



Republic of the Philippines  
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS  
Manila

**ELECTORAL CONTESTS ADJUDICATION DEPARTMENT**  
*First Division*

October 22, 2018

**ATTY. FELIPA B. ANAMA**  
*Clerk of the Tribunal*  
Presidential Electoral Tribunal  
Supreme Court of the Philippines  
Padre Faura, Manila (x)

**SUBJECT :** **EPC NO. 2016-35**  
*(Anuoar R. Abdulrauf vs. Arafat Salic)*

Dear **ATTY. ANAMA:**

Greetings!

The undersigned respectfully writes in connection with **EPC No. 2016-35** (*Anuoar R. Abdulrauf vs. Arafat Salic*) involving the position of **Vice Mayor, Marawi City, Province of Lanao del Norte**, which is currently pending before the Electoral Contests Adjudication Department, this Commission.

In the *Preliminary Conference Order* issued by Commission (First Division) in the instant case on October 19, 2018, the undersigned was directed to immediately prepare a letter-request to this Honorable Tribunal, in behalf of the Commission, to seek an authorization, approval and/or clearance for the temporary prior custody of the ballot boxes and recount of ballots and other documents and storage devices relative to the instant protest case in accordance with Section 2<sup>1</sup>, Rule 12 of COMELEC Resolution No. 8804, as amended.

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<sup>1</sup> xxx Where any of the ballot boxes, ballots, election returns, election documents or paraphernalia mentioned in the first paragraph above are also involved in election contests before other *fora*, such as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, the Senate Electoral Tribunal, the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal, which, under COMELEC Resolution No. 2812 dated 17 October 1995, have preferential right over the custody and recount of ballots involved in simultaneous protests, the Commission shall make the appropriate coordination and request with the tribunal involved as to temporary prior custody of ballot boxes and recount of ballots and other documents and storage devices, or the synchronization of such recount of ballots. xxx

Please be informed that based on the *Preliminary Conference Order*, the protest involved the following clustered precincts in the City of Marawi, Lanao del Norte:

**PROTEST**

	<b>CLUSTERED PRECINCT NO.</b>	<b>BARANGAY</b>
<b>1</b>	21	Cabingan
<b>2</b>	22	Cabingan
<b>3</b>	23	Cabingan
<b>4</b>	24	Cabingan
<b>5</b>	37	Dimaluna
<b>6</b>	38	Dimaluna
<b>7</b>	39	Dimaluna
<b>8</b>	40	Dimaluna
<b>9</b>	67	Matampay

Hence, in view of the provisions of Section 2, Rule 12 of the aforementioned Rules, the undersigned would like to respectfully request for authority and/or approval as discussed above. Rest assured, the Commission shall employ appropriate measures in preserving the integrity of the ballots subject of the instant protest case.

Thank you very much.

With Best Regards,

  
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