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COMELEC WIDENS OAV REGISTRATION FOR 2010 ELECTIONS

Los Angeles, 9 June 2009 – In an *en banc* meeting held on 19 May 2009, the Philippine Commission on Elections (COMELEC) approved the proposal of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles to authorize all Philippine Embassies and Consulates to enlist qualified overseas Filipinos as overseas absentee voters irrespective of the applicant's residence.

This means that any qualified overseas Filipino may now register as OAV at any Philippine Embassy or Consulate throughout the world. For those wishing to register in Los Angeles, please visit its website at www.philippineconsulatela.org for documentary requirements and downloadable form. Personal appearance is required for those wishing to register.

With 6,228 new OAV registrants as of 8 June 2009, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles ranks number one among the Philippine Posts in the US and is ranked second worldwide after the Philippine Consulate General in Hongkong.

With the registration period coming to an end on **31 August 2009**, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles appeals to all qualified overseas Filipinos to exercise their right to participate in the Philippine national elections on 10 May 2010 by registering as Overseas Absentee Voter as early as possible at the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consulate.