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## **2016 Pre-Election Survey: Bongat and Legacion are leading PNP Watch: Public safety is topmost priority election issue even if crimes perceived to have dropped**

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### ***Bongat-Legacion leadership is still the top choice of the Nagueños***

If election were to be held today, 3 out of 5 (65.5%) Nagueños answered that they will vote for Bongat for the mayoral position. Likewise, 3 out of 5 (63%) will vote for Legacion as Vice Mayor. Among the registered voters, 15% are still undecided on their choice for mayoral post, 4.8% said they will abstain, and 1.3% refused to answer. For vice mayoral post, 14% are undecided and 6% said they will abstain and refused to answer.

### ***“Ubos kung ubos, gabos kung gabos” is almost the trend***

The slots for city councilors are almost taken by candidates of the Liberal party. Statistically tie on top place for the race in terms of percentage of votes are Cecilia de Asis (50.3%) and Gregorio Abonal (47.8%). They are followed by Julian Lavadia, Jr. (41.8%), Ray-An Cydrick Rentoy (39.8%), Elmer Baldemoro (35.3%), Mila Arroyo (32%), Joselito Del Rosario (28.5%), Vidal Castillo (27.8%), Jose Rañola and Salvador Del Castillo (27.8%). One NPC-UNA candidate, Jessie Albeus, is statistically tied on the 10<sup>th</sup> place (23.3%). On the choice of councilors, about a fifth (21.8%) is still undecided, 6.3% said they will abstain, and 1.3% refused to answer.

### ***Bordado is preferred by Nagueños over Villafuerte***

For congressional seat, Gabriel Bordado, Jr. came as the choice of 51.5% of Nagueños while contender Luis Villafuerte garnered 28.8% of the votes. (Undecided 13.3%, abstain 5.3%, refused to answer 1.3%)

### ***“Proliferation of illegal drugs” needs to be prioritized***

When asked of issues that should be prioritized by the 2016 incoming local leaders, 21.9% of Naga City voters cited that the proliferation of illegal drugs should be addressed. Other issues brought up were lack of employment and livelihood opportunities (19.6%), high incidence of crimes (15.2%), lack of educational opportunities (7.0%), poverty (6.7%), traffic congestion (5.4%), increasing number of street children (4.7%), pollution (3.9%), corruption (3.9%), poor infrastructures (3.6%), poor health services (2.6%), and flooding or poor drainage (1.1%).

### ***Liberal party candidates topped the national race in Naga***

Liberal party candidate Mar Roxas leads the presidential race in the City with 37.5% votes. He is followed by Mary Grace Poe- Llamanzares (20.3%), Rodrigo Duterte (11.5%), Jejomar Binay (7.8%), and Miriam Defensor-Santiago (3.8%).

In the vice-presidential race, more than half of Nagueños opted for Leni Robredo (69.3%). She is followed by Francis Escudero (8.5%), Ferdinand Marcos (4.0%), Alan Peter Cayetano (2.3%), Antonio Trillanes III (2.0%), and Gregorio Honasan III (0.5%).

The Liberal party likewise leads the senatorial race with six out of eight candidates topping the list. Leading the list for the senatorial race are Leila De Lima (49.3%), Francis Pangilinan (43.5%), Franklin Drilon (43.0%), Ralph Recto (40.8%), Panfilo Lacson (38.0%), Vicente Sotto (33.5%), Juan Miguel Zubiri (32.5%), Risa Hontiveros (31.5%), Teofisto Guingona III (26.8%), Sergio Osmeña III (26.5%), Dick Gordon (25.3%), Joel Villanueva (17.5%), Mark Lapid (17.0%), Francis Tolentino (16.7%), Manny Pacquiao (15.0%), and Sherwin Gatchalian (13.0%).

**Crimes generally perceived to have decreased except for street crimes; ability of PNP Naga to solve VAWC cases rated “moderate”**

Nagueños generally perceived that crimes in Naga City, such as hold up, theft, robbery, and break in, has decreased for the past 12 months.

However, street crime like pickpocketing is perceived to have increased to 10% (from 3.8% in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014). Snatching is also perceived to have increased to 4.3% (from 2.3% in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014). Less than half of the crimes were reported to the PNP.

Nagueños rated the PNP “moderate” (net agreement rating from +9.7 to +23.5) on its ability to solve cases on violence against women and children, except for cases on incest where the PNP got a net agreement rating of “neutral” (-6.8).

**Nagueños felt unsafe in the city at night; increase police visibility highly recommended**

Three out of 10 Nagueños (30.7%) agree that it is safe to walk at night in Naga while 41.1% disagree. This results to a “poor” net agreement rating of -10.4%.

Nagueños recommended that in order to maintain peace and order in the City, PNP-Naga should improve police visibility (59.5%), improve response time (21.5%), increase the number of police personnel deployed in the different barangays (5%), strictly implement the laws (4%), and implement curfew hours (2.5%).

**PNP’s net satisfaction rating slightly decreased**

PNP-Naga’s net satisfaction rating of +25.5 which is “moderate” decreased from last year’s 1<sup>st</sup> quarter rating of +32.7 or “good”. Still, nearly half of Nagueños (49%) have “high” respect for police personnel and persons of authority in Naga City.

Although the response time of PNP-Naga is perceived to be “neither fast nor slow” by 44.3% of the Nagueños, majority of them (53.5%) still “somewhat trust” the PNP’s capability to resolve crimes.

## ***Survey Background***

The 2016 First Quarter Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll used face-to-face interview of 400 representative samples randomly selected from voting age population of Naga City. The error margin is  $\pm 4.9\%$ . The survey was conducted from January 31 to February 16, 2016 by the Ateneo Student Researchers Pool, which consists of 21 student scholars of Ateneo de Naga University; under the guidance of the Ateneo Social Science Research Center staff and funding from the University Research Council. The study adapts Social Weather Station (SWS) methodology and uses its rating interpretation terminology.