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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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**CAMPAIGNING IN BJMP JAILS FOR
THE OCTOBER 25, 2010 SYNCHRONIZED SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
AND BARANGAY ELECTIONS**

I. REFERENCES

1. BJMP SOP 2009-04 dated September 4, 2009 re: Policy on Campaigning in BJMP Jails for the May 10, 2010 National and Local Elections; and
2. COMELEC Resolution No. 9019, promulgated on 31 August 2010, re: Calendar of Activities and Periods of Certain Prohibited Acts in Connection with the October 25, 2010 Synchronized Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Elections.

II. RATIONALE

In line with the October 25, 2010 Synchronized Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Elections and as there are inmates who are qualified and registered voters as well as there is no law prohibiting the campaigning of candidates inside the jails, the BJMP needs to regulate such activities for security reasons.

III. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This SOP prescribes the policy on campaigning of candidates for the 2010 Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Elections in BJMP jails.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

CANDIDATE - refers to any person aspiring for or seeking an elective public office, who has filed a certificate of candidacy by himself or through an accredited political party, aggroupment, or coalition of parties.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN or **PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY** - refers to an act designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or candidates to a public office which shall include:

1. Forming organizations, associations, clubs, committees or other groups of persons for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate;
2. Holding political caucuses, conferences, meetings, rallies, parades, or other similar assemblies, for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign or propaganda for or against a candidate;
3. Making speeches, announcements or commentaries, or holding interviews for or against the election of any candidate for public office;
4. Publishing or distributing campaign literature or materials designed to support or oppose the election of any candidate; or
5. Directly or indirectly soliciting votes, pledges or support for or against a candidate.

The foregoing enumerated acts if performed for the purpose of enhancing the chances of candidates/aspirants for nomination for candidacy to a public office by a political party, aggroupment, or coalition of parties shall not be considered as election campaign or partisan election activity.

Public expressions or opinions or discussions of probable issues in a forthcoming election or on attributes of or criticisms against probable candidates proposed to be nominated in a forthcoming political party convention shall not be construed as part of any election campaign or partisan political activity.

V. POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

1. All existing jail policies, rules and regulations as well as those prohibited acts of COMELEC in connection with the Elections shall be strictly implemented.
2. Every candidate or party shall be given equal chance to campaign inside the jails. All duly declared candidates by COMELEC shall be authorized to campaign in jails provided they submit their request at least one (1) week before their proposed date of campaign in jails.
3. Watchers/representatives from Political Parties, Citizen Arm and other Civil Society shall be allowed to witness/observe the proceedings provided they also submit a request which shall be subject to the approval of the Jail Warden.
4. Prior to the candidate's entry to the jail, he/she shall be briefed of the policies, rules and regulations of the jail. The same shall also apply to the observers.
5. All requests for campaign shall be subject to the availability of time in jail and approval of the Jail Warden. The approval of the request shall be on "first come first serve basis." No opposing candidates or parties shall be allowed to campaign in jail at the same time.

6. Pursuant to COMELEC Resolution 9019, promulgated on August 31, 2010, campaigning shall be from **October 14, 2010 (Thu)** to **October 23, 2010 (Sat)**.

However, schedule of campaigning in jails shall be as follows:

MONDAY	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	9:00 AM to 12:00 NN

7. To provide inmates enough time for visitation especially by the immediate family members, there shall also be no campaigning in jails on **Sundays** and **Saturdays**.
8. Each candidate shall be given only the following maximum time to campaign in jails (both male and female dorms):

Jails with Inmate Population of	Maximum Time to Campaign
below 500	1 hour
501 - 999	1 hour and 30 minutes
1,000 and above	2 hours

9. Candidates shall be allowed to campaign only on areas designated by the Jail Warden. These designated areas shall be fully secured during such activity.
10. A candidate as well as the observers shall have no direct physical contact with the inmates.
11. Campaign materials and those prohibited by the COMELEC and/or considered as contraband will not be allowed inside the jails except leaflets, flyers and other information materials with a size not exceeding 3 inches x 5 inches only. The ratio of these allowable campaign materials shall not exceed one (1) campaign material per one (1) inmate for each candidate. No campaign material (posters, stickers etc.) shall be posted at any area of the jail facility. The Jail Warden, for security reasons or as deemed necessary, may disallow the entry of any campaign material.
12. For security reasons or as deemed necessary, the Jail Warden has the authority to discontinue the allocated candidate's campaigning time inside the jail.
13. No jail personnel shall act as campaign manager for a particular party or candidate.
14. No inmate shall be compelled to attend, listen or be present in a campaign program in jail against his will. Attendance must be voluntary.
15. No jail personnel shall appropriate for themselves anything given or donated by a candidate or party to the inmates or to the jail.

VI. MONITORING

For monitoring purposes, the Jail Warden shall submit to the Chief, BJMP (Attn: Directorate for Program Development), through the Regional Director, a weekly report of the campaigning activities of the electoral candidates in BJMP jails indicating the number of candidates who campaigned, name of the candidates, their political parties, date of campaigning, among others.

VII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that any provision or part of the policy be declared unauthorized or rendered invalid by a competent authority, those provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and effective.

VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE

All other existing issuances which are inconsistent with this policy are hereby rescinded or modified accordingly.

IX. EFFECTIVITY

This policy shall take effect immediately.


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