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### UNITY STATEMENT:

## **GIVE EVERY FILIPINO A CHANCE TO VOTE**

We, the academe, civil society organizations, youth groups, and sectoral leaders, call on the national government and election stakeholders to **extend the voter registration deadline and ramp up voter registration initiatives** to ensure that all eligible Filipino voters will be able to participate in the upcoming 2022 elections.

Citing the data from the Philippine Statistics Authority presented by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), a projected 73.3 million Filipinos are eligible to vote by 2022, with the youth accounting for more than 25 million. As of now, there are only 60 million who are registered to vote. This means, more than 13.3 million<sup>[1]</sup> Filipinos are not yet registered.

Given the multiple hard lockdowns in various parts of the country and the closure of satellite voter registration sites due to the Delta variant of the coronavirus pandemic, concluding voter's registration too early may risk disenfranchising the 13.3 million unregistered potential voters. Based on previous elections, this number is enough to change the outcome of the upcoming 2022 national and local elections.

In a time where democratic spaces are being challenged, now more than ever, it is important to value and ensure that we have exhausted all means to provide every eligible Filipino voter a chance for their voice to be heard.

Nevertheless, we welcome the efforts of COMELEC that allow more people to register before the September 30 deadline that includes an online voter reactivation status for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and senior citizens, and an extension of voter registration hours.

Alongside these initiatives, we further call for specific measures such as increasing the number of satellite voter registration sites by partnering with local universities and colleges; exploring ways to accommodate first-time



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voters especially non-working and out-of-school youth; and adopting a multi-stakeholder approach in developing and implementing voter registration campaigns.

Sustainability and resiliency are two complementing concepts that strengthen the foundation of healthier and more inclusive societies. As the 2022 Philippine national elections draw near, we should call on the government and all other electoral stakeholders to infuse resilience into sustainability in our democratic processes for them to work.

The concepts of resiliency and sustainability, when done in practice, will result in the Filipino people not only being able to feel that they are encouraged to politically participate but also are empowered to make informed choices for our country.

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<sup>[1]</sup> *Source: Proposed Senate Resolution Urging the COMELEC to Extend the Deadline for Voter Registration from September 30, 2021 to October 31, 2021 to Prevent Voter Disenfranchisement Brought About by the COVID-19 Pandemic*



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1. Ateneo School of Government (ASOG)
2. La Salle Institute of Governance (LSIG)
3. National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL)
4. Caucus of Development NGO Networks Inc. (CODE-NGO)
5. Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services Inc. (IDEALS)
6. Action Bridges Aspiration Trainings Inc. - Maluso Branch
7. Active Moro Alliance For Development
8. Active Vista Center, Inc.
9. Active Young Saver Society
10. Adlawan SK Youth
11. Advocates and Leaders for Action and Awareness (ADLAAW)
12. AIESEC in the Philippines
13. Aktibong Kabataan ng Dampalit (AKDA)
14. Al-barka Youth Serving Association
15. Al-Fauj Al-Imanie Philippines
16. Alamin Abdullah MALIGA
17. Aljalis Assalih Inc. (The Good Companion) -Pagadian City Chapter
18. Alliance of Magnanimous Youth Leaders Inc. (AMYL) - Cotabato City
19. Alliance of Magnanimous Youth Leaders, Inc. (AMYL) - Datu Anggal Midtimbang
20. Alliance Youth Philippines
21. Alpha Kappa Rho International Humanitarian Service Fraternity and Sorority Inc. - Maimbung Chapter
22. Alpha Phi Omega Lambda Nu Chapter
23. Alyansa ng Kabataang Mindanao para sa Kapayapaan (AKMK)
24. Alyansa Pasig Youth Group
25. Anak ng Tribu Higaunen-Talaandig Association
26. Asbury College, Inc.
27. Association of Foundations, Inc. (AF)
28. Asturias Youth Organization
29. Awladul Islam Islamic Propagation
30. Ayala Young Leaders Alumni Association Inc. (AYLAA)



