

# Bienvenido “Ben” Tulfo, #62

Broadcaster, CEO - Bitag Media Unlimited, Inc.

as of Feb. 5, 2025



**Age and date of birth:** 69 (March 15, 1955)

**Party:** Independent

**Highest Educational Attainment:** Bachelor's degree in Journalism (unverified)

**Highest Government Position Held:** None

**Summary:**

Tulfo says he wants to fix the country's “broken system,” focusing on food, health, jobs, peace and order, and corruption to uplift the country's voiceless and faceless.

## Stance on Key Issues

### On Poverty, Controlling Inflation and Jobs

- Vows to ease red tape and restrictive policies for entrepreneurs and business owners

### On Fighting Graft and Corruption

- Wants to empower the public by creating a watchdog where citizens can report corrupt activities by government officials
- Believes that congressmen need to be more accountable to the people regarding excess funds
- Rejects the political dynasty tag and prefers to leave the decision up to the voters

### On West Philippine Sea

- Believes that China is a bully for its continued encroachment in the West Philippine Sea and for not abiding by international maritime law

### On The Drug War

- Believes that solving the drug problem in the country will involve both rehabilitating drug users and prosecuting those behind drug operations

### On Disaster-preparedness

- No public discussions yet

## Government Experience/Field of Expertise

- None

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## Issues and Controversies

- Indicted with three counts of cyber libel in 2022 following a complaint by Iloilo lawyer Kazper Vic Bermejo for exposing the latter to public ridicule in his Bitag segment
- Tulfo’s Bitag Media Unlimited, Inc. was ordered by the Commission on Audit to pay back the P60 million it received from the Philippine Television Network 4 for airing ads commissioned by the Department of Tourism (then led by his sister, Wanda Tulfo Teo) in Kilos Pronto, a blocktime program in the network, without a Memorandum of Agreement.
- Traded barbs with expelled representative Arnolfo Teves of Negros Oriental after the congressman’s son was identified for repeatedly punching a security guard in a gated village in Parañaque City
- Bashed singer Regine Velasquez for criticizing then Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. for downplaying the harvesting of giant clams in Scarborough Shoal by Chinese fishermen
- Called out by Frankie Pangilinan, daughter of Sen. Francis Pangilinan and actress Sharon Cuneta, for perpetuating rape culture

## Family Members in Government

### Ramon S. Tulfo Sr.

- Relationship: Father
- Position/s held:
  - Colonel, Philippine Constabulary (1940s to 1970)

### Ramon Tulfo

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
  - Special Envoy for Public Diplomacy to China (October 2018 - October 2019)

### Erwin Tulfo

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
  - Representative - Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support (ACT-CIS) Party-list (2022 - present)

### Raffy Tulfo

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
  - Senator (2022 - present)

### Wanda Corazon Tulfo-Teo

- Relationship: Sister
- Position/s held:
  - Secretary - Department of Tourism (2016 - 2018)

### Roberto Teo

- Relationship: Brother-in-law
- Position/s held:
  - Positions held: Director - Travel and Tours Services Sector, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (2014 - 2018)

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### Jocelyn Pua Tulfo

- Relationship: Sister-in-law
- Position/s held:
  - Representative - Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support (ACT-CIS) Party-list (2019 - present)

### Ralph Wendel Tulfo

- Relationship: Nephew
- Position/s held:
  - Representative - Quezon City, second district (2022 - present)