



Republic of the Philippines  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
Intramuros, Manila

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PROTOCOLS FOR LOWERING  
OF THE THRESHOLD TO  
PROCLAIM A CANDIDATE FOR A  
LOCAL POSITION AS WINNER,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE 09  
MAY 2016 NATIONAL, LOCAL  
AND ARMM ELECTIONS**

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**Promulgated:**

April 26, 2016

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10102**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission promulgated Resolution No. 10083, "*General Instructions for the Boards of Canvassers on the Consolidation, Canvass and Transmission of votes in connection with the 09 May 2016 National and Local Elections,*" on 15 March 2016;

**WHEREAS**, the said Resolution permits Boards of Canvassers to lower the threshold in order to proclaim a candidate for a local position as winner thereof;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission understands that such function for the Boards of Canvassers is necessary but is not unmindful of the possibility of precipitate canvassing and bogus proclamations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate the following protocols for the lowering of the threshold to proclaim a winning candidate, as follows:

- A. A majority of the members of Board of Canvassers should accede to lower the threshold to proclaim a candidate and should seek approval thereof from the concerned Commission Regional Election Director (RED) but in no circumstance can it be lowered further than ninety percent (90%) of all registered voters in the political subdivision involved.
- B. A majority of the members of the Board of Canvassers should accomplish and sign the provided Request Form in duplicate and submit the same to the concerned RED through the fastest means available.
- C. The concerned RED will verify that the margin, between the top two (2) candidates in a single seat office or the lead of the last candidate assured of a seat from the next candidate in multi-seat office, based on the received results, as the case may be, does exceed the number of registered voters of the precinct(s) yet to transmit results.
  1. If the margin exceeds the number of registered voters of the precinct(s) yet to transmit results and that the threshold need not be lowered further than ninety percent (90%) of all registered voters in the political subdivision involved, the concerned RED will proceed as follows:
    - i. The concerned RED will mark the submitted copies of the Form "approved" and countersign the marking prior to releasing the appropriate password for the position involved to the requesting Board of Canvassers;
    - ii. The concerned RED will retain a copy of the Form and return the other to the requesting Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers will keep its copy as part of its records; and
    - iii. In the event that the concerned RED approves the lowering of the threshold for a particular position, he should notify the National Technical Support Center of such fact.
  2. If the margin does not exceed the number of registered voters of the precinct(s) yet to transmit results or that request asks that the threshold be lowered further than ninety percent (90%) of all registered voters in the political subdivision involved, the concerned RED will deny the request forthrightly.

D. Any violation of the foregoing conditions will constitute precipitate canvassing and those responsible thereof will be made administratively accountable, without prejudice to any criminal action that may be instituted thereafter.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to authorize the Technology Group Head of the Project Management Office to provide the Regional Election Directors the necessary sets of passwords to lower the thresholds for the canvass of the elective positions within their respective jurisdictions.

Let the Project Management Office for the 09 May 2016 National, Local and ARMM Election implement this Resolution

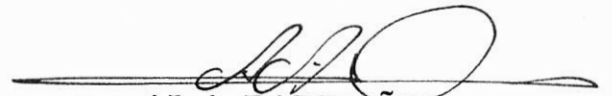
**SO ORDERED.**



**J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA**  
*Chairman*



**CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM**  
*Commissioner*



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