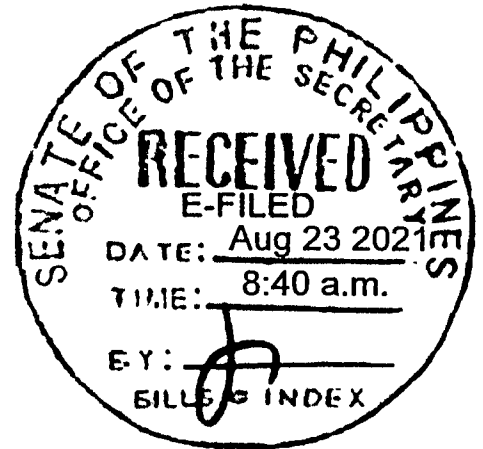


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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT AWARDING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) LOGISTICS CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS TO F2 LOGISTICS PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING FAITHFUL COMPLIANCE WITH OUR PROCUREMENT LAWS AND PROTECTING THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR ELECTION PROCESSES BY IDENTIFYING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS BETWEEN COMELEC SUPPLIERS AND POSSIBLE CANDIDATES IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

1           WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the  
2 “Government Procurement Reform Act” declares that it is the policy of the State to  
3 “promote the ideals of good governance in all its branches, departments, agencies,  
4 subdivisions, and instrumentalities, including government-owned and/or -controlled  
5 corporations, and local government units”;

6           WHEREAS, on 27 July 2021, it was reported that the Commission on Elections  
7 (COMELEC) special bids and awards committee (SBAC) had declared Parañaque City-  
8 based F2 Logistics Philippines, Inc. as the bidder with the lowest calculated bid for the  
9 ₱1.61 billion project for procurement of deployment of election equipment,  
10 peripherals, forms, supplies, paraphernalia and warehousing for Halalan 2022;<sup>1</sup>

11           WHEREAS, F2 bested three other firms that qualified out of eight participating  
12 companies, according to the Commission’s SBAC. Under the project specifications, the  
13 winning bidder must be responsible for the delivery and reverse logistics of all

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<sup>1</sup> Reformina, I. (27 July 2021). *F2 Logistics PH wins bid to transport Comelec supplies for #Halalan2022*. Retrieved 9 August 2021, from <https://news.abs-cbn.com/business/07/27/21/f2-logistics-ph-wins-bid-to-supply-comelec-needs-for-halalan2022>

1 automated election system-related equipment, peripherals, forms and supplies for  
2 election day. These equipment and supplies include vote-counting machines, external  
3 batteries and accessories, consolidation or canvassing system machines, transmission  
4 equipment and devices, ballots, and generator sets;<sup>2</sup>

5 WHEREAS, for its single largest completed contract similar to the project  
6 subject of bidding, F2 listed its ₱678.55 million contract with United Laboratories, Inc.  
7 for product pick up, haul and transport, and another contract with COMELEC in  
8 December 2018 for forward and reverse logistics and warehousing services,  
9 amounting to ₱248 million;<sup>3</sup>

10 WHEREAS, noted Duterte campaign donor and Davao-based businessman  
11 Dennis Uy has reportedly sat as chairman of F2 Logistics Philippines since 2006;<sup>4</sup>

12 WHEREAS, this is not the first time that a company owned by Dennis Uy has  
13 been awarded a government contract and was investigated for his alleged links with  
14 the administration. It can be recalled that he had previously admitted to his close ties  
15 with President Duterte and some members of his Cabinet during a Senate probe in  
16 2019 which inquired into the government's selection process of the third  
17 telecommunications player in the country;<sup>5</sup>

18 WHEREAS, it behooves the Senate to conduct an inquiry to ensure that the  
19 awarding of these contracts is compliant with the provisions of the Government  
20 Procurement Reform Act and other relevant laws;

21 WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit and review existing rules and regulations  
22 regarding the bidding out of government contracts to ensure competitiveness and fair  
23 play in public bidding processes;

24 WHEREAS, most importantly, there is need to avoid any semblance of conflict  
25 of interest and ensure that no supplier that participated in partisan political activities

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<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Bilyonaryo.com. (n.d.) *Three-peat: Dennis Uy bags Comelec logistics contract for 2022 presidential polls.* Retrieved 9 August 2021, from <https://bilyonaryo.com/2021/07/31/three-peat-dennis-uy-bags-comelec-logistics-contract-for-2022-presidential-polls/>

<sup>5</sup> Ager, M. (24 January 2019). *Dennis Uy admits close ties with Duterte, Cabinet members.* Retrieved 9 August 2021, from <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1077000/dennis-uy-admits-close-ties-with-duterte-cabinet-members>

1 should be awarded with contracts connected to the conduct of our national and local  
2 elections;

3 WHEREAS, there is need to ensure that the election processes must be free  
4 from even suspicions of cheating, manipulation and irregularities by disqualifying  
5 suppliers with known links to identified political parties and possible candidates;

6 WHEREAS, any transaction or contract that would erode public trust in  
7 government, and in the objectivity of civil service, must be put under the strictest  
8 scrutiny;

9 WHEREAS, should conflict of interest be found to surround the subject  
10 contract, those who are found to have taken part in it must be brought before the public  
11 to answer for the decisions they have made and choices they have taken that could  
12 potentially endanger public interest;

13 WHEREAS, even a whiff of cronyism and the slightest accusation of possible  
14 corruption must warrant public concern for these threaten the people's right of  
15 suffrage. This issue should not be taken lightly especially when an apparent major  
16 control over many industries that affect the lives and rights of Filipinos are  
17 concentrated in the same hands and within the same circle who are closely connected  
18 to the President;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to direct the  
20 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the  
21 recent awarding of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) logistics contract for the  
22 2022 presidential elections to F2 Logistics Philippines, with the end view of ensuring  
23 faithful compliance with our procurement laws and protecting the credibility of our  
24 election processes by identifying conflicts of interests between COMELEC suppliers  
25 and possible candidates in the upcoming elections.

*Adopted,*

  
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