proposed funding. It is worth noting that rehabilitation efforts were slow during this time. He tendered his resignation in December 2014 citing that “his office has already served its purpose.” [\[Source\]](#)

BASIS FOR RATING: Lacson has good positions and statements regarding climate issues and disaster management. However, he opposes setting up a department on disaster management saying it will add burden to the government. Likewise, he was not able to effectively carry out his role as rehabilitation czar during Typhoon Yolanda. Since he suddenly resigned from the post the proposed projects under the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (CRRP) did not materialize and which led to the displacement of many communities until now.

III. MINING [- 1.5 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (No information, - 0.5 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Negative, - 1 point. Inconsistent with PMPI's framework)

- Lacson seeks probe of destructive, treacherous excavations in Zambales. [\[Source\]](#)

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

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: There is limited information on Lacson with respect to mining. In one instance, however, he made an admission that a mining magnate had contributed to his senatorial campaign. He did not also hold an executive role to organize projects on mining, therefore it was given not applicable remarks.

IV. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES [1.5 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- He is the co-author of the Sin Tax Reform Act, which was later passed into law. [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMP's framework)

- Lacson has called on the Filipino youth to consider agriculture-related courses to boost the country's agricultural development, which has been taking a back seat in favor of blue and white collared jobs. [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms:

- **On the smuggling of agri goods:** Heeding the clamor of agitated Benguet vegetable farmers blatantly being "robbed of livelihood" by smugglers of imported agricultural products sold in the black market, Senator Panfilo Lacson assured a no-nonsense reform is in the priority list of the Lacson-Senate President Vicente Sotto III administration. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On boosting the agri sector:** The tandem of Senator Panfilo Lacson and Senate President Vicente Sotto III said their administration would buy 50 percent of the local farmers' produce to boost the agriculture sector and cut the inflation rate if elected as president and vice president in Eleksyon 2022. [\[Source\]](#)
- Lacson will cleanse the Department of Agriculture from top to bottom, to remove the stench of corruption from its anomalies such as the fertilizer scam and other unscrupulous government deals. [\[Source\]](#)
- **Lacson says PH should invoke the U.S. defense treaty over the Recto Bank incident.** The presence of Chinese vessels in the West Philippine Sea is not only a national security issue but also poses a threat to the country's food security, presidential aspirant and Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson said. [\[Source\]](#)

- As part of his economic roadmap, Lacson included agricultural development by providing technical assistance, irrigation, and land input support. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: His positions and advocacies highlighting the importance of agricultural development, enforcement of accountability mechanisms in the Department of Agriculture, and in protecting the fishermen in the WPS, are commendable but still need to be fleshed out. There was no rating given in terms of programs and projects organized since he has yet to assume an executive role.

V. PEACE [- 1.5 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Negative, - 1 point. Inconsistent with PMPI's framework)

- He is the primary author of the Amended R.A. 10349 or AFP Modernization Act to provide more funding to the Philippine Military..
- He is the primary author of Senate Bill No. 2993, now R.A. 10591 or Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.
- He is the primary author of Senate Bill No. 42 penalizing a wide range of crimes including but not limited to drug-related offenses, treason, terrorism, and human trafficking. The bill was not passed into law. [\[Source\]](#)

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

- **Lacson lauds Parlade's commitment to end the insurgency.** In a statement, he mentioned that: "There is no question about his passion to do his role in ending the longest-running insurgency in Asia, and I still believe that the NTF-ELCAC is a long-overdue solution to the water lily tactical maneuvers being employed by the CPP-NPA (Communist Party of the Philippines - New People's Army) to maintain their influence over previously cleared barangays." [\[Source\]](#)
- Last September 2021, Lacson made a statement that he regretted supporting the budget of the government's anti-insurgency task force, which he said is playing favorites in funds distribution. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On localized peace talks:** He believes it is high time for the government to focus its peace talk efforts with those who do not listen to Communist Party of the

Philippines (CPP) founding chairman Jose Ma. Sison. Lacson stressed that the strength of the New People's Army (NPA) rebels differs depending on their localities and that a localized peace talks is a much better way to stop the problem with communist rebels. [\[Source\]](#)

