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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 44
Series of 2023

**PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE FOCAL TEAM OF
THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA IN ASSISTING THE ELECTION OFFICER OF
THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, MUNTINLUPA OFFICE
IN REMOVING AND TEARING DOWN
UNLAWFUL ELECTION PROPAGANDA AND MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11935, otherwise known as “*An Act Postponing the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes,*” provides for the conduct of the Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on the final Monday of October 2023;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) issued Resolution No. 10924, dated 07 June 2023, and entitled “*General Guidelines and Other Related Rules and Regulations for the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) and All Succeeding BSKEs Thereafter;*”

WHEREAS, Section 252, *supra*, provides that any prohibited form of election propaganda shall be stopped, confiscated, removed, destroyed, or torn down by COMELEC representatives, at the expense of the candidate for whose apparent benefit the prohibited materials have been produced, displayed, and disseminated;

WHEREAS, Section 263, *supra*, provides that the COMELEC deputizes local government units (LGUs), DILG and other government agencies to assist the Commission in removing and tearing down of unlawful election propaganda materials without any partiality, to provide facilities and/or equipment necessary in tearing down of illegal propaganda materials and perform such other duties and functions as the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, City Mayor of Muntinlupa, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:

Section 1. Creation and Composition.

The Focal Team of the City Government of Muntinlupa in Assisting the Election Officer of the Commission on Elections, Muntinlupa Office, in Removing and Tearing Down Unlawful Election Propaganda and Materials is hereby created, and it shall be composed of the following individuals, with their respective designations, namely:





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| (a) | Lorna B. Misa,
Environmental Sanitation Center | Head; |
| (b) | Engr. Dynadelle N. Aranda,
City Engineering Department | Member; |
| (c) | Efren A. Villanueva,
City Security Office | Member. |

The staff members under the offices mentioned above may be called upon to provide assistance. They shall be impartial and neutral, and shall display firmness and integrity in the discharge of their functions.

Membership in the Focal Team is a function of the office each member occupies. As such, the resignation, removal, retirement, termination, transfer, severe incapacity, grave illness, death, or any other similarly-situated circumstance of the members shall entitle the successor to assume membership without the need for the issuance of another order.

Section 2. Functions.

The Focal Team shall mainly act as the alter ego of the City Mayor in enforcing the COMELEC mandate. As provided in its Resolution, the Focal Team shall perform the following, namely:

- Coordinate with the Election Officer in identifying unlawful election propaganda and materials, in fixing the schedule to remove and tear these down, in disposing them properly, and in filing reports to competent authority on the conduct of these acts;
- Provide and mobilize the necessary equipment in removing and tearing down unlawful election propaganda and materials;
- Prepare and submit reports of the foregoing to competent authority;
- Coordinate with and solicit assistance from other concerned offices and agencies, including the Barangay Governments;
- Perform such other functions as may be necessary to achieve the foregoing, or as may be directed by competent authority.

Section 3. Funds.

The discharge of these functions forms part of the respective mandates of the offices involved. Additional funding, henceforth, may be acquired from the Office of the City Mayor, if so warranted.





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Section 4. Repealing Clause.

Previously issued orders inconsistent with any provision herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.


Section 5. Separability Clause.

In the event any provision found herein is judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm, untouched provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this sixteenth day of August 2023 in the City of Muntinlupa.


ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON
City Mayor