

Pilar Juliana “Pia” S. Cayetano #18

Senator, 19th Congress

as of Feb. 5, 2025



Age and date of birth: 58 (March 22, 1966)

Party: Nacionalista Party

Highest Educational Attainment: Bachelor of Laws, University of the Philippines – College of Law

Highest Government Position Held: Senator

Summary:

Vying for her fourth term in the Senate, Cayetano vows to continue championing laws for the protection and empowerment of women and children, and improving healthcare access. She was a vocal critic of the vape bill, which lapsed into law almost a month into the Marcos administration.

Stance on Key Issues

On Poverty, Controlling Inflation and Jobs

- Supports the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinvigorating the Economy (CREATE MORE) law which formalized flexible work arrangements for businesses within the Philippines' economic zones and freeports and expanded tax incentives for foreign investors

On Fighting Graft and Corruption

- Sponsored and co-authored bill recognizing the legitimacy and imposing taxes on POGOs in 2021. Turned around in 2023 when she signed the joint committee report of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs recommending the gradual phaseout of POGOs
- Commended the Office of the Solicitor General's plan to cancel fraudulent birth certificates of foreigners, and said Philippine citizenship is "not for sale." She cited the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee's findings that unearthed the exploitation of the civil registration system of illegal POGOs.

On West Philippine Sea

- None on record.

On The Drug War

- Led Senate probe into the Duterte administration's drug war in October 2024, citing it is important for Filipinos, especially for families who have been "victims of the evils it has caused"

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Stance on Key Issues

On Disaster-preparedness

- Sponsored law giving importance to children as most vulnerable, before, after and during disasters and other emergency situations, and integrated this into the country’s disaster response
- Co-sponsored and co-authored bill requiring large businesses and plastics to recover their plastic packaging waste – materials known to worsen flooding, choke up drainage systems and endanger marine habitats. This bill lapsed into law on July 23, 2022.

Government Experience/Field of Expertise

- Senator (2004 - 2010; 2010 - 2016; 2019 - present)
- Representative - Taguig City, second district (2016 - 2019)
- President - Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (2008 - 2010)
- First vice president - Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (2006-2008)
- President - 10th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians of the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly (2005)

Issues and Controversies

- Co-authored and was principal sponsor of the law recognizing the legitimacy and imposing taxes on Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) in 2021
- Signed in 2023 the joint committee report of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs recommending gradual phaseout of POGO’s

Family Members in Government

Alan Peter S. Cayetano

- Relationship: Son
- Position/s held:
 - Councilor, Tagaytay City (2019-present)

Lino Edgardo Cayetano

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
 - Mayor - Taguig City (2019 - 2022)
 - Representative - Taguig City, second district (2013 - 2016)

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Family Members in Government

Rene “Ren” Carl S. Cayetano

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
 - Councilor - Muntinlupa City (2013 - 2016)

Renato “Compañero” Cayetano

- Relationship: Father
- Position/s held:
 - Senator (1998 – 2003)
 - Assemblyman - Interim Batasang Pambansa, Taguig-Pateros-Muntinlupa district (1984 -1986)

Ma. Laami Lopez-Cayetano

- Relationship: Sister-in-Law
- Position/s held:
 - Mayor - Taguig City (2010 - 2019; 2022 - present)
 - Representative - Taguig, second district (2019 - 2022)
 - Representative - Taguig-Pateros, lone district (2007 - 2010)