



**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EN BANC
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
HELD ON APRIL 5, 2016**

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Present:

Chairman	J. Andres D. Bautista
Commissioner	Al A. Parreño
Commissioner	Luie Tito F. Guia
Commissioner	Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon

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On Official Business:

Commissioner	Christian Robert S. Lim
Commissioner	Arthur D. Lim
Commissioner	Sheriff M. Abas

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IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC) FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMELEC IN ENFORCING CSC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC) NO 17, s.2009 OR THE SMOKING PROHIBITION BASED ON 100% SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY, IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, AND COLLEGES DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD

This pertains to the Letter dated March 18, 2016 of Ms. Alicia dela Rosa-Bala. Chairperson, Civil Service Commission (CSC), requesting the assistance of the COMELEC in enforcing CSC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 17, s.2009 or the Smoking Prohibition Based on 100% Smoke-Free Environment Policy, in all voting precincts which will be located in schools, universities, and colleges during the election period.

The Letter of Chairperson dela Rosa-Bala addressed to Chairman J. Andres D. Bautista reads:

"Greetings from the Civil Service Commission!

With the Philippine national and local elections only a few months away, we would like to request the assistance of COMELEC in enforcing the CSC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 17, s.2009 or the Smoking Prohibition Based on 100% Smoke-Free Environment Policy, in all voting precincts which will be located at schools, universities, and colleges during the election period. We wish to emphasize the following provisions under the MC 17:

'1. Absolute Prohibition of Smoking. *Smoking shall be absolutely prohibited in or on the premises, buildings, and grounds of government agencies providing health, education, and/or social welfare and development services such as hospitals, health centers, schools and universities, colleges among others. 'No Smoking' areas shall be designated or established in these places.'*

As we continue to protect the interest of the public, the role of COMELEC is indispensable in securing smoke-free environments for our voters, volunteers and everyone who will participate in the proceedings inside our precincts. We believe that informing the public regarding the observance of MC 17 and other efforts relative to this will contribute in protecting our constituents from secondhand smoke.

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Ms. Abigail D. Libre of the CSC-Protect Management Unit shall coordinate with your Office regarding our request. Should you wish to contact her, she may be reached through Tel. No. 931-8095 loc. 461 or Mobile No. 0995-8155442.

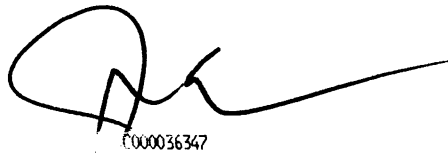
Attached herewith is a copy of MC 17 for your reference. Rest assured that CSC is willing to render assistance necessary to our request.

Thank you."

The Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, that the COMELEC will extend its assistance to the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in enforcing CSC Memorandum Circular No. 17,s.2009 or the Smoking Prohibition Based on 100% Smoke-Free Environment Policy, in all voting precincts which will be located in schools, universities, and colleges during the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections.

Let the Office of the Chairman and the Education and Information Department implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.



J. ANDRES D. BAUTISTA
Chairman

(On Official Business)

CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM
Commissioner



LVIE TITO F. GUIA
Commissioner



MA. ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON
Commissioner



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