

Republic of the Philippines
 Presidential Electoral Tribunal
 Manila

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Tribunal issued a Resolution dated JULY 11, 2017, which reads as follows:

“PET Case No. 005 - FERDINAND ‘BONGBONG’ R. MARCOS, JR., protestant, versus MARIA LEONOR ‘LENI DAANG MATUWID’ G. ROBREDO, protestee.

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RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Tribunal dated June 6, 2017, the preliminary conference of the present case was conducted today, July 11, 2017. Protestant Ferdinand R. Marcos personally appeared.¹ Appearing as his counsels were: Attorneys George Edwin M. Garcia (Atty. Garcia), Joan M. Padilla, Pacifico A. Agabin, Jose Amor M. Amorado, and Estelito Mendoza.²

Protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo did not appear in person; she submitted a special power of attorney giving her counsel full power and authority to appear and represent her, and to do whatever acts are necessary, required, and desirable in defending, suing, filing, and prosecuting the case. Appearing for protestee were Attorneys Romulo B. Macalintal (Atty. Macalintal), Maria Bernadette V. Sardillo, Reagan F. De Guzman, and Antonio Carlos B. Bautista.³

Also in attendance were the designated panel of commissioners, Chairperson retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose C. Vitug and members Atty. Angelito C. Imperio and Atty. Irene Ragodon-Guevarra.⁴

During the preliminary conference, the Tribunal asked the parties clarificatory questions and distributed Preliminary Conference Guides to

¹ Transcript of Stenographic Notes of the Preliminary Conference Hearing held on July 11, 2017, p. 3.
² Id.
³ Id.
⁴ Id.

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facilitate the conduct of the proceeding.⁵ The parties requested for time to study the guides, which the Tribunal granted.⁶

The Tribunal also informed the parties that it recently received Protestant’s Motion for Technical Examination filed on July 10, 2017 and Protestant’s Manifestation and Compliance with Reiterative Motion to Direct the Collection of Ballot Boxes and other election documents and paraphernalia for the pilot provinces filed on July 10, 2017.⁷ Atty. Macalintal manifested that protestee had not received a copy of the Motion for Technical Examination and the Manifestation in Compliance with Reiterative Motion to Direct the Collection of Ballot Boxes and other election documents and paraphernalia for the pilot provinces.⁸ Protestant was ordered to provide a copy to protestee, and protestee was given a period of ten (10) days within which to file her comment.⁹

The parties were also ordered to limit the number of witnesses for the second and third causes of action to three (3) witnesses per clustered precinct.¹⁰ For the first cause of action, protestant’s proposed number of witnesses was reduced from fifty (50) to twenty-five (25); protestee’s number of witnesses was set at ten (10).¹¹ Both parties agreed to the limitation.¹² They were ordered to submit a new list of witnesses in compliance with the given limits and to specify the applicable precincts per witness.¹³ The parties were also informed that the Tribunal would adopt the Judicial Affidavit Rule for the proceedings.¹⁴

Accordingly, after the adjournment of the preliminary conference, the Tribunal adopted the following resolutions:

- a. **DIRECT** protestant to provide protestee with a copy of his Motion for Technical Examination and Manifestation and Compliance with Reiterative Motion to Direct the Collection of Ballot Boxes and other election documents and paraphernalia for the pilot provinces filed on July 10, 2017;
- b. **DIRECT** protestee to submit her **COMMENT** thereon within ten (10) days from the date of the preliminary conference or until July 21, 2017;

⁵ Id. at 40-41.
⁶ Id. at 42.
⁷ Id. at 4.
⁸ Id. at 7.
⁹ Id. at 8.
¹⁰ Id. at 45, 50.
¹¹ Id. at 50.
¹² Id. at 45.
¹³ Id.
¹⁴ Id. at 46.