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31. Bacolod Youth Coalition for Democracy
32. Bangsakultura
33. Bangsamoro Young Leaders Program - Leadership Communities
34. Barangay X SK Council - Roxas City
35. Basilan Youth Development initiative movement
36. Batangas State University Alangilan Campus - Supreme Student Council
37. Benta Uno
38. Bicol University College of Engineering - College Student Council - Albay
39. Bicol University College of Engineering - College Student Council - Guinobatan
40. Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP)
41. Bukluran ng mga Katutubo para sa Pangangalaga ng Kalikasan sa Pilipinas
42. C's-SPARK
43. Capiz Eco - Youth Volunteers
44. CapSU - Main Campus
45. CCC Student Parliament
46. Cebu Coalition of Student Councils
47. Cebuano Youth Ambassadors, Inc.
48. Central Mindanao University
49. Christian Family Movement
50. Coalition of Moro Youth Movement
51. Colegio San Agustin - Bacolod Student Government
52. College of Education Students' Society
53. Collegiate of Engineering Council
54. Communicators' Society LPU-Laguna
55. CTE League of Leaders
56. Dagook Sindaw Kalombayan
57. Democratic Alliance Student for Integrated Governance
58. Department of Education (DepEd) Bulacan
59. Division of Bulacan Federation of Supreme Student Government and Pinas Forward Bulacan
60. Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University - South La Union Campus CSBO (DMMMSU-SLUC CSBO)
61. Eastern Visayas Network of NGOs and POs (EVNET)
62. EdukasyonPH
63. Fatima Vigan Multi Purpose Cooperative
64. Federation of Trans-Parochial Charismatic Communities (FTCC)
65. Foundation for Media Alternatives (FMA)



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66. Future Leader of the Philippines Capsu Dumarao Chapter
67. Future Leaders of the Philippines CapSU Dayao Chapter
68. Gawad Laguna Inc.
69. Gerry Roxas Leadership Awardee - Aklan
70. Gerry Roxas Leadership Awardees - Iloilo
71. GMA Cavite Youth Organization
72. Good Governance Initiative
73. GoodGovPH
74. Government Watch (G-Watch)
75. Green Eco Warrior
76. H.O.S.T Organization
77. Hagonoy Young Leaders Program (HYLeaP)
78. Hijab for a Cause
79. Humanities and Social Sciences Council - Liceo de La Salle
80. Humans Helping Humans Initiative
81. I Connect Youth Network
82. InclusivITeach
83. Innovations for Poverty Action
84. Institute for Studies in Asian Church and Culture (ISACC)
85. International Association of Youth and Student for Peace
86. International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
87. Iranun Youth Initiative
88. IYouDahan
89. Juan Youth Network
90. Junior Philippine Pharmacists Association - AUF
91. Junior Philippine Society For Public Administration - Central Visayas Chapter
92. Junior Philippine Society for Public Administration - NCR Chapter
93. Junior Philippine Society for Public Administration (JPSA) - Western Visayas
94. Junior Philippine Society for Public Administration Central Luzon Chapter
95. Junior Philippine Society for Public Administration North Luzon Chapter
96. Junior Philippine Society of Public Administration - Southern Tagalog
97. Kabataan Moro - Mamasapano
98. Kabataan sa Kartilya ng Katipunan
99. Kabataang Likha ni Pedro
100. Kabataang Lingkod Bayan ng Pilipinas
101. Kabataang San Joseño Movement



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102. Kabataang Tambuli ng Pasig
103. Kajatian Active Youth Organization
104. Kalibo Youth Development Office
105. Kapisanan ng mga Guro sa Araling Panlipunan Sangay ng Lungsod ng Butuan Inc
106. Kapisanan ng mga Mag-aaral ng Araling Panlipunan (KMAP)
107. Katipunan Ng Kabataan - Barangay San Juan
108. Katipunan ng Kabataan - San Francisco
109. Kilos Ko Youth - Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat
110. Kilos Ko Youth - Imus
111. Kusug Batah Sug Inc.
112. Lakas Kabataan Sulu Youth Power Inc.
113. League of Young Catalyst
114. LENTE Philippines
115. LGU Bulakan
116. LGU Claveria
117. LGU Orani
118. Liberal Youth
119. Liguasan Marsh Youth Association for Peace and Development
120. Local Youth Development Council - Aglipay
121. Local Youth Development Council - Malolos City
122. Local Youth Development Office - Jordan
123. Local Youth Development Office - Moncada
124. Lumba Bayabao Youth Leaders (LBYL)
125. Lumpukan Nu Kangudan Sa Libutan Lalawag A Kalilintad (LKLLK)
126. Lung-Aw Claveria
127. Lupon ng mga Indibidwal na Nangangalaga ng Kalikasan
128. Madrasatu Mentok Al-Islamiyyah
129. Maki-BaKa (Bantay Kalikasan) Movement
130. Maluso Ecowarrior
131. Management Association of the Philippines (MAP)
132. Manindigan Na!
133. Mindanao Interfaith Youth Circle
134. Mindanao State University (MSU) - Maguindanao Supreme Student Council
135. Montay Advocates of Peace and Progress for Youth Association
136. Moriatao O Ranaw
137. Moro Active Group of Apas Peace and Solidarity (MAGPAS)
138. Movement to Victory Group



