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ADVISORY

**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, BARMM CHIEF MINISTER, DILG
REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : POST-ELECTION ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

DATE : MAY 02 2022

In connection to the upcoming 2022 National and Local Elections, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9006 or the "Fair Election Act" defines what constitutes a Lawful Election Propaganda, under Section 3 therein, which includes, among others, the following:

Section 3.1. Pamphlets, leaflets, cards, decals, stickers or other written or printed materials the size of which does not exceed eight and one half inches in width and fourteen inches in length; and

Section 3.3. Cloth, paper or cardboard posters, whether framed or posted, with an area not exceeding two (2) feet by three (3) feet, except that, at the site and on the occasion of a public meeting or rally, or in announcing the holding of said meeting or rally, streamers not exceeding three (3) feet by eight (8) feet in size, shall be allowed: Provided, That said streamers may be displayed five (5) days before the date of the meeting or rally and shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after said meeting or rally.

Correlatively, Section 87 of the Omnibus Election Code provides for the allowance and the requirements for the conduct of rallies, meetings, and other political activities, part of which is compliance to local ordinances and the issuance of LGU permits.


Some of the aforementioned election propaganda, including campaign posters and banners, are manufactured through the use of plastics and other non-biodegradable materials, which, if improperly disposed of, may cause detrimental effects to public health and the environment. Additionally, the conduct of rallies and other similar political activities may generate wastes which need to be properly managed and disposed of.

In relation to this, this Department reminds all local government units (LGUs) to strictly enforce the pertinent provisions of R.A. No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 in the management of campaign waste materials through the following recommended initiatives:

1. Strictly enforce the local ordinances and regulations against illegal dumping, open burning, and littering;
2. Utilize the barangay and LGU materials recovery facilities to collect and store reusable materials;
3. Come up with innovative and safe strategies to recycle and/or up-cycle reusable campaign waste materials;
4. Impose the responsibility to the organizers of political activities, to ensure that wastes generated by their activities, and its attendees will be properly managed, and disposed of; and
5. Encourage the citizenry to participate in initiatives of the local government and barangays in ensuring a clean and litter-free environment prior to, during, and after elections.

All DILG Regional Directors are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Advisory. The aforementioned are also instructed to coordinate with the Philippine National Police to ensure compliance herein, and coordinate with their regional counterparts from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, to link the LGUs with the DENR's existing programs and policies to address wastes.

For strict compliance.


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Republic of the Philippines
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Commission on Elections

JOINT DENR-DILG-COMELEC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2013-01

SUBJECT : BASURA-FREE ELECTIONS 2013 "KALAT KO, SISINUPIN KO"

DATE : APRIL 2, 2013

A. Prefatory Statement

Republic Act 9003 states that it is the policy of the state to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management system which shall ensure, among others, the protection of public health and environment, and utilize environmentally sound methods that maximize the utilization of valuable resources and encourage resource conservation and recovery. Thus, the NSWMC and DENR, together with DILG and COMELEC, issued this Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) and the Manifesto of Commitment Re: Basura-Free Elections 2013 campaign, with the theme "Kalat Ko, Sisinupin Ko", in order to properly manage and reduce the volume of garbage generated during the national and local elections.

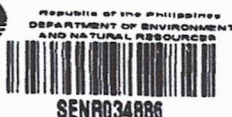
B. Objectives

The campaign aims to:

1. Reduce the amount of generated waste during the campaign, election, and post-election periods;
2. Enforce provisions of RA 9006 otherwise known as The Fair Elections Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, RA 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and other relevant laws by all local officials, political parties, party-lists, candidates and their supporters in order to use resources responsibly; and
3. Seek the commitment of political parties, party-lists, candidates and supporters to properly manage waste campaign materials during campaign, election and post-election periods.

C. Coverage

This JMC shall cover all political parties, party-lists, candidates vying for elective positions, both national and local, and all agencies concerned at the national, regional, provincial, and district level during the campaign, election, and post-election periods.



D. Responsibilities

1. The COMELEC shall:

- a. Lead the implementation of this Joint Memorandum Circular and Chair the Task Force;
- b. Ensure the implementation of the Basura-Free Elections 2013 campaign by disseminating this Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) to all political parties, party-lists and candidates including all its deputized agencies;
- c. Require all local officials, political parties, party-lists, candidates and their supporters to observe pertinent provisions of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, Republic Act 3571, Republic Act 9006 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (COMELEC Resolution 9615, dated January 15, 2013) and other relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and to abide by the guidelines of this JMC through the issuance of a COMELEC resolution;
- d. Deputize the inter-agency Task Force created through this JMC to execute the roles and responsibilities stipulated in Section F below;
- e. Coordinate and participate in the Regional and Provincial Task Forces to be created; and
- f. As Chair of the Task Force at the Central Office, the COMELEC shall coordinate the monitoring and implementation of the Regional and Provincial Task Forces.

