



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**  
Manila

**FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R.  
MARCOS, JR.,**

*Protestant,*

- versus -

PET Case No. 005  
FOR: Election Protest  
Vice President

**MARIA LEONOR "LENI DAANG  
MATUWID" G. ROBREDO,**

*Protestee.*

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**MANIFESTATION ON THE SCHEDULED RETRIEVAL OF  
BALLOT BOXES IN NEGROS ORIENTAL**

PROTESTEE **MARIA LEONOR G. ROBREDO**, by the undersigned counsel, to the Honorable Tribunal, respectfully states:

1. On **12 September 2018**, the Honorable Tribunal through its representatives informed protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo (hereafter "Robredo" for brevity) of the scheduled meeting on the next day, 13 September 2018.

2. The meeting was for the purpose of informing the parties on the specifics of the collection and retrieval of the protested ballot boxes from the Province of Negros Oriental.

3. However, on even date, the parties were informed that the meeting will no longer push through.

4. Instead, the copy of the estimated expenses for the collection and retrieval will be emailed to counsels.

5. Thereafter, **13 September 2018**, the parties received by way of email a copy of the estimated expenses for the Province of Negros Oriental.

6. Based on the estimate of expenses, a total of **Eight Million Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Pesos and Sixty Four Centavos (PhP8,642,720.64)** will be spent and deducted from the cash deposit of protestant Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. (hereafter "Marcos" for brevity).

7. Further, also included was the schedule of the retrieval team of the Honorable Tribunal from 17 to 19 September 2018.

8. Protestee Robredo is not opposing the scheduled collection and retrieval of the ballot boxes in Negros Oriental.

9. However, previously, the retrieval team of the Honorable Tribunal would hold a meeting with the representatives of the parties present to:

9.1. Inform the parties of the expenses;

9.2. Discuss the schedule and specifics such as but not limited to the staging area and dates of deliveries from the various municipalities/cities; and

9.3. Open the discussion for various queries and concerns of the parties.

10. The parties were given at the very least a notice of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled collection and retrieval.

11. This time, no meeting was held. Neither was there any notice given to the parties except the estimated expenses.



12. Worse, the estimated expenses and schedule of deliveries was only emailed on **13 September 2018** or a mere four (4) days from the scheduled first delivery of the ballot boxes in Dumaguete City.

13. This is the third scheduled retrieval of ballot boxes and protestee Robredo had hoped that this time around, the parties would have been given sufficient lead time to prepare their respective representatives and logistical needs.

14. Sadly, the short notice, compounded by the incoming typhoon has rendered preparations for the scheduled retrieval doubly difficult.

15. Thus, while protestee Robredo understands the constraints faced by the retrieval team, due consideration should also have been given to the parties.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Pasig City for Manila. 14 September 2018.

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### **EXPLANATION**

Due to unavailability of messengers and the distance of the parties, a copy of the herein "Manifestation" were sent to the above-named parties by registered mail.

  
**MARIA BERNADETTE V. SARDILLO**



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PASIG CITY )

**VERIFIED DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
EFFICIENT USE OF PAPER RULE**

I, **LAILA T. ENDIC**, hereby declare that the Manifestation on the Scheduled Retrieval of Ballot Boxes in Negros Oriental submitted electronically by use of compact disc in accordance with the Efficient Use of Paper Rule are complete and are true copies of the Manifestation on the Scheduled Retrieval of Ballot Boxes in Negros Oriental filed with the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.


Pasig City. 17 September 2018.

  
**LAILA T. ENDIC**  
Secretary

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**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME**, a notary public in and for Pasig City, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018 by affiant LAILA T. ENDIC who is personally known to me, and appeared with her Unified Multi-Purpose ID CRN-0111-3021584-5 issued by Social Security System Office, known to me as the same person who personally signed the foregoing attestation before me and acknowledged that she executed the same.

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