



### **Barangay and SK elections**

#### **Timeline of Activities**

25 September-10 November 2010  
ELECTION PERIOD  
Gun and bodyguards ban.

1- 13 October 2010  
Filing of candidates Certificate of  
Candidacy (COC).

14- 23 October 2010  
Candidates campaign period.

18 October 2010  
Last day for filing of  
disqualification cases.

18- 20 October- Inspection and  
verification of completeness of the  
Voters' Registration Records and  
sealing of the Book of Voters for  
each barangay and SK precinct

20 October- Last day of posting  
the Computerized Voters' List  
(CVL)

25 October 2010  
Casting of votes from 7 a.m until 3  
p.m.. Canvassing follows.

#### **Comelec Resolution**

Res. No. 9045- Instruction to chiefs  
of police of cities/municipalities on  
the conduct of the preliminary  
examination on the violation of the  
ban of firearms, other deadly  
weapons and security personnel in  
connection with the Oct 25 election

Res. No. 9044- In the matter of  
amending Comelec Res. 9019  
calendar of activities in connection  
with the Oct 25 election

Res. No. 9043- Rules and regulation  
governing election campaign,  
propaganda, contributions and  
expenditures in connection with Oct  
25 election

Res. No. 9042- In the matter of  
placing some areas in the country  
under COMELEC control 25 election.

Res. No. 9039 - Rules and Regulation  
governing public works ban and ban  
on the release, disbursement and  
expenditures of public funds in  
connection with the Oct 25 election.

Filing of CoC starts on October 1

- The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is reminding those who plan to run for an elected position in the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections to file their certificates of candidacy (CoC) beginning on Friday, October 1 until the midnight of October 13. Candidates for the Punong Barangay and Kagawad positions must be Filipino citizens and at least 18 years of age on the day of the election while SK candidates must be at least 15 years old but less than 18 years old on Election Day. All candidates must be able to read and write Filipino or any local dialect. They must be a registered voter and resident of the barangay where they intend to run for office for at least one year prior to Election Day. SK candidates must not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. Likewise, the Comelec said that candidates must file their CoC in person or through a duly authorized representative during regular working hours. They can file it to the Office of the Election Officer of the city/district or municipality.

Preliminary conference on Roxas election protest starts today

- The hearing of Presidential Election Tribunal (PET) in the Supreme Court has started today with Liberal party vice- presidential candidate Mar Roxas election protest against Vice President Jejomar Binay. Lawyers of both camps have presented their motions. Vice- President Binay arrived at the PET while Roxas did not appear in the conference. Lawyers of Roxas appealed that the PET should conduct a forensic investigation or analysis on the Precinct Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines to prove the alleged failed transmission and counting of votes covering two million declared null votes from bailiwicks areas of Roxas. This is enough to surpass the 700,000 votes Binay lead. However, the Binay camp said that there are no 2 million votes but only 185, 000 votes from concerned clustered precincts. According to Binay representatives, this is only a fishing expedition of the Roxas camp because the issue of integrity must be raised before the election. Atty. Felicitas Aquino- Arroyo, one of Binay's lawyers alleged that the PET has no jurisdiction to address the forensic examination or the random manual audit (RMA) since these are not sanctioned by the rules governing pre- election controversies. Otherwise, the integrity of the election will be questioned. However, Atty. Nathan Penafancia, Roxas lawyer, said that the PET is the sole judge of all contests regarding the elections, qualifications, and returns for presidential and vice presidential candidates and it is all encompassing. The PET will later announce the schedule of the formal opening for the hearing of the vice-presidential post election protest.

**Comelec Bid Updates: Ballot paper and related accountable forms for the Barangay / SK Elections**

- Comelec resumed yesterday September 29, the proceedings for the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) bid submission and opening for the procurement of three lots of ballot, election return, and canvassing forms for use in the upcoming October 25 Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Elections. The pre-bid and bid opening was originally scheduled last September 24, with one bidder (Triplex Enterprises) submitting. However, the bid was declared a failure due to the inadequate details provided on the sole bidders experience on security paper features required and patent issues. Total Approved Budget Contract (ABC) for the three lots amounts to Php 158,051,752.50. The three lots are broken down as follows: Lot 1 Ballot Forms – Php 134,502,510; Lot 2 Election Returns – Php 12,195,242; and Lot 3 Canvassing Paper –Php 11,354,000.

A new bid submission and opening was scheduled for September 28 but it was later re-scheduled for 3pm of September 29. The September 27 meeting on technical matters push through. Namfrel Secretariat observers were present along with PWI, COA, and TAN to observe. Only three bidders (Triplex Enterprises, NAPPCO, and Noah Paper) submitted technical and financial eligibility requirements on the 29th. Prior to the bid opening, counsel for Noah Paper questioned the BAC's call for a failed bid on Sept. 24 and allowed new bidders to submit. The BAC Chairman requested the Noah counsel to file a motion formally for the BACs reply. During the bid opening, two bidders (Triplex and NAPCO) were found to be ineligible. The BAC indicated their non-compliance due to a lack of indication showing the firms have the capability and experience on security paper features contract.

The BAC found Noah Paper Mills bid technically compliant and eligible. Subsequently, a lowest calculated bid of Php 95,270,165 (Lot 1- Php 71,804,000; Lot 2- Php 12,193,265; Lot 3- Php 11,354,000) was established subject for post qualification and Noah Paper Mills site inspection today. The short-listed supplier was requested to prepare its bid security prior to awarding by the BAC as endorsed by the Comelec en banc. For more on NAMFREL's procurement monitoring programs visit <http://www.namfrel.org.ph/activities/specialprojects.htm>

[Sources: Manila Bulletin , GMA News, COMELEC data, NAMFREL data]