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139. Multiple District 301 Leo Philippines
140. Muslim Christian Youth Alliance for Progress
141. Muslim Students' Union Philippines Inc.
142. Muslim Youth Brotherhood
143. MYDev Cotabato Youth Network (MCYN)
144. MYPEACE: Boses ng Kabataan
145. Nadil Afiyaat
146. National Society of Parliamentarians Inc. (NSP)
147. National Youth Commission
148. North Luzon Cinema Guild, Inc.
149. Now You Know (NYK)
150. Olympus Society of Davao Inc.
151. One Quest Langkiwa
152. One Society bringing Transformation through Effective Programs
153. Online SDG Youth Action Forum
154. Open Arms Organization
155. Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) - Estancia
156. Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) - Iriga
157. Pagsirang Inc.
158. Pangasinan State University
159. Pangutaran Youth Leader's League
160. Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan - Aurora Province
161. Parish Youth Apostolate
162. Parish Youth Ministry and YOUACTIVE
163. PH-LEAD - Aurora Chapter
164. PH-LEAD - Baguio Benguet Chapter
165. PH-LEAD - Bataan Chapter
166. PH-LEAD - Bulacan Chapter
167. PH-LEAD - Cebu Chapter
168. PH-LEAD - Central Palawan Chapter
169. PH-LEAD - Marinduque Chapter
170. PH-LEAD - Northern Palawan Chapter
171. PH-LEAD - Nueva Ecija Chapter
172. PH-LEAD - Occidental Mindoro Chapter
173. PH-LEAD - Oriental Mindoro Chapter
174. PH-LEAD - Pampanga Chapter
175. PH-LEAD - Romblon Chapter
176. PH-LEAD - Sultan Kudarat Chapter
177. PH-LEAD - Tarlac Chapter



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178. PH-LEAD - Zambales Chapter
179. PH-LEAD - Zamboanga Chapter
180. Philippine Business for Education (PBE)
181. Philippine Institute of Civil Engineer - Bicol University Student Chapter (PICE-BUSC)
182. Philippine Leadership Empowerment Alliance for Development, Inc (PH-LEAD, Inc)
183. Philippine Muslim Student Association - MSU Chapter
184. Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers - Bicol University Student Unit
185. Political Science Parliament
186. Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)
187. Project Namnama
188. Project Watch of San Pedro National High School
189. Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) - LGU Roxas City
190. ProYOUTHactive PH
191. Public Administration League Student (PALS)
192. Public Administration Society - Echague
193. Public Administration Society - Ilagan
194. Puerto Youth Apostolate
195. PUP JPIA Manila
196. Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc.
197. Ready, Set, Vote! - Batangas City
198. Ready, Set, Vote! - Ibaan
199. Ready, Set, Vote! - Lipa
200. Ready, Set, Vote! - San Pascual
201. REPORMA-ACS
202. Regional Federation of Supreme Student Government - BARMM
203. Research for Impact, Singapore
204. Responsible Young Leaders Organization
205. RiceUp Farmers Incorporated
206. RIGHTS
207. Rizal Estanzuela Youth Organization
208. Rotaract Club of Cebu Fuente - University of San Carlos Chapter
209. Sacred Heart School - Ateneo de Cebu Leaders' Council
210. Sagot Kita Bayan
211. Saguisag A Ranaw
212. Salbo Pagating Mamasapano Shariff Aguak
213. Samahan ng Kabataang Boluntaryo ng Pilipinas (SKBP National Level)





