



Date: **17 November 2020**

To: **Members of the POC**

I, being a long time legislator and public servant, my accomplishments in public service has been my best form of political campaign. I will not do falsehood in order to win and will remain the same even in the POC elections.

Unfortunately, It came as a surprise to me that Atty. Clint Aranas and his cohorts are now resorting to ungentlemanly tactics just to win the POC elections. I consider these actions as unsportsmanlike, foul, malicious and below-the-belt.

In the past few days, I have gone over the different NSA's and found some of them to have questionable qualifications to run in any position for this election. I was suggested to file a protest and even to have those NSA's declared non-qualified. However, I decided not to do that because I would like all the NSAs to be heard and be duly represented to cast their votes.

I have been in all stages of political preparations for elections and I have never smeared any name or suggest any damaging remarks against my opponents. In that aspect, I also win my opponents' respect.

Sorting to character assassinations and black propaganda is not on my list of political arsenal.

I am therefore pleading for my opponents to be prudent to preserve the spirit of Olympism and Sportsmanship. Let us all deal with qualifications only. Other irrelevant matters that are out of the qualification issues need not to be discussed. Lawyers, please act like lawyers and stick to the issues. You need not draft your papers that will induce your client to magnify matters that are out of the issue at hand.

The members of our Election committee have lawyers of high repute. I put all my trust on them, they know the rules more than I do.

So help me God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abraham N. Tolentino".

Congressman Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino  
President, Philippine Olympic Committee