- **On the Bangsamoro polls:** He warned of the danger of citing the COVID-19 pandemic as a major reason in the need to postpone the 2022 Bangsamoro regional elections. believes postponing the 2022 Bangsamoro elections should be decided by the residents themselves in a plebiscite. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the funding of OPAPP:** The normalization program of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process must be funded regularly, Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson said amid a dramatic cut in the proposed budget for the agency last 2020. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the Marawi siege:** He said that the Anti-Terrorism Act could have prevented Marawi siege. [\[Source\]](#)
- Senator Panfilo Lacson questioned last 2021 the proposed amnesty granted to former members of the "communist terrorist groups." [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms

- Lacson promises 'data-driven' anti-insurgency programs if he wins in 2022. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- Joined PNP in 1992 and became Provincial Director of the Province of Laguna, Headed the Philippine National Police from 1999 to 2001. As chief, he attempted to eliminate "Kotong Culture" and took an optional retirement to run for Senator in 2001. [\[Source\]](#)

BASIS FOR RATING: Lacson gets negative rating for being militarist in approach in many respects. He supports the Anti-Terror Law. He has issued numerous statements praising the military actions and campaigns, and favors the NTF-ELCAC which are accused of acts of red-tagging and targeting of the government's dissenters. He initiated an Anti-Kotong reform in the police ranks and bills that would benefit the military as an institution.

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMPI's framework)

- He is a co-author of R.A. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act.
- He is the principal sponsor of the R.A. 11055 Philippine Identification System Act.
- He is the author and sponsor of R.A. 9485 or the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007. [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMPI's framework)

- Presidential aspirant Senator Panfilo Lacson backed the proposed prohibition of candidate substitution unless it is due to very exceptional cases, such as death. [\[Source\]](#)
- Last 2012, Sen. Panfilo Lacson decided once again to return to the national treasury—and for the last time—his pork barrel fund in the amount of P200 million. In a letter to Sen. Franklin Drilon, Lacson asked that his share of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), or pork barrel, for 2012 be made available to President Aquino for his "anti-corruption campaign" and "good governance advocacies." [\[Source\]](#)
- **He called for the abolition of the pork barrel system.** Without the certainty of punishment, the conviction of "pork barrel scam queen" Janet Lim-Napoles will not be enough to stop the menace of pork barrel and its iterations, Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson said. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On Duterte's drug war:** "Let us not pretend anymore, the drug war really failed because the drugs are still there," Lacson said. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On PH's return to ICC:** Presidential aspirant Senator Panfilo Lacson said that if he wins as president in 2022, he will support the return of the Philippines to the International Criminal Court (ICC). [\[Source\]](#)
- **On his plan to reinvent the 4Ps program:** Senator Panfilo Lacson, last 16 October 2021, urged the government to come up with emergency employment programs in the Philippines to address joblessness caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the government must roll-out uninterrupted Cash-for-Work programs by encouraging public-private partnerships, by tapping the corporate social responsibility arms of corporations, "in pursuing initiatives to provide cash payments under 'decent work' conditions." [\[Source\]](#)

- **On the issue of corruption:** Senator Panfilo Lacson said corrupt officials should not be given a redemption arc and idolized as they should be held accountable [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms:

- Revamping the health sector. According to Lacson, the government should revamp the health sector, allowing local government units and the private sector enough flexibility to conduct vaccination campaigns especially in hard-to-reach and high-risk populations, with the Department of Health providing supervision policy direction.
- The Lacson economic agenda also seeks to improve our country's tax administration to pump up revenue collection, through the cross-referencing of data between our major revenue collecting agencies and the other relevant government agencies like the Land Transportation Office, Land Registration Authority, Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Trade and Industry to plug our tax collection leakages.
- Lacson also seeks to guarantee a historic increase of budget infusion for research and development efforts, which get a measly 0.4% of the national budget. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMPI's framework)

Programs implemented in the Philippine National Police:

- Anti-kidnapping and no-take policy
- Anti-jueteng campaign [\[Source\]](#)

BASIS FOR RATING: Lacson is consistent with his position that corruption must be eradicated in the government. In many of his statements he called for the abolition of the pork barrel system, which has been abused by many senators and congressmen over the years. He opted not to receive it to be true to his position. He also bats for efficiency in terms of reforms in the areas of health and taxation and delivery of 4Ps. His reform program within PNP though - anti-kidnapping, anti kotong and anti-jueteng seemingly did not make a huge dent within the institution specially after he left.