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- c. **DIRECT** both protestant and protestee to submit their **COMMENTS** on the Preliminary Conference Guides within five (5) working days from the date of the preliminary conference or until July 18, 2017; and
- d. **DIRECT** both protestant and protestee to submit a new list of witnesses in compliance with the limitation of twenty-five (25) witnesses for the protestant and ten (10) witnesses for the protestee for the first cause of action; and three (3) witnesses per clustered precinct for both protestant and protestee for the second and third causes of action and to specify the corresponding clustered precinct for said witnesses, within ten (10) days from the date of the preliminary conference or until July 21, 2017.

The Tribunal further **RESOLVED** to:

- a. **NOTE** the Manifestation and **GRANT** the Motion dated June 21, 2017 of Protestant Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr. praying for the Tribunal to exercise its preferential right over the custody and revision of ballots from the Province of Camarines Sur, including those involved in HRET Case No. 16-024 (EP), and to further direct the HRET to defer the collection, retrieval, and turn-over of the relevant ballot boxes containing the ballots, Voters' Registration records (VRRs), Book of Voters, Election Day Computerized Voters List with voting records and other election documents and paraphernalia, used in the protested clustered precincts of the Fourth District of Camarines Sur during the last May 9, 2016 elections;
- b. **DENY** the Urgent Motion for Leave to File and Admit Petition in Intervention dated June 20, 2017 filed by the Law Office of Purificacion S. Bartolome-Bernabe and Partners, counsel for petitioners-in-intervention Zorayda Amelia Alonzo, Maria Karina A. Bolasco, Marie Celeste Legaspi Gallardo, Paulynn Paredes Sicam, Corazon Juliano-Soliman, and Maria Cristina Lim Yuson;
- c. **NOTE WITHOUT ACTION** the aforesaid Petition in Intervention dated June 23, 2017;
- d. **NOTE** the Letter dated July 3, 2017 of Atty. Crisanta V. Valera, Acting Secretary of the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET), informing the PET that the collection activity commenced on June 19, 2017; as reported by their collection teams, some ballot boxes do not contain any markings that would enable them to identify the precinct numbers of those

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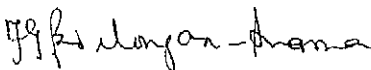
ballot boxes; and **GRANT** the request of the SET for permission to open the ballot boxes during their collection operations to facilitate the identification of the contested ballot boxes by their collection teams with provision of necessary number-coded metal seals to replace the old security seals in order to preserve the integrity of the ballot boxes and contents therein;

- e. **NOTE** the Letter dated June 14, 2017 of Atty. Girlie I. Salarda, Secretary of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET), informing the Tribunal of the pending and additional requests for temporary prior custody of the ballot boxes and other election documents covering five (5) cases with the therein mentioned municipalities/clustered precincts involved, as follows:
1. 16-006 (EP), Umali vs. Vergara, 3rd District, Nueva Ecija;
 2. 16-007 (EP), Ajihil vs. Sahali, Lone District, Tawi-Tawi;
 3. 16-015 (EP), Fabella vs. Madrona, Lone District, Romblon;
 4. 16-024 (EP), Papin vs. Fuentebella, 4th District, Camarines Sur; and
 5. 16-026 (EP) Hagedorn vs. Acosta, 3rd District, Palawan;

And to **GRANT** said requests **EXCEPT** for the province of Camarines Sur under EP 16-024;

- f. **NOTE** PET Official Receipt No. 7424405B dated July 10, 2017 acknowledging receipt of ₱30,000,200.00 as second installment for cash deposit made by the protestant in compliance with the Resolution dated March 21, 2017;
- g. **DEFER ACTION** on the Motion for Leave of Court to File and Admit Supplement to Motion for Reconsideration *Pro Tanto* dated June 28, 2017 filed by counsel for protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo; and
- h. **DEFER ACTION** on aforesaid Motion for Reconsideration *Pro Tanto* dated June 28, 2017 filed by counsel for protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo." Del Castillo and Jardeleza, JJ., on official leave. (1)

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