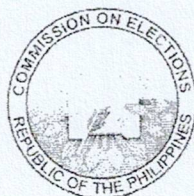


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SUMMONS
WITH NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE

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A *Petition* dated 02 November 2021 was filed¹ and the necessary filing fees were paid on 02 November 2021. Therefore, pursuant to COMELEC Resolution No. 9523, promulgated on 25 September 2012, Respondent is hereby directed to file a verified Answer to the verified *Petition*, within a non-extendible period of five (5) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Petitioners and with proof of receipt.

By virtue of Section 1, Rule 2 of COMELEC Resolution No. 10673² "*In Re: Guidelines on Electronic Filing, Conduct of Hearings/Investigations/Inquiries via Video Conference and Service*," the verified Answer must be filed through e-mail, to the Clerk of the Commission (clerkofthecommission@comelec.gov.ph). Immediately after filing through e-mail, the same documents shall be sent in four (4) hard copies to the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, 8th Floor, Palacio del Gobernador Bldg., General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila through the fastest means available, including registered mail or any courier service.³ Failure to file a verified Answer within the reglementary period shall bar the Respondent from submitting controverting evidence or from filing a memorandum. A motion to dismiss shall not be admitted, but the grounds thereof may be raised as affirmative defenses.

Further, the parties are hereby notified that the **CONFERENCE** of this case is set on **26 November 2021 at 10:00 in the morning**, via Video Conference⁴ to take up the following matters:

- (a) Production of a special power of attorney;
- (b) The comparison between the original/certified true copies and copies of documentary and physical evidence, and the electronic and physical copies of the submissions;
- (c) The simplification of issues;

¹ Filed on 02 November 2021.

² Promulgated on 25 June 2020.

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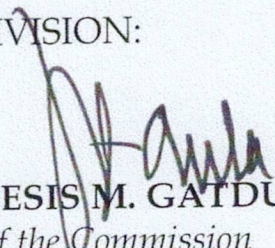
- (d) The necessity of desirability of amendments to pleadings;
- (e) The possibility of obtaining stipulations or admissions of facts and of documents to avoid unnecessary proof;
- (f) Setting of the period to file the parties' respective memorandum, which shall not be later than three (3) days from the date of the conference; and
- (g) Such other matters as may aid in the prompt disposition of the action.

A summary of the documents, which includes documentary, real evidence and affidavits of witnesses as provided for in Resolution No. 9523 shall be submitted by the parties for comparison, *via* e-mail (clerkofthecommission@comelec.gov.ph), at least three (3) days before the scheduled conference. Four (4) hard copies of the same shall be immediately sent to the Office of the Clerk of the Commission after filing through e-mail.

Failure of Petitioners or his authorized counsel to appear shall cause for the dismissal of the Petition. On the other hand, failure on the part of Respondent or his authorized counsel to appear shall render the case as deemed submitted for resolution.⁵

Issued this 11th day of November 2021, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

FOR THE DIVISION:


ATTY. GENESIS M. GATDULA
Clerk of the Commission