



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

EN BANC

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ACCREDITATION OF NATIONAL
CITIZENS' MOVEMENT FOR FREE
ELECTION (NAMFREL) AS CITIZENS'
ARM OF THE COMMISSION FOR
THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND
LOCAL ELECTIONS,

NATIONAL CITIZENS' MOVEMENT
FOR FREE ELECTION (NAMFREL),

Petitioner,

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NOTICE

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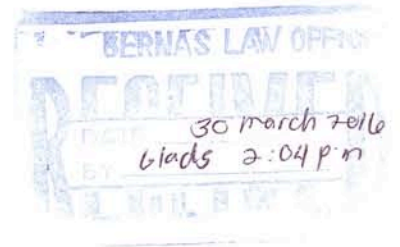
GREETINGS

Attached is a copy of the **Minute Resolution No. 16-0142** of the Commission (*EN BANC*) in the above-entitled case dated March 8, 2016.

Manila, 21 March 2016.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

ALLEN FRANCIS B. ABAYA
Acting Clerk of the Commission



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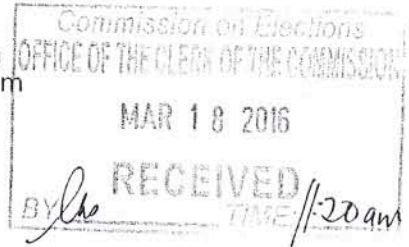


APP H-193

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EN BANC MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS HELD ON MARCH 8, 2016

Present:

Chairman	J. Andres D. Bautista
Commissioner	Christian Robert S. Lim
Commissioner	Al A. Parreño
Commissioner	Luie Tito F. Guia
Commissioner	Arthur D. Lim
Commissioner	Sheriff M. Abas



On Official Business:

Commissioner Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon

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16-0142

IN THE MATTER OF THE ACCREDITATION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE VOTING (PPCRV), AND THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' MOVEMENT FOR FREE ELECTION (NAMFREL) AS CITIZENS' ARM OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

This pertains to the Memorandum dated March 7, 2016 of Commissioner Luie Tito F. Guia relative to the accreditation of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), and the National Citizens' Movement for Free Election (NAMFREL) as citizens' arm of the Commission for the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections.

The Memorandum of Commissioner Guia reads:

"The Commission (En Banc) issued on 29 January 2015 and 29 February 2016 Resolutions granting the petition for accreditation of PPCRV and NAMFREL as citizens' arm of the Commission for 9 May 2016 National and Local Elections, respectively. Paragraph 3 of the conditions imposed on PPCRV and NAMFREL's accreditation found on the decretal portion thereof states:

3. xxx shall not be under the influence whatsoever of any foreign government corporation, or entity and shall not solicit or receive, directly or indirectly, any contribution or aid of whatever form or nature from any government, corporation or entity;

The tenor of said condition suggests that PPCRV and NAMFREL may not source funds, contributions or aid from any government, corporation or instrumentality, either local or foreign.

However, paragraphs f and g of Section 33, Rule 33 of the COMELEC Rules of Procedure on prohibition on foreign support, influence and sources of contributions or aid of accredited citizens' arm provide:

Sec.3. Contents of the Petition. – *The petition shall state the following:*

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- a. *That it is not supported by or under the influence of any foreign government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities; or of any foreigner, whether natural or juridical person;*
- b. *That it shall not solicit or receive, directly or indirectly, any contribution or aid of whatever form or nature from*

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any foreign government, or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, or from any foreigner, a natural or juridical person;

Accordingly, the undersigned forwards that paragraph 3 on the conditions imposed on PPCRV and NAMFREL's accreditation should be interpreted in accordance with paragraphs f and g of Section 33, Rule 33 of the COMELEC Rules of Procedure upon which the petitions for accreditation were anchored.

This clarification is being issued to make clear that **PPCRV and NAMFREL may solicit or receive funds, contributions or aid from local sources.**

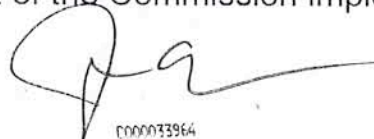
For your Honors' consideration."

The Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to approve the submission of Commissioner Luie Tito F. Guia that the conditions imposed on the accreditation of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), and the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) as citizens' arm of the Commission for the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections should be interpreted in accordance with paragraphs f and g of Section 33, Rule 33 of the COMELEC Rules of Procedure upon which the petitions for accreditation were anchored. Hence, PPCRV and NAMFREL may solicit or receive funds, contributions or aid from local sources.

This Resolution shall apply to all other citizen's arm of the Commission.

Let the Office of the Clerk of the Commission implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.



J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA
Chairman



CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM
Commissioner



LUIE TITO F. GUIA
Commissioner

(On Official Business)

MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner

On official business
at the time of signing of Resolution

AL A. PARREÑO
Commissioner



ARTHUR D. LIM
Commissioner



SHERIFF M. ABAS
Commissioner

- Cc: Chairman
- All Commissioners
- Executive Director
- Deputy Executive Director for Operations
- Deputy Executive Director for Administration
- Office of the Clerk of the Commission

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