

### **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 Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 9051-** Authority of the Regional Election Director to approve various requests for early delivery of accountable forms and other election paraphernalia

**Resolution No. 9050-**In the matter of exempting the PNP, the AFP and other law enforcement agencies from coverage sections 261 (H) and (R) of the Omnibus Election Code

**Resolution No. 9049-** In the matter of amending Comelec Resolution No. 9028, otherwise known as "The Rules and Regulation on bearing, carrying, or transporting of firearms or other deadly weapons and availment of security personnel or bodyguards

**Resolution No. 9048-** Rules delegating to Comelec field officials the authority to hear and receive evidence in disqualification cases filed in connection with the Oct 25 Brgy and SK elections.

**Resolution No. 9046-** Preservation of the book of voters and other election documents used relative to the precautionary protection issued in PET case no. 004

### **Filing of candidacy is until midnight today**

- Aspiring candidates have until midnight today October 13 to pass their Certificate of Candidacy (COC) in the Commission on Election (Comelec). Comelec said that there are more candidates this year than in the 2007 barangay and SK elections, as evidenced by the shortage of COC forms in some Comelec offices. Despite the shortage these forms are downloadable in the Comelec website and can be photocopied. To clarify the issue of elected incumbents term of office, the poll body had issued Resolution no. 9052, declaring that "incumbent municipal, city, provincial and national elective officials running for any barangay elective position shall not be considered resigned upon filing of COCs. The resolution has amended Resolution 9029, promulgated last September 21, 2010 which considered such officials as "ipso facto resigned" upon filing the COC. Also the new resolution states that those holding an appointive barangay, city/municipal, provincial, regional or national officials or employees, or those in the civil or military service, including those in government-owned or controlled corporations, are deemed resigned when they file their COCs. Although there are about 41,000 disqualified incumbents to run due to the three-term limit rule, nepotism and political dynasty would likely prevail since it is a common practice at the barangay level. Voters should be vigilant and track the records of these candidates and inform themselves how their barangay would benefit from these winning candidates. (KZR)

### **Election watchdogs activities for the October 25 polls**

- Cebu's Citizen's Involvement and Maturation in People Empowerment and Liberation (C-Cimpel) said that they will not conduct poll watching in the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections. The group believes that there is "no need" to field watchers in the since numerous candidate supporters would be watching each other's votes and the difficulty of finding non- partisan precinct level volunteers in the upcoming neighborhood-level election. Their role is limited to assisting communities in conducting voters' education in Cebu. Meanwhile, the poll watchdog Legal Network for Truthful Elections (Lente) will open its hotlines for election complaints during the Barangay and SK elections. Lente will also provide free legal assistance to candidates. As it moves its local command centers from the law schools and Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) chapters into key areas in order to merge its volunteers. PPCRV is the only group which has sought and was granted a Comelec accreditation to do poll watching duties for the Barangay and SK elections. NAMFREL on the other hand will distribute voters' education materials to its chapters regarding the salient information related to the Barangay and SK. NAMFREL intends to provide these voters education materials to aid voters in choosing deserving and accountable local leaders. It will also encourage its chapters to send reports or any irregularities of the polls in their area. To send reports call (02) 7181404; SMS 09279611524 (Globe), 09193389344 (Smart); email: [bantayngbayan@namfrel.com.ph/inamfrel/sendreport.htm](mailto:bantayngbayan@namfrel.com.ph/inamfrel/sendreport.htm) (KZR)

### **NAMFREL - DOH Medicine Monitoring Project updates**

- From October 08-11, 2010, NAMFREL volunteers in the National Capital Region monitored a total of Php 72.6 million pesos worth of infrastructure projects, hospitals supplies, and equipment in Rizal Medical Center (RMC) and the Center for Health Development (CHD) for Metro Manila. NAMFREL observer volunteers at the RMC attended the pre-bid conference last 08 October 2010 for the infrastructure projects worth Php 65.4 million pesos. The pre-bid conference was attended by eight (8) bidders out of the eleven (11) bidders who bought the bid documents. On the other hand, the opening of bids for various hospital supplies and equipment at the CHD for Metro Manila was observed last October 11, 2010. The CHD supplies and equipment bid participated by six (6) bidders is worth Php 7.2 million pesos. Four (4) bidders were rated as eligible for post qualification while two (2) bidders were disqualified due to deficiencies in documents submitted. One of the disqualified bidders, Blue Sky Trading Incorporated, filed for a motion for reconsideration. As observed, the conduct of the bidding process was transparent and in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Law (GPRA 9184). NAMFREL observer volunteers are members in the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of various hospitals of the DOH. (EEC)

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