



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
COA-NCR Bldg., Batasan Road, Quezon City

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO,
Protestant,

SET Case No. 001-16

-versus-

LEILA M. DE LIMA,
Protestee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 62

In Resolution No. 16-01 dated 07 July 2016, the Tribunal directed the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), sitting as National Board of Canvassers, to safeguard and preserve the integrity of the ballot boxes, election documents and other paraphernalia used or accomplished in connection with the 09 May 2016 National and Local Elections for the office of Senator, as well as the data storage devices containing electronic data evidencing the conduct and the results of election, which are in their keeping and custody; and to hold all such materials/documents subject to further orders and instructions of the Tribunal.

In a letter dated 29 August 2017, Atty. Jose M. Tolentino, Jr., Executive Director of the COMELEC, seeks authority to transfer the election documents and SD cards relative to the 09 May 2016 National and Local Elections from the Ground Floor, Palacio del Gobernador Building (Quadrants "B" and "D") to another location within the COMELEC premises.

The request stemmed from a letter, dated 21 July 2017, of Deputy Executive Secretary Rizalina N. Justol, Finance and Administrative Office, Office of the President (OP), requiring the immediate turn-over of the aforesaid office units being occupied by the COMELEC to meet the office space requirements for the newly created offices of the OP.

ACTING on the foregoing request, the Executive Committee of the Tribunal Resolves to **AUTHORIZE** Atty. Jose M. Tolentino, Jr., Executive Director of the COMELEC, to transfer the election documents and SD cards relative to the 09 May 2016 National and Local Elections from the Ground Floor, Palacio del Gobernador Building (Quadrants "B" and "D") to another location within the COMELEC premises, subject to the observance of proper safeguards to preserve and protect the integrity of the election documents and SD cards.

SO ORDERED.

05 September 2017.



ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Senior Associate Justice
Chairperson



TERESITA J. LEONARDO-DE CASTRO
Associate Justice
Member



LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Associate Justice
Member