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MEDIA STATEMENT
Governor Grace Padaca
May 21, 2007

After finally deciding to count the votes for Governor in the 109 contested precincts in the capital town of Ilagan, the Municipal Board of Canvassers has completed the count in all 370 precincts of the town. Results show

PADACA	22,703
DY	22,550

or a winning margin for Padaca of **153** votes in Ilagan town

TOTAL VOTES FOR GOVERNOR IN ALL OF 36 TOWNS OF ISABELA

A. Without the results from the 182 precincts which were petitioned for exclusion

PADACA	219,425
DY	214,150

or a winning margin for Padaca of **5,275** votes

B. With the results from the 182 precincts which were petitioned for exclusion but were provisionally tallied by the respective Municipal Board of Canvassers

	OFFICIAL COMELEC	ILAGAN	TUMAUINI	ECHAGUE	TOTAL
PADACA	219,425	10,522	6,539	1,201	237,687
DY	214,150	3,576	2,284	372	220,382

MARGIN	5,275	6,946	4,255	829	17,305
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or a winning margin for Padaca of **17,305** votes

NOTE: There are 182 precincts petitioned for exclusion by Dy because of formal defects

ILAGAN	109
TUMAUINI	61
ECHAGUE	12

After results in all precincts in Isabela have been canvassed, Provincial Election Supervisor Abraham Asuncion announced that there will be no proclamation yet for the positions of Governor and Vice-Governor and they are bringing the matter to COMELEC Manila for decision

Aside from the Dy's petition for the exclusion of the 182 precincts, they are also claiming failure of elections in the towns of Cabagan, Tumauini, Ilagan, Echague, Jones, San Agustin, Roxas. But in all these towns, surely elections were held, votes have been cast and canvassed and winning candidates proclaimed.

This afternoon, all pertinent election data from Isabela are being transported to COMELEC Manila.

Padaca reiterates her call to COMELEC, specially Chairman Benjamin Abalos, who is also Commissioner in Charge of Region 2, to ensure that the will of the people of Isabela be respected and upheld. *"Let me and the people of Isabela not go through again what we have experienced in the*

2004 elections. For once and at once, please erase our fears regarding the COMELEC."