2. The DILG shall:

- a. Disseminate this JMC and all pertinent information related to this campaign to all its Regional and Provincial Offices, including LGUs nationwide through various media;
- b. Coordinate and participate in the Regional and Provincial Task Forces to be created;
- c. As Co-Chair of the Task Force at the Central Office, the DILG shall coordinate the monitoring and implementation of the Regional and Provincial Task Forces.

3. The DENR shall:

- a. Disseminate this JMC to all its Regional Offices, including concerned Bureaus, PENROs and CENROs through various media;
- b. Participate and coordinate the Regional and Provincial Task Forces to be created;

- c. As Co-Chair of the Task Force at the Central Office, the DENR shall coordinate the monitoring and implementation of the Regional and Provincial Task Forces;
- d. Prosecute violators of the provisions of RA 9003 and RA 3571 with corresponding fines and penalties due upon conviction.

E. Guidelines

The following shall serve as the guidelines to implement this JMC in connection with the Basura-Free Elections 2013 "Kalat Ko, Sisinupin Ko" during campaign, election and post-election periods:

1. Political parties, party-lists, candidates and their supporters are required to observe the provisions of Sections 21, 22, 48(1), 48(3), 48(6), 48(10) of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. Violators of Section 48 (1), 48(3), 48(6), 48(10) shall, upon conviction, be penalized under Section 49(a), 49(b), 49(c) of RA 9003, respectively;
2. Political parties, party-lists and candidates are encouraged to promote the use of recyclable, re-usable and environment-friendly materials and avoid those that contain hazardous chemicals and substances in the production of their campaign and election propaganda. Violators shall be prosecuted for violation of Section 6 (i) of the COMELEC Resolution No. 9615 dated January 15, 2013 and Section 49(c) of RA 9003;
3. Campaign materials shall only be allowed in the common poster areas to avoid eyesores and minimize waste generation. Political parties, party-lists, candidates and supporters/donors who fail to remove the same within three (3) days after Election day shall be prosecuted by virtue of Section 18 of COMELEC Resolution 9615 dated January 15, 2013
4. Posting on trees, flowering plants, shrubs located along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises or in any other public grounds which are not designated as common poster areas are likewise prohibited. Political parties, party-lists, candidates and supporters/donors who post any campaign material on abovementioned areas, shall be prosecuted for violation of Republic Act 3571 and Sec 18 of COMELEC Resolution 9615 dated January 15, 2013;
5. All political parties, party-lists and candidates must designate and submit name/s of respective Environmental Point Person/s by Province to the COMELEC to ensure compliance to the provisions of this JMC and be responsible in coordinating the recycling and proper disposal of generated waste;
6. For purposes of waste segregation, the LGU, in coordination with concerned agencies, shall provide properly labeled Receptacles/Racks, without any campaign label of the political parties, party-lists, and candidates, at Designated Voting Centers;
7. Any political party, party-list, candidate, supporter/donor who willfully or through negligence fails to observe the provisions and guidelines of this JMC shall be subjected to the sanctions provided under RA 9006 or The Fair Elections Act and its Implementing Rules & Regulations through COMELEC Resolution 9615; RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and its IRR, and other applicable laws.

These guidelines shall also be proposed to be incorporated in the COMELEC electoral reforms for environmental protection in the subsequent elections.

F. Creation of Task Force

The COMELEC, DENR, and DILG shall be the main Task Force in the implementation of this JMC. As such, Central offices shall direct their respective Central, Regional and Provincial Offices to organize Task Force to monitor and implement the above guidelines, where the COMELEC shall be the Chair, and the DENR & DILG as Co-Chair.

The Task Force shall extend its membership to other agencies such as Local Government Units (Provincial, City, Municipal), PIA, PNP, MMDA (for Metro Manila), SK National Federation, and the National Youth Commission.

The Task Force shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Monitor and watch out for persons posting in areas other than designated poster areas by the COMELEC;
2. Remove and tear down election campaign materials outside designated common poster areas and item 4 of the Guidelines of this JMC;
3. Prepare a report of activities done by violators; and
4. File the corresponding case to concerned agencies whose particular law was violated and when the culprit did not respond to such written notice of violation from the Task Force.

G. Deputation


The COMELEC shall deputize the DENR, DILG, Local Government Units (Provincial, City, Municipal), PIA, PNP, MMDA (for Metro Manila), and SK National Federation as members of the Task Force to undertake the duties and functions stated in Section F.


H. Dissemination


The Philippine Information Agency, as member of the National Solid Waste Management Commission, shall lead in the dissemination of this JMC through a multi-media Campaign for the Basura-free Elections 2013.

I. Effectivity

This Joint Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.


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