VII. HUMAN RIGHTS [- 1 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Ambivalent, 0.5 point. Some of the laws are inconsistent with PMPI's framework.)

- He is a co-author and principal sponsor of the R.A. 11479 or the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020. The bill was later on passed into law.

- He is the co-author and sponsor of R.A. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Law of 2008.
- He filed Senate Resolution 599 (*Lacson files resolution to investigate red-tagging allegations*).
- He is a Co-author of R.A. 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012.
- He is the author of R.A. No. 9208 or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003.
- He is the author of Senate Bill No. 48 (Amending R.A. 4200 Anti-Wiretapping Law). [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Negative, -1 point. Inconsistent with PMPI's framework.)

- Sen. Panfilo "Ping" M. Lacson welcomed last December 2021 the ruling of the Supreme Court on the petitions lodged against the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the issues faced by IDPs:** In a statement, he said that the government should speed up its efforts in relocating Yolanda survivors affected by the fire incident in Tacloban Astrodome. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the issue of EJKs:** The latest Pulse Asia survey may mean Filipinos are resigned that extrajudicial killings are part of the government's campaign against illegal drugs, Sen. Panfilo Lacson said last 2017. He called the poll results "disturbing to some and dangerous to many." [\[Source\]](#)
- **On lowering MACR:** He supports this so long as the following conditions are met: (1) The youth offender is proven to have acted with discernment when he or she committed the crime, especially serious ones; (2) Sentencing is suspended until the offender reaches the age of majority; and (3) There are enough and properly supervised reformatory facilities to rehabilitate the youth offenders. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On red tagging:** He said that "Red-tagging," or the branding of government critics and activists as communists, or enemies of the state, could be declared a criminal act. [\[Source\]](#)
- In a sponsorship speech for Committee Report 186, he falsely claimed that the Makabayan Bloc were communist combatants. [\[Source\]](#)

- **On the legalization of same-sex marriage:** In a statement last 2016, he said that, "A man and a woman should get married, not a man to another man, and not a woman to another woman." [\[Source\]](#)
- **On death penalty:** Last 2021, Lacson withdrew his support for the death penalty for heinous crimes, saying it is better to spare the life of a criminal than to wrongly execute an innocent person. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No information, - 0.5 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: A good number of his positions on human rights are inconsistent with PMP's position. For instance, with respect to the reimposition of death penalty, he was initially in favor. Only recently he retracted this pro death penalty position in 2021. He also supports the lowering of MACR. Notwithstanding his statement that red-tagging must be declared as a criminal act, in one of his speeches before the Senate he would himself claim that the Makabayan Bloc were communist combatants.

WATCH OUT FOR:

- Lacson admitted that mining magnate Manuel Zamora had contributed P5 million in his senatorial campaign [\[Source\]](#) RSHIP, INC.
- Allegedly involved in the Kuratong Baleleng massacre and the double-murder case of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito. The case was dismissed by the Supreme Court. [\[Source\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT	-1.5
CCAM-DRR	-1
MINING	-1.5
SUS AG & FISHERIES	1.5
PEACE	-1.5
GOOD GOVERNANCE	3
HUMAN RIGHTS	-1
WATCH OUT FOR	-0.5
TOTAL	-2.5

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Bills	NO INFO	AMBIVALENT	NO INFO	AMBIVALENT	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	AMBIVALENT
Advocacies	NEGATIVE	AMBIVALENT	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Projects	N/A	NEGATIVE	N/A	N/A	AMBIVALENT	POSITIVE	NO INFO

