

## Solon wants voter registration extended

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Quezon City Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo on Saturday urged the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to extend its deadline on 30 September for the registration of new voters to decongest registration centers.

The lawmaker also urged the poll body to repurpose other facilities to accommodate more registrants and prevent overcrowding in Comelec offices.

She expressed concern over jampacked Comelec offices in Quezon City as shown in television news reports.

“Registration in this manner could become Covid-19 super-spreader events. The Comelec has to decongest registration centers by designating other accessible listing venues,” she said.

She recommended that Comelec undertake voter listing in barangays and villages.

“There are still a lot of qualified voters who want to register so they could exercise their right to vote to start with the May 2022 presidential-congressional-local elections,” she said.

Aside from them, she stressed that there are those whose registration has become inactive and who need to register again.

“The Comelec should give these two groups of voters time to register or to renew their registration so they would be able to participate in the election,” she said.

“It can continue registering voters through barangay and village centers early next month while those running in the May elections are filing their certificates of candidacy,” she added.