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COALITION OF ASSOCIATIONS  
OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES, INC. [SENIOR  
CITIZENS PARTY-LIST],  
represented herein by its  
Chairperson & 1<sup>st</sup> Nominee,  
FRANCISCO G. DATOL, JR.  
Petitioner,

G.R. Nos. 206844-45

- versus -

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS,  
Respondent.

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COALITION OF ASSOCIATIONS  
OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES, INC. [SENIOR  
CITIZENS], represented by its  
President and Incumbent  
Representative in the House of  
Representatives, ATTY.  
GODOFREDO V. ARQUIZA ,  
Petitioner,

G.R. No. 206982

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING  
ORDER

- versus -

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS,  
Respondent.

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TO: \* COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (x)  
Intramuros, Manila





GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Petitions for Certiorari with Prayer for Issuance of a Writ of Preliminary Injunction and Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and/or Status Quo Ante Order (SQAQO) were filed by separate counsels for petitioner;

WHEREAS, a very urgent motion to reiterate issuance of a TRO and/or SQAQO was filed by counsel for petitioner in G.R. Nos. 206844-45;

WHEREAS, a supplement to the petition for certiorari with very urgent motion to reiterate the application for a TRO and writ of preliminary injunction and to admit the same was filed by counsel for petitioner in G.R. No. 206982;

WHEREAS, the petitions and supplemental petition appear to be sufficient in form and substance;

WHEREAS, respondent Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has already proclaimed thirty-eight groups entitled to fifty-three (53) seats from among the party-list candidates in the elections held on May 13, 2013;

WHEREAS, petitioner obtained a substantial number of votes such that it could materially affect the determination of the allocation of seats for party-list representatives;

WHEREAS, should respondent COMELEC continue proclaiming winners from among the remaining party-list candidates, grave prejudice could result, not only to the petitioner, but to other party-list candidates as well;

WHEREAS, considering the allegations contained, the issues raised and the arguments adduced in the petitions and supplemental petition, as well as the motions for issuance of a TRO, it is necessary and proper to (a) **CONSOLIDATE** the cases; (b) **ISSUE** a **TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**; and (c) require the respondent to **COMMENT** on the petitions and the supplemental petition;

NOW, THEREFORE, You, respondent COMELEC, are hereby required to **COMMENT** on the petitions and the supplemental petition within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days from notice hereof. Meanwhile, the cases are hereby **CONSOLIDATED** and a **TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER** is **ISSUED**, effective immediately and continuing until further orders from this Court, ordering You, respondent COMELEC, your agents, representatives, or persons acting in your place or




Temporary Restraining Order

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G.R. No. 206982  
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stead, to cease and desist from further proclaiming winners from among the party-list candidates.

GIVEN by authority of the Honorable Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, upon the written recommendation of the Member-in-Charge, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013, in Manila, Philippines.

  
**ENRIQUETA E. VIDAL**  
Clerk of Court

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and supplemental petition

