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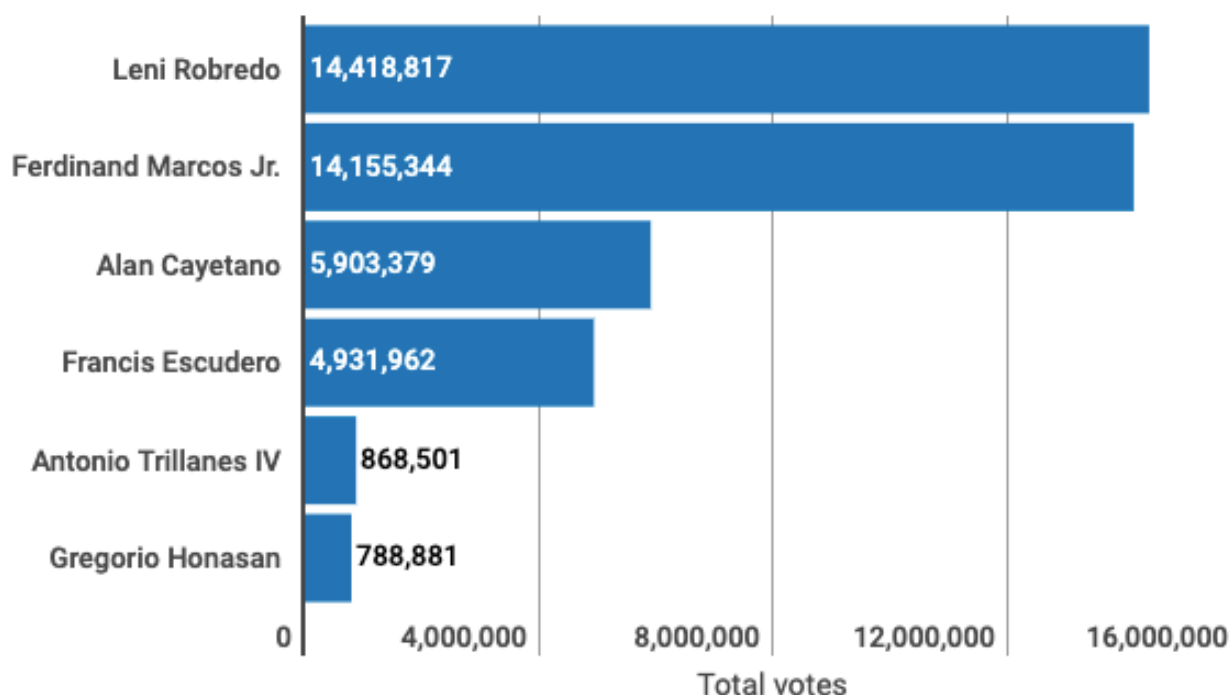
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On May 27, 2016, Robredo was declared the winner after the closing of the canvassing of 166 certificates of canvass (COCs).

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Based on the official count of Congress sitting as the National Board of Canvassers, she garnered a total of 14,418,817 votes. Meanwhile, Marcos finishes second with 14,155,344 votes.

Vice-presidential race official canvass



Source: Official congress canvass of 166 COCs

This is despite early reports of Marcos gaining more votes from his known bailiwicks – the so-called “Solid North” like Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur.

READ: [Marcos overtakes Robredo as ‘Solid North’ votes canvassed](#)

Marcos is also the frontrunner during the first day of canvassing on May 10, 2016; however, his million-vote lead disappears overnight.

INQUIRER.net looks back at the key events on the electoral protest.

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June 29, 2016

Marcos asks the Supreme Court (SC) sitting as PET to set aside Robredo's proclamation as vice president. He submits a 1,000-page petition that urges the PET to declare him as the Philippines' duly elected and rightful vice president.

Aside from the petition, he also presents 20,000 pages of affidavits, certificates of canvass (COCs), and other supporting documents.

According to him, the votes for Robredo were "products of electoral frauds, anomalies, and irregularities." Meanwhile, his votes "were significantly reduced, manipulated and altered" to make it appear that he placed behind Robredo in the race.

Marcos challenges the results in 132,446 established polling precincts in 27 cities and provinces, covering 39,221 clustered precincts. He likewise asks to annul the election results in Basilan, Maguindanao, and Lanao del Sur, which he claims the poll fraud occurred.

READ: [Marcos asks SC to set aside Robredo proclamation, files protest](#)

June 30, 2016

Despite Marcos' appeal to postpone the proclamation, Robredo still takes her oath of office and is inaugurated as vice president.

READ: [FULL TEXT: Vice President Leni Robredo inaugural speech](#)

READ: [Robredo asked to answer Marcos protest](#)

August 11, 2016

The Marcos camp files a three-page letter-manifestation questioning the Comelec's decision to issue a resolution approving the stripping of the vote-counting machines (VCMs) and laptops used in the May 9 polls, despite the PPO from PET.

The stripping activity involves the backup of data from the automated election system so that Comelec can return the leased equipment to the service provider, Smartmatic International.

READ: [Bongbong questions Comelec action on VCMs](#)

August 15, 2016

Robredo formally asks PET to dismiss the election protest filed against her by Marcos. In a 536-page response, she raised the issues raised by Marcos are not proper grounds for an election protest.

READ: [Robredo seeks dismissal of Marcos Jr.'s poll protest](#)



during the stripping process.

The Comelec conducted the stripping activities last October 26 and November 2 after it decided to release the 1,356 VCMs to Smartmatic, claiming they were not covered by the Precautionary Protective Order (PPO) since they were not used and/or not deployed in the May elections.

READ: [Bongbong camp wants to know contents of ‘unused’ SD cards](#)

January 24, 2017

In an eight-page resolution, the PET says the complaint of Marcos was

On the other hand, PET required Robredo to pay P15,639,000 for the 31,278 precincts.

The PET instructs both camps to pay through installment with the first tranche – P36 million for Marcos and P8 million for Robredo – due on or before April 14. The second payment – P30 million for Marcos and P7.5



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