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214. Samahan ng Kabataang Boluntaryo ng Pilipinas (SKBP-CALABARZON)
215. San Julian Pride Advocacy Group Inc.
216. San Pedro National High School - Project W. A. T. C. H.
217. San Roque Parish Youth Ministry
218. San Vicente: Project Bayanihan
219. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Aguilar
220. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Baggao
221. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Barangobong
222. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Culasi
223. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Dayo-an
224. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Greater Lagro
225. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Labangal
226. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Mandamo
227. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Masikap
228. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Mate
229. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Milibili
230. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Raya Saduc
231. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay San Francisco
232. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Tanque
233. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barangay Tinawagan
234. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Barotac Viejo
235. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Butuan
236. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Kidapawan
237. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Laurel
238. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Pozorrubio
239. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) - Villaba
240. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation - Paranaque City
241. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation - Poro, Cebu
242. Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas (LAIKO)
243. Siklab Pilipinas
244. Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan
245. SKIA Student Body Organization (SBO)
246. SKMF - Jordan
247. SMART SOCIETY
248. Society of Youth Organization - San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan Chapter
249. SOHEILA
250. Sokah Bulan Basketball Associations
251. SoulPH
252. SPE-Batangas State University



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253. SSC - Zamboanga City
254. SSC Manila College Student Council
255. Sts. Peter & Paul Vicariate Youth Ministry
256. Student Alliance for a Christian and Real Education under Democracy
257. Student Parliament
258. Suara Kalilintad Association Inc.
259. Sulu Youth Peace Volunteers
260. Super Lumba
261. Support Values Group
262. Supreme Student Council Dumarao
263. Supreme Student Council Pontevedra
264. Supreme Student Council Sigma
265. Supreme Student Government - Lambunao National High School
266. Supreme Student Government - MSU
267. Supreme Student Government - San Lorenzo Ruiz Senior High School
268. Supreme Student Government - Sinagtala
269. Supreme Student Government-Mandaue City
270. Suwala Kamakanakan Peer Advocates
271. Tabang Sikad
272. Tagum SDG Youth Action Force
273. Tapocan Youth for Innovations
274. Tatak Botante
275. Tau - Social Peace Advocate of Real Tawi-Tawians Active Network
276. Taumbayan Project
277. TC Sparks Philippines Organisation, Inc.
278. Team Albay Youth Organizations (TAYO) Inc.
279. Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL)
280. Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO)
281. The Current — Official Student Media of City of Malabon University
282. The League of Political Science
283. The Student Power Party
284. The Outstanding Women in The Nation's Service (TOWNS) Foundation
285. Tipo-Tipo Tongtambisan Youth Organization
286. Trece Martires City College, Guild of English Majors
287. TUNAY na Pagbabago at Pamamahala
288. UCC Political Science Department
289. Ugop Ko Masa
290. Ugyon Youth Visionaries
291. Ukhuwwatu Al-Muslimah Linashri Ad-Da'wah wa Al-Islam (UMLADI)



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292. Union of Progressive Students
293. United Bangsamoro Youth Organization
294. United Group of Active Youth Association
295. United Indigenous Peoples Youth Organization
296. United Voices for Peace Network (UVPN)
297. United Youth Action Group Datu Paglas
298. United Youth Development Association
299. United Youth for Peace and Development (UNYPAD coastal)
300. University of Makati - College of Business and Financial Science Student Council
301. UP Capizeno
302. UP Paralegal Volunteers Organization
303. USAD - AdZu
304. USAID-Antipolo
305. US Filipinos for Good Governance (USFGG)
306. UST AMV ASSET - Alliance for Student Service, Equity and Truth
307. USTP CDO Alumni Association
308. UTOPIA - Society of BA Political Science
309. Voice of the Youth for Social Transformation (VYST)
310. Vote Pilipinas
311. We Care Organization
312. We the Youth Vote
313. Western Visayas Network of Social Development NGOs, Inc. (WEVNET)
314. WeTheFuturePH
315. Women of War - Youth Sector
316. Women's Business Council Philippines, Inc. (WomenBizPH)
317. WVSU-3S' SOCIETY
318. YOUActive
319. YouActive Barotac Viejo
320. Young Centrists Union
321. Young Visionaries of Basilan
322. Youth Ablaze
323. Youth Advocate for Community Development
324. Youth Advocates for Change, Transformation, and Sustainability (Youth ACTS)
325. Youth and Student for Peace
326. Youth Congress of Pangasinan
327. Youth Development for Patikul Association
328. Youth Empowering Youth Initiative



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- 329. Youth Empowerment Society
- 330. Youth for Peace Movement - TALBOS
- 331. Youth of Lanao Onwards
- 332. Youth Strike 4 Climate Philippines
- 333. Youth Vote Philippines
- 334. Zonta Club of Metro Ortigas