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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS  
Regions IX, X, XI, XII, & XIII

**FROM :** THE UNDERSECRETARY  
Field Operations – Mindanao

**SUBJECT :** CONDUCT OF OPERATION BAKLAS (OPLAN BAKLAS)

**DATE :** 11 April 2022

This pertains to the reports recently received by the Department on rampant posting of election materials on trees. The Secretary, through his attached memorandum dated 21 March 2022, ordered the intensification of the promotion of an environmentally conscious national election campaign.

To further reinforce the execution of this memorandum, the Secretary ordered the conduct of “OPLAN BAKLAS”, an operation to be conducted in coordination with COMELEC, DILG, and other concerned government agencies to ensure that the guidance and instructions in the memorandum are strictly complied with. The Joint DENR-DILG-COMELEC Memorandum Circular No. 2013-01 has also been attached for your reference.

Relative hereto, you are hereby advised to conduct OPLAN BAKLAS and to submit reports regularly to the undersigned for record and monitoring purposes. Your participation is hereby enjoined.

For compliance.

  
JOSELIN MARCUS E. FRAGADA, CESO III

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- Office of the Secretary
- The Head Executive Assistant
- The Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Eastern Mindanao
- The Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao

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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY**

TO : All Regional Executive Directors  
All PENROs and CENROs

SUBJECT : **INTENSIFICATION ON THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

DATE : **MAR 21 2122**

In the observance of a free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible election, your Offices are being reminded to strictly enforce the prohibition of posting election ads on trees and implementation of a zero wastes election system through adhering to the following laws, rules, and regulations:

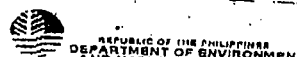
- i. Under Section 9 of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9006 or the Fair Election Act of 2001, states that **posting campaign materials may only be allowed in common poster areas in public places such as plazas, markets, barangay centers, and the like.**
- ii. This is also consistent with Section 21.b. of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Resolution No. 10730 dated 17 November 2021 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9006, which stipulates that **"in no instance shall an Election Officer designate as common poster areas any trees, plants, shrubs, located along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises of any public grounds."**
- iii. Violators shall be punished pursuant to Section 3 of R.A. No. 3571 dated 21 June 1963, or an *Act to Prohibit the Cutting, Destroying or Injuring of Planted or Growing Trees, Flowering Plants and Shrubs or Plants of Scenic Value Along Public Roads, in Plazas, Parks, School Premises or in any other Public Pleasure Ground*, which was emphasized and expanded through Section 3 of the Presidential Decree No. 953 dated 6 July 1976, providing for the penalty to **"any person who cuts, destroys, damages or injures naturally growing trees or planted trees of any kind shall be penalized to six (6) months to two (2) years of imprisonment or a fine of Php 500.00 to Php 5,000.00."**
- iv. Implement the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01 signed by the DENR, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the COMELEC on March 30, 2010, which enjoins political parties, party-list groups, and individual candidates to enforce relevant provisions of R.A. No. 9006 and R.A. No. 9003 dated January 26, 2001, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 on the **reduction of the volume of wastes during the election and post-election periods, encouragement on the use of recyclable, reusable, and environment-friendly materials, and reiterates that the cutting and damaging of trees is strictly prohibited.**

**FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.**

**JIM O. SAMPULNA, CESO I**

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The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs





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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.

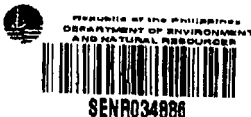
B. Objectives

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.



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**D. Responsibilities**

**1. The COMELEC shall:**

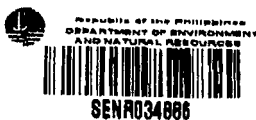
- a. Lead the implementation of this Joint Memorandum Circular and Chair the Task Force;
- b. Ensure the implementation of the Basura-Free Elections 2013 campaign by disseminating this Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) to all political parties, party-lists and candidates including all its deputized agencies;
- 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:**

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- 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;
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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;
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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;
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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.

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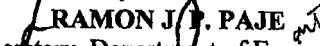
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